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Burlington resident and Elon alumnus Sal Mazzurco sits at the bar at Red Bull Tavern on Church Street and smokes a cigar. Red Bull is one of the few restaurants in the area that still allows smoking indoors. North Carolina's smoke-free restaurants and bars law will require enclosed areas to be smoke-free by Jan. 2.

Students experience string of indecent crimes

Anna Johnson
Senior Reporter

In the past two weeks, Elon University students have been subject to an array of crimes ranging from peeping toms and indecent exposure at off campus apartments to breaking and entering and public urination in residence halls.

On Oct. 30, two separate incidents occurred at different locations less than 30 minutes from one another. The first was at 9:25 p.m. at East Summerbell Avenue.

According to Elon Police records, a 21-year-old Elon student was alone at her residence when she heard a knock at her window. A man, described as older than a college student, had a strong southern accent and facial hair and spoke to the victim.

The suspect allegedly said he loved the victim and her roommate and that his name was "Dave Smith." The suspect also said he lived in the area near the victim.

Less than 35 minutes later, Town of Elon Police were dispatched to East Haggard Avenue to investigate an indecent exposure.

A 21-year-old female Elon student was home alone and heard a suspicious knock at her back door. The victim called the police about the knock and a second call came to the police from a neighbor saying the suspect was exposing himself and possibly masturbating at the door.

The only description of the suspect was he was a white male with dark hair and a white shirt.

According to Elon Police Chief LaVelle Lovette, the two incidents are believed to be different individuals and unrelated to each other. Lovette said

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North Carolinians must find new places to light up in the new year

Web site aids transition for owners and customers to be smoke-free

Allee Bennett
Reporter

Come the new year, Elon students and Alamance County residents will notice there is something less smelly in the air when entering restaurants and bars throughout the state.

North Carolina's new law requires enclosed areas of restaurants and bars to be smoke-free by Jan. 2. The smoking ordinance, passed in May, bans smoking in any establishment where food or drinks are prepared for profit.

Alamance County will see many changes in the food service establishments, with 300 sit-down restaurants and 100 food stands that currently allow smoking in some or all parts of their facilities.

"A lot of restaurant owners wanted to (go smoke-free) before, and now they are more than willing to comply with the law," said Barry Bass, director of the Alamance County Health Department.

Gov. Beverly Perdue encourages businesses and customers to visit the state's new Web site, SmokeFreeNC.

gov. Launched by the N.C. Division of Public Health and N.C. Association of Local Health Directors, the site offers resources on the new law and health hazards of smoking.

Last week, Perdue said owners and managers are being notified of the changes. Informational packets are hitting the front doors of businesses across the state explaining the terms of the new law, including the requirement to post no smoking signs at public

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New SGA policies to affect student body soon

Rebecca Smith
Senior Reporter

Elon's Student Government Association has made many proposals during the semester that have the power to affect the student body. Here is a look at some of the changes:

Participation in organizations

Vice President and Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson requested the SGA make a recommendation on whether part-time students, graduate students, faculty and staff should be allowed to participate in student organizations.

Some organizations, particularly professional-

oriented clubs, include graduate students and faculty in their bylaws. Two examples of these groups are Student Entrepreneurial Enterprise Development and Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Music Fraternity.

Currently, the SGA has a statement that says "all university student organizations have the discretion of admitting graduate and part-time Elon students into their membership. Additionally, we recommend that no faculty nor staff members are to be granted membership into any university student organization."

However, the Senate has not agreed to this statement

and has requested that the SGA President Justin Peterson introduce the idea to the Student Life Committee, receive their feedback and report the findings to the Senate.

Graduate students, part-time students, faculty and staff do not pay student activity fees. This raises the question on whether they should be allowed to participate in organizations that are funded by full-time students.

Another question being asked by the SGA is if students want faculty and staff to have the opportunity to join traditionally student-run organizations.

"My feeling is that student

organizations should be governed by the students," Jackson said. "There is a lot of learning that occurs when students have a passion for forming a club or organization and then there is leadership development as they run that organization. I don't think that faculty and staff should vote or be able to hold office."

Constitutional Revisions ad hoc committee

Democracy requires a checks-and-balances system, even on the college level. This realization inspired a constitutional revision to implement a judicial branch.

"As president, I have

appointed a lot of people, and nobody checks that," Peterson said. "This new judicial branch will be able to check the actions of the executive board."

The current Honor Board will adapt to create the judicial branch that will be comprised of nine students. The preliminary idea is that there will be three students each from the senior class, the junior class and the sophomore class.

Another responsibility of the judicial branch will be to monitor how organizations spend university money. They will make sure each organization spends money in a

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Professors receive grant for summer workshops with Southern emphasis

Rachel Bertone
Reporter

For Elon University history professors John Beck and Jim Bissett, studying the post-Civil War South is crucial to understanding Southern culture today.

This stance has led them to become the co-directors of two workshops scheduled to be held at Elon this summer funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The workshops, titled "Building the New South," will recruit community college professors from across the nation to participate in week-long extensive history training. They will focus on the importance of the South's social and economic transformations after the Civil War.

Inside the classroom, participants will be exposed to lectures from Beck, Bissett, Pulitzer Prize-winner Steven Hahn and other faculty members. The lectures will

feature topics such as the expansion of tenant farming and its importance, and will also focus on specific families that had major impacts on Southern history. For example, they will discuss the Holt family, who helped build the textile industry in Burlington.

Both professors were highly involved in winning the \$116,000 grant.

According to Beck, Elon competed with a number of other universities, museums and professional organizations for funding. A panel of scholars reviewed the proposals and less than 10 percent of the applicants received funds.

"Elon is the ideal host for a workshop like this because it has a beautiful campus and has great, world-class facilities," Beck said. "This is important because participants will be living at Elon for almost a week. There are also a number of historic sites, including museums and archives, that are close to Elon."

This is the third grant

Beck has either written or co-written, but it is the first one about his area of expertise — the new South.

He described the new South as the period of American history that occurred after the Civil War. Beck said the title of the workshop was derived from an article he wrote about the changes the nation faced after the Civil War.

He stressed the importance of teaching the South's history, and said the South has always played a critical role in the country's history as the exception to the American dream. Unlike other regions of the United States, the South did not experience success and prosperity following the Civil War. The history is complex, but Beck said this exception alone is reason enough to study it.

"Historians look to the past to explain the present," Beck said.

Peter Felten, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning,

is also involved with the workshops. He will work with the participants to develop effective teaching methods about the economic and social changes in the South's history.

"As a historian who spends a lot of my time thinking about teaching and learning, this is an exciting opportunity for me," Felten said. "I always learn a great deal from the participants."

The workshops are structured to help participants develop a deeper understanding of the history of the South and how it has influenced culture, according to the project's Web site, <http://org.elon.edu/newsouth>.

Toward the end of the workshops, each participant will develop a project related to the theme and give presentations to conclude the sessions. Beck said the workshops will offer an intense and productive experience for the participants.

The workshops will take

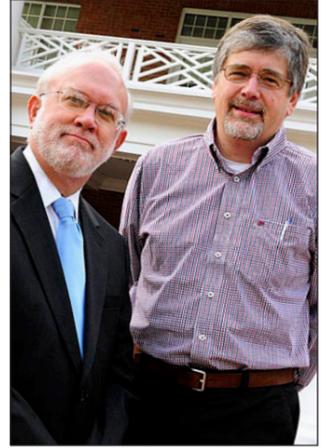


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History professors John Beck, left, and Jim Bissett will direct the "Building the New South" workshops this summer.

place July 11-17 and July 25-31. Each session is limited to 25 participants. The NEH will announce the new cycle of funded projects within the next few weeks and then the workshop faculty will begin publicizing the sessions to members across the country.

Book, Peeples named new associate provosts

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Some people start their careers knowing exactly what direction they want their lives to take. But Connie Book, associate dean of the School of Communications, isn't one of them. Rather than setting her sights on a promotion, she considers herself an "accidental associate provost."

"Academic careers take stages," Book said. "You just end up in situations and think 'Well, I didn't ever think my career would go there.' But then it felt like the next right thing when I read the job description."

Last week, Steven House, provost and vice president for academic affairs, named Book associate provost for academic affairs and Tim Peeples, associate dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, associate provost for faculty affairs.

Peeples said his new position is both an exciting and daunting task.

"When I found out I had the position, my response was both great enthusiasm and a twinge of nervousness," he said. "But mostly enthusiasm."

When Nancy Midgette, the current associate provost, decided to step down and return to the faculty, the Presidential Task Force on Scholarship recommended that another person be added to the provost office.

When Book and Peeples assume their new roles June 1, Book's responsibilities will include the general studies program, experiential education, curriculum committee, the Career Center and the Advising Center. Peeples' duties will include faculty research and development, undergraduate research, implementing scholarship initiatives, the Lumen Prize and the Institutional Review Board.

"This position is really about continuing the support for intellectual

rigor and inquiry that the institution has already been working to improve over the past several years," Peep said.

After Midgette announced she would leave the associate provost position, House appointed a search committee and decided to look for applicants internally rather than finding an outside hire.

"I thought it was important for us to have individuals in these positions that we knew, we trusted, we respected," House said.

House said it was Book's and Peeples' reputations as well-respected teachers, scholars and mentors that made them particularly strong candidates for the positions.

"They both have already provided exceptional leadership throughout the university," House said. "They've both served as associate deans. They've both served as special assistants to the president, so they've interacted with people on senior staff. They know how the university works at all levels, and they're great with students."

Working closely with students is one of the reasons Book wanted the associate provost for academic affairs position. She said she enjoys watching the transformation students undergo through core experiences like internships, which she will oversee in her new job.

"When you realize the ability to harness enthusiasm and watch the change you can make happen, you want to do it again and again," Book said.

Peeples said he is most passionate about emphasizing the teacher-scholar model, in which faculty aim to serve as both teachers and scholars rather than being only teaching-oriented or research-oriented.

"We expect everyone and we want everyone to be supported so they can become excellent at both," Peeples said. "So I have a real passion for finding ways to make that happen."

While Book said having responsibilities that impact all students is a little overwhelming, she hopes to draw from her experience working with students in and out of the classroom and apply it to her new role.

"That's at the center of the values I have that guide me on a daily basis, thinking 'Is this good for the students? Is this good for their goals?'" Book said. "And if I stay centered on that, I can't go wrong. So I'll do my very best."



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Student Government Association pushes for reform



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Student Government Association President Justin Peterson, right, meets with Vice President Evan Davis, center, and Treasurer Adam Walton to discuss the new policies the organization will install.

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way that reflects their mission statement.

Currently, this is only looked at once, at the end of the year, during the budget meeting. The SGA is hoping to now look at organizations' budgets four times a year.

"For example, organizations will have left over money and take their executive out to dinner," Peterson said. "Currently, there are no consequences."

Another constitutional revision being discussed is creating a "Senator for the Day" program. This would allow one student each week to act as a senator for 24 hours.

"This is a way to get the student body more involved," said Joe Slocum, junior class vice president. "They would get to sit in the SGA meeting, have a vote and more of a voice."

Round Table meetings

"This is my baby," Peterson said. "I want to have this established before I go."

All organizations are arranged under a cluster — academic, government, greek, honors, media, performance, religious, service and club sports. The presidents of each organization will meet with one person from SGA who serves as a representative for their cluster.

In these meetings each president will discuss their organization's successes, failures, troubles, news and need for assistance.

These representatives will act for their organizations during SGA meetings. For example, they will help make budgetary decisions for the organizations. Peterson said he will try to attend as many of these meetings as possible.

"This will allow for myself to be in constant and direct communication with the student organization presidents of the school," Peterson said. "This is something that I think SGA has not done a good job of in the past."

Changes in Student Life

On Nov. 11, some members of SGA will

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meet with Jackson to get approval for one of their proposals that asks for Octagon to be open 24 hours during exam week.

The plan has already been discussed with Campus Safety and Police, ARAMARK and Moseley Center. If passed, the side patio door to Octagon will remain open and security will be present from 1-7 a.m.

"Opening for the exam period will help us support the student community, but it will not directly benefit our operation," said Jeff Gazda, ARAMARK Resident District Manager. "The cost to keeping the facility open beyond the normal time frame exceeds the business generated. The true benefit comes from supporting our student community during a busy and stress filled time."

Two other pieces of Peterson's platform are becoming reality. Three or four bench swings will be added around Lake Mary Nell shortly. Also, a technology source has been found that will make it feasible for students who work at Elon to get paychecks twice a month, instead of just once a month. The change is expected to happen this spring.

"I'm happy to see so much success coming from SGA," Peterson said. "I think these accomplishments are a great representation of the momentum we have gathered over the past months. I am proud of the work my organization is doing."

Taizé service offers students Christian meditation and relief

Camille DeMere
Multimedia Editor

Flickering candles on a small table offer a focal point for those seated in the few semi-circles of chairs. They sing and pray, but this isn't an ordinary religious service.

No one stands in as the center of attention. A voice off to the side offers quiet suggestions describing the steps of the service, but no group or clergy member faces the congregation. Just as apparent and noticeable as the melodic chants are the periods of silence.

This is Taizé, a contemplative service created in the 1940s in a town in the Burgundy region of France. Wednesday night, Elon students will experience Taizé for the first time on campus. At issue is whether Elon students will find value in the meditation.

The service has been in the works since the beginning of this semester. The idea came to Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, during the interviewing process to hire a new chaplain.

As one finalist sat in the dining room at Alamance Country Club with Jackson and President Leo Lambert, she shared inspiration gained from a trip with her daughter to Taizé and spoke of the profound impact the travel and the service had on students.

"It's the kind of experience that offers an alternative to the traditional denominational experiences," Jackson said.

Chet Denlinger, who started his first year with Elon this semester as the chaplaincy intern, has also experienced Taizé. In seminary, Denlinger attended multiple services and is even adapting the layout for tonight's service from one he helped plan before.

Denlinger said the service is welcoming to everyone, but is not hiding the fact that service is Christian.

"I'm being very upfront, but all students can get something out of it," he said. "But we want to provide them a space just to be. People can participate at the level they're comfortable."

The worship service finds its roots in Christianity but is described as "ecumenical," which means it does not have direct ties with any one particular denomination. Churches around the country hold the service, usually once a month in the evening.

Mary Virginia Woodall has

attended St. Peter's Church in Charlotte for 15 years. She has attended a few of the Taizé services there, and said she finds the service beneficial because it offers time for silence and reflection.

"We're all so busy," she said. "We don't take time to just be. Walking out of Taizé, I'm refreshed."

Greensboro College started providing the service after some non-traditional students, whose classes were mostly in the evening, requested a religious service of their own. Each week, between six and 10 students would gather for a service, but after most graduated last year and no other students expressed interest, the service ceased, Chaplain Robert Brewer said.

Some students at Elon might have the same cautious reaction.

Freshman Robert Kantlehner said he probably wouldn't attend Taizé because of his busy schedule, but admits he doesn't know much about religious life at Elon.

"I haven't really looked into it," he said. "I've been trying to get acclimated and probably don't have time."

For now, the Taizé service is planned as a one-time event, but Denlinger said he'll gauge student reactions and might offer it more regularly. He is also trying to engage students in the plan and presentation of Taizé. Senior Chris Beeson will planning and playing the music that is a main part of the service.

"I've never actually played in one before, but I've been researching," Beeson said. "It's not supposed to be this light show that you have at a Christian pop worship, but more focused on the mind, body and spirit."

Beeson plans to help set that mood with soft, piano-based music that is supposed to act as a complement rather than a focus of the service.

Jackson also expressed interest in sending students to the Taizé commune in France, possibly for a spring break trip or one for a similar amount of time.

The commune has grown since it was started after World War II, and now has more than 100 brothers living there full time and an Internet presence that helps connect its predominantly young and international pilgrims.

"I've heard that it changes people," Jackson said. "The students really like it and come back excited to continue the service."

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Butler University student lawsuit raises questions on First Amendment

Nick Zanetti
Reporter

Butler University student Jess Zimmerman was recently sued by his school for comments he made in an anonymous online blog that Butler administrators claim are defamatory and libelous.

The blog, "TruBU," is penned by Zimmerman under the pseudonym "Pseudo Nym." Besides coming up with clever aliases, Zimmerman's hobbies listed on the blog include "honesty," "truth" and "success."

"This blog is neither an accusation nor a confession," Zimmerman said in the blog's introduction. "It will simply try to tell the true, anonymous stories of Butler University. It's the truth. It's good. It's bad. It's real."

It was not Zimmerman's passion for justice and truth that got him into trouble, but rather the statements made on the blog concerning Butler's dismissal of Andrea Gullickson, the chair of Butler's school of music, that put him under scrutiny.

Gullickson is also Zimmerman's stepmother.

The comments on the blog were specifically directed toward Peter Alexander, the dean of the College of

Fine Arts at Butler.

Zimmerman wrote that Alexander "lied" in a meeting with the school of music regarding the departure of Gullickson. Zimmerman also suggested that Alexander and Butler Provost Jamie Comstock were engaged in a conspiracy to misrepresent the circumstances of Gullickson's departure.

The story brings larger issues into question: Is it legal to sue someone over an anonymous online blog? Can opinions like those written in "TruBU" be considered libelous or defamatory?

"Libel is libel regardless of the media it is written in," said George Padgett, a professor of media law and ethics at Elon. "People tend to have an attitude that 'everything goes' online, but you are still responsible for what you write, regardless of media."

While Zimmerman's comments were opinion, these things are seen differently through the eyes of the law, Padgett said.

"Defamatory opinions are protected under libel, (but) statements of fact are not. Padgett said "calling somebody a liar is considered a statement of fact."

Padgett said Elon students need to be aware of what they write online. Libel law applies to all media, even



An Elon student writes on the free speech board on First Amendment Day, which took place earlier this fall. The boards were set up as a public forum to express opinion. A Butler University student's blog recently came under scrutiny for his opinion and he was sued by his school.

DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

anonymous Internet blogs.

Elon has its own policies regarding libel and defamatory statements made against its faculty and if a situation similar to the one at Butler were to occur at Elon, there are certain actions that might result.

"The first thing we would do is see if there was any honor code violation," said Jodean Schmiederer, Elon's dean of judicial affairs. "We would have to look at what specifically was said and make a judgment from there."

Schmiederer also pointed out that Elon values a student's right to speak,

and she said she hopes there is never a case involving something serious enough to warrant legal action.

She also said she "doubts Elon would jump to a lawsuit," and would most likely talk to the student about the comments first.

"The honor code is not in place so that Elon has a policy regarding situations like these," Schmiederer said. "The honor code exists because we truly want Elon graduates to be the epitome of honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect."

Local nurses refuse required H1N1 vaccine

Sarah Costello
Reporter

Nurse Kelly Cobb never wished she were allergic to eggs until the Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro began requiring that all hospital staff receive the seasonal flu shot and the H1N1 vaccine.

Individuals with egg allergies were exempt because both vaccines are egg based.

Cobb, who works in the telemetry and urology units, said last year Moses Cone attempted to make the regular flu shot mandatory, but canceled the requirement halfway through the designated time period. This year, Moses Cone once again required all hospital staff to receive the seasonal flu shot by Oct. 31 or risk termination from their jobs.

"I waited until the last minute to see if they would cancel (the mandatory seasonal flu shot)," Cobb said. "Moses Cone came out with a statement saying if you don't get the vaccine it will be considered a voluntary resignation with no option for rehire."

Cobb ended up getting the seasonal flu shot, but since she does not work with patients who are extremely susceptible to H1N1, she is still waiting for her turn to get that vaccine. She is currently trying to decide whether or not to get the H1N1 shot or resign.

Moses Cone is also requiring that all staff receive the H1N1 vaccination, although it is being issued on different levels. For example, hospital staff that work in cancer wards, with infants or patients with susceptible immune systems, have already received the vaccination.

Eventually, the entire staff will be vaccinated.

"There are exceptions (other than egg allergies)," Cobb said. "If you get a doctor's note it has to have a valid reason, and (Moses Cone) can say 'No, this is not a credible option,' or 'Yes, this is substantial for being exempt.'"

The H1N1 vaccination has become a controversial issue. Thousands of Americans are anxiously waiting for the vaccine to become available in their areas, but others are cautious of a vaccine that's long-term side effects are still unknown.

The Greensboro News and Record reported Nov. 5 that three Moses Cone hospital workers resigned for failing to receive a seasonal flu shot.

According to the article, many workers were angered by the either/or option that required them to get a shot, since they did not want or lose their jobs in an already unstable economy.

Despite rumors and concerns that the H1N1 vaccine could lead to serious side effects, health officials claim patients won't suffer more than slight soreness. But this does not eradicate concerns for the long-term side effects.

"I don't want to get it because I'm concerned it hasn't been tested thoroughly," Cobb said, whose unit is in the second tier to receive the vaccine. "Personally, I don't appreciate that (Moses Cone) is only seeing me as an employee and not as an individual. They are not giving me the same opportunity as they're giving patients who have every right to receive or not receive any treatment."

A recent Associated Press poll showed one-third of American parents did not want their children to receive the H1N1 vaccine despite urges from the CDC and doctors this summer that children be vaccinated.

"My opinion is (the vaccine) is way too new and has not gone through enough clinical trials to be on the market," said Celia Henry, a nursing student at Alamance Community College and student R.N. at Alamance Regional Medical Center. "I don't think employees should be required to get (the vaccine) because they have a choice whether to do patient care with or without a mask."

Few area hospitals are requiring staff to receive the

H1N1 vaccine. While ARMC has not mandated an H1N1 vaccination, staff and patients are encouraged to get it.

"All vaccines that are mandatory have been on the market (for a long time), like chicken pox and rubella," Henry said.

The major concern with the H1N1 vaccination is its recent release. Most hospitals require basic vaccinations and the addition of another one is not viewed as problematic.

"Patients make the comment that they don't want the people taking care of them to be sick, they don't want to be exposed," Cobb said. "I completely appreciate that, and at the same time they need to consider that every day I expose myself to viruses and diseases, whether it's AIDS, hepatitis or the simple cold, to take care of people. It's a risk I take on a daily basis."

The Center for Disease Control reported 22 flu-related deaths last week. Nineteen were confirmed H1N1 cases and three were influenza A viruses. The CDC has received 114 laboratory-confirmed pediatric 2009 H1N1 deaths since April.

Elon students, faculty and staff have also received their share of confirmed H1N1 cases and type A flu.

"As of Oct. 31, we had 100 patients confirmed with Type A flu (most probably H1N1, but not confirmed)," said Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life and associate dean of students. "We have had seven cases confirmed by the CDC and we had another 364 patients who presented influenza-like symptoms, but may or may not have had the flu."

The Health Center is not requiring staff to receive the vaccine, although they encourage students, faculty and staff to research it and make their own decisions.

"I think that if people are healthy and are comfortable they should definitely get it," Patterson said. "The CDC is saying it's safe for most people and their recommendation is, unless there's a medical reason, people most likely should get (the vaccine.)"

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White House calls for overhaul on education programs

Jack Dodson
Senior Reporter

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a speech late last month that college programs geared toward preparing teachers are "cash cows" that need "revolutionary change." He cited both the universities that offer these programs and the government as failing the country's future teachers.

According to an Associated Press report from late October, Duncan said large enrollment in these universities and low overhead make the programs inept because funding has been cast toward smaller graduate programs rather than training teachers.

Duncan said state governments have been insufficient in properly testing teachers before licensing them, testing with written exams only and not ensuring classroom-ready experience.

David Cooper, dean of the School of Education at Elon, said this comes out of two main issues the White House has with education in the United States: Teachers do not know enough about their subjects and have insufficient experience in real-world classroom settings.

Cooper said at one time both of these issues were real, but when it comes to not understanding subjects, he doesn't think that's true anymore.

"I think Secretary Duncan would be amazed ... if he bothered to talk to a teacher candidate," Cooper said.

Most college programs are similar to



Senior Courtney Stallman, left, tutors elementary school student Noah Overman. Elon education majors can take advantage of teaching in the community through practicums and student teaching.

that of Elon, he said, which places high value on classroom experience.

English major Marissa Messiano, who has a concentration in teacher licensure, said she had to do more than 25 hours in the classroom her freshman year alone.

"Even though I am an English major,

I feel like the education school controls me," she said. "But it has definitely prepared me more to stand in front of a classroom."

Senior Elementary Education major Courtney Stallman said that she feels well-prepared after her time in Elon's

education program. "I've had many opportunities and experiences to be in different elementary schools," she said.

She continued to commend the effectiveness of Elon's faculty. "We have a lot of really good professors who are really well-qualified, who have been in the schools..."

Senior math and special education major Kristi McGrath said she feels confident in her teaching ability because of Elon's in-class preparation.

"Something that's great about Elon is that I've been hands-on and in practicum since sophomore year," she said.

McGrath said she's worked with principals, teachers and parents because of Elon's in-class requirements, preparing her for real life as a teacher.

Cooper said the real problem, though, is American schools not preparing sufficient numbers of students to master the subject areas. He also said math and science are areas where American students typically do not perform well.

Cooper also said he sees fault on the governmental level.

"When it comes to spending dollars," he said, "the federal government actually contributes the smallest share."

Cooper said the state and local governments determine how much funding a school system gets.

"What was an underfunded system is catastrophically underfunded now," Cooper said.

He said school department's success depends on the "willingness of local politicians and taxpayers."

Crime increase awakens university officials

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the police have been following some leads in the case, but there is no new information available.

On Oct. 24, Homecoming weekend, a college-aged man with short blond hair entered an unlocked room on the third floor of Sloan dorm while both residents were present.

The Elon students said they had just gone to bed when the suspect entered the room and used their bathroom, urinating all over the bathroom. The suspect then wanted to sleep in the room and the residents made the suspect leave.

However, the suspect did not leave the dorm after the incident.

Brandon Marshall, the first floor Resident Assistant of Sloan, said one of his residents woke up at 6:30 a.m. to move her car for the home football game and saw the suspect, shirtless, in the hallway. He said the resident shut the door and the suspect urinated on her door. It could not be determined if the suspect was a student or alum.

Marshall said he spoke with his residents about the safety of locking their doors.

"I went to everyone's room, around 12:30, and checked to see if their doors were unlocked," Marshall said. "If it was, I would put up a sign that said, 'If I were a thief you would be robbed.' You can never be to safe or to cautious."

Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police, said he did not believe there has been an increased amount of these types of crime but more attention being paid to these incidents than in previous years. He said there hasn't been an indecent exposure arrest in the past

few years other than the arrest of a non-student in Belk Library last February.

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, said there were a number of similar crimes in the spring of 2008 and students have started to respond appropriately.

"After the incident the students would call their friends or campus security," Jackson said. "Students need to call 911. It puts you in a system. It gets you the best and strongest support. In these recent situations the girls did the right thing by calling the police immediately."

Jackson also said in the past two years Campus Safety and Police has ramped up protective measures, including increasing the number of cameras in the parking lots, welcome posts in front of the Koury Business Center and Daniele Center and increasing the number of visible security measures.

He said this informs outsiders that the campus is vigilant in protecting students.

Both Jackson and Gantos said it is important for students to travel in pairs, especially at night, to lock their doors regardless if they live on or off campus and to call 911 if they feel there is a nearby threat. Jackson also said if a student sees a stranger on the hall it is OK to ask what they are doing.

"You can't be overly cautious," Jackson said. "The eyes and ears of the student body is one of the best mechanisms to be proactive to prevent these sort of things. Security can't be there all the time and students need to be looking out for each other."

Campus set to encounter Middle Eastern cultures during International Education Week

Hannah Williams
Senior Reporter

In its first formal celebration of International Education Week, Elon will be "Encountering the Middle East" through speakers, movies, art, music, food and personal interaction Nov. 16-20.

This year's theme was selected to raise awareness for a region that Elon has been engaging on a more regular basis. Recently, according to Woody Pelton, dean of International Programs and director of the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies.

"If it's just international, the world's a big place and it's hard to get your arms around that," Pelton said. "The goal is to help our students and the community to better understand a part of the world that often times is misunderstood and receives a lot of media attention, typically for bad things. I think it's helpful for our community to see that there's more to the Middle East than what we can see on CNN."

This year's common reading, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, is set in Afghanistan. The Afghani author, Khaled Hosseini, spoke at Elon's Fall Convocation.

The university's most recent international exchange partnership is with the American University in Cairo, Egypt and Arabic studies are newly offered.

"I believe that this is an opportune November for International Education Week at Elon to focus on the Middle East," said Brian Digre, coordinator of the international studies major and history professor. "It should provide a diverse group of speakers and activities through which our community can learn about the region."

Elon has also received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program to develop Middle Eastern and Arabic studies, of which Digre is the director. Digre said the grant supports developing new courses, creating academic affiliations with universities in the region and hosting guest speakers, including

some of those for IEW.

"Students (at Elon) will have opportunities to hear speakers, watch movies, see art, taste food, hear music, interact with people, all of which will help them to see how complex and varied that region is," Pelton said.

As of press time it was not finalized at press time but it will be available online at both The Pendulum and the Isabella Cannon Centre's Web sites.

Started in 2000 as a joint initiative by the U.S. Departments of State and Education to celebrate international education and cultural exchange, IEW is now recognized in more than 100 countries.

"Our graduates should be global citizens prepared to work on solving challenges that transcend borders, and then should be able to work well with people from diverse backgrounds, whether it is an individual who is a recent immigrant to the United States living in the community or a business client or colleague located halfway around the world," United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a press release.

According to Open Doors, 623,805 international students from more than 200 countries studied in the U.S. in 2007-08.

"In a world that gets smaller every day, a quality education must incorporate an international dimension — not as an add-on, but as an approach that is integrated across all subjects, from math and science to social studies," Duncan said.

Pelton said the Isabella Cannon Center will make IEW the primary international event during the year and will focus on advance planning so that all the academic departments can be involved in the celebration, incorporating music, art and literature from the area of focus as well as political science and business.

"We want to bring the world to Elon from time to time," Pelton said. "We want to get to a point where people look for IEW and realize it will come in mid-November and look for what it will be the next year."

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Mixed feelings about current presidential administration present one year later

Nick Massa
Reporter

It's been just more than a year since the unprecedented 2008 election that produced the nation's first Black president, a wealth of policy change promises and some of the greatest youth political involvement in the nation's history.

Obama's campaign centered on change — health care reform, new policies in Iraq and economic refocusing. One year later, do the people who voted him into office think he's delivered on his promises?

A week ago, a conference call took place among a number of political youth organizations, including Rock the Vote, Campus Progress and the National Youth Advocacy Coalition. These organizations sought the opinions of young people from across the country through online surveys and ground interviews and weighed in on what they thought most people saw or were still looking for.

Overall, the results showed mixed reactions — people acknowledge that certain things have been done well, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

The results, which were released in the form of Twitter updates, were included in a press release issued Nov. 3. Opinions were sought on several key issues, including health care ("Must pass hcr w/ publicoption, subsidies, no discrim, no insurance in name only ywic lyrlater") immigration ("Immigration reform undone, need pathway to citizenship & DREAM Act, civil rights struggle of our time lyrlater"), and the current state of the economy ("Youth unemployment nearly 2x nat'l avg, stimulus was start but need jobs bill for young lyrlater").

The information was published to coincide with the one year anniversary of Obama's election. This was done for two reasons — to show opinions on his progress to date and to showcase the previously unheard youth involvement in politics.

"I think that although (Obama) has not changed the world yet, he has certainly taken the steps in the right direction, even if they have been only a few since he took office less than 10 months ago," senior Evan Dempster said. "We've only seen the tip of the iceberg as far as making a difference for the majority of Americans."



A year after the election, some people and organizations are seeking more action from the president. PHOTO COURTESY OF MCTCAMPUS.COM

Young people aren't the only ones remaining hopeful. "People tend to have ridiculously high expectations for what a new president can accomplish in such a short time frame," English professor Michael Strickland said. "He can't just come in and wave a magic wand and fix all these complex problems. Our political process can be slow and cumbersome. It is a lot easier to declare a war or invade a country than it is to turn around a decade of financial irresponsibility."

Poll reveals N.C. push for health care reform

Caitlin O'Donnell
Reporter

From county halls to Congress, health care reform has been a constant topic of discussion and dissension for the American public. Both advocates and opponents have made their voices known around the country, and N.C. is no different.

Based on a recent study conducted by the Elon University Poll, three out of every four North Carolina residents said the United States' health care system is in need of reform.

The poll, which was conducted Oct. 26-29 and surveyed 703 residents, found that 54 percent also support legislation that would include a public option.

According to a New York Times article, "Under the public option, a government-run plan would be offered ... where individuals who currently do not have insurance could buy coverage."

Many Republicans have countered that a public plan would force private insurers out of business and lead employers to drop private coverage. Nevertheless, as the economy has worsened and unemployment rises, insecurity about health care has also increased.

Many now consider the public option a necessity.

"If you are not working in this country, you are most vulnerable (with health coverage being linked to employment)," said Betty Morgan, associate professor of political science and public administration. "Without employer-based health coverage, most families cannot afford to insure themselves."

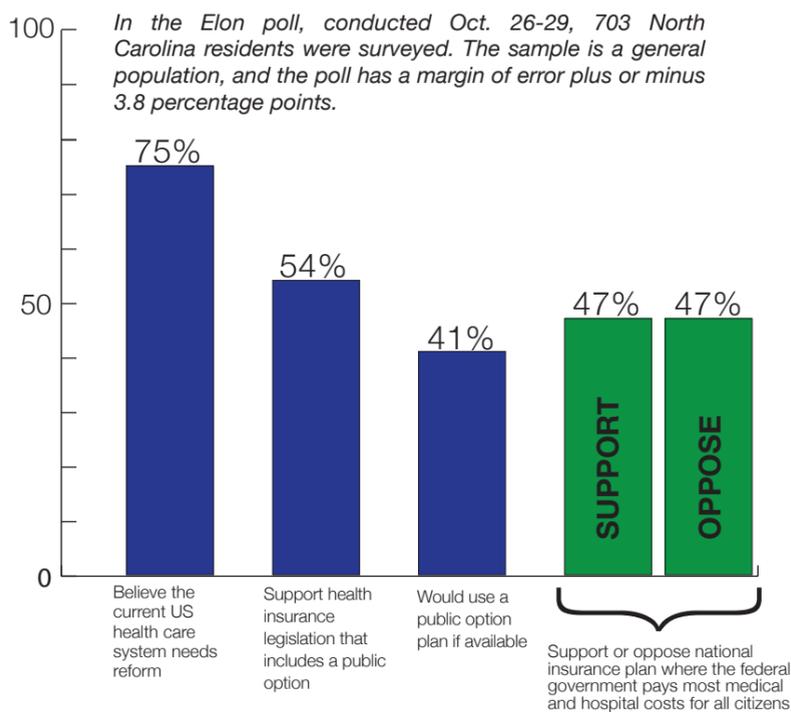
According to the poll, the number of residents who have private health insurance has dropped from 83 percent in September 2008 to 73 percent this year, and 18 percent have lost medical coverage.

"This is a function of the economy and reflects high unemployment numbers in North Carolina," said Hunter Bacot, director of the Elon Poll.

Although there is much support for a reform plan including a public option, only 41 percent of those polled responded they would use the option if it were available.

Based on the amount of people in favor of reform itself, it seems people are more open to something being done to the existing system, Bacot said.

How do North Carolinians feel about the U.S. health care system?



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"The poll reflects what most Americans recognize, which is that our present health coverage system is not working for anyone except health insurance companies and that something has to be done," Morgan said.

According to Bacot, the poll results represent an overall frustration with the current health care system.

"This cuts both ways," he said. "Those that need health insurance obviously want something done, but so too do those that are getting tired of the rising costs of health care."

Anne Lewis, an employee of Alamance Regional Medical Center, said she has seen firsthand the problems hindering the health care system. Though she admits reform is needed, she does not believe the solution comes from a government-run plan.

"I would like to see more hospitals becoming self-regulated," she said. "If a hospital went out of its way to hire

an independent auditing agency to cut costs, it wouldn't have to tack on extra patient costs elsewhere. The hospitals should be responsible for charging a fair amount."

Lewis also encourages patients to be informed about their medical bills and expenses.

"Patients need to become proactive," she said. "They can't just assume that insurance companies will take care of it."

While everyone has an opinion regarding reform, it is apparent much deliberation is yet to be had. Congress itself has not reached a decision.

Though the House of Representatives passed a health care reform bill Saturday, it is unclear when the Senate will vote on a version of the bill and if it will even be turned into law.

"Regardless of how people think health care needs to be addressed, nearly everyone agrees that it does," Bacot said.

Alamance County elects local leaders

Last week, Alamance County residents lined up at the polls to vote for town mayors and members of the Board of Aldermen. The primary elections took place Oct. 6, followed by the municipal elections Nov. 3. The results were as follows:

Village of Alamance Mayor

Cathera R. Bundren — 96.15 percent voter approval; received 50 votes

Village of Alamance Alderman (3)

Myra Guthrie Slaughter — 28.13 percent voter approval; received 45 votes

Donald B. Tichy — 24.38 percent voter approval; received 39 votes

Naydine L. Sharpe — 23.75 percent voter approval; received 38 votes

Kinsler named dean of law school

Jack Dodson
Senior Reporter

Last summer, Leary Davis, Elon's former law school dean, referred Elon School of Law professor and senior scholar Jeff Kinsler to Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., when the school was looking for a legal consultant to help organize a future law school.



Jeff Kinsler
Belmont University
Law School Dean

When the school asked him to expand upon that position and become the dean of the law program this fall, Kinsler accepted.

Since that initial contact, Kinsler has written a feasibility study for Belmont and helped the school through the planning process.

The school announced Oct. 7 it will open a law school.

Kinsler said he will have very different responsibilities with his new position, though he has served as a dean before, having preceded

his time at Elon as the dean of Appalachian State University's School of Law.

This job is different, though, because he said he has to start everything from scratch: recruiting 100 students, hiring a new staff and building facilities, as well as planning the curriculum.

"We're going to try to implement a curriculum where there are skill-related opportunities each semester," Kinsler said.

Other schools have made changes that include this, he said, but they have not implemented hands-on experience into their curriculums to the extent Kinsler plans.

"Right now, law school is similar to a lot of other graduate schools," Kinsler said. "A lot of classes."

By bringing in practicing judges and lawyers, Kinsler hopes to offer Belmont students the opportunity to see what a law degree means outside the classroom.

The students will not only hear from professionals, but will also have the chance to work with law outside of traditional study.

"Every school does a bit of this, but we're going to try to do it in a more organized and pervasive fashion," Kinsler said.

After moving sometime in the spring, Kinsler said he will start his duties as dean while he's finishing his last semester at Elon.

The doors for the Belmont law program are expected to open in fall 2011.

Bars and restaurants smoke-free after Jan. 1

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entrances.

Restaurant and bar owners are responsible for the posting and enforcing of smoke-free environments. Bass said he encourages businesses to post signage and lead in the transition of smoke-free establishments as soon as possible.

"There are no smoke police," Bass said. "It is the responsibility of the individual businesses to enforce the law."

Many restaurants in the county allow smoking, but those are separated from sit-down dining services.

In Burlington, The Red Bull Tavern and Grille allows smoking in the bar area and outside patios.

"I think it will hurt the bar business, but you will see a lot more restaurants adapting," said Matt Beveridge, a server at the restaurant since it opened two years ago.

Sandy's Subs & Italian Grill on East Haggard Avenue in Elon, a popular establishment for students, will be one restaurant that must adjust to the new law, as will as West End Station.

Sandy's owner Greg Saldanha said he thinks banning smoking will hurt his business. Saldanha opened his restaurant 20 years ago as a non-smoking facility and received some complaints until 10 years ago when he began to allow smoking on the bar side of his establishment.

Sandy's has a smoke-free section, closed off from the bar, that has worked well for both parties.

"People enjoy drinking a cold beer and a smoke," Saldanha said. "It's a tough position to be in."

Saldanha is adding an outside patio for customers by the time the new law takes effect.

"It's a good law for health issues but I want to have a place for my customers to smoke if they like," Saldanha said.

According to the Health Department of Alamance County, there are more than 100 restaurants which are already smoke-free.

Mellow Mushroom, a pizza parlor which opened Monday, does not allow smoking even though the smoking ban does not take effect until January.

"We have decided that not allowing smoking is in the best interest of our patrons," manager Mike

Fox said.

According to the new law, local governments may adopt stricter rules than the statewide smoking law. Any enclosed area the public is permitted in the local government may be able to impose rules and fines for local business owners and visitors to comply with.

"As we speak, in the county, there is no more than the basic law that applies now," Bass said.

The Elon Poll, released March 2, found 87 percent of North Carolinians agree that employees have the right to work in a smoke-free environment, while 51 percent were in favor of banning smoking in all restaurants and bars.

"I personally hate smoking, but I think (a) restaurant or privately owned establishment should be allowed to make any choice they want about allowing smoking in their businesses," Elon senior Matt Horowitz said.

The new law does not prohibit smoking in all work environments — but in all restaurants and bars with few exceptions. Cigar bars, private non-profits and country clubs, as well as certain lodging establishments, may be exempt under audit.

"If having the workplace smoke-free is a requirement, I don't think the law would have passed," Bass said.

North Carolina is joining 23 other states and the District of Columbia in requiring smoke-free establishments since the U.S. Surgeon General released a report in 2006 arguing that there is no safe exposure of second-hand smoke and indoor spaces should be smoke-free.

The American Lung Association launched an anti-smoking campaign shortly after The Smoke-Free Air Challenge in hopes to have the country smoke-free by December 2010.

The Lung Association's annual report, State of Tobacco Control, which measures tobacco control by local legislators in 2008, rated North Carolina with a grade of F.

"With large groups of the public in restaurants and hotels, we see that the culture of people in the United States want to be in a smoke-free environment," Bass said.

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An abbreviated four years Judgment of Obama administration comes too early

The bluster and fervor that accompanied this time last year, when an improbable presidential election turned into a sizeable landslide, has visibly turned sour. Hope, far from representing a bright future to come, has, for many, turned into a barrage of snide remarks flung at disappointed supporters of President Barack Obama.

The world hasn't been flipped sunny-side up, perfection doesn't pour through every street and avenue and most evaluations of what exactly has been accomplished since last year's election have become inexorably tainted with narrow partisanship.

Given the speed at which information courses through the nation, accomplishments now aren't measured in years, but in months and weeks. Coming into the White House, Obama was preemptively being compared favorably to past presidents like Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, with the expectation that his time in office would be immediately spent fulfilling objectives left and right.

After all, he had already been instrumental in freeing up the second half of the \$700 billion TARP program prior to inauguration, and soon after the \$787 billion stimulus package was signed into law with an announcement of America's eventual departure from Iraq following it.

And those were just the front-page issues.

In January, Obama put an end to an executive order that forbid financial aid to international family planning groups that have any involvement with abortion. Politics aside, the move will at least save the lives of those abroad that would otherwise be practicing unsafe family planning methods.

After two attempts during

former President George W. Bush's administration, Obama waived the federal limit on embryonic stem-cell research in March. The stimulus package contained a rarely mentioned \$288 billion tax cut. Ford Motor reported a \$997 million profit last Monday, its first profit since the first quarter of 2008, buoyed by the Cash for Clunkers program.

Though Obama's diplomatic efforts abroad have yet to garner any tangible results, they represent a necessary change in America's international attitude.

But since that initial jump out of the gate, health care reform has turned into the singular debate in the country, radically dominating perceptions of the administration as the debate becomes increasingly more ideological.

Though the House of Representatives passed the Affordable Health Care for America Act on Saturday by a razor-thin margin, progress in the Senate looks to be even shakier, with Republicans emboldened by Sen. Joseph Lieberman's announcement he would join a filibuster if one were to take place.

One would think, given the importance placed upon health care reform, it's the do-or-die moment for the administration, the pivotal hinge upon which the entirety of the next three years depends. But harkening back to Reagan, a president does not necessarily sink or swim based upon singular, temporary issues.

Reagan came into the White House promising a new dawn for America, particularly after years of economic stagnation broken up by a steep recession that began in the second quarter of 1980 with a 7.9 percent drop in GDP. And he planned to do so by taking advantage of budget deficits, though in a different manner than Obama has taken.

Reagan's economic plans, built upon reducing the national tax burden, freeing corporations from federal constraints and ramping up military spending, initially looked like a failure, culminating in a 4.9 percent drop in GDP at the end of 1981 and a 6.4 percent drop in 1982.

It wasn't until 1983 that the country truly began to emerge from the recession, with rapid growth taking hold for the next two years.

After one full year in office, Reagan's approval rating was at 49 percent, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll, which was notably two points lower than former President Jimmy Carter's approval rating after the same period of time.

Even as late as January 1983, Gallup found Reagan's approval rating was as low as 35 percent. Even the perilously unpopular Carter enjoyed a 75 percent approval rating in March 1977, according to Gallup.

Obama's current approval rating, as gathered by Gallup, stands at 53 percent.

That's not to say Obama is seemingly predestined to undergo the same sort of political rejuvenation Reagan enjoyed as he transformed from an unpopular incumbent to an oft-invoked idol of the Republican party and a behemoth on the American political stage. But it's essential to put things in perspective.

If health care passes, if the right decision is made in regard to Afghanistan and if the unemployment rate drops and the GDP performs inversely, then the turmoil of this first year will be seen as a bump in the road.

And if not, if everything calamitously fails for the Obama administration, then comprehensive judgment can be placed upon his first term.

Even if the sky is falling, it still has three years to right itself.

THE PRESIDENTIAL POPULARITY CONTEST

BY THE NUMBERS

35 percent: Ronald Reagan's lowest approval rating (January 1983)

53 percent: Barack Obama's current approval rating

54 percent: Average presidential approval rating since Harry Truman (excluding Obama)

67 percent: Richard Nixon's highest approval rating (January 1973)

SOURCE: GALLUP

Embracing polls?

Republicans are relying on opinion surveys to criticize President Barack Obama, a marked change from their long-time scorn of polls.

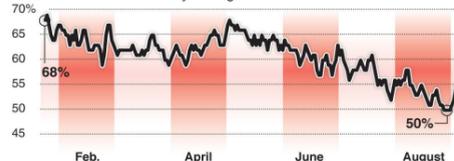
What Republicans said then

"They know who I am, and I believe they're comfortable with the fact that they know I'm not going to shift principles or shift positions based upon polls and focus groups."
President George W. Bush, Aug. 27, 2004
Bush approval rating Aug. 23-25, 2004: 49%

"I have come to understand true leadership leans into the wind. It tackles big challenges with uncertain outcomes rather than taking on simple, sure tasks. It does what is right, regardless of what the latest poll or focus group says."
Bush Advisor Karl Rove, Aug. 31, 2007
Bush approval rating Aug. 2007: 38%

Obama job performance, percent approve

Results based on a three-day average



What Republicans say now

"Surveys show that a solid majority of Americans are concerned that President Obama has no strategy to reduce the deficit. Perhaps that is because President Obama's strategy is to increase the deficit."
Republican National Committee chairman, Michael Steele, July 20, 2009

"New polling today shows a continued erosion of support for the government takeover of health care proposed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her congressional allies."
House Republican leader John Boehner, Aug. 13, 2009

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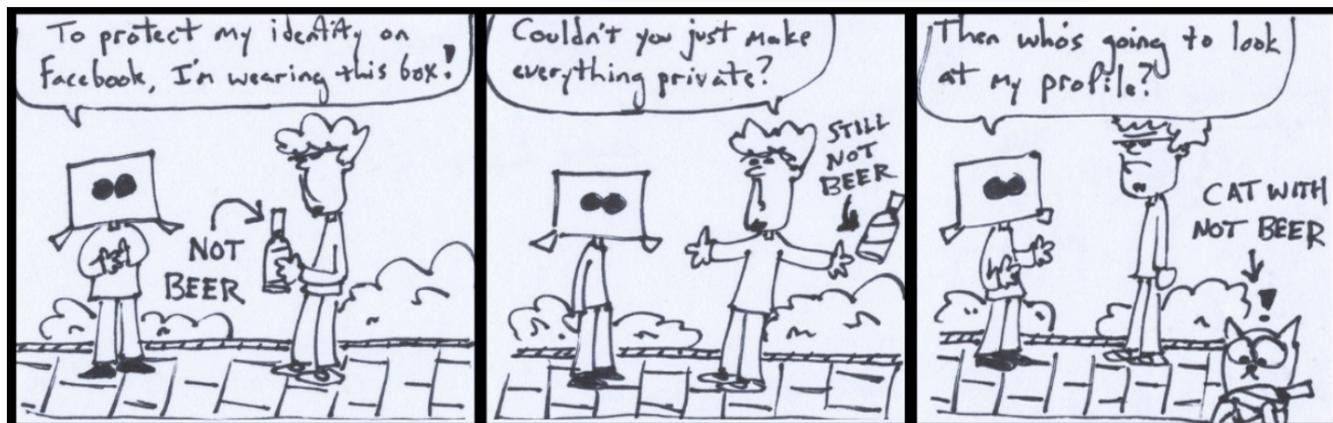
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ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:



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The sins of the sister

Anonymously submitted photos change sorority practices



Ashley Jobe
Columnist

When joining an organization and agreeing to adhere to the bylaws of its collective vision and rules, individuals must decide if their unique desires align. For some, being called a member is as simple as writing a name on paper and attending a weekly meeting — and in social gatherings, most people can conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to their own personal desires.

For members of Greek Life, a social event can often require removing Greek letters, turning cameras off and frequent, anxious surveillance of the surroundings. When alcohol is involved, matters are further complicated.

After the anonymous submission of incriminating photos to Judicial Affairs, several students have faced hearings for the contents of said photos, with more on the way.

"The office of Greek Life has spoken with students about the appropriate use of Facebook," said Jodean Schmiederer, chief judicial officer and assistant Dean of Students. There have been no changes to Elon's policy on drinking, though individual organizations have told students to remove pictures.

"A fraternity house party could technically be considered a sorority's unsanctioned event if there are more than three sisters there," said an affiliated student, who wishes to remain anonymous. "If there is alcohol anywhere in the picture (even if a sister is not touching it) they could get in trouble."

Schmiederer said students of age shouldn't be worried, but another anonymous source said that "even if a sister is 21, she cannot have alcohol in her photos when there are other sisters in the album."

Sororities are now placed in a precarious position — should they banish all photos from parties on Facebook, regardless of a sister's age, to protect the organization's reputation? That's definitely infringement on an individual's right to express herself, especially on a personal page. If a sorority sister is 21, should she be worried about having her

picture taken with a beer in hand? Perhaps that is now one of the unwritten sacrifices of being a sister — forgoing your own photographic memories for the betterment of the whole.

"In our fraternity, members are asked not to drink (while wearing) letters, usually by the national bylaws, because they feel it will reflect badly on the organization," said Megan Morgan, a member of the co-ed fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

Perhaps all sororities should think about putting a new rule into their bylaws that prohibits members from wearing letters at functions where alcohol will be served, to help protect legal drinkers from unnecessary incrimination. Sorority members of age who want to drink should be able to, at no cost to their sisters.

But the new crackdown is forcing sororities to place severe restrictions on the documentation of events, even if those drinking are of age.

Though exasperating, there is definitely legitimacy for these concerns — if an underage sorority sister is photographed drinking at a party and that proof is posted on the Internet, that sister could become a liability to the sisterhood and potentially the group's future standing. She could be put through judicial consequences for her actions and it should be in a sororities' best interest to prevent that from happening.

But an important question should then be considered: Is the eradication of these photos prevention, or merely the process of shrouding unfavorable actions in secret? Encroaching upon the rights of a sister for the greater good is one thing, but if it is a move made to dismiss or disguise the unlawful actions of sisters, it is another matter entirely.

This crackdown is causing sisters across sorority lines to reconsider how they portray themselves in the context of the sorority they represent. There are some unfortunate consequences of the new rules. Affiliated underage women that have no interaction with alcohol can still be incriminated by association.

But as it stands, Elon is sending a message that sorority membership and alcohol consumption should be mutually exclusive.

A second round of change



Ryan Maass
Columnist

While Congressional mid-term elections are still a ways away, voters in several states had the chance last week to allow their voices to be heard in several gubernatorial elections, most notably in New Jersey and Virginia. Also covered heavily by the mainstream media was an intriguing district representative race held in the 23rd district of New York, where candidate Doug Hoffman of the Conservative Party came very

close to victory with 45 percent of the vote.

These mark the first elections of President Barack Obama's administration, and serve as a popular referendum on the current policies advocated by the Democratic Party in the United States. And according to the results, things are not looking well for the Obama administration.

New Jersey's election was an interesting feat, in that the state's strong Democratic base turned in the completely opposite direction, throwing out the incumbent Gov. Jon Corzine and handing the victory to Republican candidate Chris Christie.

What does this say about the big picture — about what the people in the historically blue state of New Jersey truly want from their government? For starters, Christie ran on the platform of fiscal responsibility in the form of eliminating wasteful spending on undesirable government programs along with cutting taxes.

These are very conservative ideals emerging from a state that voted for Obama by a margin of 12 percent. Corzine, on the other hand, had a blatantly liberal record as governor — including ambitions to increase government activism in health care and education, all the while cutting funds to colleges and

state universities.

One of his primary policies was to mandate that every citizen of the state carry a health care plan, which began in July with a law requiring all children to be covered, and he has been looking to increase taxes to help cover increasingly large budget shortfalls. These ideas more or less mirror Obama's, who in addition to advocating a mandatory health coverage law, also insists that a new government health insurance plan be added to the health care overhaul legislation.

Virginia's election results raise similar questions. During the 2008 general election, Obama led in the polls by 6 percent in Virginia. While one could point out that the state was definitely more divided than Democratic-controlled New Jersey, polls revealed a landslide victory for Republican Governor-elect Bob McDonnell by almost 20 points. McDonnell's campaign prioritized controlling unemployment and supporting a right-to-work policy.

Such a policy prohibits agreements between labor unions and employers that make union membership a condition of employment. McDonnell has also voiced concern for the tedious tax code and favors simplifying it.

The Obama administration, which has pledged loyalty to labor unions such as SEIU and has appointed Timothy Geithner, who failed to properly pay his taxes over several years, to head the IRS as the Treasury Secretary does not in any way promote the same conservative ideals.

Did Virginians shift to the right in the past year? Or, with their own state's future on the line, were voters made more aware of issues such as unemployment and the tax code?

Only the Congressional mid-term elections in 2010 will provide a full, comprehensive answer to how Americans are feeling about the Democratic government.

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Re-assessing Afghanistan



Dan Rickershauser
Columnist

President Barack Obama, as reported by CBS correspondent David Martin, is siding with General Stanley McChrystal and sending up to 40,000 additional troops to Afghanistan. With Afghanistan rarely making headlines in the United States, the few times it does it seem to center solely on this decision. It's a travesty in its own right that the news media seldom pays any attention to a war

that has claimed, to date, the lives of 833 American servicemen. But it's also an injustice that the debate around Afghanistan is whether or not to send more troops and not the larger issues regarding the war, which have yet to be addressed.

The successful surge in Iraq has perpetuated a myth that placing more troops in a country will solve its problems. The surge was only half of the story regarding what contributed to the decrease in violence in Iraq, and an increase in troops is also a policy that alone won't solve the problems in Afghanistan.

The United States has yet to define what success would mean in Afghanistan.

Any politician will tell you they want to "win" the war in Afghanistan. But is there a plausible course of action that can be taken militarily to label anything in Afghanistan as a success?

The United States must also consider the missteps it has taken in the past eight years and how certain missteps have eroded Afghani trust in the United States and President Hamid Karzai's government.

Unlike the elections that have taken place in Iraq since the 2003 invasion, the August elections in Afghanistan were considered by most to be an outright fraud.

Facing international pressure, Afghanistan agreed to a runoff election, which was called off Nov. 1 after the challenger Abdullah Abdullah resigned, citing the Afghani government's profound corruption and electoral fraud.

Then there was the Oct. 27 New York Times article that revealed Ahmed Wali Karzai, Hamid Karzai's brother, was one of the suspected players in the growth of Afghanistan's opium trade. Ahmed has also been on the CIA's payroll for the past eight years.

Given how much the drug trade has fueled the insurgency in Afghanistan, and how many U.S. and NATO servicemen have died combating the problem, this fact completely tarnishes American efforts.

It's also a slap in the face to those who have given up their lives combating the drug trade that fuels the profits of Al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Another problem the United States and NATO forces face in Afghanistan is exactly who they are fighting. It's easy to declare they are fighting Al-Qaida, but deciphering who is and who is not in the organization is not so clear-cut.

The United States is facing a lot more than just Al-Qaida on the frontlines. This is in part due to the fact that many insurgents in Afghanistan are fighting because they perceive the U.S. and NATO forces as occupiers. Given Afghanistan's history as a place "where empires go to die," it's no surprise it would see U.S. forces as nothing less than yet another occupying force.

How will the addition of 40,000 more troops not escalate this problem?

It will only hurt our efforts if the issue of Afghanistan boils down to simple arguments of constipated Congressional politics. This war is not about a single party, nor a single president.

We can blame President George W. Bush's mismanagement of the War in Afghanistan and decision to invade Iraq, but those things are done, and rehashing arguments that should have been made years ago does nothing for our security today.

Trying to forecast Obama's moves in Afghanistan and how they will shape his legacy is equally pointless. What politicians need to do is take a step away from the ambitions of their political parties to truly assess the "why" and "how" of this war. It's been eight years too long since anyone last asked those questions.

For a different perspective ...

Columnist Robert Wohner offers his election thoughts online

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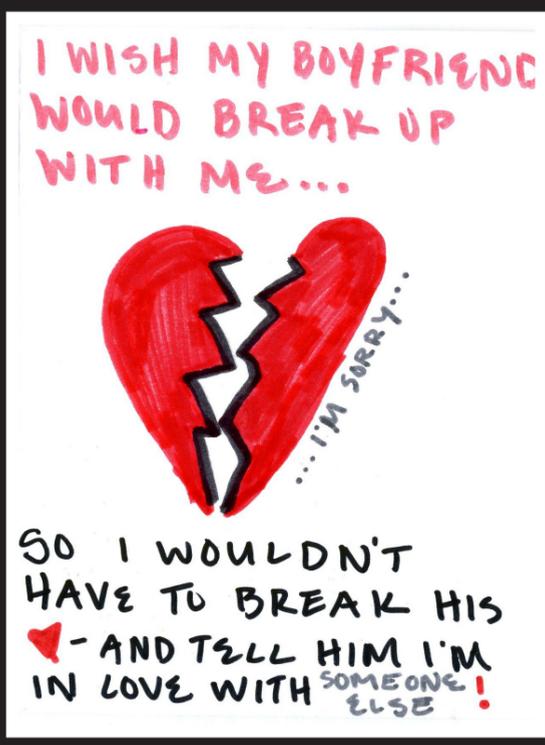
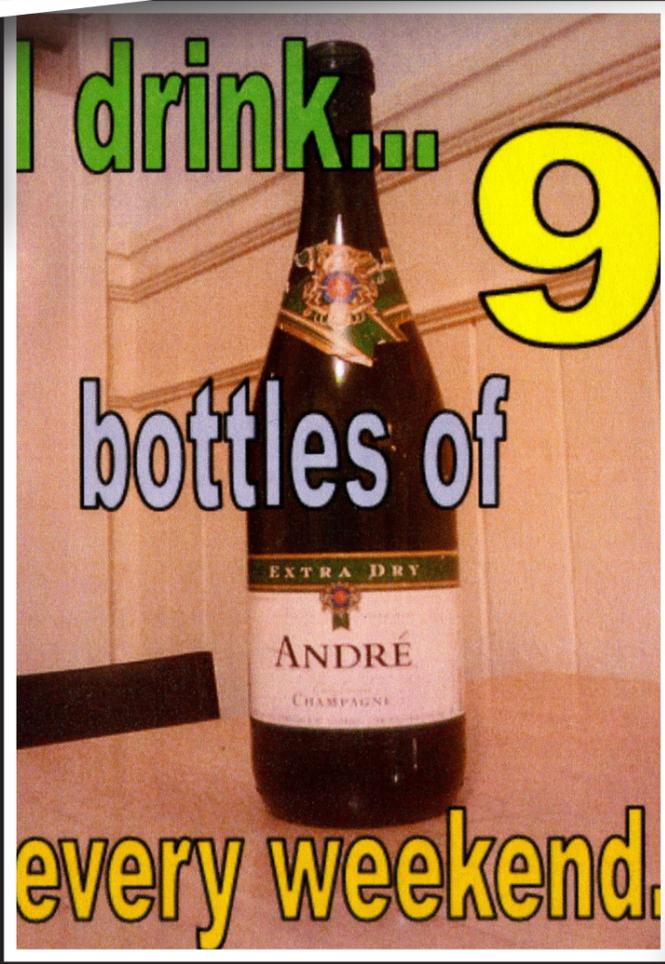
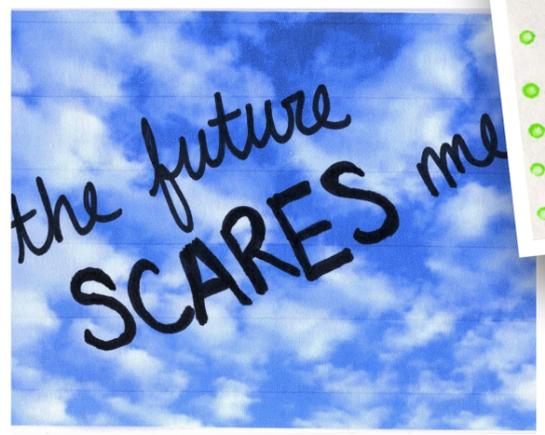
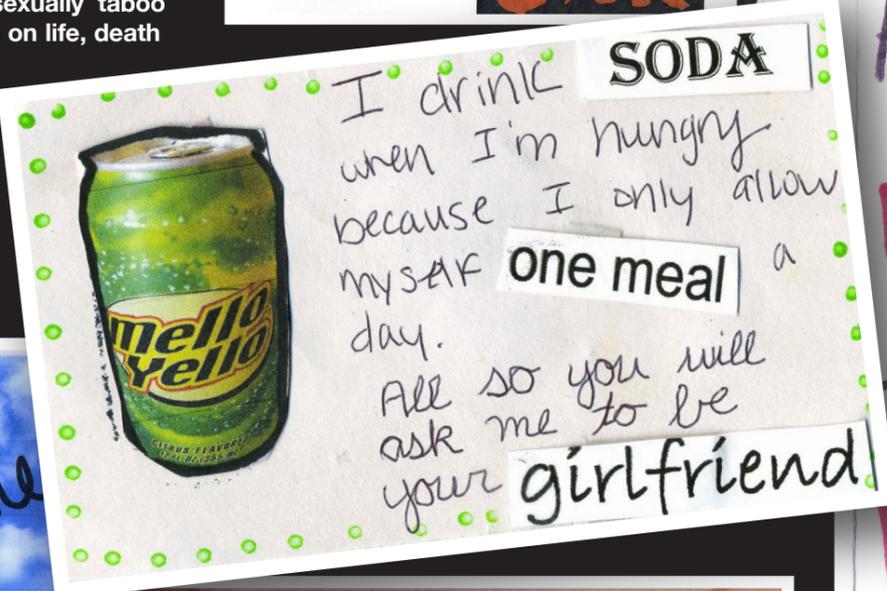
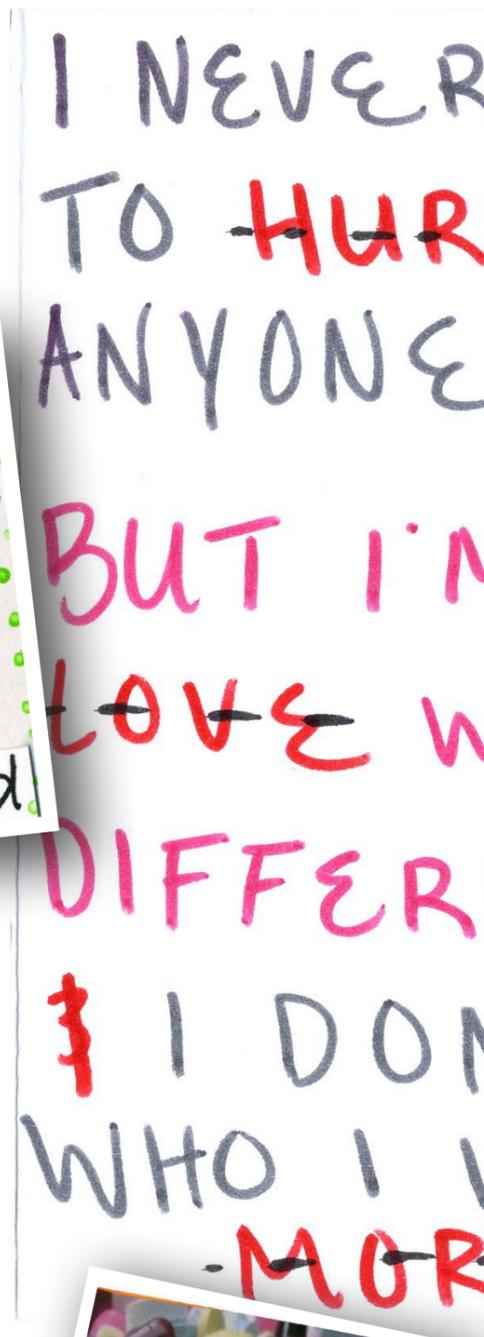
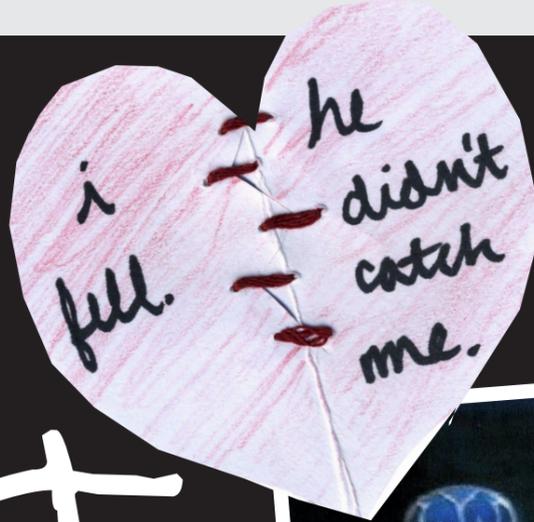
Secrets, secrets are no fun unless they're shared with everyone. These secrets were all submitted anonymously by the Elon community for The Pendulum's fifth edition of PostSecret.

PostSecret was originally started by Frank Warren in 2004 and quickly became a widely popular Web site and book series that was intended to allow anyone to anonymously tell a secret through postcard art as a way of releasing pent up feelings in a creative outlet. Warren has published five book compilations and donates a portion of the proceeds to the National Hopeline, a suicide prevention hotline.

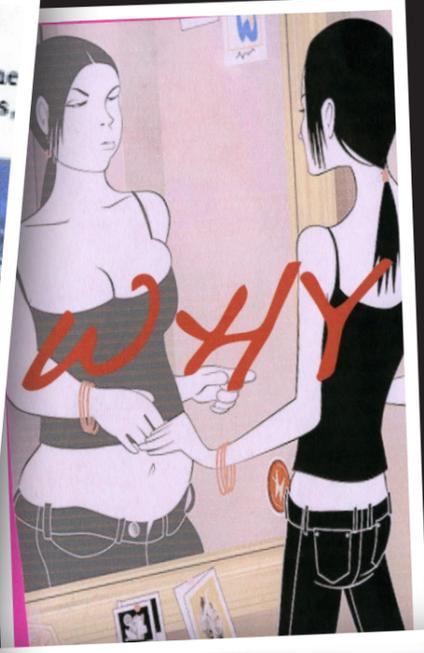
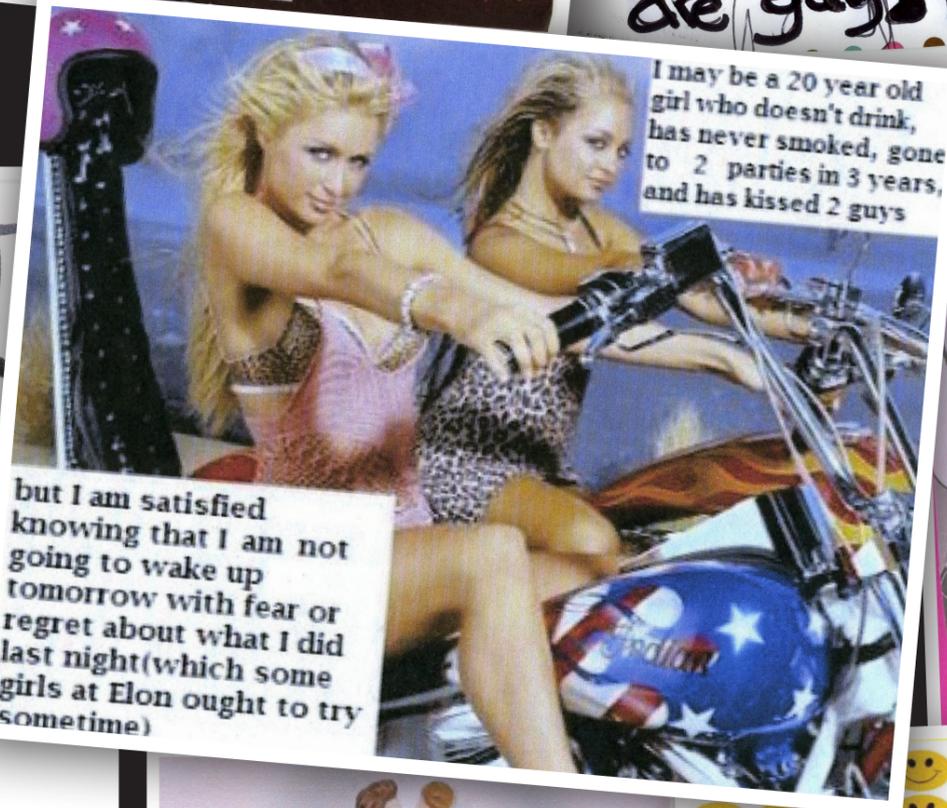
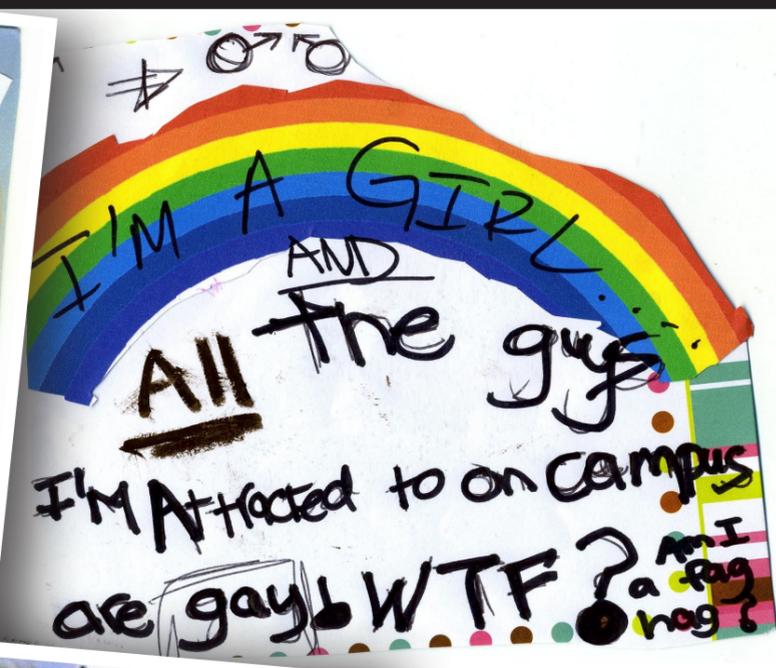
Warren's newest book has a new twist. While the book still includes the ever-popular sexually taboo submissions, most of the secrets focus on life, death and God.

To date, PostSecret is the largest advertisement-free blog in the world and has more than a quarter million visitors. Warren currently travels to college campuses to tell the stories behind the secrets.

For more information, visit: www.postsecret.com.

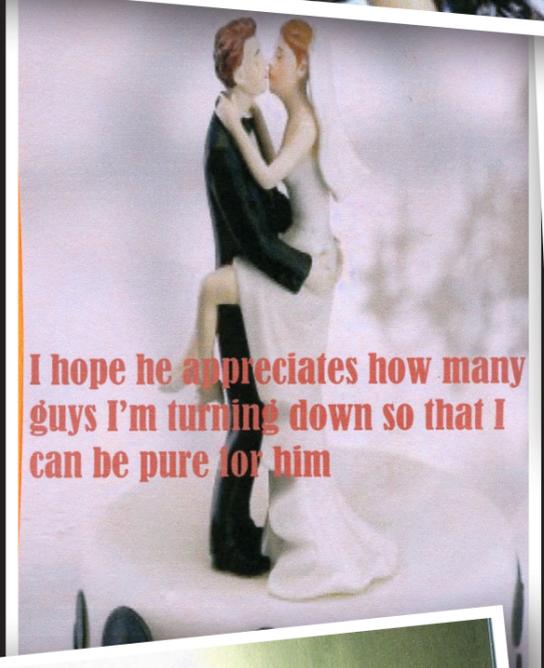


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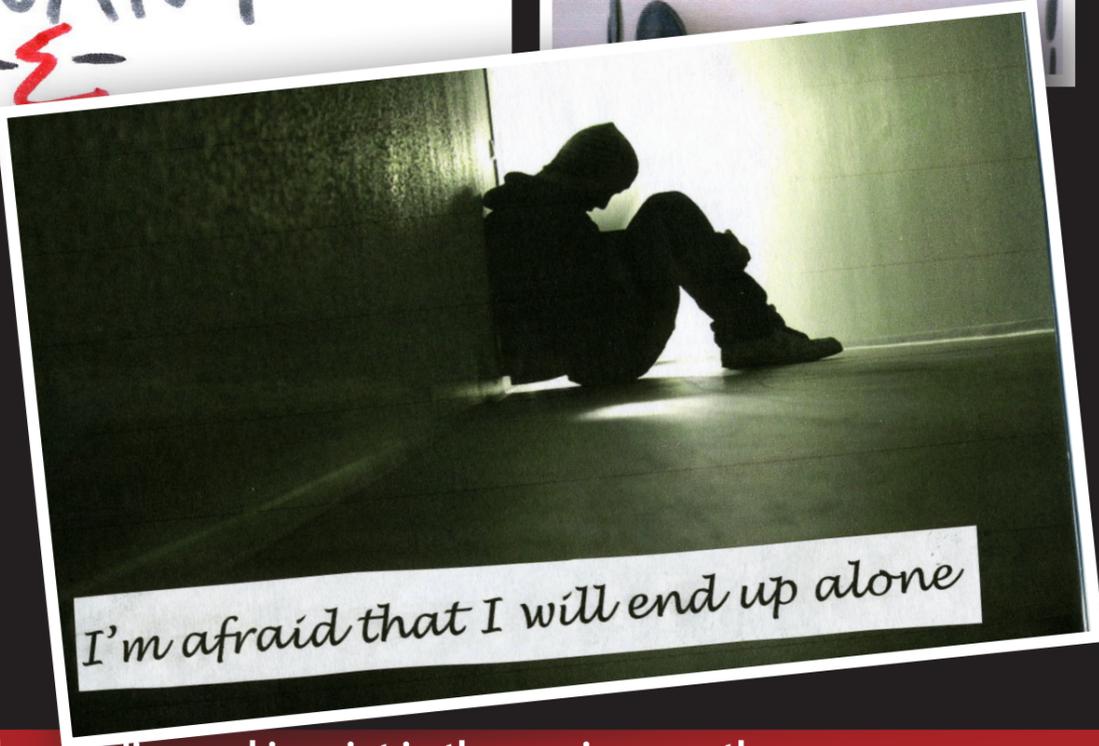


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Style

THE MOO BEHIND THE MILK

Rich experiences at Homeland Creamery offer insight to milk industry

Camille DeMere
Multimedia Editor

In a time when the average meal can travel about 1,500 miles to a consumer's plate, it isn't strange to feel detached from food or not think of its origins past the refrigerated aisles of the grocery store. But 20 minutes away from Elon in Julian, N.C., Diana Euliss and Homeland Creamery are working to change that.

For five years the creamery, which boasts its own herd of about 330 cows, has put on tours for school-age children to get comfortable with a farm environment and see where their food really comes from. Euliss has been guiding the tours for four years.

"It's good for them to know that they can come out here and see how crops are grown," she said. "They see exactly where their milk comes from and that it really doesn't just come from the grocery store."

One fall morning, Euliss guided seven children, 4 years old and younger, to a rumbling tractor towing a flat-bed trailer lined in hay-bale seats.

She pointed out the three breeds of dairy cows lounging in the sun near the creamery's entrance. The classic black-and-white spotted Holsteins, creamy brown Jerseys and one rust-and-white splotched Ayrshire are not cooped up. They have free reign of a large field that



ABOVE: A 5-week-old calf at Homeland Creamery waits to be fed by touring groups. BELOW: Four-year-old Georgia Moorefield feeds a 5-week-old calf at Homeland Creamery with help from Diana Euliss.

goes from the road all the way back to the milking parlor.

From 3:30 to 6 a.m., cows are led 16 at a time into a barn-like building covered in stainless steel. At each station, a computer scans each cow's ear tag which houses a microchip that stores vital information like the cow's age, its average milk output and any medications it takes.

"We do take very good care of our cows," Euliss said. "If they need antibiotics or any kind of medication, they get it. But it's not good for us to drink the milk with medication in it."

Milk from cows on medicine flows directly into drains and is not collected for processing. The rest is pushed through

stainless steel tubes to the on-site processing plant built seven years ago.

"We can actually milk our cows, process the milk and deliver it to the store all in the same 24 hours," Euliss said.

Lowe's Foods on University Drive is one of the stores that carries Homeland's milk.

"We started getting milk from them when we had the Gibsonville store," said Terri Heitger, who is in charge of receiving goods at the grocery store. "Their prices don't change as much with the economy, but they have a lot of people that are really loyal."

Back in the milking parlor, Homeland Creamery also

collects a small amount of the milk from a cow that has recently given birth to feed its calf.

To do this, Euliss holds a foot-tall baby bottle steady as 4-year-old Griffin Reader helps feed a 5-week-old calf its mother's milk.

"For our kids, it was probably more just playing with the animals," said his mother, Lori Reader, who also brought her 2-year-old daughter Sydney along. "But at least now they know that's where their milk comes from and that you can make ice cream out of it."

Euliss said the education offered on the tours isn't just for the kindergarten set.

"It's also to educate the parents somewhat because a lot of grown-ups don't really understand the workings of the farm," she said.

"Grown-ups" can learn how to milk by trying it for themselves on a metal and rubber tubing stand-in, a standard part of a creamery tour which finishes off by trying some of the creamery's products, like its cake batter ice cream.

Homeland Creamery offers tours for all ages, at 10 p.m. Monday through Friday through mid-November. Call Vicki at (336) 674-8598 to make reservations. Tours are \$6 per person.



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Inventor of USB flash drive and business professor shares his story



Shimon Shmueli, an adjunct business administration professor at Elon, invented the USB flash drive 10 years ago.

Rebecca Smith
Senior Reporter

For college students, the USB flash drive is a way of life. For Shimon Shmueli, it is a product of his life.

Ten years ago, Shmueli invented the USB flash drive. But he is much more than an inventor. He is also a marketer, designer, manager, storyteller, thinker, strategist and adjunct business administration professor at Elon University.

When he first moved to the United States, he worked as a service manager for a small medical company. While the job paid well, Shmueli said it was "lousy." He found a new job at IBM research labs and worked there for three years, but said he wasn't happy because something was missing.

"Professional success is a combination of two things: personality and attitude," Shmueli said. "I did not have the personality for the job. I am more of an extrovert, so I went to school to get my MBA in marketing."

Afterward he started working for marketing at IBM, as the worldwide product manager for the ThinkPad line of consumer notebooks. Responsible for consumer products, he had to figure out what people needed and what people looked for in a product. This job allowed him to interact with people because of his knowledge of technology.

"I was at Borders bookstore and saw someone using the ThinkPad," Shmueli said. "There is nothing like the satisfaction from seeing someone using something that you made."

While at IBM, Shmueli created the USB flash drive. The patent was filed in September 2009. While the history of the product is unclear, an IBM invention disclosure by Shmueli is the earliest document to describe only the USB flash drive. IBM's DiskOnKey, originating from Shmueli's idea, was the first of its kind to sell in late 2000.

Shmueli thought USB flash drives should be more than just storage space. He tried to persuade IBM of this idea, but ultimately he found KeyNetica, where he worked further with the USB flash drive.

It took the average consumer three years to start using and understanding flash drives. At first, consumers did not appreciate the convenience of the drive, he said.

"Sometimes people just don't understand," Shmueli said. "You can have the greatest product, but it could be slow to gain popularity because of human interest or the lack thereof. For example, when the camera phone came out, I did not understand why anyone would want that. But now I realize it is very useful."

Shmueli gradually became a professor. Professors at different schools would ask him to come speak to their classes and he was energized by the curiosity of the students.

"I consider myself always a teacher and always a student," Shmueli said. "I enjoy sharing my stories and my knowledge, and I love being around people that I can learn from. I think the best way to learn a lot is to teach."

He uses the stories of his innovations in class to teach students about product development. Shmueli said he tries to help students understand marketing is all about humans. For example, in one of his classes, students are marketing scooters and he challenged them to truly understand the intended consumer. His class said humans see cars as a status symbol, and they have an emotional attachment to cars.

"I tell my students to study humans and to listen," Shmueli said. "You need to try and understand humanity in a deep way. Everything else can be learned. The difference between good marketing and not-so-good marketing is the ability to understand people in a visceral and emotional way. Most products fail not because of the technology or the engineer, but because it doesn't address real human needs."

This fall was the 10th anniversary of the USB flash drive, and as a way to celebrate, Shmueli co-designed a new flash drive he said is "the best one yet."

He will not divulge what new characteristics this product entails, but he said he hopes consumers will not take three years to appreciate the latest version of his work.

Elon explores student support groups to help with transition to college

Kassondra Cloos
Reporter

Even though student support groups that help students adjust to college have been established at other universities for decades — some, such as Harvard, hosting as many as 18 groups — this is the first year for such groups at Elon.

"When I taught Elon 101, I found a lot of students having trouble facilitating to college life," said Christine Gainey, Elon's group facilitator.

Although she said Elon 101 does an excellent job of helping new freshmen transition to college, sometimes students need more.

Unlike the "family" Elon 101 creates, Gainey said groups will offer "a little more of what counselors do — in-depth support."

Most of the difficulty students have with transitioning, she said, has to do with letting go of the past, especially letting go of how they thought college would be.

"I tried to make a list of all the changes that students undergo when transitioning to college, but I found that it could go on for pages and pages," Gainey said.

A new student transition group has met three times this semester to discuss the challenges of roommates, friends and new areas, but continuation of the meetings will be contingent upon student need, as there has not yet been an overwhelming response.

"The groups are still in the early stages," Gainey said. "Probably three to four dozen students know that they exist."

She said marketing and publicizing the groups are currently the greatest challenge, and she said she hopes to soon have a list of group sessions available on Counseling Services' Web site.

Gainey said she is particularly excited about a new group regarding relationships.

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- Christine Gainey
GROUP FACILITATOR

"The No. 1 thing that brings students in (to Counseling Services) is when they're having problems with relationships," Gainey said. "This group will focus on skill building, preventing problems before they start and romantic involvement, including when to say yes and setting boundaries."

Gainey said many students are often scared or embarrassed to ask for help when they need it, but she advises students to realize that "most people could use a little bit of help now and then."

She also said students "should take the risk of trying things out, even more than once."

There has already been an informational session for students who would like to learn how to support friends with eating disorders, and Gainey said she hopes to hold more sessions like that in the near future.

In the meantime, Gainey welcomes any questions or suggestions that can help Counseling Services better meet student needs.

The group meets are at 8:30 p.m. on Mondays in Oaks 205.

For more information, call Counseling Services at (336) 278-7280.

TOP 10 free iPhone Apps

Lauren Townsend
Reporter

Apple offers 100,000 different applications in 20 categories for the iPhone and iPod touch. The Pendulum has narrowed down the best free ones to download:

10. Use Your Handwriting — This application is a to-do list that allows iPhone users to replicate their own handwriting using their index finger as a pen. Users can easily switch between lists by shaking the phone or make an item on the list high priority with the touch of a finger. They can also cross out an item by striking through it. This application is easy to use and great for those who like to use their own handwriting instead of typeface. There is no space limit, and it allows several different categories of lists.

9. Eventful — Eventful takes a user's location, and with a quick registration and preference process, compiles a list of events and venues in the area. While it recognizes big events around Greensboro, it doesn't allow users to enter their own locations and does not include Elon as an available city. It also misses smaller Greensboro venues like Greene Street Club where bands like Forever the Sickest Kids and The Rocket Summer are playing in the next few weeks.

8. The Weather Channel — The Weather Channel application takes a user's current location and gives the temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity, UV index, visibility and time of sunrise and sunset. Users can switch between current weather conditions, hourly conditions, a 36-hour forecast and a 10-day forecast. This application is perfect for users unsure what to wear for the day.

7. Stanza — Stanza is perfect for users who enjoy reading but don't have the space to carry books everywhere. Stanza offers an online catalog of free books users can download and read with the application. The catalog links to e-book retailers, where users can buy e-books for an average cost of \$.8. The application has a program users can download to their computers to upload their own e-books to their iPhones. The formatting does not always translate correctly when personal e-books are added to the Stanza library, but it still offers a great way to read books

without carrying them around, even with the limited selection of free books.

6. PhotoShop.com Mobile — Users can open any picture they have stored on their iPhone for editing, giving them the ability to crop photos, adjust exposure, saturation and tint, make the photo black and white and play with effects ranging from adding a border to adding a vignette. Edited photos can be saved to the iPhone or uploaded to PhotoShop.com, so it can be located from any computer.

5. iheartradio — This application is perfect for users who are traveling, or just Elon students missing hometown radio stations. Users can search stations by location and genre, mark stations as favorites and tag songs so they can be reminded to buy them later. With iheartradio, users can listen to any station in the world and discover new music with the application's large variety.

4. Facebook — Facebook for iPhone allows any user to update or check profiles on the go. Facebook mobile allows users to access their news feed, notifications and requests, as well as change their own profile pictures and Facebook chat.

3. Pandora — All that's required for the Pandora application is a free Pandora account, which allows users to create their own stations based on artists and songs they enjoy. Pandora will play music similar to what the user has chosen on custom "radio" stations. If users are tired of listening to their own music or don't have the storage space on their iPhone to hold every song they like, the Pandora application provides extra music.

2. Remote — Remote allows users to sync their iPhone with their iTunes library and to control playlists from across the room. This application works with PCs and Macs to turn the iPhone into a remote for the user's computer, and it allows users to access their iTunes with their iPhone as long as both are connected to the same wireless connection.

1. Bump — Bump allows users to share contacts, e-mails and photos with each other simply by bumping hands while holding the iPhone. The light bump is enough for the iPhone to get the signal to transfer files. This is great for users who want to share photos and contacts with friends.

the decorated body:

EXPLORING anthropology & FASHION

Alexandra Johnston
Fashion Columnist

Since the dawn of time, human beings have expressed themselves through the clothes they wear. Although styles and trends change each season, the role of clothing as a representation of one's self and one's beliefs will always lie underneath.



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Anne Bolin, professor of anthropology at Elon, has dedicated a portion of her studies to this topic.

"The most important point to consider is the idea of the decorated body," Bolin said. "Clothing is part of (a) cultural system of embodiment that is used to demonstrate who we are and is a vehicle to perform our identities."

Bolin's personal style is a favorite of Elon students. Many female students often comment on how unusually creative her pairings are. Bolin likes to add a twist to her outfit every day in order to push the boundaries of clothing in the workplace and express her identity as an anthropologist and feminist.

"For example, on some days I might like to dress in a professional and conventional suit," Bolin said. "But it's not going to be traditional grey or navy. It'll be purple."

In addition to a colorful collection of slacks, suits and skirts, Bolin frequently wears ethnic jewelry. She uses it as a representation of her anthropological identity and the cultures she has researched and admired. She is particularly fond of her Pacific adornments, such as her Samoan shell necklace.

Through her research on women's embodiment spanning the historical and cross-cultural, Bolin has explored how clothing modifies women's shape. A classic example is the corset, an extreme alteration with negative medical consequences to meet ideals of feminine beauty.

Clothing is also a representation of a particular time period and political era. Bolin fondly remembers growing up in Boulder, Colo., amid the women's liberation movement and the sexual revolution of the late 1960s. Clothing at that time was used as a catalyst for change in traditional women's gender roles.

"Women didn't wear pants," she said. "We went into the men's stores and started buying their jeans and wearing them. There were no women's jeans."

By refusing to conform to the skirted, coifed women's appearance of the time, a simple act such as buying men's pants turned into a serious advocacy and political effort for change, Bolin said.

Today, clothing still holds a sense of identity for many. On a recent trip to Taiwan, Bolin requested to be shown the youth shopping area in Taipei by a few young Taiwanese female students. Between storefronts and shops, the young women expressed their opinions of the high-heeled shoe.

"I'll never forget these young women who were just so marvelously political," Bolin said. "As one of the students sat there with me, she took off her high heeled pointed shoe and said, 'This is not an insignia of my submission. It makes me taller. I'm as tall as the men and I can look them eye-to-eye and I can take this off and use it as a weapon.' She was fabulous. I love how she co-opted meaning and expressed her agency."

It is interesting to see how much meaning clothing has in cultures around the world by observing clothing as an important element in understanding material culture.

"Clothing means something to people," Bolin said. "It has a strong personal and cultural symbolic load. An article of clothing may be kept for its memories as a sensory reminder. For example, wedding dresses or prom dresses are kept for their purely emotional valence."

Bolin still has the outfit she wore when she received her Ph.D. because of the deep meaning and sense of accomplishment the outfit holds for her.

Clothing has been a representation of human culture and means for political change since the beginning of time. Remember this and take it to heart when getting dressed.

Webcam speakers bring outside voices to Elon

Jack Dodson
Senior Reporter

A faculty member at the Poynter Institute, a school for journalism in Florida. Award-winning college photojournalists talking from their hotel room at a convention in Alabama. A Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and a freelance photographer who interned at the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times who video chatted from a Starbucks in New York City.

These are just a few of the people who have spoken to communications professor Randy Piland's classes via the Internet. Skype and iChat have given technology a new role in the classroom as professors at Elon have begun using webcams to bring speakers to their classes.

Piland teaches photojournalism classes and has used this technique for almost four years.

"It's just a way to bring some professionals to the classroom without having to pay the expenses to bring them here," he said.

Professors can showcase a lecture from anywhere in the world using this tactic, assuming the other end has an Internet connection and the timing works out, eliminating travel and lodging costs.

The speakers and subjects can be anyone and anything because the set-up is so simple and free of charge — that is, if you have a computer with a camera attached. It is possible to connect with a college student somewhere else in the world that may have an interesting story to share, or a world-renowned author or politician someone who wouldn't typically have time to drop by Elon's campus.

"It's a way to broaden their experience in the classroom," Piland said.

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings, Piland had one of the photographers from the Roanoke Times in Virginia who had covered the story video chat with the class.

Because the photographer was talking from his office, the class ended up talking to the director of photography at the newspaper as well as the Web manager and the managing editor about their coverage of the tragedy.

Associate Professor of Communications Anthony Hatcher has also used this concept, but said that using a webcam to bring a speaker to class loses the personal

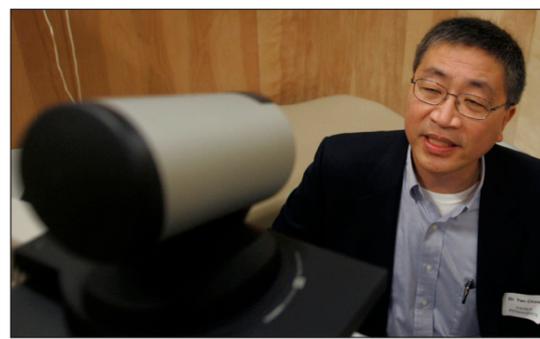


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Yan Chow, a doctor at the Kaiser Permanente Sidney Garfield Health Care Innovation Center in San Leandro, Calif., communicates with another employee through a Web camera.

touch of an in-person speech.

"However, having a live chat is the next best thing," he said. "The students were a bit awed by seeing (the speaker) — and themselves — projected up on a giant screen during the question and answer. There was a novelty factor."

Hatcher said bringing speakers to class via Webcam is like any teaching tool — not to be overused. Piland, meanwhile, capitalizes on the uses of this concept by saving all of the speeches that occur in his class through video chat and then posting them as a video file later on for his students and other classes to view.

"Teaching's changed a lot," Piland said. "Probably more in recent years than in past years because of technology. We like to think of it as collaborative learning. I like to present the students with a lot of content and let them gather what they can with it."

He elaborated that some universities take the idea a step further and record lectures to be kept on an iPod or iPhone. He said this can be useful for summer courses when students are not in classrooms but all over the country or the world.

While the idea is not new, it is beginning only now to work its way into the classroom as a typical medium for learning. Piland said that it's not a difficult concept, and it's not anything that is revolutionary. It only depends on the faculty's willingness to use technology that's already available.

GETTING THE MOST BANG PER BUCK:

Financial aid tips for college students

Lauren Ramsdell
Reporter

As all Elon students know, tuition, room and board can add up. What many don't know is that financial aid is not only available for high school seniors. There is a multitude of scholarship opportunities through the university and other organizations geared toward students that are already in college, and Elon can help with the search for some college "green."

Contact the financial aid office

The people working in the financial aid office don't assist with non-need-based aid, but they can help find information about other scholarships.

Financial Aid Director M. Patrick Murphy estimates that of all Elon students, only about 55 percent apply for financial aid. Of the 55 percent, between 38 and 40 percent are awarded some kind of aid.

"Don't make the assumption that you're not eligible," Murphy said. "You won't get any if you don't apply."

The financial aid office can help uncover scholarships that no one would ever think of — from Daughters of the American Revolution to Blondes Only.

Check your campus box often

Many on-campus organizations offer scholarships for women, minorities, men and specific majors. Some scholarships cover the cost of books and some are just a little extra to help take the bite out of a \$25,000 tuition check. Every little bit helps, so keep on top of the scholarship deadlines.

Currently, Sigma Phi Epsilon is holding interviews for its Balanced Women Scholarship. The deadline was weeks ago, and information was distributed through campus boxes. The ladies still in the running are there they checked their mail. There are also departmental scholarships that may become available depending on the classes one takes.

Log on

Found under the "Admissions" tab on the Elon Web site, the financial aid site breaks down

the types of scholarships into the following categories: endowed scholarships, merit-based programs, talent-based programs, ROTC, engineering and scholarships for high school juniors. The merit-based programs are only awarded to incoming freshmen, but the talent-based programs are renewable each year and can be an invaluable opportunity.

It is never too late to apply for need-based aid. Completing the FAFSA and CSS Profile was a requirement for first-time freshmen, and those applications can be updated and resubmitted for a chance at earning government loans or grants. Elon also offers an application for need-based financial aid specifically for returning students.

There are dozens of Web sites devoted specifically to finding non-need based scholarships. These scholarship search engines match applicants with scholarships best tailored to their interests, backgrounds and needs to help students find scholarships that are both unique and carry a great payout.

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Photo Editor



Senior Stephanie Lane and Twisted Measure perform during Pi Kappa Phi's "Push the Music" event Thursday evening in Whitley Auditorium.



Freshman Ashley Braun sings "Mama who bore me (reprise)" from the musical "Spring Awakening" along with the all-female a cappella group, Sweet Signatures.



Senior Kelly Wardle of Twisted Measure guest sings in Rip_Chord's version of "I'll Be."



Senior Chris Beeson and the all-male a cappella group Rip_Chord sing a variety of tunes from popular Disney movies in "The Disney Medley."

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE pounds out impressive tunes

Merissa Blitz
Reporter

After more than 20 years of performance, the Elon University Percussion Ensemble is about to hit the stage yet again.

Tonight, the group will perform multiple contemporary, percussion-based songs at 7:30 p.m. in Yeager Hall.

When associate professor of music Jon Metzger first started teaching at Elon 21 years ago, there was not a percussion ensemble that would complement the music degree program already in place. Metzger decided it would be best to start a percussion ensemble on campus.

"The best part is making such wonderful music with nothing but percussion instruments," Metzger said.

The group uses a number of different percussion instruments. During its upcoming concert alone, the ensemble will use the marimba, vibraphone, xylophone, orchestra bells, chimes, timpani, snare drum, tom toms, bass drum, bongos, tambourine, log drums, steel pan, cymbals, gongs, triangles, sleigh bells, castanets and slap stick, along with others.

Metzger said his favorite part of working with the group is the high level of musicianship among the 10 musicians who make up the ensemble this year.

Senior Mariana Poole has been a part of the ensemble for every semester of her Elon career. Even before her time at Elon, Poole was interested in percussion.

"I started taking lessons from Jon when I was in high school," Poole said.

Living so close to Elon in Pittsboro, N.C., Poole was able to visit the university every semester to watch the percussion ensemble's concerts.

"I thought they were amazing," she said. "So when I came to Elon as a music performance major, (this) was the class I looked forward to most."

Senior Evan Small has also been with the group for his full four years at Elon. Small was a percussion enthusiast in high school and moved on to become a music performance major.

"I played in the percussion ensemble in my high school and I was really excited to learn that Elon had one as well," Small said.

Every performer in the group plays several types of percussion instruments during the many different pieces.

At the concert, the ensemble will perform multiple contemporary percussion pieces, such as "Past Midnight," "Children's Songs #9 and #2," "Ceremonium," "Sizzle!," "Oh, Beautiful," "Taiko" and "Some Uptown Hip-Hop."

"I am most excited for the variety of styles we are going to play, from a piece inspired by the Japanese taiko tradition to pieces written for a traditional percussion orchestra," Small said.

Poole said she looks forward to demonstrating the group's hard work and love of music.

"I'm just glad that I get to share music that I love with an audience," Poole said. "All of us have worked really hard, and we've put together an exceptional program. I just hope everyone else will enjoy it as much as we will."

Student Juried Exhibition blows 'hot air'

Lauren Ramsdell
Reporter

Who's full of hot air? Elon University artists, that's who.

The theme of this year's Student Juried Exhibition, "Hot Air?," promises to inspire many of the best and brightest artists Elon has to offer.

Hosted annually by the students of ART 380: Professional Practice, the SJE is an opportunity for Elon's artists, regardless of major, to have their artwork displayed in Arts West.

"This year, students were able to submit any type of artwork they wish — whether it was sculptural, canvas-based, photography or even video," said senior Caitlin Rantala, a member of the Professional Practice class.

The pieces that make it into the show are selected by an independent three-person jury consisting of graduate students from UNC Chapel Hill who are working on their masters degrees in fine arts.

Students who make the cut are eligible

to win up to \$50 in prizes.

The members of Professional Practice, taught by associate professor of art Michael Fels, are responsible for coordinating the event, including setting the requirements for the artwork to selecting the food served at the opening reception Nov. 12. Professional

Practice is a class designed to help prepare art majors for the "real world" of professional art, Rantala said.

The students formed different committees to help the organization process go more smoothly. Senior Monica Huang was involved in selecting the jurors, but she also helped with other facets of the event.

"It's a lot of responsibility, in a good way," Huang said. "There is a lot of student and senior pride to be experienced when putting something this big together all by ourselves."

Rantala said she agrees that the success of planning and executing the exhibit requires the cooperation and determination of everyone involved.

What? **SJE opening reception**

Where? **Arts West**

When? **12 p.m. on Nov. 12**

"While we all have certain areas we're in charge of, the success of it all really boils down to a team effort," Rantala said.

The students are all expected to help with the installation committee, which is charged with developing the gallery space for the artworks. Putting together such a large project creates unity among various art majors from different disciplines and gives them a taste of the curatorial side of art.

"I didn't know many of the other art majors," said Huang, who is concentrating in ceramics. "I've made some new friends."

More than just a final project for ART 380, the SJE art show is an opportunity to see how much artistic talent the Elon student body at large possesses.

Student choreography inspires Elon's own

Lindsay Kimble
Copy Intern

Swift kicks, hands ripping the air, finding inner poise — these are all techniques some of Elon's student dancers explored at the latest performing arts master class.

On Nov. 6, the university welcomed renowned choreographer Kate Jablonski to Studio A.

"Stay focused and put your heart in it, and you can absolutely be successful in dance," Jablonski said to the attendees of her master class sponsored by Elon's DanceWorks.

Jablonski, a student at University of Illinois at Chicago, both owns and acts as the artistic director of Beyond Words Dance Company.

Jablonski, 23, began dancing at age 10 and started choreographing at 15.

"I have always known I've loved dance and wanted to do it, but out of this love is really where a career evolved," Jablonski said. "The business side of it is difficult, especially since I am definitely more creatively inclined."

Jablonski recently choreographed the 2009 all-state production of "Hairspray," which debuted at UIC in January. At the 2009 Capezio Award for Choreographic Excellence, Jablonski was awarded first runner-up, placing after "So You Think You Can Dance" alum Travis Wall. As first runner-up, she is currently planning her own professional dance show to debut in New York City in 2010.

The DanceWorks master class began with a lengthy warm-up, during which Jablonski stressed relaxing movement while doing yoga-reminiscent poses. For the latter half of the class, the dancers were taught choreography to the song "Sort Of" by artist Ingrid Michaelson. The piece depicted someone in an abusive relationship — the struggle of one to let go of someone she loves yet is so wrong for her.

Jablonski emphasized lyrics like "Baby, you've got the sort of hands to rip me apart" with elegant movement that painted a perfect picture of the "character" she described.

"The music inspires my choreography the most, for sure," Jablonski said. "I also study human movement, like people on the train or walking down the street. I'm also a big proponent of improvisation."

After learning the piece, attendees performed the dance in groups, and Jablonski encouraged them to improvise movement



The DanceWorks class performs a combination by renowned choreographer Kate Jablonski set to the song "Sort Of" by Ingrid Michaelson. CHRISTINA BROWN | VIDEOGRAPHER

following the choreography's end. Dancers moved across the floor, and at one point a male and female dancer improvised a lift-and-turn combination together.

"The class was wonderful," said junior Kara Griffin, DanceWorks' public relations chair. "It was so great to have a master class force us to be challenged and really fully (immerse) ourselves in the music and movement."

Griffin was involved in bringing Jablonski to Elon. DanceWorks pursued her for participation after seeing her choreography and hearing of her success in the A.C.E. Awards.

"In my Strategic Writing class, we had to choose fake clients for the year, and I chose Capezio," Griffin said. "Kate (Jablonski) was the runner-up at the Capezio A.C.E. Awards, so naturally I knew all about her for my project, and now she's actually here at Elon. It's really awesome."

Jablonski, a business major at UIC, said she plans to continue with her company but hopes to travel and eventually be involved in one of the numerous Cirque de Soleil professional tours.

To view some of Jablonski's choreography, visit: www.youtube.com/user/katishmatee or visit <http://beyondwordsdancecompany.com>.



Senior Matina Phillips participates in the class of student dancers. CHRISTINA BROWN | VIDEOGRAPHER

TRAVIS BUTLER

Student mixes mediums, creates experimental experience



Senior Travis Butler, a mixed-media artist, presents a detached reality in his installation. MY NGUYEN | Photographer

My Nguyen
Reporter

Senior digital art major Travis Butler describes his artistic vision in one word — "experimental."

His work with animal bones, found objects, felt masks and mythical creatures gives the sense of a constructed reality never before explored.

Butler has spent the past three months creating and collecting pieces for the installation he will present for his senior art seminar in the spring. A mixed-media artist, Butler sketches, paints and works with fiber and digital programs. Through fiber art, fiber installation and digital imagery, Butler said he ultimately hopes to achieve a

detached reality in his installation.

"My installation work uses the material of felt and found rusty, recycled and discarded objects to create an environment that seems weathered and frozen in time but soft like the wasteland of a forgotten dream," Butler said.

In the senior art seminar, students are expected to spend their senior year working on one project. They build a concept, work with faculty and other students, show their work and finally present and defend a thesis at the end of the year. Butler entered his fourth year already knowing what he wanted to produce.

"This past summer, I took a course at (Virginia Commonwealth University) where I learned different fiber

techniques like felting," Butler said. "I made two of the masks there."

These masks are perhaps the most noticeable elements in Butler's installation. Unique in form and emotional expression, Butler makes the eyes and mouth for the masks separately with a basic fiber technique called coiling. The emotions and faces of the masks — which each take about seven to eight hours to create — emerge as the form is finalized and composed. Butler said he plans to create a community of about 10 masked figures.

"I think these anthropomorphic figures are the most recognizable because they could be related to humans or cute, cuddly creatures," Butler said. "A connection is made between viewer and masked figure because both possess a spirit."

This sense of spirituality, fantasy and mysticism surrounds all of Butler's work, especially his sketches. In the installation, Butler takes this theme further, highlighting the soul and unknown history of the felt figures and the found objects that embellish them.

"The found objects contain a certain personality and history to them," Butler said. "They can all be found on the sides of railroad tracks. But when seen in the context of the gallery, they take on new, fantastic lives. I like to think that when everyone leaves the building for the night, the figures let out a breath of air. Shadowy figures spring to life from their relaxed positions, and the silence of the white walls is broken."

Butler said he hopes the setting and layout of his artwork will express an openness that emphasizes detachment, adventure, desire and discovery. Butler guides the viewer to experience the installation first as a removed participant, then to search for the adventure and alternate reality.

He said he leaves it to the imagination of the viewers, based on the material he has presented, to create their own stories, myths or histories.

As a contemporary artist, Butler does not want to control viewers. Instead, he presents his work and challenges them to appreciate it more than they may have appreciated other artwork — by literally becoming the art.

"To fully experience life, you can't be stuck in the same routines," Butler said. "You have to be adventurous and continually see things in new ways. In life, we are presented with questions. Should we keep doing what we are comfortable doing, or should we try new ways of thinking?"

Butler said he does not expect or want everyone to walk away from his work with the same understanding. Rather, he said he hopes they will experience the installation at different levels but ultimately grasp the larger themes of different levels of framing, searching and constructed space.

"Every adventure has a starting point," Butler said. "In many ways, this installation piece is my starting point. I hope I can guide viewers to find their own adventures by sharing mine."

CD REVIEW



Time for Weezer to we-tire

Dan Rickershauser
Multimedia Editor

When Weezer announced its first single off "Raditude," "(If You're Wondering If I Want You To) I Want You To," people felt their faith in Weezer somewhat restored. Maybe this new album wouldn't be as terrible and vapid as the group's past few releases. The song had everything fans look for in a quality Weezer song. It was catchy, cute in its own quirky way and was one of those songs people would actually look forward to hearing when it came on mainstream radio.

Since it is the first track on "Raditude," fans can't help but feel hopeful that this might actually be the first decent album Weezer has released in a long time.

Then you listen to the rest of the album. That is, if you can get through it all.

The sad reality is that "Raditude" is nothing more than the final chapter in the trilogy of horrible albums Weezer has released since 2005's "Make Believe." Look no further than the stupid pun of the album's name.

Where exactly in history Weezer took the turn for the worst depends on who you ask. For the snobbiest of music hipsters, it was 2001's "The Green Album" that put the final nail in the coffin. Others who held out on Weezer might allow that 2002's "Maladroit" had some decent songs. Then, there was the release of "Beverly Hills," the single off the dismal "Make Believe" that left most people bleeding from the ears, a song so artistically shallow that all it managed to accomplish saying

was nothing more than that lead singer Rivers Cuomo wanted to live in Beverly Hills.

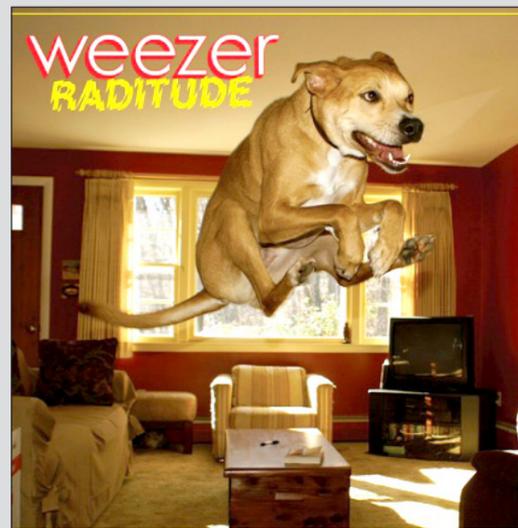
To understand how truly superficial and dull Cuomo's songwriting and lyrics have been of late, their initial appeal must first be understood.

Weezer once walked the fine line between being rock 'n' roll and nerdy to the core. It was one of the few bands that could write songs about falling in love with someone who turned out to be a lesbian ("Pinkerton's" "Pink Triangle") or taking criticism for fashioning their style after Buddy Holly ("The Blue Album's" "Buddy Holly"), while at the same time being rock 'n' roll enough to not make any of those themes seem pathetic, but cool.

But the theme of Cuomo's quirkiness grew more and more contrived with each new release. Which brings us to this album, where the once sincere nerdiness of Weezer has become boiled down to nothing more than a marketing gimmick.

There's nothing genuine about hearing Cuomo sing about how he wants to party all the time, like on "Raditude's" "Can't Stop Partying." Who wants to hear a lead singer who's pushing 40 years old sing these lyrics? "I can't stop partying, partying / I got to have Patrón / I got to have the E / I got to have a lot of pretty girls around me." It may be intended to be tongue-in-cheek, but so is everything else Cuomo has written in the last five years.

Fans need to do nothing more than look at the track list of this album to realize it's more of the same from Weezer. Songs like "In the Mall," "The Girl Got Hot," "Get Me Some" and "I'm Your Daddy" don't provide deep insight into the awkward and



Weezer's new album, "Raditude," is another continuation of the poor albums the group has released since 2005's "Make Believe."

nerdy persona of Cuomo like the group's first two releases.

This isn't the genuine dweeb-rock we used to love from Weezer, but a middle-aged nerd still trying to be cool. And to all Weezer's nerd-rocker base, writing songs this shallow and stupid in an attempt to gain mass appeal is nothing short of betrayal.

Hometown Heroes



MELISSA KANSKY | Videographer

Logan Aldridge, 19, is a freshman at East Carolina University and was one of four "heroes" who were honored by Elon Monday for the 16th annual Hometown Heroes awards ceremony. When Aldridge was 14, doctors had to amputate his left arm after a wakeboarding accident. Aldridge started a nonprofit organization to raise money for interactive games and activities at children's hospitals across the Southeast.

Freshmen class officers select the honorees, which are nominated by individuals in the class of 2013. Each winner must be "making a positive difference by touching lives and strengthening their home communities." The program is sponsored by the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

ALBUM REVIEW



Spreading the 'Glee' offscreen



Jane Lynch, from the hit show "Glee," plays a highschool cheerleading coach who is the enemy of the glee club.

Christina Edwards
Copy Editor

"Glee" is taking over the entertainment world like "High School Musical" on steroids.

Fox's breakout comedy of the fall season had massive promotion last spring, building up to impressively huge viewership numbers and critical acclaim practically across the board for the premiere of the pilot last May. The hype managed to last through a summer of no new material. While the ratings continued to hold strong and steady and the battalion of new young stars conquered the rabid press at Comic Con, the little show that could braved a relatively new frontier for television: iTunes and the general music world at large.

Within a day of each new episode airing, at least one newly released cover track from the show has managed to break the top-10 singles on iTunes. On Nov. 3, "Glee - The Music, Volume 1" was released as a compilation of these songs. In addition, several tracks that have yet to premiere on the show made it on the album.

Generally, the tracks on the album manage to capture the same quirky, fun irreverence that has arguably made the show a giant success. "Glee" doesn't take itself seriously with its

earnestly over-the-top punch lines, and that same sensibility extends to the music, particularly in instances such as the cover of Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It," where wheelchair-bound, suspenders-wearing Artie (Kevin McHale) cheerfully declares, "This is a dance for all the sexy people."

But while many of the tracks aren't meant to be taken seriously, there is some serious talent and musical innovation displayed in these covers.

The show mainly focuses on glee club leads Finn (Cory Monteith) and Rachel (Lea Michele), giving them the majority of the solos. While Michele is more than a few steps up from Disney ingénue Vanessa Hudgens in the singing department, and Monteith's version of "It's My Life" has garnered multiple plays on this listener's iPod, the album gives the rest of the mega-talented cast a chance to shine.

Amber Reilly, who plays Mercedes, shows off a boatload of fierce attitude and vocal chops as she belts out Jazmine Sullivan's "Bust Your Windows" and Jill Scott's "Hate On Me." McHale's vocals on Usher's "Confessions Part II" is one of the biggest pleasant surprises in a show full of pleasant surprises. Both McHale and Reilly also get larger parts in the extended tracks of "Somebody to Love" and "Halo/Walking on Sunshine," splitting the parts Monteith and Michele took on the show.

The mash-up tracks, "Halo/Walking on Sunshine" and "It's My Life/Confessions," are a strong showing of innovation and are actually mash-up pairings that lyrically make sense. The show's breakout hit cover of the Journey classic "Don't Stop Believing" is a fun homage to show choirs everywhere.

There are a few misses, though. While it's nice to finally get to hear more than a few bars out of the talented Chris Colfer, who plays Kurt, the slowed-down rearrangement of "Wicked" showstopper "Defying Gravity," shared in a duet with Michele, doesn't provide much of a glory moment and lacks the epic impact of the original arrangement.

Overall, this album is incredibly reflective of the show — fun and silly, with a good quality that comes out of nowhere to surprise you. It's a recommended addition to the guilty pleasure playlists of iPods everywhere.

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STROKE OF TEAMWORK

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Sophomore Hannah Smith comes up for air while swimming a 100-yard butterfly on the "B" 400 medley relay. Smith's performance was one of many that helped lead the girls to their 3rd place victory during the regional championship Elon hosted Nov. 7-8.

Club swimming hosts regional championship

Allee Bennett
Reporter

This season, in the heart of New Bern, N.C., Elon club swimmers discovered in a game of Red Rover how a team is only as strong as the weakest link and the importance of teamwork.

This game, among others, was part of the retreat the club swimmers went on at the beginning of the season.

"This year, we are a lot closer than in the past, and we spend a lot of time together," senior co-vice president Peyton Jenkins said.

The club retreat brought an excitement to the member's poolside at the Fall Championship, hosted by club swimming last weekend.

As a combined team, Elon placed sixth out of the 18 competing schools with 396 points. The female swimmers placed third out of 18 scoring 251 points while the males placed seventh out of 17, with a total of 145 points.

More than 450 regional swimmers and visitors filled Beck Pool and overflowed into the racquetball and additional gym facilities for the two-day championship.

"It was excellent to see every member of the team chipping in for this event," junior team treasurer Kelly Molin said. "It's a huge deal."

The team had its largest participation yet, with 35 of its 40 active members participating in one or more events during the meet.

"We are retaining many swimmers and haven't been able to say that in the past," Jenkins said.

The team also has similar numbers of male and female swimmers, giving more opportunity to place in events during meets.

Freshman Matt Florian joined club swimming this year, just one of the reasons why the club created a second relay team to compete.

"I was just swimming laps one day and (Jenkins) told me to join club swimming," Florian said. "So I did, and so far it has been a lot of fun."

The team participated in two meets this semester. Against Appalachian State University on Oct. 3 the females finished fourth out of nine and the males finished sixth out of eight, putting Elon in fifth place overall.

The team also competed at Virginia Commonwealth University at the end of October, with both teams finishing third overall.

"We usually travel more in the spring, so we are all looking forward to preparing for our meets and possibly planning another retreat," Molin said.

Club swimming, a year-round sport, practices an hour and a half a day, four days a week. On Fridays, the swimmers connect in team building exercises outside the pool.

"We work hard, but we have a lot of fun," sophomore

upcoming co-vice president Laura Bondi said.

Freshman Kelly Lahvic said she is hopeful for the upcoming meets next semester. Lahvic placed first in one event at VCU and placed in the top two in all six events in the championship Saturday and Sunday.

"The biggest challenge is balancing swimming with classes," Lahvic said.

Lahvic finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke and in the 200-yard individual medley, scoring 108 points toward Elon's overall placement.

Sophomore Ross Rodriguez placed second in the 50-yard butterfly against Appalachian State and finished in the top 16 in four events during the championship, including 1st in the 50-yard butterfly and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Club swimming started the season with an abundance of firsts. Looking ahead, the team will focus on participating in more traveling meets and preparing for the next championship, including finding ways to endure the demand of participants of schools on the East Coast.

"Last year, it was a fire hazard to have the amount of people we did in the facility," Jenkins said.

Jenkins advised team members in ways to build ground in expanding swimming facilities, including a survey that was sent to students last year.

"I told them it will take time," Jenkins said.

The swimmers said they have high hopes to see how the club can grow in the upcoming meets and seasons. They are used to racing against the timer.



ONE ON ONE

Christian Binder and Russell Varner
Sports Commentators

Yankees win the World Series, questions remain unanswered

After an arguably uneventful playoff, the World Series provided plenty of excitement. The Yankees won, but there are still many questions unanswered. Should Hideki Matsui, a full-time designated hitter, have won the World Series MVP? Has Alex Rodriguez reshaped his legacy? Finally, do the Yankees have a chance to repeat their success next year?

CHRISTIAN

As a Yankees fan, I feel like all is right with the world. It took six games, but the Yankees showed they have returned to baseball supremacy. I have to give credit to the Phillies, though, because Cliff Lee and Chase Utley certainly provided a lot of excitement in the series. I disagree with the decision to give Matsui the MVP award. He did single-handedly beat the Phillies in Game 6, but he only played in

three games during the series. I would have given the award to Yankees closer Mariano Rivera. He only had two saves, but he pitched 5 and 1/3 innings and posted an ERA of 0. In the entire playoffs, Rivera tied his career highs with 16 innings pitched, 14 strikeouts and five saves. As for Alex Rodriguez, he came through in the clutch, which he has never done in the postseason, and now he finally has a ring. Redeemed? I say yes.

RUSSELL

See, here's what annoys me. You have media outlets like ESPN saying the Yankees finally won another championship. It's only been nine years since their last win. Talk to fans of franchises like the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs and then try saying it. It's things like that that just further deepen my hatred of the Yanks. I do agree, though, Matsui shouldn't have won the MVP. You shouldn't get the MVP based on one good game in the clinching game of a series. As much as I dislike Rivera, I do agree he should've won it. Or CC Sabathia

(who should never ever under any circumstances pitch to Utley again), or Mark Teixeira or Rodriguez, who I do think has redeemed himself. After all the steroid accusations he finally decides to show up in the playoffs. I think that'll silence his critics for a while.

CHRISTIAN

It was certainly a crazy year for Rodriguez since he admitted to using steroids and missed a month of the season. He still managed to crank out 30 home runs and 100 RBIs. What was more impressive were his stats during this postseason: .365 average, six home runs and 18 RBIs. That's exactly what the Yankees signed him for. That's also what made the Yankees so good. Even with Teixeira struggling mightily in the playoffs, the Yankees' lineup was so deep it didn't really matter. Looking ahead to next year, I think the Yankees will have a great chance to repeat. I'm not sure if Johnny Damon or Matsui will be back, but if they're not, you can bet they'll go after Matt Holliday or Jason Bay, maybe even both. I also

think the questions surrounding Joba Chamberlain and Phil Hughes have been answered: Joba belongs in the bullpen and Hughes should be a starter. Other than that, all the Yankees' depth will remain intact, and they should have a good chance to capture their 28th championship.

RUSSELL

I do think the Yankees will be in a good position to repeat, but I personally feel it is too early to predict these things. You have no idea what's going to happen in the offseason, and that could change everything. But I would not be surprised to see the Yankees and Phillies both back in the World Series next year. I do agree they have finally figured out what to do with Joba, so hopefully we can stop hearing all about that because I am so sick of it. I think Damon will be gone, but Matsui will be back after his performance in the World Series. I would like to think Holliday or Bay won't sign with the Yankees, but you never know what these guys will do.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

NOV. 4 - NOV. 9

Men's Soccer

Nov. 7
Elon 1
UNC Greensboro 0
Nov. 9
vs. Georgia Southern
Canceled

Women's Basketball

Nov. 8
Apprentice
School 32
Elon 100

Men's Basketball

Nov. 9
Greensboro College 61
Elon 85

Volleyball

Nov. 4
Elon 2
UNC Greensboro 3

Football

Nov. 7
Elon 42
Western Carolina 17

Nov. 7
Wofford College 0
Elon 3

ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

Nov. 13
Men's soccer (Southern Conference Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C.) - TBD
Women's basketball vs. Youngstown State - 7 p.m.

Nov. 14
Football vs. Appalachian State - 3 p.m.
Cross country (NCAA Regional) - All Day
Volleyball @ Appalachian State - 7 p.m.
Men's basketball @ Lipscomb - 8 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Navy - 9 p.m.

Nov. 15
Men's soccer (Southern Conference Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C.) - TBD
Volleyball @ Western Carolina - 3 p.m.

Nov. 16
Men's basketball vs. Charlotte (NIT Season Tip-off in Durham, N.C.) - 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 17
Men's basketball (NIT Season Tip-off in Durham, N.C.) - TBD

SPORTS BRIEFS

Elon volleyball heads toward end of season, looks to reach newly redesigned conference tournament

With only two games left before the Southern Conference tournament, the Phoenix volleyball team holds a record of 22-6 overall and 9-5 in the conference, as of Monday. Elon is currently second in the North division of the SoCon, sitting behind Samford. The new tournament set-up, where only two teams from each division make it to the tournament,

forces each of the teams' final two matches to be pivotal.

The Phoenix will go up against Appalachian State University at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 and Western Carolina at 3 p.m. on Nov. 15, both in the same division of the SoCon as Elon. Appalachian State is currently 12-16 overall and 8-6 in the conference, while Western Carolina's record is 3-25 overall and 0-14 in the SoCon. Appalachian State is tied for third with UNC Greensboro in the North division.

MORE ONLINE

Carter improves on and off court

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

Adapting to a new coach is no small challenge. Adapting to a new coach for a player's senior season is even harder.

But Devan Carter, along with three other teammates, will play his last season this year as a Phoenix under the direction of new head coach Matt Matheny.

"I think I've adapted well," Carter said. "Coach Matheny has a lot of new basketball terminology that I've never heard before, but our team is adjusting pretty well to it."

Carter is vital to the Phoenix this season, as Matheny will lean heavily on this team's senior leadership.

"Part of being a leader is making sure everybody is on the same page," Carter said. "So I feel a little added responsibility to do that because I know that's what has to happen for us to have a good year."

Joining Carter are seniors Adam Constantine, T.J. Douglas and Jon Ogolo.

"Those guys have been through the trenches also, so it doesn't just fall on me," Carter said. "We're able to teach the younger guys some new things and we work together doing that."

Adjusting to the new coaching is a challenge that can be solved off the court, while Carter has also taken necessary steps to improve his game on the court.

Last season, Carter averaged 7.1 points per game, making him one of the top returning scorers for the Phoenix. He also added about two rebounds per game.

The first step taken was during the summer, when Carter decided to stay at Elon. He made Alumni Gym his second home, lifting weights and practicing all summer.

Carter also played in the Triad Pro-Am league this summer, which featured several NBA players and Wake Forest players. Former Demon

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Of course, I want to have a good senior year, but ultimately I know that if I average 25 points per game and we win four games, our season would be a failure.

- Devan Carter
SENIOR GUARD

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Deacon James Johnson and all-state Chris Paul were two NBA players who played alongside Carter in the league.

"Every game we played against somebody from Wake Forest, somebody who played (in Europe) or somebody in the NBA," Carter said.

By playing in this league, Carter said he got used to playing against top-level competition, which can only help the Phoenix when the season starts.

But when personal goals are discussed, Carter admits it's a little too early to think about those things. Like any good leader, Carter said he would much rather have team success than personal success.

"Of course I want to have a good senior year, but ultimately I know that if I average 25 points per game and we win four games, our season would be a failure," Carter said. "I'd much rather average five points per game and make it to the NCAA tournament."

He said he believes the Phoenix has the players and the talent to capture a Southern Conference tournament championship, which would give the team an automatic NCAA tournament bid.

If the Phoenix does capture its first tournament championship, Carter will be one of the keys to victory, regardless of how many points he scores.



Senior guard Devan Carter jumps up for the score in the game last Monday against Greensboro College. Carter had 13 points, four rebounds and one assist in the win against the Pride. He played for a total of 20 minutes.

Former Elon coach gains top position in NFL

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

Burlington native and former Elon basketball coach Danny Morrison thought his last job would be athletics director at Texas Christian University.

He felt comfortable in the Fort Worth, Texas, area.

Then his good friend, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, came calling. Richardson was looking for a new team president after his son had stepped down.

"He called on a Saturday and told me that he had an extraordinary opportunity," Morrison said. "The next day he called back, and that's where it all fell into fruition."

Morrison was officially named the president of the Carolina Panthers on Sept. 2. He is responsible for the Panthers' business operations, and he represents the organization in league matters.

But while some become overwhelmed with the jump from college to professional sports, Morrison said he has adjusted smoothly.

"I knew there would be a learning curve, but (this job) has been made

easier for me because I came into an organization already with good people," Morrison said. "All one really has to do is see that Mr. Richardson has one of the classiest organizations in the NFL."

Working his way up

As is the case with most powerful sports figures, Morrison had humble beginnings. After graduating from Wofford College in 1975, Morrison went back to work for his alma mater, Williams High School, in Burlington.

He coached basketball and taught math for five years, then was hired by Elon College to be an assistant basketball coach and the mens head tennis coach. Morrison also taught in the math department at Elon.

Morrison said he would always be grateful for the opportunity offered to him by Elon, and that the people of the Elon community were great people to work with and learn from.

"I loved my time at Elon because it was such a special time," Morrison said. "The people there took interest in (me), and they showed me a lot."

One person who was around to show Morrison the college sports scene was current Elon men's head golf coach Bill Morningstar.

"He was the top candidate for the assistant basketball coach position, and we were already familiar with him from local basketball camps," Morningstar said.

Morrison started at Elon in 1980 and climbed the ladder quickly. He eventually swapped teaching for an assistant athletics director position, which led him to his field of expertise.

From Elon, Morrison was named the athletics director at Wofford in 1985, a post he held for 12 years. After four more years as Wofford's senior vice president, Morrison was named the commissioner of the Southern Conference.

In four years as the SoCon commissioner, Morrison established many partnerships and enhanced the conference's television coverage.

From there, Morrison was hired by Texas Christian University as the athletics director. He spent more than four years there before getting the call from Richardson.

Someone who moves through the sports ranks so quickly obviously has something that makes him stand above others, and Morningstar said he knows what that is.

"From the first day he got (to Elon), he was non-stop," Morningstar said. "He worked as hard as anybody I've seen, and he's still the same type person now as he was at Elon."

Becoming president

Morrison has found more parallels in the move to professional sports than he had anticipated.

"The fundamentals are the same in every organization, whether you're

at the college or professional level," Morrison said.

He said he has learned in his experience that it takes harmony, good listening and respecting others to run a successful sports business.

In regard to Morrison being the same person he was 25 years ago, Morningstar again had an anecdote to share.

"Twenty minutes before the introduction press conference for the Panthers, (Morrison) called me and told me the news," Morningstar said. "He said he had to run, but after the conference he called me back and gave me his contact information."

Morrison said he is also thankful he has had the blessing of a good boss everywhere he has worked.

"From Williams High School to the Carolina Panthers, I've had excellent bosses," Morrison said. "That makes for a terrific working relationship."

While hired in September, Morrison did not start working until early October. He is married, but his wife, Peggy, is still in Texas trying to sell their home while Morrison lives in the Residence Inn across from the Bank of America Stadium, the home of the Carolina Panthers.

"It's been tough, but it's a transition that we have to work through," Morrison said.

If history is any indication, Morrison will work as hard as he can to make another transition in his life.



Danny Morrison
President of
Carolina Panthers

Men's soccer looks to make history at SoCon tournament



Senior Orry Powers, left, struggles for the ball in the Oct. 10 game against Davidson College. Powers had one shot in Elon's 2-1 overtime victory against the Wildcats at home.

Jack Rodenfels
Reporter

The men's soccer team will attempt to do what no other Elon squad has done before as it starts the Southern Conference tournament this weekend at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

Last year, head coach Darren Powell led the Phoenix to the SoCon regular season championship. This year, the team has bigger goals in mind — to win the SoCon tournament and get an automatic bid to play in the NCAA tournament.

"One of the goals (the players) set was to participate in the national tournament," Powell said. "To be still playing this time of year and to have the opportunity to play more is really all you can ask for."

The Phoenix clinched the No. 3 seed in the SoCon tournament with a 1-0 win against UNC Greensboro on Saturday night.

In the 53rd minute of the match, senior Justin Wyatt netted his fifth goal of the year on a cross from 10 yards out from junior Brad Franks.

The win improved Elon's overall record to 9-7-2, with a 5-3-0 home record.

In 2008, the Phoenix posted a perfect 7-0-0 conference record on the way to Elon's first ever NCAA Division I league title. But the Phoenix lost to College of Charleston 4-1 in the SoCon title game.

Powell described the team's psyche this year as being relaxed, while at the same time knowing a conference championship is all the motivation needed.

"The men know what is at stake," Powell said. "We have a good group of

players that perform well, so hopefully they can use their experience and peak at the right time."

Powell said he will rely heavily on his team's unity and leadership — starting with its seniors.

Clint Collins, Erfan Imeni, Steven Kinney, Stephen Miller, Orry Powers, Daniel Street and Wyatt all have contributed on a major level this season while logging important minutes for the Phoenix, Powell said.

Three of the seven seniors have started all 18 matches Elon has played, with all seven of the seniors logging minutes in at least 16 of their 18 matches.

"(The seniors) have been to this stage before," Powell said. "They need to draw upon prior experiences in the tournament to accomplish what they set out to achieve."

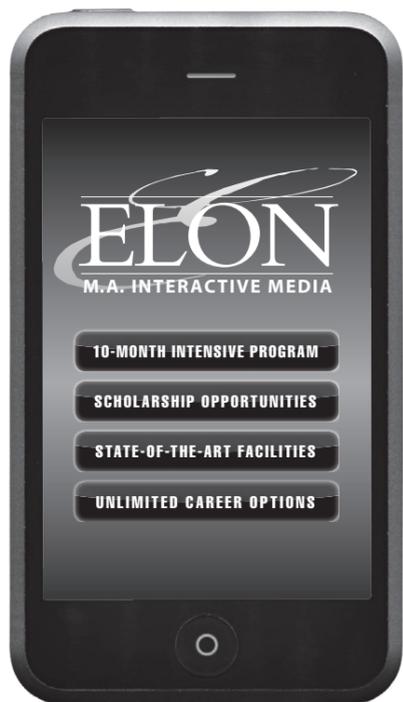
If the No. 3 seed Phoenix can win the SoCon tournament, it will advance to the NCAA tournament. That 32-team tournament is divided into four regional brackets, based on location.

Since Elon's move to Division I athletics, the men's soccer team has never qualified for the NCAA tournament. The Phoenix is currently ranked No. 6 in the South region, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

"We need to focus on our energy levels," Powell said. "With good energy levels, being injury free and being ready to play, you never know what can happen."

The Phoenix will play its first game of the SoCon tournament, the semifinals, at 5 p.m. Friday in Spartanburg, S.C., with the championship game at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Men's basketball ends exhibition play, looks to begin regular season



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Junior guard Chris Long, center, maneuvers the ball past three Greensboro College players in Elon's 85-61 victory against the Pride on Monday night. Long had 14 points, four rebounds and four assists. Sophomore Drew Spradlin led the team with 19 points. The Phoenix had four players with double-digit points — Long, Spradlin and seniors Devan Carter and TJ Douglas. This was the last exhibition game before Elon begins its regular season.

On Saturday, the Phoenix travels to Nashville, Tenn. to take on the Lipscomb University Bisons before heading to Durham, N.C., on Monday to begin the preseason NIT tournament. Elon's first tournament matchup is at 9:30 p.m. against UNC Charlotte.

Cheerleading proves to be more than just pompoms

Ashley Barnas
Online Editor-in-Chief

Doing 43 push-ups and 43 consecutive back flips can be a tedious task, probably dreaded by most people. But when the Phoenix scores 43 points in a football game, the cheerleaders gladly take on the task, making it look easy.

There are 18 members on the all-girl cheerleading team and seven guys and six girls on the co-ed team.

"No matter what your role is on either team, it's very important to be physically fit," senior co-ed cheerleader Chelsey McGinnis said. "If you're not strong and healthy, you won't be able to fulfill your duties on the squad."

The cheerleaders practice three times a week for three hours.

Freshman Amanda Locke is on the all-girl team and has cheered off and on since third grade.

"It's a great way to stay in shape — it keeps you really strong," Locke said. "You need to have a lot of strength to lift people up and throw them."

McGinnis said flexibility is also very important, "especially for flyers while stunting. Also, to be on either team, you must be able to do a back handspring."

The athletic ability of cheerleaders is not to be underestimated, McGinnis said.

"All cheerleaders must participate in weight training and cardio conditioning during and outside of practice," said Sandra Bays, part-time cheerleading head coach. "Core strength is very important with the level of difficulty of our stunts and pyramids. Previous experience in high school or all-star programs is important with tumbling and stunting."

The stunting style is what distinguishes the all-girls team from co-ed. The all-girls squad

usually uses two bases and a back lifting a flyer. Partner stunting in co-ed comprises one male lifting one female flyer.

Freshman Matt Smith said the toughest part of practice is the stunts and getting over the fear of dropping a girl on her head, something he thankfully hasn't done yet.

"(You) just kind of have to get it out of your head and just go for it," Smith said.

Learning the average cheer takes no set amount of time — they spend as much time as necessary to make the cheers, tumbling and stunts look polished.

"The focus of our practices is mostly on team (and) partner stunts and pyramids," Bays said. "With the importance of safety stressed at all times, it may take weeks to perfect particular stunts or pyramids. It just depends on the level of difficulty."

Freshman Billy Utasi said it's a lot harder than he thought.

"I thought it was just fun — you just go out and you cheer, but it's actually a very physically trying thing," Utasi said.

The men and women learn all their cheers at a brisk pace during preseason so they don't spend a lot of time learning the cheers during practice. From there, it's up to the cheerleaders to remember and perfect the motions.

Bays said the cheerleaders are fortunate to receive such strong support for the program from the athletics administration.

"Cheerleading is not recognized as an NCAA sport nationally, but Elon does recognize it as a varsity sport," Bays said.

McGinnis has been a cheerleader for 17 years and said having the opportunity to cheer at the collegiate level was a great opportunity.

"I love promoting school spirit for Elon athletics by doing something that I'm passionate about," McGinnis said. "I'm a captain this year on the

CHEER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Stretch and warm up
- Review standing and running tumbling
- Run through stunt progressions as a team
- Learn new stunts
- Work individual stunt groups or partner stunts
- Review and learn new pyramids
- Team conditioning: cardio and weight training

co-ed squad, and it's great being able to craft my leadership skills while working to better the squad."

While both teams cheer for football, they split up during basketball season. The co-ed team cheers for men's basketball and the all-girl squad cheers for the women.

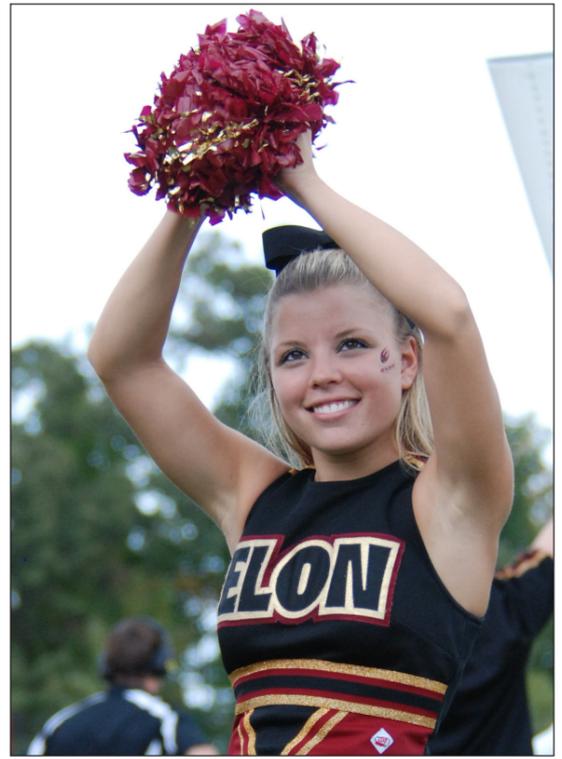
"For special school events, the two squads work together and that is always a fun experience," McGinnis said. "I was an all-girl flyer my entire life until my senior year of high school. For me, cheering on co-ed in college meant a new twist in my world of cheerleading, and I still love the challenge."

McGinnis said there has been a noticeable increase in school spirit since her freshman year, particularly in attendance at the football and basketball games.

"We are very thankful for the Phoenix Phanatics and all of the fans that come out to truly cheer for the teams," Bays said. "The players feed off of the noise and cheering of the crowd and it's nice to be a part of that."

Standing on the sidelines is not such a bad thing when you're a cheerleader.

"It's really exciting to support the school teams by helping to pump up the crowd," McGinnis said.

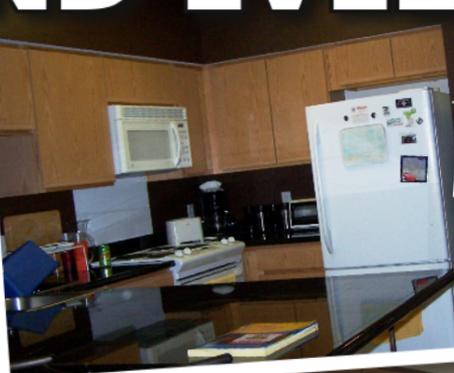


TOP: Senior Steph Hicks looks up to Phoenix fans during a home football game.
BOTTOM: Junior Ted Smith uses an Elon megaphone to get the crowd pumped during a home game earlier this season.

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Sports

After another SoCon win, the Phoenix prepares for conference-clinching contest

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

Two seasons ago, Rhodes Stadium was sold out for the first and only time in stadium history as fans filed in to see a matchup between Elon and Appalachian State University. In front of a crowd of 13,100, the Phoenix was ultimately disappointed in a 49-32 Appalachian State victory.

Last season, Elon traveled to the mountains of Boone, N.C., in an attempt to dethrone the defending national champions. Once again, the Phoenix came up short in a hard fought battle, 24-16.

This year, the Phoenix does not come into the game against the Mountaineers as the underdog, but rather as the higher-ranked team.

This season, the stakes are much higher.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Elon will host the Mountaineers at Rhodes Stadium with the Southern Conference Championship on the line. In both The Sports Network and the AGS polls, Elon sits at No. 6 while Appalachian State is just behind at No. 7 in the Football Championship Subdivision.

"It's really exciting to be in this position, and it'll be even more exciting if we can find a way to win on Saturday," Elon head coach Pete Lembo said.

The team that wins Saturday will clinch at least a share of the SoCon title and

earn the league's automatic bid to the FCS playoffs.

Elon will enter the game with an 8-1 overall record and a perfect 6-0 record in the SoCon. This is the first time Elon is 8-1 since 1986, and its SoCon record is the best in team history.

The Phoenix reached the eight-win mark after a 42-17 win against Western Carolina last Saturday.

Going into the game, senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins needed only 35 yards to break the FCS record for career receiving yards, a title previously held by Jerry Rice of Mississippi Valley State with 4,697 career receiving yards.

On the first play of the game, the suspense was taken out of the air with a 44-yard pass from Elon junior quarterback Scott Riddle to Hudgins.

With this catch, Hudgins surpassed Rice's record and eventually extended his career yardage to 4,812. He finished the game with eight catches for 153 yards.

"I knew I needed a certain amount of yards, but the record wasn't on my mind when the ball was in the air," Hudgins said.

Elon scored first on a 26-yard rush by Elon junior running back Brandon Newsome with 3:26 left in the first quarter. Newsome finished the game with four touchdowns, 16 carries and 143 rushing yards.

After several touchdowns from both teams, Elon went into the half leading Western Carolina 21-14.

"We've been spoiled by our defense all year," Riddle said. "We had some adversity with only a seven point lead."

The Elon defense responded in the second half, not allowing the opposition to gain a single point until 12:53 left in the game.

"The guys understood that wasn't their best effort in the first half," Lembo said. "We were in a close football game and needed to step it up."

The win against Western Carolina set up the Phoenix's marquee matchup against the Mountaineers.

This is the latest in a season there has been a matchup between two undefeated SoCon teams since the conference joined the NCAA Division I FCS/I-AA in 1982.

"Now all of our attention is on Appalachian State," Hudgins said. "Hopefully we will have a good week of practice and then Saturday go out and play our A-game."

In practice, the Phoenix will focus on stopping Appalachian State senior quarterback Armanti Edwards. Lembo said containing Edwards is one of the keys to the game.

"Obviously, with Edwards, you are playing against the most prolific player in the entire FCS," Lembo said. "He's got the unique ability to blow a game wide open with the very next touch of the football. Just when you think you have him contained, he does something incredible."

Last season, Edwards won the Walter Peyton Award, given to the nation's top FCS player. He is also the school's and the conference's leader in total offense, touchdowns responsible for, touchdown passes and rushing yards by a quarterback.

"We're definitely going to try and contain him," Elon junior defensive lineman Brandon Ward said. "He's obviously going to make some plays, but we're definitely going to hold him from the big plays."

The Mountaineers will come into Saturday's game with an 18-game winning streak against SoCon opponents, the league's longest streak in 50 years.

Last season, Richmond University won the FCS title, but the previous three years Appalachian State won the championship. The Mountaineers are also the defending SoCon champions.

"There's no question that their playoff experience will be beneficial to them," Lembo said. "Fortunately, we've played in some big games too, but I don't claim to make it feel like it's the same they've been in."

Top five things to look for against Appalachian State:

1. Appalachian State enters the game on a seven-game winning streak, the best in the Southern Conference. Elon is second, with a six-game winning streak.
2. This is the second Elon game that will be televised this season. The game will be on Fox SportsSouth.
3. Appalachian State leads the all-time series 27-9-1.
4. This will be the last regular season home game of the year for the Phoenix. The Phoenix is 4-0 this season at home.
5. Appalachian State quarterback senior Armanti Edwards won the Walter Peyton award last season, given to the best football player in the FCS.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 0** turnovers by either team throughout the entire game
- 3** of 3 fourth-down attempts converted for Elon
- 6-0** record in the Southern Conference for Elon for the first time in program history
- 8** sacks by the Elon defense
- 22** first-downs by the Phoenix
- 33** yards lost for Western Carolina because of sacks by the Elon defense
- 44-** yard reception by senior wide receiver Hudgins to break the FCS record for most career receiving yards
- 159** all-purpose yards for junior running back Brandon Newsome
- 465** total offensive yards for the Phoenix



ABOVE: Junior running back Brandon Newsome takes the handoff from Scott Riddle in the game last Saturday at Western Carolina University. Elon defeated Western Carolina 42-17. Newsome scored four touchdowns and rushed for 143 yards for 16 carries and caught one pass for 16 yards.

RIGHT: Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins reaches up to grab a 44-yard pass from junior quarterback Scott Riddle on the first play of the game. This reception pushed Hudgins past Jerry Rice's record for the most career receiving yards in the Football Championship Subdivision.

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