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Fat Frogg freestyle



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Hip-hop artist Eddy B, above, rapped over the DJ stylings of musical partner Tim Gunter at alumni-owned bar The Fat Frogg before headline rapper K.O. Kid took the stage. Eddy B and Gunter are both North Carolina college students who reside in Raleigh. Also performing was DJ Ladro, rapper Chris Levintow and Elon University student and rapper Josh Bonney. Bonney is represented by student record label Limelight Records, founded last year. They all took the stage Sept. 1.

Smoking policy expands restricted areas on campus

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News Editor

A new smoking policy at Elon University will be put into action this fall. Instead of prohibiting smoking 30 feet from all building entrances, the new policy expands restricted space to include 30 feet from the perimeter of all buildings.

As the policy significantly impacts and minimizes smoking spaces on campus, student input will be highly valuable in finding ways to advertise the new policy, said Jordan Perry, coordinator for student development and substance education.

"We really just want to know what is going to be most comfortable for students," Perry said. "We have to balance the needs of smokers, as well as non-smokers."

While the old policy was not specifically enforced, surveys of students, faculty and staff members indicated the policy was not well-known. This time, Perry will be working largely with the SPARKS peer educators to develop digital signboards and other media to make students aware of the policy.

Landscapers are currently assessing smokers' needs on campus by identifying smoking destinations so cigarette urns can be placed in effective places.

"If we just move all of the smoking areas to one location and no one really knows about it, it probably won't be used," Perry said. "That creates an additional burden on maintenance people. We want something that's going to be used if we're going to spend time and money on a smoking area."

Milton Edmond, an ARAMARK employee, said he had not heard of the new smoking policy and thinks it is excessive. Edmond is a smoker and said the new restrictions will make it challenging for him and other staff members to take a cigarette break.

"I think it's crazy," he said. "Thirty feet, that's almost smoking on the side of the road."

Further action to restrict smoking on campus makes Edmond wonder what the next step may be for the university, he said.

"To me, it's not just freedom," he said. "I just ask myself, what's next? No smoking, period? You'd have a lot of mad people."

Freshmen Chelsea Lopez and John Sisson, on the other hand, agree with the policy.

"I totally agree with that," Lopez said. "I got my tonsils out Friday and I can't be around smoke. I think they should change it to no smoking on campus, I hate smoking."

Sisson agreed smoking is detrimental but said he did not think Elon would ever be smoke-free.

Elon is currently not on track to be a smoke and tobacco-free campus, Perry said, but smoking cessation classes have been available for faculty and staff members and may also be available for students in the near future.

Career Services gets new format, setting in Moseley Center

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The Moseley Center will soon welcome a new inhabitant, following the relocation of the Elon University bookstore to the Elon Town Center. A student professional development center, formerly recognized as Career Services and located in Duke, is set to open next January, following a re-envisioning of the current campus program to better meet the needs of a changing student body.

The development center has a goal of serving as a liaison between students and career, internship and graduate school recruiters as a place for them to network, according to Connie Book, associate provost for Academic Affairs.

"We want it to be a place where employers and grad

schools can come and recruit students," Book said. "We will roll out a welcome mat to recruiters."

The new career center will feature interview rooms, with space to conduct face-to-face interviews, as well as the technology to conduct interviews via online technology such as Skype or ooVoo.

Three new staff members and two new fellows will help establish the new programming, Book said. There will also be advising on career paths, graduate school and paths students can take with their specific college degrees.

Such an update in career services was needed because the type of student attending Elon changed over time, Book said. In the past, most at Elon were first-generation college students who needed guidance on what a college degree actually meant for their lives.

"Now most kids are third-generation college

students," Book said. "They understand degrees and the workforce. They're now wanting networking opportunities."

This transition will affect not only Elon's general career services, but it will also extend to the satellite operations in the professional schools, including the School of Business and School of Communications.

"The goal is to steadily increase our exposure and our opportunities here," said Richard Jordan, associate director of career services for the Love School of Business. "We're moving in parallel, which in the past hasn't been the case."

The Porter Family Professional Development Center in the Love School of Business is moving in

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Elon opts to continue Teaching Fellows program

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

The news seemed to come out of nowhere.

"There wasn't much warning," said senior Teaching Fellow Taylor McKee. "At first we didn't know what to do, but then we decided we needed to try and save it. We started writing letters to anyone who would listen. Sending out stories about how Teaching Fellows changed our lives."

The letters to politicians may not have saved the North Carolina Teaching Fellows from being slashed from the budget, but Teaching Fellows at Elon University will continue as a national program instead of the original state mandate.

"I remember the exact moment I found out about the possibility of the Teaching Fellows program being phased out," said David Cooper, dean of Elon's School of Education.

The senior staff was on a retreat in Philadelphia when Cooper received an email from Glenda Crawford, director of Elon's Teaching Fellows program, on the way home from dinner. Cooper passed his phone to Gerry Francis, executive vice president, in the backseat of the van.

"He said, 'We'll go national,' Cooper said. "He saw this crisis as an opportunity and from that point forward we, as a School of Education, got busy."

Education was one of the hardest hit areas after the state budget was passed with more than \$322 million cut from local school districts.

The N.C. Teaching Fellows scholarships for the classes of 2012 - 2015 will continue as normal with no new applicants accepted for further classes.

"While some people knew the program was cut over the summer, we got a lot of parents and counselors who did not know until they returned to school," said Jo Ann Norris, executive director of Public School Forum, the administrative body for the teaching fellows. "We got a lot of calls from students who were very

upset and parents who are angry their sons and daughters are seniors and have been working toward this since they were freshmen."

Elon University is the only one of the 17 campuses that is able to continue the program at this point. Other campuses may have programs in the works, but no plans have been finalized.

"I'm really in favor of Elon's Teaching Fellows," said freshman Teaching Fellow Marley Moreno. "You still get to study abroad and you have so many opportunities. I think it'll be great to get Elon's Teaching Fellows' name out there."

The North Carolina program gave students a \$6,500 scholarship with a matching \$6,500 from Elon University. Once Teaching Fellows graduate, they must repay their scholarship with a year of service by teaching in North Carolina for every year they were given a scholarship.

Under Elon's new national program, students will be given a \$4,500 scholarship and eligible for Elon's \$4,500 Presidential Scholarship. The study abroad requirements will remain the same and the Fellows will not be required to pay back their scholarship with service.

There won't be an emphasis on North Carolina applicants, but students who apply in areas that are experiencing teacher shortages such as science, math and special needs may be given special consideration if all other areas of the application remain the same, Cooper said.

In previous years there have been a few national Fellows who joined through lateral entry, McKee said. And while at first she was concerned about opening up the Fellows pool to the entire nation, the idea grew on her.

"At first I was hesitant, but we needed to be pushing and strengthening education all over the place," she said. "It didn't matter where they are from as long as they get a leg up and the educational benefits. It's a family feeling and they are just as welcome as the North Carolina Fellows."



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer

Senior Kara Schillings is a Teaching Fellow studying elementary education. Following the discontinuation of the state-funded Teaching Fellows program, Elon is the only North Carolina school opting to continue the program.



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Seniors Kara Schillings (left) and Kathryn Huffman (right) are two of more than 70 current Elon Teaching Fellows.

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New Learning Communities encourage insight

Grace Elkus
Senior Reporter

Residents in the two new learning communities on campus are already enjoying the opportunities provided by their new home. Both housed in Colonnades, the Substance-Free Community and the Multi-faith Community proved to be popular housing options for students looking for an interactive environment.

Six upperclassmen and one residential adviser make up the Substance-Free Community, who have all made a commitment to live in an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free environment.

"Everyone on the floor has to abide by university policies, which are that no one under 21 can have a substance of any kind, and over 21 you can have it in a safe amount," said Ivey Huey, the residential adviser. "As far as that goes, I've made it very clear that no alcohol or any kind of substance enters this building."

Students applied to be in this residential hall.

"I think there is more of students holding each other accountable," Huey said. "For the people on the floor, it's not only a fear of reprimand, it's respect for the other people on the hall."

Sophie Bauers, a senior at Elon and a resident on the Substance-Free hall, doesn't think that there will be many problems with residents breaking the rules.



From left to right, Ivey Huey, residential adviser for the Substance-Free Learning Community, spends time with freshmen residents Tessa Kroninger, Jenna Hokanson, Emily Drago and Nicole Cesari before heading to an event.

"It wouldn't really seem right that someone would choose to live on this floor, and then bring in alcohol and drugs," she said.

Bauers' involvement in SPARKS! Peer Education, a substance education program that advocates personal safety, gave her the idea to apply to live in the Substance-Free Community.

"I thought the programming in one could support the other, and vice versa," she said. "I think it's nice for students that choose not to drink at

all. It's a space where they don't feel pressured all the time."

Bauers is hoping to plan a campus-wide event that will satisfy students who complain there is nothing to do on weekend nights that doesn't involve drinking.

"The idea is to do something late at night," she said. "It would have a dual purpose: one, to bring awareness to the learning community and two, to have a fun, low-risk event."

The 11 residents of the Multi-faith Learning Community are

equally excited about their floor's programming and have already had their first event of the semester: a dinner for Ramadan. Katherine Larson, a freshman in the community, thought the dinner was a great first activity.

"It was an informal setting, we were able to ask questions freely and the Muslims were able to talk about what the dinner represented," she said.

Coming from a diverse environment back home, Larson said she knew living in a Multi-faith Community would be something she would enjoy.

Becky O'Krent, also a freshman, practices Judaism and has family in Israel. She hopes to gain some insight on religion by living in the community.

"I've always been really interested in why religion creates contention between people, because it's meant to bring people together," she said.

Everyone on the hall has been extremely friendly, including the upperclassman, according to Larson.

"They can answer questions that we have, or tell us where stuff is, or give us directions," she said.

O'Krent said she has enjoyed living with those who share her common interests.

Both O'Krent and Larson are looking forward to celebrating more religious holidays and can't wait to learn more from their fellow residents.

Task committee to reassess role of department chairs

Hannah DelaCourt
Senior Reporter

Elon University's Academic Council has assigned a task committee that consists of faculty to reassess the role of department chair by redefining the position and making it more attractive to faculty.

The Council deliberates on the formulation of any general policy for faculty review and such an evaluation has yet to occur, according to Ken Hassell, head of the task committee, despite his efforts and support for the idea.

It is time the role, as a whole, is examined, said Maurice Levesque, associate dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the committee.

"It's a role that has become complicated and complex," he said. "The time seemed right to reassess what the role is and how we support the faculty that take on the role."

Currently, Elon uses a rotating chair system. Chairs serve for four years, and can then either decide to sign up for the role again or choose to pass it to another faculty member.

The committee started its process by surveying the faculty to find out their concerns and the changes they would like to see.

The Academic Council has given the committee a broad charge, and Hassell said its members must interpret the charge in order to best benefit the role.

"I think our main objective is to make the positions more clearly defined and more attractive so that

faculty will want to become a chair," he said. "Also, we hope that chairs can become more effective at helping their faculty and be successful in scholarship, teaching and service."

Hassell added that the committee needs to seek out the less pressing tasks chairs are responsible for, so they have the opportunity to focus on others, such as scholarships.

The committee hopes to finish its report this semester so it can be brought before the Academic Council and faculty for discussion later this fall.

Levesque said he thinks any decisions made will make a significant difference regarding the attractiveness of being a department chair.

"Department chairs influence a lot of things on campus, and I think

"I think our main objective is to make the positions more clearly defined and more attractive so that faculty will want to become a (department) chair."

-Ken Hassell
HEAD OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TASK COMMITTEE

that any changes that improve their positions, what they do and what they are asked to do will improve the university as a whole," he said. "The work of a task force like this can have a lasting impact."

Colonnades neighborhood provides space for living, studying

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

Construction of the new Colonnades buildings was completed this summer and each building in the area was named in time for the new academic year. Older Colonnades buildings A and B were renamed Story Center and Moffit, while buildings C-E are named Kivette, Staley and Harper, respectively.

"We're keeping history alive and the legacies of the people the buildings were named after," said Evan Heiser, assistant director of Residence Life.

The features of the dorm rooms in the new Colonnades vary depending on the set-up of the room, according to Heiser.

Students may live in single rooms with private bathrooms, traditional double rooms or a suite-style set up. The suite-style rooms include two-person singles with one bathroom and a common area and four-person double suites with two people per room and a common bath.

"They're really designed for students and to accommodate them," Heiser said. "Some rooms on the first floor of each Colonnades building can be used for smaller classes, such as Elon 101, and have projecting systems in them."

Each floor has a common area, study rooms, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Freshmen Curtis Van Iseghem and Ryan Swirsky, who both live in a four-person double suite in Harper Hall, said they enjoy the study rooms and the common areas on the floor.

"Colonnades has really good artwork and the rooms are already carpeted, which is great because I didn't even order a carpet," Van Iseghem said. "We also have motion-activated lights and neat dry erase board tables which are really fun."

In terms of location, Colonnades was perfect, according to Swirsky.

"It's right next to Koury Business Center, which is great because I'm thinking of majoring in business," he said. "I'd definitely live here again next year."

The proximity to academic buildings is also what drew freshman Morgan Kimbel to her Colonnades dorm, which isn't far away or secluded from other campus buildings, she said.

The Colonnades neighborhood is also home to many learning communities, some of which were moved to the new buildings for this academic year.

"Each learning community has its own activities in terms of each theme," Heiser said. "There are a wide variety of activities for each residence. Residents in La Casa de Espanol, the Spanish language and culture learning communities, speak Spanish while the Service learning community in old Staley Hall takes on different projects."

Community activities aren't always limited to academics though, said Rachel Mitchener, a junior mathematics major residing in the Math, Science and Engineering learning community in Staley, or Colonnades D. She said she and her floormates went to a whitewater rafting center last year

when the learning community was housed in Virginia.

Mitchener described her floor in Colonnades as spacious, but not much different from the floor she lived on in Virginia.

"It's really nice and I like that there are more singles on the floor," she said. "Colonnades has really good common spaces for people to congregate."

Heiser said the Colonnades neighborhood is popular for learning communities because of the features of each building.

"The buildings in Colonnades really have a learning community set up because they have space for gatherings and such," he said. "The rooms aren't much different from other rooms on campus."



The new Colonnades feature spacious common areas with study rooms, kitchens and laundry facilities on each floor.

Q&A with PACE student worker

Grace Elkus
Senior Reporter

Samantha Murray, a freshman from Amesbury, Mass., is one of 16 participants in Elon University's newest work study program, Providing Aid Through Campus Employment. The PACE program guarantees selected students on-campus employment during their time at Elon. They were also placed in the same orientation group and have Elon 101 together.

Q: When did you decide you wanted to attend Elon?

A: I visited Elon when I was going into my senior year. It was the first school I visited, and I fell in love with it the second I stepped onto campus. Once I got in, I knew that it was where I should be because it was always one step above all of my other schools.

Q: When did you first hear about the PACE program?

A: The majority of us had gotten a federal work study, and at the end of July, we got a message saying you've been accepted into this special works program. It said that there were going to be hands-on opportunities on campus, and they guaranteed us a certain amount of money that could be directly applied to our tuition bill. Having the work study was a good financial aid to begin with, but then getting this was a big step.

Q: What was the process of getting a job?

A: Before we even got on campus, we got an email from our adviser with a list of job opportunities, which were special positions that faculty had registered to be a part of this program. We had to submit back to her our top five choices with a reason why we thought we would be a good candidate for that choice. The employers then contacted each of us about setting up interviews. I had gotten emails back about resumes and interviews before I was even in North Carolina. We were guaranteed interviews at our top three.

Q: Where have you interviewed?

A: I've only had one interview so far, and that's my top choice. It's at the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, and

I would be their ambassador. I'll be working on service projects, doing a lot with feedback from students that go on trips and do community service and also from the organizations that we're helping. I'm going to help them keep their office open later for students, like in the evenings when all the adults go home, I'll be in the office. I'm 99 percent sure I'm taking that one, but I have a couple interviews in place next week.



MURRAY

Q: How does the financial aspect work?

A: All of us have a minimum number of hours that we have to work to get the guaranteed amount, but we can work up to 20 hours and make a little extra money. The first amount we are guaranteed will go right to my tuition, and then anything else that we make we get to decide whether it will go straight to our tuition or we want our parents to get it or something.

Q: If you accept the position at the Kernodle Center, when will you start? Are you worried about balancing work with your class schedule?

A: Probably next week we'll start putting together a schedule, so soon it will be up and going. I'm not really worried about the commitment because I'm used to having a job. I work when I'm back home, too. I think it's going to be a different experience because I've never had a job with that kind of role — I scoop ice cream at home. Community service is really eye-opening for me, so I think it's going to be a rewarding experience, not so much a stressful one.

Q: What has your Elon 101 experience been like with the other Pace participants?

A: None of us really realized it until the second day, but it's cool because we've gotten to talk about our interviews with each other and help each other prepare. It's been a really good transition for me. I think I'm adjusting really well and orientation helped a lot with that. I don't even feel that far away from home, and Elon is a home away from home.

Need-based scholarship added to Watson Scholar Program at Elon

Nick Zanetti
Senior Reporter

Ciera Martinez may not be living near her three younger siblings in Indian Trail, but that hasn't stopped the freshman from creating her own sense of family on the campus of Elon University.

Martinez is one of the 10 inaugural recipients of the Elon Commitment Scholarship, a new branch of the Watson Scholars programs funded by Elon's endowment, for students from North Carolina in need of financial aid. Each receives \$21,000 annually through the program, a total cost of \$210,000 to the university each year.

With the introduction of the scholarship, which intends to add diversity to campus, the number of need-based scholarships increased from 18 - 28.

Recipients are typically students who were the first in their family to go to college, had overcome some obstacle in their life and showed high academic and leadership potential.

"We looked for students that showed exceptional leadership and passion," said Cindy Barr, assistant dean of admissions.

During the summer, the 30 students currently enrolled in both the Watson and Odyssey Scholar programs attended an orientation to meet one another and become familiar with Elon's campus. They were also assigned to one of two Elon 101 groups specifically for their scholarship cohort.

"I'm glad we had it because, if we hadn't have had it, we wouldn't be as close as we are now," Martinez said. "We are family and we all depend on each other when things go wrong. If we didn't have that weeklong process, we would be so distant from each other."

Much of the discussions at orientation involved the students' leadership skills and commitment to contributing to Elon's campus, according to Lauren Flinn, assistant director of the multicultural center.

In addition to the summer orientation, the 10 scholarship recipients will meet once a month for special sessions. The first year will mainly focus on issues of identity and helping students understand their own personal identity and foundations.

"The point of the program is to make sure that these students have everything that they need to be successful at Elon and to graduate," Flinn said.

The 10 students were originally nominated for the scholarship by staff in the Admissions Department and the Multicultural Center, based on their application for the Watson and Odyssey programs, which encompass a total of seven scholarships.

The list of applicants was eventually narrowed down to a few finalists who were then contacted for a phone interview.

"We talk about what it's like for them to come from a different environment than most Elon students do," Flinn said. "We talk about how they can assimilate into Elon while still maintaining their own identity."

The final recipients were automatically enrolled in the Watson Program, which will now have 18 students each year — 10 receiving the Elon Commitment Scholarship and eight receiving The Leon and Lorraine Watson North Carolina Scholarship.

The scholarships assist students of diverse populations and Flinn stressed the need for diversity at any university.

"If there are people in a setting that all have similar backgrounds, then they will not be pushed to learn about anyone else," Flinn said. "It helps bring other perspectives to the classroom."

She's only been on campus a little more than a week, but Martinez has already begun to settle into a daily routine, particularly enjoying her interactions with professors and trips to the library.

"The people here are nice and welcoming, and the campus is very beautiful," she said. "I live far away in Danieley so it's really nice to have the library to go to work when I don't feel like going all the way home."

And as for her next four years on Elon's campus?

"I'm excited to see what is offered to us and how we take advantage of our new opportunities," Martinez said.



MARTINEZ

Freshman Kenan Scholar brings big dreams, joy to Elon

Rebecca Smith
Managing Editor

Each year, President Leo Lambert recognizes different students at New Student Convocation. One of the students



OJO

he mentioned this year was Omolayo Ojo, a freshman Honors Fellow at Elon University.

"She's got a beautiful smile and she is engaged and intellectual," said Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, director

of the honors program. "She is someone we could tell would bring a lot of joy to Elon."

This is fitting since Ojo's first name means "child is joy" in Yoruba, a West African language. Ojo was born in Nigeria and moved to Maryland in 1999.

"She was very memorable as an interviewee," said Kenn Gaither, associate dean of the School of Communications. "She was unusually poised and she was engaged. It was clear she was raised to straddle and respect the culture of her roots. She seems comfortable with who she is, and I think it is rare for a high school student to have a sense of self, like she does."

Ojo said she decided she wanted to come to Elon her sophomore

Kenan Honors Scholarship Award at Elon University

Each year, the most outstanding incoming freshman Honors Fellow will be named the Kenan Honors Fellow. The award includes:

- A scholarship, renewed annually, covering full tuition and standard fees.
- A one-time grant of up to \$3,000 to fund a university-approved study abroad experience.
- Funding for one pre-Orientation experience sponsored by the Office of Student Life during the summer before the freshman year.
- May reside in the Kenan Honors Pavilion or the Honors hall in Colonnades C during the freshman and sophomore years. He or she will be expected to provide leadership to other pavilion residents.

year of high school because of the school of communications, the study abroad program and the international studies program.

She was selected as the Kenan Scholar for the Class of 2015, the only full-tuition scholarship given at Elon University. The director of the Honors Fellows program names the Kenan Fellow with consultation from the Honors Advisory Committee and the Fellows Scholarship Committee, which includes four students, one representative from each grade.

"Without the Kenan Scholarship, I wouldn't have been able to come to Elon because even with the Honors scholarship, University of Maryland was cheaper," Ojo said.

In high school, Ojo participated

in marching band, color guard, wind ensemble, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Model United Nations, National Honor Society and took an additional class on graphics communication.

"The biggest thing I did that meant the most to me was NHS," she said. "It's very service oriented and it does great things. I was president senior year and it was rewarding. It wasn't about me being president, it was about me getting to help other people reach their goals."

After the tsunami hit Japan in March, several people came to her with ideas to help raise money to help Japan recover. Ojo said she was able to help these students start different programs and collectively raise \$6,000 in two or three days.

"Getting to hear people's dreams and help make them a reality was one of the greatest parts of high school," Ojo said.

She also wants to take her MUN knowledge and use it at Elon.

"I know Elon's MUN is growing and I want to help it grow," Ojo said. "There are so many local high schools and I think it would be great for Elon to host a high school conference."

She is also interested in applying for Periclean Scholars, working with the International Center to recruit more international students and participating in her Learning Community and Honors Fellows cohort.

"I am humbled and awed at being picked as the Kenan and plan to make the best of this incredible opportunity," Ojo said. "I'm not sure exactly how the next four years will play out, but I hope to leave Elon a better place than I found. Which will be a hard task seeing as how Elon is already a perfect place for me."

MORE ONLINE

Omolayo Ojo talks about why she chose to come to Elon. See the video at:

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REBECCA SMITH | Managing Editor

Location of Speaker's Corner moved to Young Commons because of campus construction

Rebecca Smith
Managing Editor

The area designated to be the Speaker's Corner during the spring semester is now one of the noisiest places on campus. It is not the noise of students speaking their minds, but rather that of construction taking place near Moseley Center.

West Lawn was picked as the Speaker's Corner location last spring semester, before the construction started, as part of a committee looking at the principles behind Elon University's civic engagement policies. It has since moved to the northwest corner of Young Commons, according to Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

Pam Kiser, professor of human service studies, was asked to chair a committee in 2008 that was charged to discuss how to handle student protests and how to increase the ability for spontaneous student speech.

"From the time the committee was charged, we discussed how there is free speech on all parts of campus," Kiser said. "The Speakers' Corner is not a 'free speech zone' but it is an area for spontaneous student speech."

Some students agree that Elon promotes free speech on all parts of campus, but a location designated for expression would be beneficial.

"I think, overall, Elon is a pretty safe place to talk about whatever topic you want," sophomore Ottavia Pomazon said. "I do think it is important to have a place to meet up and talk. I don't think it should be Elon's No. 1 priority to create a new location for this year, but I do think it should be a priority."

During the 2008-2009 school year, the committee researched similar areas on other college campuses, and last year the committee designated the West Lawn as the Speakers' Corner.

"A lot of places where students reserve tables or areas there is a fairly long cycle," Kiser said. "There needed to be a space with fewer hoops to jump through. The West Lawn of Moseley was picked for that area, and that is how the Speakers' Corner was created."

"It is the triangle right in front of Moseley," Kiser said. "It's the left of the flower bed. So it is actually more visible on campus than the previous location."

In order to use this area, students should pick up forms at the Moseley front desk and be approved either on the spot by Michael Williams, director of campus center operations and conferences, or the on-call dean if Williams is not available. The approval process can take up to 24-hours.

"In most cases there will be little

turnaround time, if any," Kiser said. "The committee was told that it will probably take 24 hours, but the committee asked for a shorter time than that."

Last year, the Speakers' Corner and its policies were not included in the handbook, but according to Kiser, will be included in the student handbook this year.

"To my knowledge no one used the speakers corner last year, but I think that is because people did not really

know about it," Kiser said. "I think once more people learn about the opportunity than more students will use this area of campus."

Some students have said they do not think a designated area for free speech is necessary.

"I think you could meet up anywhere," sophomore Trevor Rockey said. "I think that students should feel like they can express themselves on campus, but I think that could be anywhere on campus."



The demolition of Story Center this summer prompted a move of the Speaker's Corner, formerly located in West Area.

Elon launches senior-adult education program

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Senior Reporter

This week, Elon University launched LIFE@ELON, a new education program providing non-credit course sessions for community members and retired faculty and staff older than 50.

Each two-hour weekly session, led by Elon faculty and other area educators, supports the university's mission of interactive and engaged learning with one notable absence — no grading.

"We believe that this program invites our fellow citizens over 50 to enter into a learning community that will keep them vital in mind and heart and aid them to

craft new ways to re-envision later life and the contributions it can make," said John Sullivan, chair of the LIFE@Elon executive board.

The sessions were developed by the LIFE curriculum committee and are designed to address areas of interest to the specific age group.

LIFE is a community where members can attend a variety of sessions on topics from health to social media. There will be 12 sessions in the fall and another 12 in the spring, beginning in February. Fall sessions include: health and wellness over the age of 50, social media, aging in the 21st century, brain aging, musical theatre and others.

"Participants will become a part of a community of learners, meet people, develop friendships around common interests and engage the mind and the heart in learning," said Alison Morrison-Shetlar, dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences.

While other schools have similar programs, Sullivan said he believes LIFE@Elon is unique.

"I believe that we at Elon are putting our distinctive stamp on this program," he said. "We emphasize that our members are entering a learning community, not simply attending lectures and presentations. That subtle shift, I believe, will make all the difference."

Structure of LIFE@ELON

A total of 24 sessions will be offered in the fall and spring for a yearly membership free of \$100.

The first semester includes courses in:

- health and wellness over 50
- social media
- aging in the 21st century
- brain aging
- musical theatre
- the compassionate life
- post-Civil War History
- cathedrals of Europe

Information courtesy of LIFE@Elon's website

Protocol changes for administrators on call

Kassandra Cloos
News Editor

A new policy regarding the Administrator on Call program at Elon University has changed the structure of emergency responses on campus. The AOC is a professional staff member who is on call on a rotating basis to document and respond to campus and student emergencies. Previously, the AOC was required to respond to all emergency situations.

"What we found was that it was kind of holding up student response," said Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for Student Life. "What we did is we took the system and clarify who the response system is."

Rather than having one individual set to respond to all calls, the new policy clarifies whether Campus Safety & Police should contact the AOC, the counselor on call, the sexual assault and violence responder on call or the senior staff member of Student Life on call.

Most calls are medically related, Patterson said, and the AOC was also previously responsible for checking up on students sent to the hospital or to urgent care, often meeting students in the emergency room. But there were many times when AOC response was necessary, and the policy revisions attempt to appropriately tailor response to benefit staff members as well as students.

If a student has a non-life-threatening injury or illness, was not transported by an ambulance and is with friends, there is no real need for the AOC, Patterson

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-Jana Lynn Patterson
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT
FOR STUDENT LIFE

said.

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Parents are often comforted by the idea of a staff member always on call for emergency situations, Patterson said, and parents or friends accompanying students to the hospital can always request for the AOC to check-in on the person or stay at the hospital.

"It's scary having your child going into surgery," she said.

A few other AOC protocols were revised when evaluated, including the standard response for fire alarms.

"Our staff was getting woken up for fire alarms for which they could

do nothing because the building had already been cleared for false alarms," she said. "So we said, OK, unless students are going to be disrupted, we're not going to call people for fire alarms."

The AOC policies were changed because of a routine evaluation and the structure of who will be on call when has also been slightly altered. The same person used to be on call for a period of one week at a time, but now Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays will be delegated to non-Residence Life staff members and live-in Residence Life staff members will cover the rest of the week.

"There is no set week when things are worse than others," said Angel Garcia, assistant director of Residence Life in East Area. "Any week can be very heavy."

Offering reassurance to students and parents by occasionally being the AOC is worth it to Garcia, even when it's necessary to spend the whole night or 15 to 20 hours at the hospital with a student, he said.

"It's not a difficult part of the job," Garcia said. "I'd rather have a parent or a student say, 'I'm glad you were there for your help.'"

Some staff members will be on call slightly more often because of the changes and others less, according to Patterson, but the changes will allow staff to manage their work weeks better because of fewer interruptions. The new protocol will be assessed throughout the course of the semester.

"We want to be more efficient for students," Patterson said.

Schedule of activities commemorating 10th anniversary of Sept. 11

"Expression Board" at College Coffee

An "expression board" will be available for thoughts and reflections at the Sept. 6 College Coffee. The board will then be available in Moseley Center, across from Pan Geos, through Sept. 13.

A 9/11 Discussion

A panel of experts will host "A 9/11 Discussion" at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium to discuss the profound way that the attacks on Sept. 11 changed the world.

Flag Lowering Ceremony

President Leo Lambert and Phil Smith, associate chaplain, will be on hand the morning of Sept. 11 for the lowering of the U.S. Flag at 8:46 a.m. at Scott Plaza, in front of Alamance.

The bell tower will sound 115 times to commemorate the nations which lost citizens in the attacks.

Interfaith Cooperation in the Post-9/11 World: A Student Dialogue

Elon Hillel is sponsoring a student dialogue to discuss the significance of interfaith dialogue at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in McKinnon Hall.

A Service of Remembrance and Reflection

Lambert and Smith will also lead members of the community in a service at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at Scott Plaza.

University launches new E-Net website, places more emphasis on social media

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Copy Editor

Elon University Relations unveiled a new look to its news website, E-Net, Aug. 31 as part of an ongoing effort to increase social media and technological transparency.

"E-Net is kind of an information hub," Anderson said. "We began working on the project since spring or mid-March, and the first step was to evaluate the old E-Net and try to see what we could do to make it better."

The previous version of the site, created in 1998, has evolved during the years and has become more popular and more community-orientated, according to Anderson.

A main challenge of using the older E-Net was handling the volume of information in the system and organizing it all, Anderson said.

"There was just too much information and we looked at E-Net and we were trying to cram too much information over the years that students, faculty and staff and alumni sections weren't adequately highlighted," he said.

Because students, faculty, staff and alumni use E-Net to promote student groups and events, there is an information overload for users to navigate through and that often pushes some content to lower places on the site, Anderson said.

Although all University Relations staff members contributed to the rebranding of E-Net, there were three key people who primarily worked on it, Anderson said. That trio was made up of David Morton, website manager, John David Parsons, Web applications developer, and Tim Paulson, Web and print designer.

"My role was project management, to

make sure all features on E-Net worked the way they're supposed to," Morton said. "We tested the new site for a week with a lot of users and internally. It was mostly watching users and how they interacted with the new site."

In addition to its new E-Net page, Elon University maintains several accounts on popular social media and networking websites like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr and YouTube.

"We know there are people who live on Facebook and we've invested tons of time on those sites developing various Facebook and Twitter accounts for the university, alumni, athletics and others," Anderson said. "It's a great way for us to promote news on these sites to

those who may not visit E-Net. It's really a way to amplify E-Net."

The university's official Facebook page currently has more than 11,500 likes, compared to 9,600 in December 2010, Anderson said. University Relations' Twitter account (@ElonNews) has slightly fewer than 250 while another Elon-related account, @ElonPhoenix, has more than 1,500 followers.

"These numbers are very good for a school our size because content is really what make these sites popular," Anderson said. "Elon succeeds because the community puts its information in it. E-Net is a powerful tool and I'm constantly surprised that many people

don't know how to post on it."

Freshman Patrick Merrill, one fan of Elon's Facebook page, said he has "liked" the page from the time he was accepted into Elon.

"I just saw the page and decided to like it," Merrill said. "It keeps me informed."

Anderson and Morton both said a new design for other Elon pages could be in sight, but University Relations is focusing on other things.

"Websites evolve over time," Anderson said. "There's no doubt that we'll develop the website. It's a continuing process. It took two years to get the look and feel of this current site."



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Elon University's campus bookstore is now located in Elon Town Center, allowing a new space for Career Services in Moseley Center, now called the Student Professional Development Center.

New home for Career Services

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much the same direction toward better networking relationships with employers, Jordan said. The goal is to have a core group of employers who come to campus frequently, talk to students and hold mock interviews, among other things.

All of this is in an effort to boost students' preparation for life after Elon.

"What we're seeing across the university is real strength in all aspects of building student readiness," Jordan said.

All of the new services are in an attempt to excite both current students and prospective students at the university.

"We want to dramatically touch every student at Elon," Book said. "The new center will speak volumes about the support they're going to get here at Elon."

The new student professional development center isn't just about jobs, though. It will also work in conjunction with graduate schools, helping students decide on schools, admissions and interviews.

"We want to make sure they don't just land in any graduate school, but that they land in the right graduate school," she said.

But the changes don't end when



PHOTO SUBMITTED
The Student Professional Development Center aims to excite both current and prospective students at Elon.

students step on campus in the fall. The next few years will see more changes to the services provided both in Moseley and to the satellite operations, Book and Jordan said.

"We're looking to improve and enhance the services to students, and we've made great strides the past few years," he said. "We're only getting started in relation to where we want to be."

University holds inaugural 'First Thursdays' event to discuss current world issues

Joy DeBolt
Reporter

First Thursdays, a new initiative at Elon University intended to encourage global citizenship, made a recent debut in the refurbished West Side Commons, formerly known as West Parlor. The event series is overseen by Tom Arcaro, professor of sociology and director of Periclean Scholars.

The goal of the First Thursdays discussions is for community members to share information on what's happening in the world and leave with concrete action points. The first informal discussion session was proctored by Arcaro.

Discussions will be held in West Side Commons

continuously throughout the semester, on the first Thursday of every month.

"Smith Jackson (vice president and dean of student life) and I wanted an additional space for students, faculty and community members to share their feelings about what's happening in the world," Arcaro said.

First Thursdays was first conceptualized as a student-run open forum to discuss current events and a pilot program called Current Events Slam was introduced last Winter Term. "Slam's" success led to the founding of the First Thursday series, whose first topic in the series was "Famine in the Horn of Africa."

The discussion centered on the drought and subsequent famine

currently facing Somalia, where more than 12.4 million people have been affected and 7.5 million are displaced.

"We have to do something about these issues," Arcaro said. "It would be irresponsible as a campus community if we didn't."

In addition to an audience of approximately 35 people, students were joined via Skype by three Elon School of Law students who also contributed to the conversation.

Sophomore Sarah Kennedy said she attended the event because she was curious to learn more about the issues facing Somalia.

"I personally don't know much about the region and what's going on there, so I wanted to get more information," she said.

Kennedy, who first started attending global issue discussion events during her freshmen-year Global Experience course, said she hopes this program will continue.

"I really enjoy being informed and it really struck me that these issues really do have power," she said.

There are currently no set topics for First Thursdays, and Arcaro said he hopes future events will be entirely student-run.

"I have a real confidence in students to take the initiative in their own education," he said. "If students have an issue, this is their moment to go for it."

-Tom Arcaro
DIRECTOR OF PERICLEAN SCHOLARS

Addition of Alamance businesses bodes well for local economy, professor predicts

Natalie Allison
Senior Reporter

Just as Alamance Crossing promised the Burlington community, the second phase of Alamance West, an open air shopping and dining destination, will soon be open for business. Among the new stores to open doors in Burlington are BJ's Wholesale Club, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's department store and Five Below, a store offering items less than \$5. Pier 1 Imports will also be moving from its Huffman Mill Road location to a new spot in the shopping center.

Three of the new stores are scheduled to open by the end of September, according to a statement on Alamance Crossing's website. Pier 1 Imports and Five Below will open in October.

BJ's Wholesale Club, a members-only store that allows customers to buy groceries and other household items in bulk, is similar to Costco Wholesale and Sam's Club, with stores located in Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh. Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Pier 1 Imports and Five Below also have store locations throughout the Triad and Triangle.

Five Below, a chain with stores located on the East Coast from New Hampshire to North Carolina, offers fashion and media accessories, games, bath and body goods, sports items and decor for pre-teens and teenagers, priced between



Five new businesses in Alamance West will add local jobs, including 130 job openings at Kohl's according to the public relations coordinator.

\$1 and \$5.

Freshman Sophia Spach came to Elon at just the right time, as she said Kohl's has always been one of her favorite shopping destinations.

"I always go to Kohl's," Spach said. "I just really like to wear their dresses and jeans and shirts."

Sophomore Brent McIntyre, a native of Burlington, sees something for everyone in his family at the new Alamance West. McIntyre imagined his parents would buy a

membership at BJ's while he would frequent Dick's Sporting Goods.

"Before, if I wanted to go to Dick's I would have to drive to Greensboro or 45 minutes to get to one," he said. "Now it's five minutes away if I ever need sporting goods."

The new stores, which have been conducting mass hiring events since the beginning of August, will bring hundreds of jobs to Alamance County.

About 130 jobs will be created for the Burlington

area from Kohl's opening, according to Erin Kelbe, public relations coordinator for the company, the only store that could be reached.

Steve DeLoach, professor of economics, said although no one can know for sure what kind of economic impact the opening of the new stores will have on Alamance County in the long run, if more jobs are created locally, there could potentially be millions of more dollars of income in the pockets of

New businesses coming to Alamance West

Kohl's
BJ's Wholesale Club
Dick's Sporting Goods
Pier 1 Imports
Five Below

All are expected to open by the end of September, except Pier 1 Imports and Five Below, which will open in October.

Burlington area residents. Using Kohl's as an example, DeLoach proposed a simple scenario of how even 130 low-end jobs - potentially paying \$20,000 a year - would become \$2.6 million more in income for the community.

"Those people go out and spend," he said. "You could be talking about several million dollars more to the economy. The net impact could be double whatever the direct salary is - maybe five more million dollars."

This "multiplier effect," DeLoach said, could in turn mean jobs created for other people.

"It's all good," he said. "But it's obviously not as good as if a major plant moved in and hired 1,000 people."

Grand openings for the new stores have not been publicly announced, but a sign outside of the shopping center read that Kohl's grand opening will take place on Sept. 26.

Elon law enforcement leaders retire

Town police chief to focus on daughter, will miss working with station family

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

With more than 30 years in law enforcement, nine of which were in Elon, town of Elon Police Chief LaVell Lovette will hang up her officer's cap in December.

"The timing works well for me," she said. "My daughter's graduation is coming up and this is the last opportunity to have some significant time with her before she goes out on her own."

Lovette plans to move back to Wilson County, where her family is from, and continue her passion to create crafts.

"My goal is to have a craft store, but I don't want to commit to a store right now," Lovette said. "So for the time being, I'll work some of my crafts and do some of these day craft fairs and festivals."

Some of her skills include painting, knitting and crocheting. One of her reasons for continuing her crafting hobby is to interact with people.

"I'm going to miss people," she said. "I think that is going to be one of my big issues, not having as much interaction with people as I do now."

Lovette said during her time at Elon she's enjoyed picking her staff and watching them grow as officers. With such a tight-knit force, the officers have become like a second family, she said.

"I picked my officers with certain skills," she said. "I wanted someone with good communication skills and who could make good decisions. I think I am leaving a well-structured, professional department."

With Lovette retiring at the end

of the calendar year and Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police, retiring in June, Elon will find itself with two new enforcement leaders. The change should not disrupt the daily operations at the agencies, Lovette said.

"You'll have different personalities there but the job is the same," she said. "Gantos and I have set very good groundwork for a mutually symbiotic relationship. And I think we've done very well to make sure that has worked well in the past few years."

The position has been advertised in local newspapers, professional trade publications and in the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and it will soon be sent out to all area North Carolina police departments, said Mike Dula, town of Elon manager.

A person would need experience, to have worked in police administration, should be familiar with budgeting, communication relations and have an even temperament to fill the role, Dula said.

"I think when you come into a new situation as a new department head, I think the best thing that you can do is not move too fast," he said. "Assess the current situation, and as time goes by and you can see something that you want to change, the changes will be gradual. Communication with the two chiefs will remain the same."



LOVETTE

'Golden opportunity' reaches finale for Campus Safety and Police director

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

After 15 years in his current position, Chuck Gantos will retire as director of Campus Safety and Police at the end of this academic year.

"I just really enjoyed this opportunity," Gantos said. "It's been a wonderful experience and if I weren't getting old I'd be staying a lot longer."

Before joining Campus Safety and Police in 1996, Gantos worked at AT&T and as an Elon volunteer firefighter.

"I really liked the emergency services aspect of work and having the chance to be director of Campus Safety and Police was a golden opportunity," Gantos said.

Since his first year, the office has grown from one vehicle and four officers and student workers to more than a dozen officers.

"The department has grown and the responsibilities have grown along with it," he said. "Today's environment is technology oriented. We have card swipe access and video cameras and all incident reports are computerized now. There are a lot of campus law enforcements throughout the country who look to us as a model for our size and what we are able to do."

His wife, Cherri, is retiring from the Alamance-Burlington School System this year, too, and they plan to travel some and work on major projects around their house.

"I've got a pond and a lot of catfish," he said. "My son is a taxidermist and I have my taxidermy license so I'll be spending a lot of

time doing that."

One of the things Gantos will miss about the position are the students he worked with.

"It's the kids, they keep you young," he said.

"I enjoy the students and just the atmosphere around the Elon community. It makes this place so wonderful and we are very fortunate we have great buildings, great facilities, a tremendous working relationship with faculty and staff. That's the reason I stayed for as long as I did."

The search for a replacement will not begin until next month, said Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business, Finance and Technology.

"The person will have to have a N.C. police certification, be a seasoned officer with excellent management experience and have distinct qualities of superb judgment and if they have campus police experience it would be a real bonus," Whittington said.

Looking for someone who shows leadership and fits into the Elon culture will be very important in looking for a new director, Gantos said.

"I am absolutely positive the replacement the university will hire will be better than I am because that is the way Elon is," he said. "They don't back up, they will bring someone in here who will really do a great job."



GANTOS

New law requires waiting period, counseling for abortion

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

Echoing a national trend, North Carolina lawmakers voted to require waiting periods and other stipulations before a woman can get an abortion.

N.C. Senate Bill 769, also called the Woman's Right to Know Act, was vetoed upon initial state congress passing but was overridden in the General Assembly this summer.

The bill will become law in October. Women seeking an abortion will have to wait 24 hours after requesting the procedure to have it done. In the interim, the physician performing the abortion is required to inform the woman of the medical risks involved in having an abortion and in childbirth, the probable gestational age of the fetus, the location of a hospital offering obstetrical or gynecological care within 30 miles, as well as the physician's insurance status and the existence of public support options for the woman other than abortion.

The bill also stipulates that the woman will have the opportunity to hear a fetal heartbeat and be shown an ultrasound image. There is no penalty for declining to listen to a heartbeat or averting one's eyes from the ultrasound.

Jim Hawkins, Elon University physician and medical director, said he is in favor of more medical information being available to those seeking an abortion, but that the law itself is problematic.

As it is, Hawkins said, some women in North Carolina get a lot

of information about the abortion procedure, while some get none. Requiring complete and accurate medical advice is admirable, but he said he disagreed with the potential motive behind the law.

"It's a political issue," he said. "It has nothing to do with health."

Although he does not perform abortions, Hawkins said he sees two to three Elon students each year seeking an abortion. He gives the same advice to each.

"You have three choices," he said. "You can have the child and raise it, or give it up for adoption or have an abortion. You need to sit down and think about it. Talk to the potential father. Talk to your mother."

Hawkins also said the women he's seen who had made up their mind to have an abortion were unlikely to back down from that decision. Where the law may prevent abortions, he said, is in rural communities where the 24-hour waiting period might be a burden on the un- or underemployed, those already single mothers and those without reliable transportation.

"I'm not pro-abortion or pro-life," Hawkins said. "I'm a reasonable person."

Amanda Gallagher, professor of

communications and coordinator of the interdisciplinary women's and gender studies minor, said that with all health care decisions, not just reproductive care, women need to be well-informed in order to take care of themselves.

"The structure of the bill does put up more barriers," Gallagher said. "On the flip side, it may allow people to make more informed decisions. But a part of me says that if you've already decided to terminate a pregnancy, hopefully you've already had those conversations."

But for Gallagher, the question of whether low-income women or those with children would be able to access abortions at all is problematic.

"That's two days a woman may have to miss work, two days a woman may have to arrange childcare," she said. "And there's also a lot of discussion about what it would feel like to have to walk in twice."

Hawkins said the women he's interacted with facing the prospect of an abortion are already shaken up enough.

"Women have psychological trauma from any of the three options," he said.

Gallagher said the argument from

some detractors is that the law takes health care decision-making away from the women it affects. But as a complicated and complex law, both sides, pro-life and pro-choice, are affected.

"It's not designated by one particular group, be it age, race, background, etc.," she said. "And we're always talking about women — it can impact men, too. What might it be like to be in the father's perspective, even if he supports her decision to terminate the pregnancy? What would he feel like if she had to go back, to have that conversation again?"

N.C. Senate Bill 769, or, The Woman's Right to Know Act

Requirements:

24-hour waiting period prior to abortion

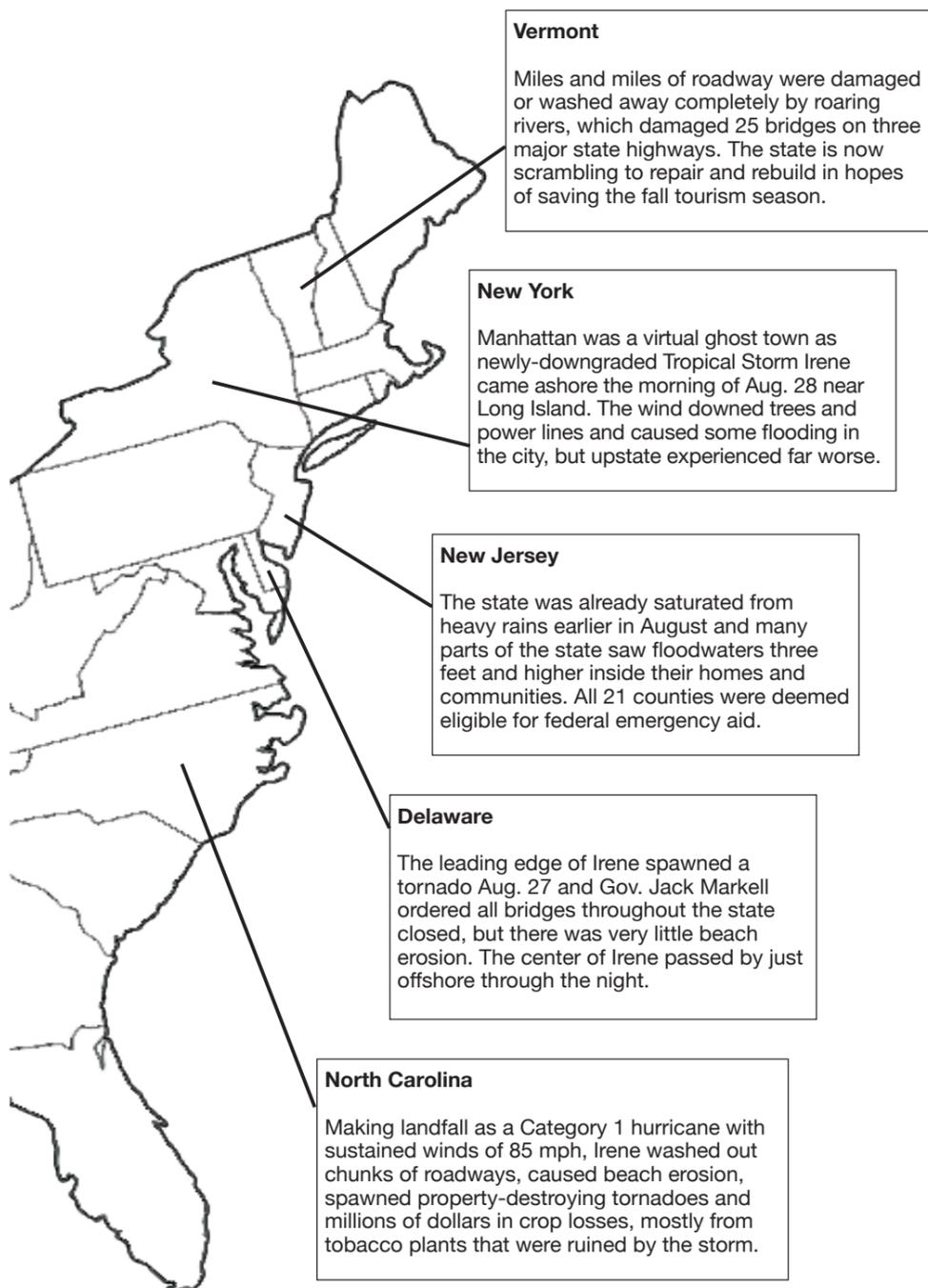
Verbal information regarding:

- risks associated with abortion
- risks associated with childbirth and raising a child
- probable age of the fetus
- name of the doctor performing the abortion
- insurance status of the doctor
- assistance programs available if the woman chooses to have a child
- alternatives to abortion

Opportunity to hear the fetal heartbeat and see an ultrasound image

Verbal description of the ultrasound image

Irene impacts entire eastern seaboard



Rachel Southmayd
Opinions Editor

Origin of the storm

Irene became a named storm Aug. 20, when it was just north of the Lesser Antilles. It passed over Puerto Rico, becoming a Category 1 hurricane Aug. 22. Puerto Rico and the island of Hispaniola experienced high winds and flooding. In Haiti, more than 600,000 people still live without shelter after last year's earthquake, and public facilities like airports were crammed with those looking for a place to stay dry and safe.

Moving forward

Around 8 a.m. Aug. 27, Hurricane Irene came crashing ashore near Morehead City, swirling its way up the East Coast, bringing flooding rains, intense storm surges, wind speeds more than 80 mph and even a few tornadoes.

By the morning of Aug. 29, the storm was gone, but the cleanup was just beginning, as evacuated citizens tried to return to their homes, many of which were damaged or even destroyed.

Irene was responsible for 44 deaths across 13 states, with victims from drowning, tree limbs, carbon monoxide poisoning from generator use and other afflictions.

President Barack Obama visited New Jersey Sunday, Sept. 4 where flood waters had yet to recede in many places.

"As president of the United States, I want to make it very clear that we are going to meet our federal obligations," Obama said, standing on a bridge in the city of Paterson, where debris from the formerly swollen Passaic River was clogged in the rails.

In D.C., House Majority Leader Eric Cantor said no additional emergency funding would be provided to the disaster-stricken areas until additional cuts were made elsewhere in the federal budget. While \$1 billion has been pledged federally so far, in North Carolina alone, Gov. Bev Perdue said damages will top \$400 million.

It's not over yet

There are still nearly three months to go in the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season and the tropics are still active.

During the next week, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee will move north, bringing heavy rains to the South and Northeast, including areas still dealing with damage from Irene. Lee generated in the Gulf of Mexico and brought intense flooding to the Gulf Coast during the weekend.

Hurricane Katia, which formed more than a week ago, continues to swirl and is expected to turn north before making landfall, although it will bring high surf and dangerous rip currents to the East Coast for the upcoming weekend.

Switch to Moodle ongoing this academic year

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Some students are juggling more than just classes and clubs with the start of the new semester. As the university transitions to the use of Moodle over the course of the academic year, certain students have their courses split between two learning management systems.

A total of 125 faculty attended Moodle training sessions led by the Teaching and Learning Center this summer. While the professors in attendance were introduced to Moodle and challenged to prepare their courses for the fall through the new Learning Management System, they were not required to implement it right away. A full transition will be complete by the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Currently, the university has access to a limited number of spots in Moodle, requiring the gradual switch this school year, according to Randy Piland, inaugural faculty fellow for technology.

The remaining one-third of faculty will attend a training session sometime this semester and can then transition their courses to Moodle, though it is recommended they wait until a new semester to introduce it to a class.

"Don't throw the class for a loop if you don't have to," Piland said.

While there are differences between Moodle and Blackboard, he said the customization options in the new learning management system allow for similarities to the old. Piland specifically recommends the use of similar titles in sections, such as "documents" and "announcements."

"Putting them as things students will pick up right away, that makes sense," he said. "Students don't have to build it, so they get the easy side."

The university examined several possibilities for a new learning management system and found that



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The faculty who attended Moodle training this summer were encouraged to build their Fall 2011 courses in the Learning Management System. It will not be mandated that all faculty use the program until next school year.

Moodle is both the most up-and-coming and well-tested option.

"It's an open source type of system, it's not so proprietary like Blackboard," he said. "If you had to make an addition, you had to go through them, because they control all of that. With Moodle, there are a lot of people developing improvements for it, not just the company."

Barbara Taylor, associate professor of computing sciences, was one of the first faculty members to try Moodle during the spring semester. Her students used Moodle exclusively for her class while also enrolled in other courses using Blackboard.

"I don't think the students had any problem adapting to it or switching from Blackboard even during the same semester," she said.

Originally, Taylor tested the standard Moodle with no add-ons, which she abandoned quickly in favor

of Blackboard. The university has since decided to use Moodle Rooms, which provides an enhanced version of the free and open source Moodle.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for Taylor has been changing the way she thinks about organizing a course in Moodle.

Many of her students adapted quickly to the program, which Taylor said is a necessity in a rapidly-changing technological world.

"I think students are used to doing that and probably are more comfortable with new and changing technologies than we professors are sometimes," she said.

But that doesn't mean that professors can't adapt as well.

"All of us, whatever generation, get used to and become comfortable with things," she said. "Technology these days just doesn't let us sit still for long."

Lindner food option will not come to fruition this fall

Kassandra Cloos
News Editor

Elon University senior staff has decided after extensive student feedback and foot traffic surveys that an eating option will not be added to Lindner Hall this semester. The idea was brought to students' attention last spring, and while it is not a priority for this semester, adding a food kiosk somewhere else in East Area in the near future is not entirely off the table.

There are many reasons the dining option will not be added in the immediate future, according to Vickie Somers, director of Auxiliary Services, especially the construction of the dining hall to open in the new international neighborhood in the next academic year.

"We did a pretty extensive survey looking at traffic patterns all over campus," Somers said. "The traffic pattern in that area indicates a food facility would not be supported."

The Academic Village, which houses Lindner Hall, two residence halls and two other academic buildings, does not

have an immediate need for a new dining facility because of its close proximity to the McEwen and Colonnades dining halls,

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Somers said.

Junior Grant Collins, who currently lives in Smith, one of the areas that would be supported by an eating option in Lindner, said he had not heard of the original idea but does not have a strong opinion either way. He feels he lives close enough to other sources of food, he said.

"It's not too much of an issue because McEwen's right there," he said. "It's of no

consequence to me."

Senior Meghan Gribbon said she hasn't been on the meal plan at Elon for a couple of years, but she thinks adding a food kiosk in East Area would increase traffic and spur growth.

"I think they're trying to make more classes over there to draw more people," Gribbon said. "Having an eating option there is not something I feel particularly strongly about, but it would be nice."

As Elon continues to grow and construction blockades become increasingly familiar to students, Somers said there is the possibility for future expansion in the area, which may warrant a new facility. Because of its set-up and academic nature, Lindner may not be an ideal location, but the idea will continue to stay on the back burner, she said.

"We always want to keep areas that are being developed on the radar screen because we certainly would want a food facility there if foot traffic would support it," she said. "Like every other area of Elon, we don't have an ending. We don't know where the next stage of growth could be on campus."

NEWS BRIEFS

School supply drive concludes

Hundreds of donated school supplies will be put to use right down the street and also across the globe. A total of 39 boxes of donated items are making their way to students in both Alamance County and Afghanistan.

Elon University President Leo Lambert launched the school supply drive last month following an email from an alumnus. The Student Government Association, Elon Volunteers! and the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life were involved in the effort.

Loss of physical plant worker

Neal Byrd, a carpenter with Physical Plant, died Aug. 31 following a long-term illness.

He was regularly involved in setting up the stage for Commencement and Convocation Ceremonies and also worked to install shelving across campus.

Organization Fair this Friday

From 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, the Fall Organization Fair will be held in front of Moseley.

Hundreds of student organizations will be there with information on their activities and ways to get involved.

Questions can be directed to Student Activities at 336.278.7214.

Launch of Elon Traditions website

Elon has launched a new website highlighting the traditions of the university, including key people, places and ceremonies.

Sponsored by the Young Alumni Council and University Relations, the website will feature weekly "Tuesday Traditions Trivia" series beginning this week and concluding at homecoming.

View the site at elon.edu/traditions.

Alumni Association recognizes 10

On Oct. 22, 10 Elon University alumni will be recognized at the annual Alumni Association Awards Ceremony for their community service, contributions to Elon and professional achievements.

The awards are given at Homecoming each year and are the most prestigious recognition given to alumni. A ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. in Whitley Auditorium, followed by a reception.

The recipients include: W. Thomas Amick (Distinguished Alumnus of the Year); Samuel Burke (Distinguished Alumnus of the Year); Michele "Shelly" Skeens Hazel (Distinguished Alumna of the Year); Joshua Watts (Young Alumnus of the Year); Daniel Watts (Young Alumnus of the Year); Sir Walter Mack, Jr. (Service to Church and Society Award); Amy and Jay Hendrickson (Distinguished Service to Elon Award); Dot and Zachary Walker (Distinguished Service to Elon Award).

Student leaders gather for retreat

On Sept. 2, students from dozens of campus organizations participated in a mini-retreat to help them "Live the Maroon Life" as leaders on campus.

Part of the program involved introducing the new "Maroon Life" campaign through Elon Athletics.

Top administrative leaders from campus also spoke, including Smith Jackson, dean of students and vice president of student life, Provost Steven House and Greg Zaiser, dean of admissions, among others.

Memorial for Lauren Astley in the works

The university is currently considering options for a memorial potentially in October to memorialize Lauren Astley, an incoming freshman found dead earlier this summer allegedly at the hands of an ex-boyfriend.

According to Smith Jackson, dean of students and vice president of Student Life, numerous factors are currently being considered, including the involvement of Lauren's father Malcolm and the participation of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

The group is currently planning an even to teach about the awareness of dating violence.

Calendar: Sept. 7-13

Sept. 7

- Final Cut X Demo at 5:30 p.m. in Studio B
- Pendulum interest meeting at 6 p.m. in the office in the Elon Town Center
- The Second City Improvisation at 7:30 p.m. in McCrary Theatre

Sept. 8

- A Sept. 11 Discussion at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium
- Final Cut X Workshop at 7:30 p.m. in Studio B
- Karaoke Night at 10 p.m. at Midnight Meals

Sept. 9

- Fall Organization Fair 4 to 6 p.m. on Young Commons
- "A Multiple State Duration Model with Endogenous Treatment" Econ seminar at 1:30 p.m. in Koury Business Center 242

Sept. 10

- First-year Tailgate from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. between Rudd and Hunt Field
- SUB presents "The Hangover 2" at 9 p.m. on Young Commons

Sept. 11

- "Interfaith Cooperation in the Post 9/11 World: A Student Dialogue" at 4:30 p.m. in McKinnon E

Sept. 12

- Danceworks meeting at 9 p.m. in Moseley 215
- Indrani Nayar-Gall opening reception at 5:30 p.m. in Yeagar Recital Hall

Sept. 13

- "Dress for Success: Do's and Don'ts from the Experts" from 5 to 7 p.m. in Moseley 103
- Cooking class at El Centro from 6 to 7 p.m. at Carlton 114.

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.

Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

Alcohol education, warnings can only go so far

You can lead students to education, but you can't stop them from drinking

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights there is quite a show to be seen on the streets of Elon University and beyond. Girls in short dresses and heels strut up, or down Haggard Avenue. They head places like Sandy's or "Bellagio." Several hours later, they take the same paths — back to their residences, in varying states, some stone-cold sober, others tipsy and others practically, or even literally, falling over.

No one is going to allege that all of these party-goers are of legal drinking age. Some of them, particularly the ones walking far more than the others and trying to figure out where to go, are probably freshmen — the same freshmen who just two weeks ago were "oriented" specifically about good decision-making and Elon's alcohol policy. This policy, amended as it may be, still prohibits alcohol consumption and possession by those under legal age.

More than 1,800 students ages 18-24 die from alcohol-related incidents each year, according to a 2009 Annual Review of Public Health study. Ninety-seven thousand are victims of sexual assault or rape because of alcohol and 400,000 practice unprotected sex because they're too drunk to make the decision to be safe or to say "no," and can easily be taken advantage of.

But young people know this. The specific numbers may be fuzzy to them, but they know alcohol use can be risky. So why do they still do it? To feel cool? To literally drink their problems away? Because they like the feeling?

Whatever their reasons for drinking, freshmen come to school knowing alcohol use is engrained in the fabric of college life, and that if they want to find it, they can.

Besides implementing a Brigham Young University-style anti-drinking decree, there's probably little that can be done. The messages spewed by Orientation Leaders, SPARKS peer educators, Elon 101 advisers, parents and well-intended public service announcements will be heard by those who want to hear them. Those who don't, won't.

And what happens when the stubborn, "it won't happen to me" drinkers, either of-age or under, decide not just to have a drink or two, but five or six or more? What if they drink themselves into a blackout or even worse, collapse on the sidewalk? Who will be the one to stop those people before it gets to that point?

The answer has to be those people's peers, their friends, their fellow partiers. It is the responsibility of every student on this campus to protect the well being of others.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This concept is becoming foreign in a world of digital "me"-ness, when a person's social world only needs to exist within the palm of his or her hand. But when the choice is made to venture out in the broader Elon community at night, that sphere has to expand.

Elon's amended alcohol policy has made it easier for some students to make the right choice to help others. Now, friends don't have to worry about protecting their friend from suspension when calling for emergency help. They also don't have to worry about getting themselves in trouble.

These may be selfish reasons not to seek help for someone who may be very ill or even near death, but in an inebriated state, priorities, which may not even be in line to begin with, can become even more jumbled. What is most important can become cloudy.

Students should know this: no backlash from Student Conduct, reprimand from a parent or even citation from the town of Elon police will ever be worse than losing a friend or even a stranger. That person may be unknown to you, but is something to somebody.

The meaning of 'priority' gets lost in ambition

Practically everyone on campus knows about Elon's 10-year strategic plan, the Elon Commitment. Basically, it is the track on which the Elon train is chugging along for the rest of the decade.

But how does that train move from station to station? How does it "create an unprecedented university" and all that other jazz? The answer can be found in the institutional priorities, a list of goals to be accomplished throughout the year. And the 2011-2012 list is a doozy with more than 12,000 statements and bullet points with topics ranging from teaching and researching to construction and admissions goals.

As students, we are a vital, if not the most vital, part of this institution. We should not just sit idly by and wait for these goals to come to fruition. We need to question them, analyze them and then decide which ones we want to stand behind and which we need to challenge if the need arises.

For some of the priorities, the ball is already rolling, particularly in the construction category. In the next year, the administration is aiming to complete construction on the Francis Center, the new Colonnades, the new career center in Moseley, the parking lot on Williamson Avenue, the new dining hall and the Station at Mill Point in the old Firehouse Field. Plans also need to be finalized in the upcoming year for nearly a dozen other construction and renovation projects and sustainability and utility master plans.

In uncertain times, when energy management can be a wiser investment than any company, hopefully the university is putting a great deal of effort into the sustainability plan particularly. All of this expansion is bound to raise operating costs. The wallets of Elon students and parents shouldn't be made to pay for advancements from which they will reap little or no benefits.

Athletics is also a major point in the priorities, including increasing fundraising, adding scholarships, a volleyball coach and a new Division 1 women's sport. But another initiative is to have at least 14 sports programs with team GPAs of 3.0 or higher, which is something

every non-athlete should support, because athletes should prioritize performance in the classroom to performance on the field.

Additional priorities include increasing alumni giving and developing and beginning programs like the Gap Semester Program, a center for engaged learning and of course, the School of Health Sciences. Adding programs like these will add to Elon's prestige and standing in the national education community to be certain, but will alums who didn't get the same experiences see these advancements as a reason to give more, or as a reason to hold back? Time will tell.

Then there's priorities about hiring new administration, finalizing the new general studies program, getting reaccreditation in two of Elon's schools —

fine, standard, needed goals. The multi-faith center continuation and specialized programming is admirable, and hopefully funding will be secured soon so that construction can begin. Hopefully, waiting for an actual building won't delay Elon from supporting and implementing multi-faith initiatives.

And the list of priorities goes on. But here is the main question to be asked about the institutional priorities: what isn't included that should be? Because it certainly feels like almost everything is covered. And maybe the list is too long, too ambitious. When you make everything a "priority," don't you diminish the meaning of the word?

It would probably be a lot easier to just say, "Elon, do good."

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Opinions

Dating violence awareness needed on campus



Ashley Fahey
Columnist

live up to “macho” stereotypes may feel that physically abusing their girlfriends is the “masculine” thing to do to assert their positions as the so-called dominant figure in the relationship. Female victims may either be too scared to fight back or to tell another person or may even believe the abuse is normal in a relationship.

But, a skewed idea of what is believed to be normal is not the only cause of dating violence. The lack of awareness about this topic and the concrete facts and statistics associated is a major contributor to the disturbing number of people who have been involved.

At Elon, a session about date rape during orientation and the annual Take Back the Night event bring awareness to campus about how serious dating violence really is. These events give students an idea what to do in situations where intimate partner abuse could become a problem, which is good, but is it enough? What more can we do in order to make people realize how serious a problem dating violence really is, and what we can do in order to prevent it from happening?

Although Elon provides a counseling center that any student can turn to in times of need, many students may be too scared to confess the realities of their situation or don't consciously recognize their situation as abusive. Sadly, many victims of relationship violence may silently accept their situation and don't seek to change it.

Anonymous hotlines such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline can help, but what is most important

is being in tune to those who are close to you and watching out for sure-fire signs of an abusive relationship in close friends or family members. There are red flags that indicate a potentially abusive relationship. Victims could wear unusually long sleeves in the midst of a heat wave. They could brush off prodding questions about their relationship dynamic, painting it to seem “just fine” or even “great.” Or they might constantly make up excuses for their partner's less admirable qualities, common ones including jealousy, aggression and anger.

These signs cannot, and should not, be ignored. Hosting an intervention with a potentially abused friend could help in more ways than one might realize, and while Elon and other college campuses are raising awareness about this issue, more emphasis needs to be placed on the scared or the naïve—the voiceless victims of an abusive relationship. We have some awareness, yes, but having even more awareness raised through open forums, fundraisers and events that focus on the issue would be ideal, as college students are frequently victims of abusive relationships.

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BY THE NUMBERS:

One in five college women will experience some form of dating violence.

Date rape accounts for **67 percent** of sexual assaults.

More than **four in 10** domestic violence incidences are between non-married couples.

Women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence, **nearly 20 per 1000** women.

Information courtesy of Bureau of Justice Statistics

DATING VIOLENCE

Demand mutual respect between public, media



Caitlin O'Donnell
Columnist

Every weeknight around 6, a familiar routine is performed in millions of households across the United States. For my family, it begins when we sit down at the dinner table and turn on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.”

For others, it's “World News with Diane Sawyer” as parents help their children with homework. And for others still, it's “CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley” as they make preparations for the upcoming workday.

These anchors are invited into the homes of American families, with about 22 minutes of airtime, to impart the most significant news of the day. But there's one small caveat — producers are also aiming to get the highest ratings.

It's a delicate balance, attempting to uphold the standards of journalism with the necessity of ratings never far from thought. A devastating drought in Somalia and violence in Libya are newsworthy, but will they make Americans take a step back from their busy lives and stay tuned in? After all, how does it directly impact them?

Coverage of recent events at the hands of the American media has highlighted the inherent problems of the country's system of presenting news. For the majority of the weekend of Aug. 26, Hurricane Irene swept the major networks, leaving little room for anything else.

According to a news coverage index published by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, coverage of Hurricane Irene accounted for one-third of network news programming during the week of Aug. 22-28.

“Storm-tracking visualizations occupied prime real estate on newspaper home pages, radar images appeared on television screens and reporters stood in the wind and rain for days,” the report

reads. “Each hour seemed to bring updated predictions about where the storm might hit and how much damage it could conceivably do.”

Without question, it was a good move on the part of journalists to be proactive and serve as a source of detailed, up-to-date information, particularly for those residing in the path of the hurricane.

But where they went wrong was in devoting too much air space and narrowing in on doomsday-esque predictions, often doing more to frighten audiences than to adequately prepare them.

There's a fine line between serving as a neutral outlet for the communication of information and employing subjective tactics to overemphasize a point.

Take the use of dramatic music by some networks to underscore their predictions of the hurricane. What purpose did that serve other than to create a sense of urgency and conflict?

The relationship between the media and the audience is a two-way street. While the media may direct the news the public is made aware of, the media will also not report what they think is irrelevant to their audience. In other words, what matters to the people matters to the producers of news content, getting back to the idea of high ratings.

A storm blowing into New England is much more important and impactful to an average American than a starving child in Africa. As hard as that may be to comprehend, it's reality.

That doesn't make us solely a nation of “ugly Americans” embroiled in our own concerns. That doesn't make the media a group of biased pawns spouting the worst possible scenarios.

In the normal ebb and flow of news, a steadier balance is maintained between what the audience wants to know and what they should know.

But that doesn't mean both the media and the public can't expect more from each other.

Media outlets, give the public a little bit of credit. They're smarter than they look. And audience, demand a more balanced perspective of affairs, both national and international.

After all, sometimes Brian Williams is the closest link we've got.

China music ban ‘ain't nothing but a mistake’

Listeners will find other ways to listen to controversial songs



Edith Veremu
Columnist

Imagine living in a world without music. For many Lady Gaga, Backstreet Boys and Katy Perry fans in China, this is the case. The Chinese Ministry of Culture put many songs by these artists and others on a blacklist Aug. 19. The Ministry ordered websites in China, personal or governmental, to remove 100 songs from their playlists by Sept. 15 or the owners would face punishment, according to the Ministry of Culture's website.

The reason behind this ban? The Ministry claims the songs are harmful to China's “national cultural security” because the tracks weren't registered and submitted to the government for approval, according to a CNN article. Songs on the blacklist include Lady Gaga's “Hair,” “Marry the Night,” “Bloody Mary” and “Judas,” a controversial song that discusses religion, a sensitive topic in China, Katy Perry's “Last Friday Night,” Beyoncé's “Run the World (Girls)” and the Backstreet Boys classic “I Want It That Way.” Exactly what about one of the greatest boy bands makes the group a danger to national security?

Western artists aren't the only ones affected by the ban. Asian singers such as Hins Cheung and Japanese R&B singer Ken Hirai also have their tracks on the blacklist.

“My songs don't talk about politics or religion — how are they able to endanger national cultural safety?”

Cheung said on Sina Weibo, a Chinese social networking site.

It isn't clear if the songs were banned specifically because of their lyrics. The Ministry said all digital music must be translated into Chinese and approved by the government.

This ban is ridiculous to outsiders but to many Chinese citizens, it's nothing out of the ordinary. Internet censorship in China has been around since before most Elon students reached their preteen years.

What's more aggravating about this ban are the conditions under which they are implemented. The songs on the list were banned because they were deemed harmful to the cultural society of China and that in itself defies logic. While Perry's “Last Friday Night” pushes for drunken three-ways, the BSB's 1999 ballad is a classic boy band hit that melts hearts and microphones at karaoke bars. What will the Ministry do when The Lonely Island's sophomore album released in May gains more popularity online? There are far more crude songs than “I Want It That Way.”

Although the ban only extends to digital downloads, it's still ridiculous. Music, regardless of who's making it, plays an important role in one's life, and to place a ban on it not only doesn't make sense, but also deters from the alleged purpose. Politics and sexuality are topics that artists in China, or those planning to perform in China, try to avoid, but censoring 100 tracks at a time only makes the public want to hear the songs and judge for itself if they are inappropriate. No one can determine your musical taste except you. So, Chinese citizens, if you'd still like to listen to Gaga's “Born This Way” album or a nostalgic BSB croon, you'll just have to buy the physical album.

Just tell the music store, “I want it that way.”

International



Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, center right, is the incumbent in the Argentine presidential campaign. Here, she and her husband Nestor, center left, are being compared with the revered Juan and Eva Peron, the presidential couple in the 1970s. Peronism remains influential in Argentina even years after the deaths of the Perons.

Elections near, campaigns heat up in Argentina

Genevieve D'Cruz
International Correspondent

The political involvement of Argentine youth becomes more apparent as the presidential elections approach. The political campaigns of presidential candidates are evident in Buenos Aires through more than just photographs, graffiti and political posters. Political advertisements are so prevalent throughout the city that passersby are hardly fazed.

The incumbent for the elections is Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, the widow of Nestor Kirchner, who was the Argentine president from 2003-2007. Kirchner is ahead of six opponents in the polls. Her political party is the Front for Victory, which is laden with Peronist political ideals, named for former president Juan Peron and based on social justice. Political propaganda in Argentina still heavily carries Peronism's influence.

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GENEVIEVE D'CRUZ | International Correspondent

Elon Center in Costa Rica to offer new internship program

Kassandra Cloos
News Editor

The Elon University Center in Costa Rica will begin offering internships for students outside the School of Education beginning fall 2012. Currently, education majors have the opportunity to obtain internships at local schools in Costa Rica, but there are no options for students of other majors.

"We're trying to build the program to raise the numbers and get more students interested in studying abroad in Costa Rica during the fall semester," said Richard Mihans, associate professor of education.

Mihans has been leading an initiative to raise interest in the program. Teaching Fellows are required to study abroad in either Costa Rica or London during the spring semester of

their sophomore year, he said, but the program has historically had difficulty meeting necessary numbers in the fall. At least 10 students need to sign up for the program and this past fall it was canceled because of a lack of participation.

Adding internships to the list of experiences available to students in Costa Rica will help them delve deeper into the culture and more quickly gain valuable language skills, Mihans said. He led the Winter Term course in Costa Rica earlier this year and has been working to establish connections with businesses and other organizations that are interested in hosting Elon students.

"We're looking at really opening up so students can have an internship experience where they can get really immersed in the culture," Mihans said.

Many of the agencies Mihans has been working with are bilingual, he said, in order to allow students with no practical Spanish skills to be able to have a valuable work experience as well.

"What we're shooting for is a very diverse list of options," he said.

Students, including sophomores, studying abroad in Costa Rica through Elon's program also have the opportunity to take one of their required upper-level general studies courses. Upper-level GST courses are typically restricted to those in their third and fourth years of study. While sophomores can receive upper-level GST credit at other Elon centers, Mihans will be teaching the course this coming fall and said the program is very supportive of sophomores.

Junior Whitley Dozier, a Teaching Fellow who studied in Costa Rica

last spring, said she had an amazing experience in the program and highly recommends it to students who are considering their study abroad options. The structure of the program allows for weekend group adventures like rainforest hiking and zip lining. Dozier said she particularly enjoyed the cultural immersion.

"Costa Ricans are so welcoming to everyone," she said.

Even without taking a single Spanish class prior to going abroad, Dozier lived with a host family and taught English to third graders while in Costa Rica. She said she thinks students will learn a great deal from the new internship opportunities.

"You really do become part of the family," she said. "It really makes you step back and realize there's another world outside of the States."

Correspondents' Corner

Learn a new lesson about culture each week through the Correspondents' Corner, where our international reporters will share their personal experiences abroad.

Peter Gallagher Copenhagen, Denmark



GALLAGHER

During my first few days in Copenhagen, I was amazed to see so few overweight people. Being an American, I am accustomed to around one-third of the population being overweight.

But after walking, biking, running, more biking and finally more walking through the city and to classes every day, I completely understand why everyone seems so healthy.

Danes get so much exercise just by commuting around the city that it's hard not to live an active lifestyle.

Even the menu at McDonald's seems to promote healthy living. From rye-bread sandwiches to sides of carrots, Danish fast food is much healthier than fast food in the United States.

Katie Moran Quito, Ecuador



MORAN

The amount of robberies on Americans and foreigners is astounding. The assumption is that we all have a lot of money and expensive gadgets, which is partially true. But these robbers use knives to cut open bags on crowded bus rides and use distraction methods to pickpocket you while you're in a frenzy.

In the last two days, three of my friends have been robbed. One girl's phone was taken out of a zipped pocket in her purse. Another was wearing a secret money belt under her shirt, but someone cut open the bottom of it and stole \$100 while she was distracted. Another girl left her bag with some friends in McDonald's and three people came by and swiped it off when no one was looking.

Similar things happen in places like New York City, but to be subject to it all day, every day here is very tiring.

Chelsea Vollrath Beijing, China



VOLLRATH

When he heard about my adventures abroad, my Chinese teacher from high school sent me some words of wisdom. One of the critical aspects of living in China is that "no questions means all problems," he said. In Chinese culture, it is up to the listener

to comprehend what is being said. In the United States, it is the opposite. We will ask questions if we don't understand something because it is up to the speaker to make us understand.

But in accordance with the Chinese concept of "mianzi," or saving face, which is so important to their culture, people will deny having any questions or being confused. Even with the warning, adjusting has not been easy. It often results in incorrect food orders and uncomfortable bouts of silence. But during the past few weeks, trying to adjust to this has made me more patient. It has also given me even more motivation to improve my Chinese.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Massive protests in Israel call for affordable housing, better education

Tel Aviv, Israel saw the country's largest protest Saturday, Sept. 3 when approximately 500,000 Israelis took to the streets to demand cheaper housing, better education and attention for socioeconomic problems facing the nation.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators rallied in other major cities across Israel, reigniting the campaign that started mid-July. Many of the protesters are middle-class, looking for greater financial stability to avoid working multiple jobs to survive.

Iran opens country's first nuclear power plant, offers UN supervision

International concern arose after Iran put its first nuclear power plant online last week. The country has offered to allow full United Nations supervision for the first five years of its program to show transparency, but supervision must be accompanied by lifting sanctions the international community has placed on the nation.

Iran has made it clear it will continue with its uranium enrichment programs regardless of whether supervision ensues.

Style



Sue Dayton, owner of Roxy Farms Antiques, lives with friend David Mickey and Roxy the pit bull at the shop.

Preserving the past, decorating the rest

Madelyn Smith
Copy Editor

Sue Dayton recalls driving by an old, decaying house in Saxapahaw about three years ago and thinking, "Somebody needs to tear that house down." That's precisely what almost happened until she took a chance and bought the more than a century-old property in 2008.

Before Dayton bought it, the house had been up for auction, but no one had made a bid. She said its previous owner was most likely going to tear the structure down.

"The house was a gem in the ruff, but it was really rough," Dayton said. "It had been sitting empty for almost two years."

After Dayton's initial scan of the inside of the house, which was built in the 1800s, she said it was not a pretty sight. One of its previous owners had once tried to re-wire the house with a chainsaw and loose wires and boards were sticking out of the walls. The floor in the back of the house nearly collapsed when Dayton walked on it, and there was no plumbing.

"People were telling me 'don't do it, don't try to fix it up,'" she said. "But it had potential, it really was a beautiful house."

Dayton graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor's degree in communication arts and design, and she also enjoyed sculpture and photography. She said these interests, coupled with her desire to open an antique shop, were the

driving forces to her plan for renovation of what she would soon call Roxy Farms Antiques.

During the renovation process, Dayton moved into a bedroom in the back of the house and slept on an air mattress, bathed in an old bathtub in her backyard, used a portable grill outside to cook meals and used the portable toilet from the construction company.

"I was roughing it for those seven months," she said. "Eventually, when I got indoor plumbing, that was a big step. I was able to fully move in."

Dayton essentially gutted the inside of the house, leaving what she called a "wooden shell."

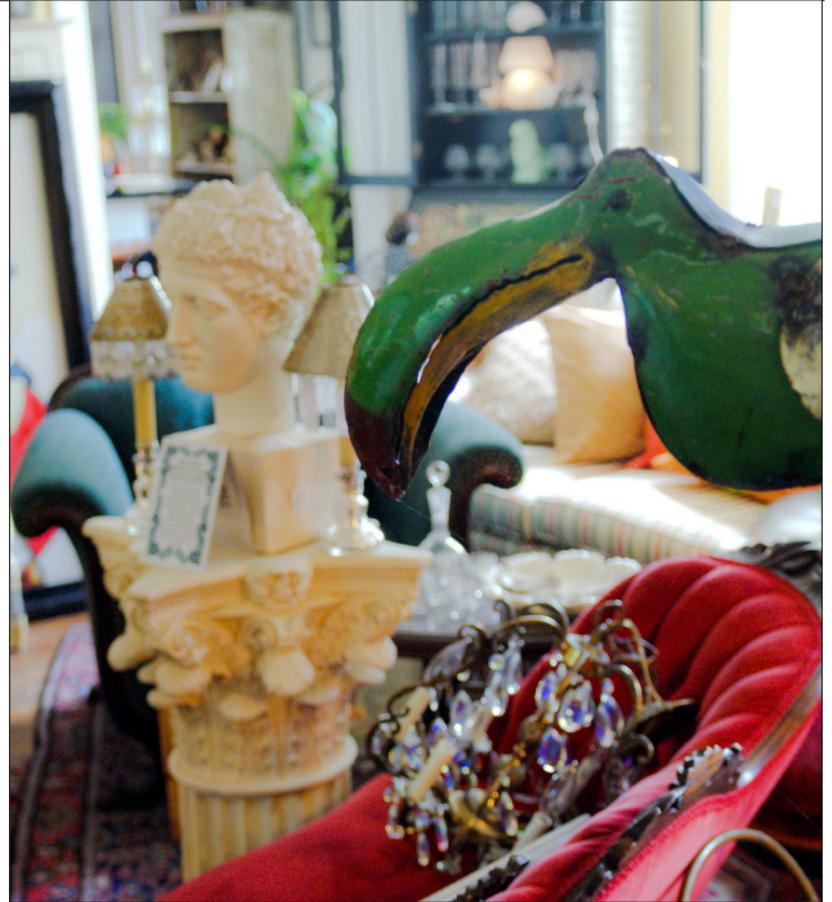
Dayton was also present for every step of the process. She helped scrape, demo, paint and design the new additions and updates to her new home and was surprised to find that even with extensive damage to certain parts of the house, its initial structure was solid.

"We found that it had been made with four-by-fours and wooden pegs," she said. "We were pleasantly surprised to find out how sturdily it was built."

Dayton recycled materials from the renovation and used them in her new home. Boards from behind an old portion of drywall were used as paneling in the dining room, and wood from the old barn in the backyard was used on the walls in the guest bedroom.

During the months of renovation, the home's rich history came into focus as curious former residents visited with Dayton and shared stories of their time in the house.

"That was another cool thing about



Dayton collects and resells antiques to preserve the histories of the pieces. They are on display in the living room.

putting the pieces of the house together — the visitors we had," Dayton said. "People would knock on the front door and say they had lived in the house or gone to school across the street and they would tell us, 'thank you for renovating this, it means a lot.'"

One man who had lived in the house in the 1960s pointed out where he had played darts as a child.

"You can still see the marks on the wall from them," Dayton said.

Three sisters who previously lived in the house also visited with Dayton. They shared stories of entertaining groups in the parlor and having tea parties under the staircase, which now serves as Dayton's pantry. Their father, Frank Woody, also owned and built major additions to the house in the 1940s.

Once the renovation was complete, Dayton furnished it with antique pieces, which she developed a passion for during her childhood.

Her mother was an antique dealer in her home state of New York, and her sister currently owns an antique shop near Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina. Dayton grew up going to auctions and antique shows and said she still enjoys traveling to shows and estate sales with her sister to find one-of-a-kind pieces. She says the benefit of owning antiques versus new furniture is the quality.

"You won't get the sturdy quality of antiques unless you buy high-end, new furniture," she said. "I like providing reasonable, not out-of-reach prices."

Dayton said owning an antique shop was something she always wanted to

Check it out:

What: Roxy Farms Antiques

Where: 5768 Church Rd.,
Saxapahaw, N.C.

When: Weekends noon-6 p.m.,
Weekdays by appointment

Don't miss: Saxapahaw Country
Hoedown, Sept. 10 from
1-4 p.m.

do, but that she's not in the business to make money.

"I save some beautiful furniture and I love doing it," she said.

Dayton has a graduate degree in Public Health from the University of New Mexico and when she is not running Roxy Farms Antiques on weekends, she works at the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership. She primarily travels to auctions and estate sales to buy her antique pieces, and she recently started pairing her two jobs to benefit organizations she supports.

Roxy Farms Antiques is hosting the "Saxapahaw Country Hoedown" Sept. 10 to benefit the N.C. Lung Cancer Partnership, and on Oct. 22, is hosting an antique festival to benefit Carolina Care Bullies, a pitbull rescue organization.

Since opening Roxy Farms Antiques, Dayton said she has developed an even greater love for classic furniture pieces and the history that comes with them. She said her passion for buying and selling antiques will not fade anytime soon.

"When it's in your blood, it's in your blood," she said. "You get the bug."



Materials from the original house and other antiques were re-used in the decoration of the antique shop.



At Dayton's antique shop, customers can find less expensive pieces that are as sturdy as high-end furniture. More pieces are added to the collection every weekend as Dayton browses local sales and stores.



Dayton hosts events to support charity organizations, including the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership.



HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor

The Root Trackside, a new addition to the downtown Elon area, replaced Sidetracks Grill, which closed down last year when owners failed to pay rent. The new restaurant offers another alternative to local dining.

The Root Trackside: casual, healthy dining

Justine Vadini
Reviewer

What's in a name? For Elon's newest dining addition, The Root Trackside, the name represents more than the campus's famous oak trees or the restaurant's earthy and warm rustic interior.

For restaurant owners and Elon alumni Chris Brumbaugh and Lynn Terrell, it also represents a return to roots of their own, especially Brumbaugh, who is a native of Elon. The couple recently made the move back to Elon from Denver, with plans of starting a restaurant near campus.

Ten years in Denver provided much of the "next level creative thought" and inspiration for the down-to-earth ambiance and healthy organic food options, Brumbaugh said.

These options include all-natural chicken without hormones or antibiotics, a large selection of salads and vegetarian options, such as the falafel burger and the barbecue tofu.

And to remedy one's sandwich boredom, The Root boasts unique options, such as the caprese sandwich. Other great options include fresh edamame dip and the Foodie Grilled Cheese.

Quinoa salad, cheese grit cakes and

the crispy Brussels sprouts can all be found on a long list of innovative side items and made into a "you choose three" meal for about \$8.

The restaurant, located in downtown Elon on Lebanon Avenue, occupies the same space that, for years, was home to Sidetracks Restaurant, a popular Elon dining spot that was closed last year because of failure to pay rent. Still, the owners respect the restaurant that had many loyal customers.

"We learned a lot from Sidetracks and we're not trying to replace it," Brumbaugh said. "We also have several items from the Sidetracks menu coming back."

These items include the Island Chicken Caesar wrap and the Turkey Club.

The best items on the new menu are the burgers, with the most popular being the signature Root Burger, according to Terrell.

Terrell, who handcrafted and designed the restaurant's decor, recommends finishing off the meal with homemade blackberry cobbler.

"I wanted people to walk in and feel automatically comfortable," she said.

And if the customers leave with their bellies uncomfortably full? Well, let's just say the cobbler is well-worth the feeling.



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
The Root Trackside on Lebanon Avenue features an earthy, rustic dining ambiance. The light, casual cuisine featured on the menu is reflected in the down-to-earth decor created by owner Lynn Terrell.



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
The Root is open for lunch and dinner. Some of the highlights include a variety of vegetarian options, all-natural foods and homemade blackberry cobbler, which is one of the owner's recommendations.

Top 6 quick, easy-to-prepare meals for college students

David Turkel
Reporter

1. Trail Mix: It definitely qualifies as easy to make: the only thing you have to do is toss whatever ingredients you

want to use into a bag or container. It is also good for you. If you use relatively healthy ingredients like nuts, dried fruit and even dark chocolate, you can improve your heart health. But what really makes trail mix great is the degree to which it's customizable: you

can load up on popcorn and pretzels if you want something salty, chocolate chips or M&Ms if you crave something sweet, or fruit and nuts if you want something healthy.

2. Macaroni and Cheese: This may be predictable, but considering its popularity on college campuses, it's hard to leave mac and cheese off this list. While it's certainly not the healthiest option in the world, mac and cheese is easy to prepare, cheap and widely perceived as tasty. If you get bored with eating it plain, Rasmussen College's website offers alternative recipes to spice up your mac and cheese, such as "Mexi-Mac" and "The Mac Daddy," which includes ground beef, onions and peppers.

3. Apple Crisp: Making apple crisp may sound difficult and time-consuming, but it can actually be made in less than five minutes, and many of the ingredients may already be in your dorm room. In "Good Eats: Quick and Easy Food for Busy College Students" authors Suzanne Sonneborn and Cynthia W. Harriman feature an especially simple recipe for apple crisp that takes just three minutes to make. Simply put apple pieces in a bowl, sprinkle some oatmeal with butter on top, microwave for 1 minute and enjoy!

4. Yogurt Cup: While yogurt by itself has significant nutritional value and is easy to grab and go, Minnesota State

University Health Services suggests how you can enhance a regular serving of yogurt. By adding your favorite fruits, granola or even cereal to a serving of yogurt, you have a quick meal that's healthy, easy to make, delicious and fully customized to fit your preferences.

5. English Muffin Pizza: "Good Eats" also recommends this as a quick and easy lunch option. To make this meal, you need English muffins, tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. A neat thing about this recipe is that it's also an opportunity to clean out your fridge. You can sort through whatever meats, vegetables and anything else you have leftover to use as toppings. English muffin pizza can also be prepared within minutes and with minimal effort. Just spread tomato sauce on an English muffin, top it with cheese and cook in an oven or toaster oven until the cheese melts. A microwave can also be used to cook your pizza.

6. Sunrise Egg Burrito: This breakfast meal comes from Minnesota State University Health Services, and can be made quickly when you're pressed for time. After beating two eggs, wrap up the ingredients (eggs, salsa, and cheese) in a tortilla before microwaving it. Combined with the ease of preparation and nutritional value and its taste, the sunrise egg burrito is a solid choice for breakfast, or even lunch and dinner.



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Snacks like yogurt with granola, strawberries and blueberries are healthy, easy alternatives to fast food.

Senior links physical activity, cognitive function

David Turkel
Reporter

An Elon student's project may soon reveal that video games can be good for you.

Caroline York, a senior exercise and sports science major and Elon College Fellow, is using Xbox Kinect as part of a research study to examine the link between physical activity and cognition in children that may shed some light on the importance of physical education in schools.

"My study seeks to identify whether or not children who are physically active have better cognitive functioning," York said. The study has been in the works for a while. York said she knew she wanted her Fellows Project to focus on children and their cognitive function since her first year at Elon.

She approached exercise science professor, Dr. Wally Bixby, to serve as her project mentor for her first year, and the two have been developing the project since then.

The study will test children between the ages of nine and 12 over the course of three separate sessions. In the first session, subjects will take a basic intelligence test and a fitness test of fast-walking a mile. York will also gather a baseline electroencephalography (EEG) test on each child, which, according to her, "reflects the electrical activity in their brain."

In the second session, the children will play either "Madagascar Kartz" for Xbox 360 or "Adventures: Reflex Ridge" for Xbox Kinect. For those unfamiliar with Kinect, the game requires some

physical effort.

"During the game, I will collect data on the participant's heart rate, their rating of perceived exertion and effect," she said. After the game, York will gather more EEG data and administer an achievement test that features questions on math, spelling and reading. The third session is identical in process, except the participant will play the video game he or she did not play in the second session.

The importance of York's project is in the results of the EEGs and achievement tests. York anticipates the children will perform better on the achievement test after physical activity. The EEG results should also show increased cognitive functioning.

The EEG data is gathered by having the participant respond to a stimulus—for example, clicking the mouse when a certain image appears on a computer screen. York expects the children to respond to the stimuli with "decreased latency and increased response accuracy."

No matter what the results are, conclusions should not be drawn based on this project alone.

"In research you can never conclusively prove anything," York said.

But if the data agrees with her prediction of improved cognitive functioning after physical activity, it could be evidence that schools should make an effort to keep physical education in their curriculum. She said school systems are feeling pressure to do well on standardized testing by eliminating physical education and recess to create more time to focus on education. Her



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
Caroline York, a senior exercise and sports science major, has been conducting research to test how Xbox and Xbox Kinect games affect cognition in boys and girls aged nine to 12. Her research may prove that playing video games as well as physical fitness activities engage the brain, which could lead to improved cognitive function.

project could indicate that schools taking time for physical activity away from their students to improve test scores can be counterproductive.

York's project isn't the first to undertake the question of whether physical activity leads to increased cognitive functioning in children. Both York and Bixby cited a 2009 study led by University of Illinois professor Charles Hillman that indicated physical activity leads to improved cognitive functioning in pre-adolescents.

An important difference between York's study and Hillman's study is that,

in Hillman's project, the participants' physical activity was on a treadmill. "You're not going to get a 12-year-old to walk on a treadmill," Bixby said.

That is partially why York is using Kinect in her project—to test children on the kind of physical activity they may enjoy doing in their free time. And if the results of her study are what York is anticipating, then we could eventually see an increase in those types of activities. Video games and playing sports may be fun, but more than that, they could also boost the cognitive functioning of the world's youth.

Tips for living off-campus without breaking the budget

Rachel Southmayd
Opinions Editor

1. There's no shame in coupons

Grab a local Sunday newspaper, a pair of scissors and start clipping. Every "50 cents off" or "Buy one, get one" offer can help. If you bought a box of cereal every other week using a "50 cents off" coupon, you could save up to \$13. Imagine applying that deal to everything in your grocery cart and you could rack up some serious savings.

2. Don't impulsively shop

Whether you're going to the grocery store or Target, go armed with a list.

Don't wander in each aisle. Make sure to only purchase the things you need. This will keep you on budget and prevent impulsive buys, which add up quickly.

3. Set limits

"I'll only eat out twice a week" or "I'll only go to Local Yogurt after a test" and other similar limits are a great way to save money. You'll also feel as if you've earned your reward.

4. Stay home

Try not to eat out. Instead, have each of your roommates be responsible for dinner on a specific night each week. That way, you're still eating real

meals, but without the extra costs. A box of spaghetti, a jar of sauce and a bag of meatballs will cost you less than \$10, but a pasta dinner at Olive Garden could easily run close to \$20. And instead of hitting the movies, try a \$1-a-night rental from Redbox—there's one at Lowe's and Harris Teeter—or take advantage of SUB's Movies on the Lawn. Those are completely free, and most aren't available to rent yet. Upcoming screenings include The Hangover II, Bridesmaids and Cars 2.

5. Ditch your keys

Do you really need to drive to campus every day? When your parents visit, ask

them to bring your old bike from home, or just walk to class. It's great exercise or simply a good time to have a few quiet minutes to think. Plus, even if you live only a half-mile off-campus, gas expenses can add up quickly.

6. Go to interest meetings

Organization interest meetings aren't good just for freshmen trying to find their niche—students living off-campus can benefit from the free food frequently offered at the interest meetings during the first weeks of school. Check out E-net for interest meeting dates, times and places.

How not to: throw away a dream internship opportunity

Anna Hirschbiel
Reporter

Is your internship cramping your style? Would you rather be shopping or lying on the beach? Unfortunately, none of those activities will land you that dream job you've been vying for since you entered Elon or earlier. Follow this helpful guide on what not to do at your internship, no matter how much you dislike running errands for your supervisor. Otherwise, you'll be out the door within 10 days.

Being unprepared

If your supervisor or boss asks you to attend a meeting, never forget a writing utensil and a notebook. Showing up without the proper materials makes a horrible impression on your supervisor, and by not taking notes, you will forget important information that may impact your performance at the company. Keeping a notebook or planner separate from your other work will allow you to stay organized.

Dressing inappropriately

That new super-short miniskirt you were planning to wear out this weekend would make a great work skirt. Better yet, pair it with a tube top and stiletto heels that match, right? Of course not. As tempting as it is to show off those snazzy garments you got on sale last weekend, dressing professionally is paramount to making a lasting impression at your internship. Remember: dressing a notch above permanent employees at the

company is a safe standard to abide by. Check out Tanger Outlets in Mebane to get a professional wardrobe for less.

Talking excessively

This can get tricky because most employers want to hear your opinion, but know where to draw the line. Challenging everything they say or asking "Why?" when they ask you to do a task is certainly not going to help you out in the long run. Don't forget body language either. Keep your disposition friendly and positive. Exchanging casual conversation with employees at the company is not a bad idea either, but keep it at a professional networking level.

Abusing social media

Actively using your personal Facebook or Twitter account during your internship is not a wise decision. Neither is taking full advantage of that unlimited text and data plan you have on your phone. Being a people person has its place in the internship world, but unless you're using social media for work purposes only, it's inappropriate.

Showing up late

Your supervisor wants you to be ready to work by 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Be there at 8:20. Being "fashionably late" or "making an entrance" may seem like the cool thing to do, but it won't earn you brownie points at your internship. Just like in the real world, you won't survive an internship if you consistently show up late, or not at all.

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Company Shops Market brings 'food for our souls' downtown

Nicole Esplin
Reporter

From music beats to organic beets, Burlington's new Company Shops Market has it all.

Every Friday night through October the co-op grocery store hosts an artist or band to perform on its patio while customers are welcomed to taste an array of wines offered at the store and shop for local goods.

The Doug Largent Trio performed their comforting soul-jazz Friday, Sept. 2 to a crowd sipping wine and enjoying dinner.

Band leader Largent said the events bring people from all around, including people walking down the street who stop by to investigate.

"Music and arts are food for our souls," he said. "Just as someone may shop at Company Shops co-op to buy fresh organic food, they are likely to realize that the music of the bands that perform are a fresh, healthy alternative."

Elon sophomore Julie Hart said she enjoyed finishing her weekly grocery shopping while listening to the trio.

"I think it's a fun atmosphere with great food and I like what the market stands for: selling local and organic products," Hart said.

Marketing manager Stephen Walter is working to bring life to downtown Burlington and spread the word about local artists and farmers.

"We want to make sure people know that downtown is changing and we want to help make that happen," Walter said. "We are working to provide a community gathering place on Fridays. The response so far has been amazing."

Customers can enjoy goods from more than 35 farmers around the Burlington area. The store sells fruits and vegetables, dairy, meats, eggs, soaps, beauty and packaged products. It also has a hot bar, salad bar, sushi bar and sandwich section.

For those who cannot resist good wine, the store offers samples of wine every Friday.

"With all the different kinds of wines that we have, trying all would be expensive and time consuming," Walter said. "They allow people to be able to try the wines before buying,



The Doug Largent Trio performed Sept. 2 at the Company Shops Market co-op grocery store in downtown Burlington. Every Friday through October, the co-op will host bands. BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

to make sure they love what they are tasting."

With regularly scheduled BioBus stops at the co-op and Phoenix Cash accepted, Walter welcomes all Elon students to stop by on a Friday night to socialize and enjoy music and food.

"The best part of Friday nights here is the community coming together as a group to enjoy music, great food, great groceries, and each other," Walter said. "People come eat dinner, enjoy a bit of music, and get their shopping done for the weekend."

The co-op began hosting music events when partners Nikki Jaeger and Justin Johnson of Dynamo Muse Productions proposed the idea to the co-op owners. Johnson is also a guitarist who has performed many times at the co-op.

"Justin is a fan favorite when he

plays here. The production company has taken a world of weight off of our shoulders by helping us with this, and everyone loves it," Walter said.

Johnson will play his blues guitar Friday, Sept. 9 amid wine tastings and organic grocery shopping.

Check it out:

What: Company Shops Market weekly music

When: Friday nights through October

Where: 268 East Front Street Burlington, NC

Don't miss: Justin Johnson, Sept. 14

Summer internship instills empathy, direction

Rebecca Wickel
Design Editor

Out of 600 applicants, fewer than 75 were chosen.

The summer internship is a coveted part of the undergraduate education. For junior Caroline Pittard, a position at Youth Villages was more than a line on her resume.

"I wasn't before, but now I'm interested in working with kids, maybe foster kids or kids that have been abused," she said. "It helped confirm my career goals: that I want to do something with counseling or clinical practice in some way."

Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization that helps emotionally and behaviorally challenged children and their families live successfully, offered Pittard a position in Memphis, Tenn. this past summer.

"I worked in one of the residential cottages," she said. "We'd pick them up from school and sometimes have recreation therapy in the gym. I'd basically help supervise. They always need an extra pair of eyes."

Having interns on site is beneficial for the staff as well as the children, according to Allison Hinson, university relations recruiter at Youth Villages.

"They've got this energy, they're so excited, they're so motivated," she said. "After you've been in any job for a while it loses its luster, and some days you need someone there to

have that excitement, to boost you up again."

Pittard's experience at Youth Villages was both educational and rewarding.

"It was cool to see a couple of them improve in the short time I was there," she said. "I could see some of them going further in their treatment. I learned that I'm not as soft-spoken as I thought I was. Working with boys, you really have to step up and they need to respect you, so you can be cool with them but you have to make sure they know you're the leader, you're in charge."

Pittard said that her firsthand experience with at-risk children was an important part of the learning process.

"I want students to know that whether it be through Youth Villages or through any organization, it's very important to get that experience while you're in college," Hinson said. "Most of our interns realize that they love it and they want to come back and work for us, but there are definitely some that say 'I loved this, but this isn't what I want to do with my life,' and we respect that. We are excited about that because we're helping college students realize what they want to do."

Although she said she was thrilled to work in the counseling field, Pittard faced trials that ultimately made her experience more rewarding.

"Most challenging was learning a professional sense of empathy because

a lot of the kids had pretty hard stories," she said. "But by the end of the 10 weeks I was there, I felt a lot better about being able to go into a situation where it's a sad story, but they're there to get help so you have to look at it that way. I feel like it really helped me learn that, especially for the future."

In addition to working with troubled children, Pittard took advantage of the opportunities in Memphis.

"It was great living in Memphis, being able to explore the city on weekends," she said. "We went to museums, saw great fireworks shows and went down to the river. And the barbecue was amazing."

After a summer at Youth Villages, Hinson said interns have the experience and contacts needed to transition into the professional world.

"My favorite part is having the interns," Hinson said. "I love to get to know them so when they do graduate and they are looking for a little guidance in the field, they feel comfortable enough just to give me a call and talk to me about what they want to do, so I can help them out in any way."



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Entertainment Buzz: Catching up with celebs



Kate Esplenfeld
Columnist

The Good, the Bad, and the Interesting of the MTV Video Music Awards

For those who watched the 2011 Video Music Awards, it is safe to say

there was no shortage of dancing, singing and crazy outfits.

Lady Gaga opened the show and stole the stage in a surprisingly simple ensemble, dressed as a man in a basic white t-shirt and black pants. Her alter-ego Jo Calderone was present for most of the evening, with Gaga dropping by every now and again. Ultimately, she stayed true to herself and left everyone wondering: "What was she thinking?"

Another star performer to hit the stage was the always chart-topping Beyonce. She gave a stand-out performance belting out her new single "Love on Top" and revealed some exciting news at the end: she and hip-hop mogul Jay-Z are expecting a baby.

The stars hit the dance floor

It is near impossible to avoid hearing about "Dancing with the Stars." From mediocre dancers to somewhat famous celebrities, the show has taken off and captivated Americans everywhere.

The star-studded lineup has been announced for season 13 with a variety of talent and personalities. Some of the highlights include:

- Ron Artest: basketball star currently playing for the LA Lakers
- Chaz Bono: transgender son of Sonny Bono and Cher
- David Arquette: actor and ex-husband of actress Courtney Cox
- Kristin Cavallari: teen queen on former MTV show Laguna Beach

If your interests don't lie in dancing, this wide-ranging celebrity cast will be sure to grab your attention.

From the big screen to the bookstore

Celebrities can do it all. From movies and TV, to raising kids and writing memoirs. Here are some popular new celebrity books hitting the shelves.

• "Bossypants": From an awkward teen to making it big, "Bossypants" follows the ups and downs of comedian Tina Fey's road to stardom and all the hilarious incidents in between.

• "Does The Noise in my Head Bother You?": We all know Steven Tyler is an idol in the rock 'n' roll world, but his new memoir is a look into the Aerosmith frontman's trials and tribulations as he rose to rock legend status.

• "Lies That Chelsea Handler Told Me": Who doesn't love a racy blonde never afraid to speak her mind? Chelsea Handler is at it again with an array of short stories and anecdotes in her fourth book, featuring reminiscences by friends and families.

Greensboro arcade boasts nostalgia with something retro for all ages

Rebecca Wickel
Design Editor

Lovers of Atari, Nintendo Wii and everything in between, look no further than Lost Ark Video Games, Greensboro's independent video game store.

Co-owners Asa Cooney and Daniel McMillan grew up playing video games, and have fond memories of the arcade scene.

"We always talked half joking, half seriously, that we'd really like to do something one day that we could share with other people," McMillan said. "Something where we could recreate a little bit of that arcade scene that we remembered but didn't really exist anymore."

The arcade's retro games and retro pricing seem fitting for its title, named for the 1981 Indiana Jones film "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"It conjures up images of finding some rare treasure, some lost antiquity you find in a stack of nintendo games, so it just kind of fit," McMillan said.

The UNC Greensboro graduates wanted to share their collections and believed college students would be most receptive.

"I remember when I was in college, I was flat broke," Cooney said. "Ninety percent of the time, we have the lowest prices in town on games. So for college students who are gamers, it's definitely the place to shop if you're on a budget."

The store features 10 pinball machines and more than 12 arcade cabinets, and although the owners buy and sell used video games for all platforms, the majority of the collection has been years in the making.

"A lot of it is our personal collections. I'm 27, and I've been collecting games since I was five," Cooney said. "(Dan is) 31 and I'd imagine he started around the same age, so we have about 50 years worth of collections. Some of it we found on Craigslist and the Internet, but most of it is ours and we decided to make a go of it."

Last week's grand opening had a successful and encouraging turn out, according to the owners.

"There was a father and son that camped out for a couple of hours before it opened, which blew my mind," McMillan said. "They saw a flier, they came by just to see if we were open yet, and the son looked through the window and saw the equipment and was so excited he begged his dad to come back and be the ones to



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Co-owner Asa Cooney organizes video games for sale.

open us up."

After opening the store, McMillan and Cooney said they realized Lost Ark Video Games was a success because it has something for everyone.

"Some people came out because they heard we have pinball machines, some people came out for the arcade equipment, some people came out because they heard we have retro games and they're really into Nintendo," Cooney said. "Different things brought different people out, but it seems like everyone had a good time, everyone was really excited."

For the owners, the love of the game, or games, is what motivates them.

"We're not doing this just to get rich, although that would be nice," McMillan said. "We like games, this is what we know and care about, so being able to share that with people and make that our business is really gratifying."

MORE ONLINE

Meet co-owners Asa Cooney and Dan McMillan while experiencing the sights and sounds of Lost Ark Video Games

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Students from UNC Greensboro play on an X-Men arcade cabinet at Lost Ark Video Games. The combination arcade and store features both pay-to-play arcade games and reasonably priced video games to take home.

Google Plus joins pantheon of social media sites

Kate Riley
Copy Editor

Social media. Two words, but one idea that has skyrocketed within the past few years. But what does it take to become the next "big thing"? How did Mark Zuckerberg create a site that hundreds of millions of people would navigate? Even though there are plenty of fish in the sea, some sites are just getting started, including the latest Google invention.

The Google Plus project, Google's new social networking site, aims to "make sharing on the web more like sharing in real life," according to Google. This is shown through features like hangouts, circles, instant uploading and many more. But some of the features mirror those already used on Facebook and still need work, according to some of its users.

"I have a Google Plus, but I can't say I've used it," said senior Samantha Chambers. "I thought it was kind of impractical. It had a great idea of splitting up friends and family and colleagues and I can see what they were trying to do, but it's not as practical as it could be. There are plenty of social media sites already."

Chambers, who works as an interactive media manager for a company in Raleigh, deals with marketing and advertising and said some changes have to be made before she would consider



- circles: mini friend lists
- hangouts: live video chats
- spark: content organizer
- instant upload: upload straight to profile
- integrated with Gmail

switching from Facebook to Google Plus.

"Google Plus needs to have its presence everywhere," she said. "Even if it's not a primary source, it's still going to be beneficial to use Google Plus in marketing at some point. However, I still think that Facebook is still the most popular thing."

Chambers went on to explain that because Google is a big name already, it has the ability to market itself with new projects, creating somewhat of an advantage. If Google Plus plays its cards right, it could take off as a successful social networking site, she said.

But Google does need to make some sort of change to reach that level of success. The time the users spent on Google and the traffic on the site



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plateaued after mid-July, according to research from Experian Hitwise. The research from late August showed that users of Google Plus spent an average time of a little more than five minutes, which is down from this summer.

Bettina Johnson graduated from Elon in 2006 and from Elon's Masters in Interactive Media program in May 2011 and was anxious for a Google Plus invite when it launched, but agrees with Chambers that the site will need some improvements.

"I understand that Google Plus is just rolling out of the gate and will have a phase two, a phase three and possibly even a phase 20 in the next few years," she said. "But both networks have ways to organize your connections, post

information in the form of text, video, photo or links, and both serve the same purpose in the end."

Johnson said that she currently likes the layout of Facebook better than Google Plus, feeling that she has access to more features and more information.

"I think that Facebook is here to stay," she said. "But it all comes down to people's preference. Since Facebook has been around for so much longer and has an established fan base, there will always be loyal fans to Facebook no matter what new social network comes out next. Both networks will be successful with their own group of followers."

To improve her overall social networking experience, Johnson said she wants a feature to import connections from other social networks. If done on Facebook, Johnson said that it "would eliminate the concern of users dropping Facebook accounts simply because their friends have moved on to something new."

Although there are still improvements needed in both sites, Johnson said, it all comes down to personal preference.

"Personally, I don't care which network takes the advantage or is considered on top," she said. "I'm still going to use the network that suits me best, and I think that solution is to pull various network streams into one. Then everyone would be happy."

Get to know:

Burlington City Park, an urban oasis

Stephanie Butzer
Senior Reporter

Children laugh and play. Couples hold hands. Parents chat as they keep a watchful eye on their youngsters. A calm breeze tousles athletes' hair and the sun's rays fall gently on Burlington City Park.

"Parks are about the quality of life in a community," said Superintendent of Recreation Lisa Wolff.

Burlington City Park, located off Overbrook Road, consists of 75 acres of green space. Like most parks, it has numerous locations dedicated to physical activity. Many baseball and softball teams come to the City Park for their games and tournaments.

Twelve tennis courts are available for matches. There are also five athletic fields. For those who prefer a casual stroll in a serene place, a greenway and walking trail twist and turn around a stream. The park even fills the needs of swimmers with an aquatic facility for indoor swimming. But the majority of the park's visitors come for something else.

"The Dentzel Carousel is definitely the hot attraction," Wolff said.

Consisting of 46 hand-carved animals, the fully restored carousel is special: it is one of only 14 Dentzel Menagerie Carousels intact in the world. It was purchased in 1948 from the owner of Forest Amusement Park in Ohio for \$3,500.

"Last year, it celebrated its 100th anniversary," Wolff said.

It's also famous for its surprisingly

realistic and individually unique wooden animals. The horses even have tails made of real horsehair.

In addition to the carousel, three enclosed shelters and two open are scattered around the park. All have grills and can seat many people, in addition to many picnic tables are dotted around the park. An extensive playground gives children the opportunity to play together. A courtyard provides a resting spot for those walking on the greenway.

In addition to everyday recreation, the park also has individual day events. In the spring, the park hosts an Easter egg hunt around the grounds. In December, there is a Christmas in the Park event. Concerts are held in the 77,800-square-foot amphitheatre year-round. One of the bigger events, the Burlington Carousel Festival is held annually in September. Live music, crafts, and food can draw the attendance of more than 50,000 people. This year, the festival will take place the weekend of the 17th.

On a broader scale, parks are a healthy addition to any community.

"We know that when a family or a new company is looking to move into town they look at, obviously schools, but also what's available as far as parks," Wolff said.

Although Burlington City Park is not within walking distance of Elon, some students make the trip.

"It's good to have a place where people can go outside and get unstressed. It encourages people to exercise and get outside more," said sophomore Elizabeth Greenberg.

MORE ONLINE

Home to several kid's rides, Burlington City Park has additional attractions you can see online.

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The Burlington City Park offers a pleasant escape from campus life and schoolwork.

Sketch comedy royalty to perform at Elon

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

What do Tina Fey, Rachel Dratch, Chris Farley, Steve Carell and Stephen Colbert have in common? At some point in their lives, these comedians studied at and have been a part of The Second City, a comedy theatre and improvisational school based in Chicago and Toronto. The Second City national comedy tour will stop at Elon University with shows Sep. 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in McCrary Theatre.

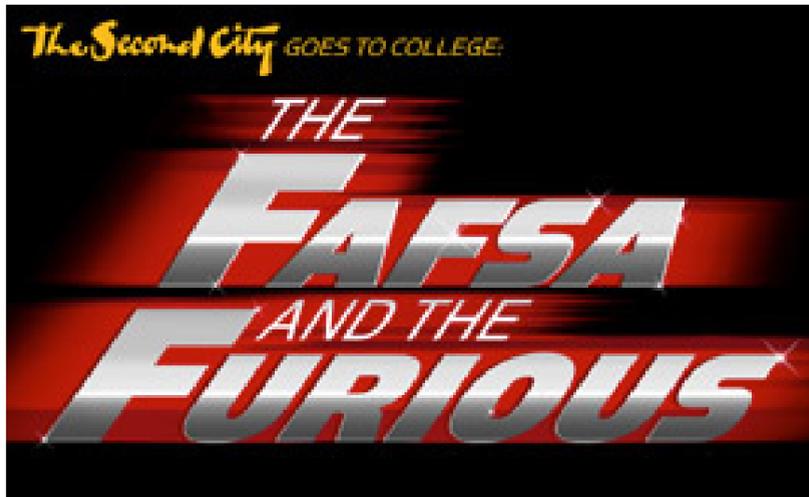
Opened in 1959, the comedy troupe is where many famous comedians got their start. Other alumni include Gilda Radner, Tim Meadows, Bonnie Hunt and Bill Murray, according to the group's website.

The decision to bring The Second City to Elon was made by the Lyceum Committee, which is made up of several faculty and staff members from all departments on campus, said Jeff Clark, executive director of cultural and special programs.

"We also work together with the activities board and the student government to share presenting this event," Clark said. "We thought it'd be a great event. We want to give our campus an evening of fun and entertainment."

The comedy performances have different themes and titles each night, with the Sep. 6 show entitled "The Second City Goes to College: The FAFSA and the Furious" and the Sept. 7 performance being a showcase of the group's talents, said Clark.

"The FAFSA one is a natural fit for college," he said. "The other show is kind of a cross-section of what Second City does best. We thought that would be a second grade example."



During the summer, two Elon University students had the opportunity to study with the teachers who coached the alumni. Junior Sean Liang and senior Julia Gallagher, both BFA acting majors, took classes at The Second City Training Center for eight weeks, an experience Liang called "incredible."

"I took classes and met several incredible professionals including two of the actors that Elon will get to see in the tour — Barry Hite and Lyndsay Haley," Liang said. While he studied at Second City with Gallagher, Liang also took classes at iO Chicago, another improvisation theater in Chicago.

"We quickly learned that the improv world in Chicago is all its own," Liang said. "We discovered that there was a holy trinity of improv theatres which included Second City, The Annoyance Theatre and iO Chicago."

Gallagher said it's her and Liang's dream to work for "Saturday Night Live" someday, and decided that Second City was a good start.

"We knew there are many amazing improv places to train at in Chicago, not to mention New York and LA, but we figured we would start at Second City since it's well known," Gallagher said. "I also love sketch comedy and their shows specialize in that."

Unlike Liang and Gallagher, Clark doesn't know the performers in the college tour personally, but he said that he expects McCrary to be full.

"I know some of the older performers, but we hope that a lot of people come out to see it," he said. "It'll be a fun night."

Gallagher and Liang said they will attend both shows because of their classroom experience with the comedians, as well as their love for comedy.

"I am excited for my fellow actors to see what they can do. I think that improv is a really important and necessary skill that actors need to hone in on, especially after what I learned this summer," Liang said. "It is my hope that the Second City tour will get people interested because I would really like to start teaching what I learned and start performing our own long-form improv shows."

Performing improvisational comedy is difficult because it requires a unique set of skill, according to Gallagher. She said although she learned a lot about acting at Elon, improvisation was still difficult for her.

"I've never had full-on improv training and with improv it's like juggling three different things at once," Gallagher said. "Learning how to utilize both your right and left brain all while staying in the moment was definitely something that blew my mind."

For anyone who hasn't seen any Second City performances, the group's website and YouTube channels feature popular videos like The Sassy Gay Friend series created by the Second City Network, a branch of Second City. Liang said he highly recommends the shows to everyone.

"I think that improv and sketch comedy is completely universal entertainment, I mean unless you don't like to laugh," Liang said. "I'm not too sure of anyone who isn't a fan of shows like 'SNL' or 'MadTV'."

Tickets are free for all with Elon ID and \$12 for anyone without. Perhaps in a few years, Gallagher and Liang will be among those returning to Elon for The FAFSA and the Furious 2.



Jay-Z and Kanye West released a collaborative album, "Watch the Throne," this summer. COURTESY OF MP3WAXX.COM



Street king Trae Tha Truth has been performing since the late '90s. COURTESY OF SCOTTAMARLOWE.COM

Weekly Web Roundup: Videos go viral



Alexa Johnson
Columnist

Delicious Data: The Girl Scout Edition

What Girl Scout cookies reside in the hearts and stomachs of the adoring American public? Wired Magazine has the answer, just in time to help you figure

out what to stock up on. Hint: it's not Tagalongs or the sugar-free chocolate cookie abominations.

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EU: Alma Mater of pretty folks, pretty places

In recent years, the media have taken a special interest in our little Elon University for countless accomplishments and a campus that consistently makes top 10 lists. Now the rest of the world is realizing that the inhabitants are pretty attractive, too. The Daily Beast honors the men of EU with an A and the ladies come in just behind them with a B+. Just another reason that makes graduating seem less appealing.

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HBO standout "True Blood" makes more sense with inebriated texts

In a glorious meeting of two of the best things in pop culture, some beautiful person created a Tumblr dedicated to stills from "True Blood," and appropriate captions from the always entertaining website, Texts From Last Night. With Sookie and delicious Viking warrior vampire Eric Northman talking like drunken college students, the drama in Bon Temps makes so much more sense.

Search: "True Blood texts"

Don't Be That Man / Lady: the College Edition

In true BuzzFeed aggregate form, its put together a fiercely truthful and hilarious encyclopedia about 12 of the most annoying types of college students. Perfect for upperclassmen and freshmen who are trying to make friends and figure out university lifestyle, BuzzFeed reminds everyone to check themselves in the classroom and calls out some of the most annoying behaviors we all fall into at some point, including "the overly specific question guy / girl" and "The over-abbreviator." Finance majors, you might want to skip this one.

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Media PWN-age: Jezebel gets JCPenney to discontinue sexist T-shirt

In a serious slap down, well-known feminist site Jezebel called out retail giant JCPenney for manufacturing and selling girls' shirt that said "I'm too pretty to do HOMEWORK, so my brother has to do it for me." Not only is this a triumph for both equality and quality, but it's an amazing display of the power media holds — pretty nifty to think about.



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Hip-hop Music Report: best albums of the summer



Neima Abdulahi
Columnist

Big Sean: "Finally Famous"

With his catch phrase "I Do It," Detroit emcee Big Sean can now sit back and say it in past tense. His debut album "Finally Famous," was released June 28, and received raving reviews and positive feedback from his fans. After its first day of release, the album was projected to sell close to 100,000 copies. After the first week, the album sold 84,566 copies.

This is a huge accomplishment considering the album leaked two weeks before it even dropped. But, even when it dropped, it wasn't often downloaded illegally. For Big Sean to sell those many records is a testament of his fans' loyalty.

Jay-Z & Kanye West: "Watch The Throne"

Jay-Z and Kanye West teamed up to do colossal damage on their highly-anticipated collaboration album "Watch The Throne," released Aug. 8. The hip-hop powerhouses even set a trend for two other heavyweights to later follow. Lil Wayne and Drake are now projected to release a collaboration album after Drake's solo album "Take Care" drops Oct. 24.

"Watch The Throne" has premier singles such as "Otis," "Gotta Have It" and "No Church In The Wild." What's special about the album is that it does not have a track that screams "this is the radio single." As iconic and as powerful as Jay-Z and West are, it's no surprise that they've redefined what a radio single is. "Watch The Throne" has no gimmicks.

Trae Tha Truth: "Street King"

Trae Tha Truth is not only a hometown hero in the city of Houston, he's also a Street King, as he crowned himself on his latest album. He's been knee-deep in the rap game since the late '90s. Considering "Street King" is

his sixth studio project, Trae racked up industry pioneers such as Big Boi, Rick Ross, Lil Wayne and Jadakiss. The guestlist goes on and on and on. Out of the 18 tracks, 16 of them have a feature from a chart-topping artist.

Cleverly, Trae does not get outshined on any of the tracks. This album has an authentic feel that's heavily rooted in the streets. The Houston veteran has put together a project for his fans to enjoy.

Jay Rock: "Follow Me Home"

The Cali rhymers Jay Rock dropped his debut album "Follow Me Home" this summer. He represents the new era of California rappers, comprised of the Black Hippy — with Kendrick Lamar, School Boy Q and Ab-Soul.

The Top Dawg Entertainment rapper featured his Black Hippy teammates on the track "Say Wassup" which shoes the natural seamless chemistry between the four West Coast spittas.

As Black Hippy continues to spearhead the West Coast rap game as a team, Jay Rock is arguably a greatest in the making and "Follow Me Home" serves as evidence.

SUMMER MOVIE ROUNDUP

HEROISM, MAGIC AND HISTORY

Natalie Dupuis
Reviewer

This summer's movie season was highly anticipated by moviegoers and producers alike. Viewers were excited to see their favorite characters come to life and executives were looking forward to seeing the box office blown away by the revenue from their newest special effects-driven films.

Throughout the season there were four big winners:

"Midnight in Paris" - While he had to sacrifice a lot, Gil (Owen Wilson) learned that living in the past caused him to miss the things happening in the present. Woody Allen created a make-believe version of Paris for Gil to live in each night where the presence of great writers and artists like F. Scott Fitzgerald and Pablo Picasso was not uncommon. Entertainment Weekly reports that between the clever writing and the beautiful setting of the film, Allen could hardly be upset with his highest grossing film to date.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" - By far the most anticipated movie of the summer, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his merry band of friends did not disappoint, especially at the box office. While fans gave relatively positive reviews of the film, producers of the multi-billion dollar series were thrilled with the results of consecutive weekends at the top of the box office. In fact, E! Online reports that Harry Potter was more than a hit this summer, as it claimed the year's No. 1 movie, as well as the world's No. 3 all-time highest grossing film.



The silver screen features historical dramas, thrillers, romantic comedies and adventure films. JULIA SAYERS | Staff Photographer

"Thor" - One of the better-received comic book adaptations over the last five years, "Thor" did not fail to produce at the box office. The excitement surrounding the upcoming "Avengers" film set to premiere in 2012 definitely helped propel "Thor" and its sibling "Captain America: The First Avenger" to summer movie all-star status. "Thor" brought in \$181 million for the season and "Captain America" brought in \$169.5 million. Also, the teaser trailers for "The Avengers" at the end of both films definitely ignited the hype for next summer's movie.

"The Help" - Presenting a different kind of hero, The Help brought out to the movies an entirely different crowd than that of the comic book-loving masses this summer. Based on the popular book by Kathryn Stockett, the movie vividly showed the division between races in the South during the 1960's. Skeeter Phelan (Emma Stone) steps out from the traditions she has been raised in,

and becomes a documentarian of a multitude of poorly treated maids in Jackson, Miss., writing a book from their point of view. Not only did this film give its audience an education, it also performed well, bringing in \$108 million, according to Box Office Mojo.

This summer's movies did not disappoint the public or the producers. While it may have been heavy on the comic book adaptation, the box office results prove that moviegoers did not seem to mind.

MORE ONLINE

The Pendulum hits the streets to learn what students saw in theaters this summer.

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ANNA JOHNSON | Editor-in-Chief

Two-floor Stewart Fitness Center broadens exercise experience for students, community



The new two-story gym allows for more room, improved equipment and opportunities.

Jordan Scahill
Reporter

New options, more machines and added space make up the new Stewart Fitness Center, open to students just in time for the beginning of fall semester.

The new fitness center provides an additional 4,000 square-foot space, connecting the former fitness center and former athletic weight room with a stairwell. There are 10 new pieces of free weight equipment, four new treadmills to replace broken machines and five tons of new free weights.

With the larger available space, Campus Rec also added an agility ladder, battle ropes, exercise and kettle bells, agility and plyometrics boxes, and a section for ab and core workouts.

"The newer equipment will allow students to broaden their exercise experience by trying new things they haven't done before," said Peter Tulchinsky, director of Campus Rec.

Both floors open to Elon's campus with windowed sides, adding to the appeal and improvement of the fitness center.

Downstairs, there is a heavy bag and a TRX-training section complete with an instructional video and expanded stretching area.

"We want to appeal to the larger Elon community and continue to have diverse participants with the new equipment available," said senior Eileen Burkhardt, a Campus Rec employee.

Campus Rec has renovated the fitness center a number of times in the past decade, adapting to the changes of Elon's campus, according to Tulchinsky.

Additional on-campus housing creates higher demand for gym time, so participation growth has increased significantly over the years.

"I have seen new students turn away from the gym in the past because it was too crowded, so we had to find a way to solve that problem," Tulchinsky said.

Renovations were a necessary step for Campus Rec to serve the school's changing demographics, according to Burkhardt.

The larger fitness center looks to create more space to ease the rush hours at the gym, usually around 4-6 p.m. on weekdays. On certain days, Tulchinsky said gym traffic reaches more than 100 people within a one-hour period.

"It is helpful to have the space to get a good workout this year at any time of the day," senior Patrick Sheridan said. "It makes a big difference in the quality of my time spent at the gym."

Creating a two-floor fitness center has also improved the quality of group exercise programs. Yoga classes will no longer be interrupted by weights dropping on the floors above, eliminating the distraction of noise.

"I like how there is a TRX station and cardio machines downstairs, too, so it seems more welcoming and not as much of a man cave," senior Laura Goldberg said.

Along with the renovations of the fitness center, Campus Rec has also redesigned the studio and racquetball floors and added new equipment to the front desk.

The Stewart Fitness Center, mirroring the progress of Elon's campus at large, is one of many ongoing construction projects planned to innovate the school.

"We are always willing to expand and try new things," Tulchinsky said. "And it is great to have the space now to have something for everyone."

The Stewart Fitness Center is open from 6 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, and from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays. On Saturdays it will operate from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and finally 10 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Sports Briefs

Cross Country begins season

Elon men's and women's cross country teams open their seasons Saturday, Sept. 10 at the College of Charleston Invitational. The women's team returns 14 runners from the 2010 squad, and the men's team returns eight runners from 2010.

Men's golf opens season in S.C.

The Phoenix will play in its first golf tournament of the season, as Elon travels to Florence, S.C., for the SpringHill Suites Intercollegiate Tournament at the Country Club of South Carolina Sept. 12-13. The Phoenix will look to improve on its eighth-place finish in 2010.

Women's golf begins season at Wofford

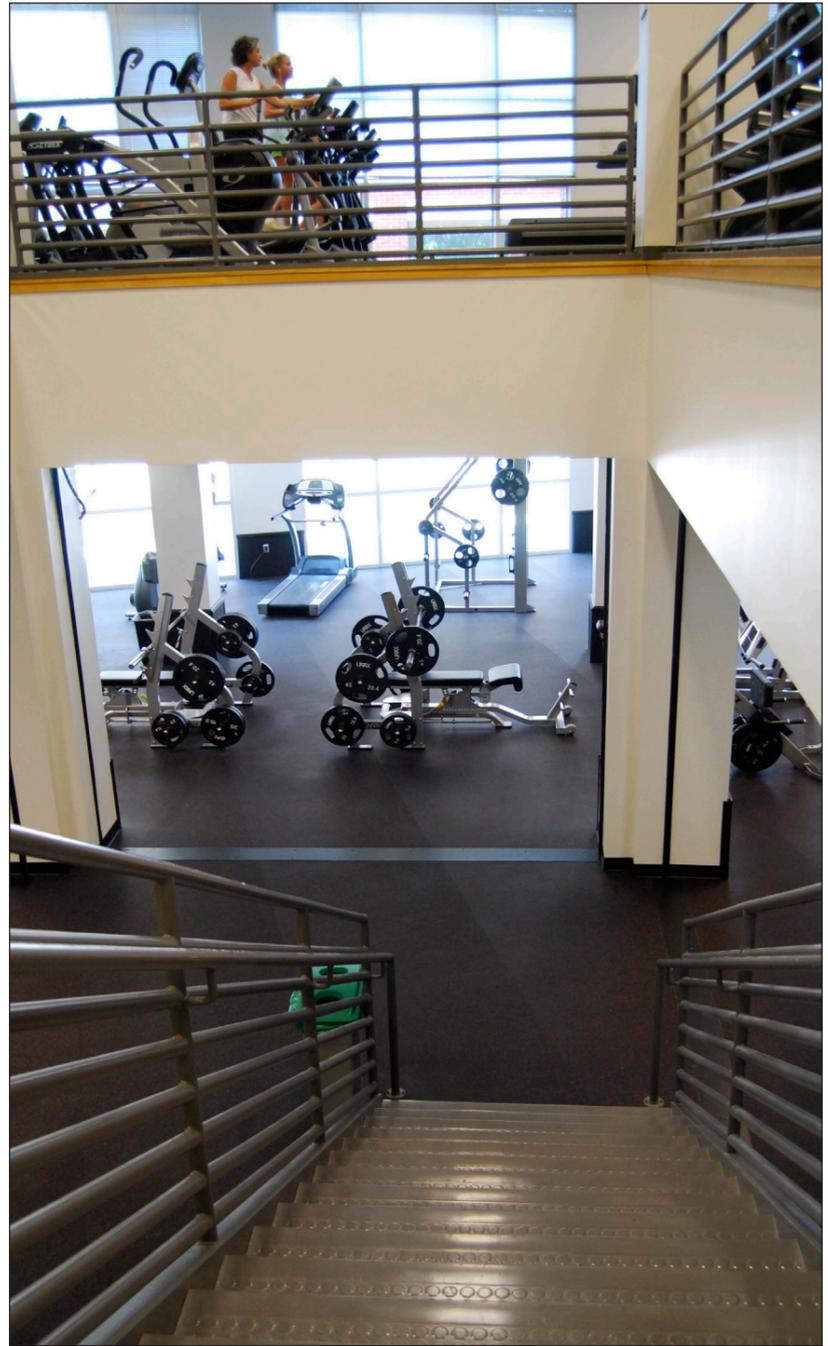
The women's golf team will travel to Spartanburg, S.C., Sept. 12-13 for its first tournament of the season at the Wofford Tournament. The team returns eight golfers from 2010, and has added two newcomers to the team. The Phoenix looks to build off its fifth place finish at the SoCon Golf Championship in the spring.

Riddle to have number retired

Scott Riddle, the all-time leading passer in the 90-year history of the Southern Conference, will have his No. 16 retired before kickoff in Elon's Sept. 10 game vs. Concord University. Riddle graduated from Elon in 2011 as the holder of 41 NCAA, SoCon or Elon records, and is the only quarterback in the history of the SoCon to lead the league in passing each year.

Corrections:

Senior linebacker Joshua Jones was incorrectly identified on page 2 of the Sports Insert Aug. 31.



The majority of the cardio machines are upstairs, while downstairs is reserved for free weights.



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Senior midfielder Nick Millington battles for a ball against Coastal Carolina University in 2010 at home. In this year's matchup, Millington has two shots and one shot on goal in the 2-1 loss against the Chanticleers.

Men's soccer remains winless, looks to rebound

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

The Elon University men's soccer team suffered two losses against Coastal Carolina University and Virginia Commonwealth University Sept. 2 and Sept. 4. In the match against the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, the Phoenix lost 2-1 with a goal in the second half by junior forward Archie Karpheh, while the VCU Rams blanked the Phoenix 4-0.

"We played a good game, but we weren't able to capture our chances to win," head coach Darren Powell said. "The schools we played were obviously different but the game against VCU was very promising and they took advantage of key moments in the game."

The Phoenix has a lot to learn from these losses, according to Powell and senior co-captain midfielder James Carroll. Powell said the team still has a long way to go in the season and can

win more matches.

"The season is still young and we're really excited about it," he said. "We're looking forward to playing harder in the other matches."

Elon's next matches in the Elon Classic are against UNC Charlotte and University of North Florida Sept. 9 and Sept. 11 at Rudd Stadium, respectively.

Karpheh described the weekend games as "learning experiences that can bring change."

"We just have to correct the mistakes we made before the game against Charlotte," he said.

Before matches are played, the guys will go back to basics and work harder in some areas on the field," he said.

"We'll prepare for Friday, and the guys will go back to basics and work harder in some areas on the field," he said.

These areas include passing the ball faster and controlling the ball, Carroll

said.

"We can improve the team defensively," he said. "There were definitely bright moments, but we just have to move the ball."

Although the Phoenix has two losses for the season so far, it's only the beginning, and the team will surprise itself and fans, Carroll said.

"This year, we're more ahead of the game than at the same time last year," Powell said. "We're confident our players will achieve more this year. We're just looking forward to gaining some wins and moving up from there."

In Friday's game, fans can expect a good show, Carroll said. Since the game will be played at home, the team will play even harder to secure a win.

"It's our home field, and it'll be a tough test for us because we want to win our second home game," Carroll said.

Powell said he agreed the Charlotte 49ers are a competitive team, and it'll

be exciting to see the Phoenix play against them. He said he hopes to get a large crowd Friday, like the crowd that was at the match against High Point University Aug. 27, where both teams played to a scoreless draw.

"It's going to be a good match," Karpheh said. "Losses are pretty tough, and everyone is struggling to collect themselves after the losses at Coastal and VCU, but we hope to win Friday's game."

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 7:30 p.m. vs Charlotte

Sunday 2:00 p.m. vs. University of North Florida

Elon University women's soccer team is coming home



FILE PHOTO BY COREY GROOM

Sophomore midfielder Olivia Mackey and the Phoenix will host North Florida at Rudd Field Friday.

Sam Calvert
Online Managing Editor

After a 13-hour bus ride from Massachusetts, the Phoenix is back in North Carolina and is looking to take on the University of North Florida at 5 p.m. Sept. 9 at Rudd Field.

There are several advantages the team is ready for in playing at home, sophomore midfielder Kimmie Krauss said.

"We're all really excited to come home and play on our own turf," Krauss said. "That's where we practice all pre-season. We know how the field works, what runs we can take, how wide the field is, everything."

Another thing the team will know how to do is work together, something it learned in its last road trip, she said.

In Elon's fourth and fifth matches of the season, the Phoenix traveled to the University of Massachusetts and then to Harvard University Sept. 2 and 4,

respectively.

Freshman midfielder Marissa Russo scored Elon's only goal in the Massachusetts match, while Krauss scored the only Phoenix goal in the one against Harvard.

Although the team lost both matches 2-1, bringing its overall record to 1-3-1, there were positives about the road stretch, Krauss said.

"This was our long trip," she said. "I think we all put it together in the end. We worked well together. We fought together."

The trip was also a chance for the team to bond, head coach Chris Neal said. The cohesion between the women is already strong, and not just during matches.

"The chemistry is good on and off the field," he said.

The team makeup is youth-heavy, with only seven of the 21 athletes in either their third or fourth year. Six are freshmen.

But that youth is part of what brings the group together and contributes to its drive, Krauss said.

"The younger players have the freshman fire, running their heads off. It pumps everyone up," she said. "We all work together to support each other. Once someone works hard, it's a good motivation for everyone."

Part of that support includes talking to one another throughout matches, as well as simply working hard on the field for the other players — things the Phoenix did throughout the weekend's matches, Krauss said.

Support is easiest when the women on the team are tight-knit, which is how junior midfielder Shannon Foley describes this year's team.

"I think the team is really close this year," Foley said. "We get along really well on and off the field. We're meshing together really nicely, just in time before conference play."

After North Florida, the Phoenix has just two matches before starting Southern Conference play against Samford University Sept. 23 at home.

It's important that the team comes together and plays well during SoCon matches because conference play determines seeding in the tournament, Neal said. A top-3 seeding is advantageous because those three teams get to play at home and avoid early matches against the top seeds.

"We need to keep getting better and find out as much about our team as possible," Neal said. "The team that wins the Southern Conference tournament is the team that gets to be the champion and that gets to go to the NCAA."

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 5:00 p.m. vs University of North Florida

Volleyball stumbles in Gamecock Invitational



Junior Allison Johnson, named the team's Most Improved Player in 2010, had nine kills against South Carolina Sept. 3. FILE PHOTO

Adam Lawson
Reporter

After a perfect 6-0 start to its season, the Elon University volleyball team goes into the Butler Tournament this weekend after tasting defeat.

The Phoenix went 1-2 in the Gamecock Invitational Sept. 2-3 in Columbia, S.C., and with its first losses of the season, the team's record now sits at 7-2.

The biggest match of the weekend was when Elon faced the University of South Carolina, the tournament's host school. After losing the first set, as well as a second set with a 25-12 score, the Phoenix faced a third set and had to win to keep the match going.

"I think after the second set, we had a 10 minute break, and we went into the locker room," said junior Carly Ledbetter, who had 34 kills in the three-game tournament. "We talked about the first game. We had so much fun and only lost by four. After the second game, we had to come out and show that we could beat them."

The Phoenix started the third set by building a 13-8 lead. But after a South Carolina timeout, the Gamecocks rallied with a 7-0 run. Suddenly, the Phoenix was down by two and it looked like the match it was looking forward to all weekend was about to come to an abrupt halt.

The Phoenix managed to rally back. Trailing the set 21-20, Elon scored four straight points to take a 24-21 lead en route to winning the set.

"I was really happy that we didn't give in to South Carolina," head coach Mary Tendler said. "We played a good match, and we deserved to win that set. I wish we could have carried it over to the fourth set."

But in the fourth set, South Carolina got ahead early and did not look back, taking the final set by a 25-9 score, ending the match and the tournament for Elon.

On Friday, Elon struggled against UNC-Asheville, dropping a match in three close sets (25-22, 27-25, 26-28). That loss set the stage for its second match, when the Phoenix stuck it out in a four-set victory against Gardner-Webb University.

"We were really upset about the UNC Asheville game," Ledbetter said. "Against Gardner-Webb, we had that fire. We knew that we had to show the rest of our team and show ourselves that we could beat this team."

Elon still has two tournaments to play this fall, including this weekend in the Butler Tournament, when Elon will play three games in two days at historic Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind. For senior Caroline Lemke, the reigning Southern Conference player of the week, it gives her an opportunity to return to the area where she grew up, just five minutes from Indianapolis.

"I'm really excited to play in my hometown, in front of all my friends and family," Lemke said. "Especially since we're so far away."

Ledbetter looks to use teachable moments from the Gamecock Invitational to spur her team onto victory in Indiana.

"We are going to have good practice this week and turn it around and come out strong for Butler," Ledbetter said.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 11 a.m. vs. Butler University*

Saturday 11 a.m. vs. Central Michigan University*

Saturday 2:30 p.m. vs. Austin Peay University*

*All games played in Indianapolis.

Football falters in opener, looks to rebound in Hall of Fame game

Jack Rodenfels
Sports Editor

Although Elon University's football team outgained Vanderbilt University in total yards and passing yards, as well as controlled the football for at least 10 minutes more than the Commodores, the Phoenix came out on the wrong side of a 45-14 contest.

The difference, according to first-year head coach Jason Swepson, was the energy level for the Phoenix, who trailed by just 10 points going into the final quarter.

"I talked about getting the game into the fourth quarter, and we did that" Swepson said in a post-game press conference. "I should've just talked about finishing the game in the fourth quarter."

The Commodores came out in the final frame and rattled off 21 unanswered points, turning a once-close game into a blowout.

"We just ran out of gas," Swepson said. "We ran out of gas physically, mentally and emotionally."

Another setback for Elon was its turnovers, as the Commodores forced three turnovers and turned each of them into touchdowns. At the same time, the Phoenix was unable to force Vanderbilt into any turnovers.

Junior quarterback Thomas Wilson, starting in his first

game for the Phoenix, came out with a strong first half, completing 12 of his 17 attempts for 169 yards. But incompletions and turnovers plagued Wilson in the second half, as he finished 17 of 27 for 233 yards, with two costly second-half interceptions.

Junior wide receiver Aaron Mellette was Wilson's main target and finished with a game-high 11 receptions for 180 yards and a touchdown. His play garnered him co-Wide Receiver Performer of the Week by College Football Performance Awards. It was Mellette's seventh career 100-yard receiving game.

The game was a matchup of coaches in new roles. Both teams debuted first-time head coaches — Elon with Swepson and Vanderbilt with James Franklin, who was the offensive coordinator at the University of Maryland.

Franklin gambled during the contest, converting all three fourth down attempts to keep drives alive, leading to 17 additional points.

This week in practice, the Phoenix looks to regroup and use what it learned in the first contest to fuel the team for the rest of the season, Mellette said.

"I look at the positives because you can't change what happened," Mellette said. "We have to make some corrections offensively and defensively."

Offensively, the Phoenix



Mellette will attempt to build on his 11 reception, 180 yard performance from Week 1 against Vanderbilt University. HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor

struggled with its running game, as the team had 37 attempts for only 83 yards, a slim 2.2 yards per carry against the Commodores. The team recorded 3.8 yards per carry last season.

It also stumbled in spreading the ball around, as Mellette caught more than 60 percent of Wilson's passes in the first game.

The Phoenix looks to record

its first win of the season in a contest against Concord University at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at home in Rhodes Stadium.

Concord lost its first game against Lenoir-Rhyne University 26-6. This will be the first road game of the season for the Mountain Lions.

As the annual Hall of Fame game, Phoenix athletics will honor four former Elon athletes and induct them into the Elon

Sports Hall of Fame.

Elon will also honor former quarterback Scott Riddle by retiring his jersey before the game.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 7 p.m. vs. Concord University



FOOTBALL



2011 SCHEDULE

HOME: ●

AWAY: ●

VANDERBILT



SEPT. 3
7:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. VANDERBILT
Never met before 2011

RECORD LAST SEASON
2-10 overall, 1-7 in SEC.

FAST FACT
Vanderbilt's stadium is more than twice the size of any venue in which the Phoenix will play this season.

CONCORD



SEPT. 10
7 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CONCORD
Elon leads 7-1-0

RECORD LAST SEASON
8-3 overall, 5-3 in WVIAC

FAST FACT
Because of a last-minute cancellation, Concord only has 10 games on the schedule instead of a standard 11, with five home games instead of six.

NC CENTRAL



SEPT. 17
6 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
Elon leads 7-3-0

RECORD LAST SEASON
3-8 overall, with no conference play

FAST FACT
North Carolina Central has been readmitted into the MEAC after not competing in it for 31 years.

THE CITADEL



SEPT. 24
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. THE CITADEL
The Citadel leads 6-4

RECORD LAST SEASON
3-8 overall, 1-7 in the conference

FAST FACT
The Bulldogs haven't had a winning season since 2007.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN



OCT. 1
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Georgia Southern leads 8-3

RECORD LAST SEASON
10-5 overall, 5-3 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
The Eagles made it to the semifinals of the NCAA FCS playoffs, defeating SoCon rival Wofford in the quarterfinals.

WESTERN CAROLINA



OCT. 8
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. WESTERN CAROLINA
Elon leads 22-16-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
2-9 overall, 1-7 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
Western Carolina did not win a single game at home last season, going 0-5.

SAMFORD



OCT. 15
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. SAMFORD
Elon leads 6-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
4-7 overall, 6-2 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
Samford's offense will have a new look this season with the hiring of Rhett Lashlee as offensive coordinator, bringing with him the Auburn offensive system.

UT CHATTANOOGA



OCT. 22
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. UT CHATTANOOGA
Elon leads 6-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
6-5 overall, 5-3 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
UT Chattanooga lost seven of its 11 offensive starters from the 2010 season.

WOFFORD



OCT. 29
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. WOFFORD
Wofford leads 23-11

RECORD LAST SEASON
10-3 overall, 7-1 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
Wofford switched to the triple-option offense last season and improved its record from 3-8 in 2009 to 10-3 in 2010.

FURMAN



NOV. 12
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. FURMAN
Furman leads 10-4

RECORD LAST SEASON
6-5 overall, 5-3 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
The Paladins have lost the last three games against Elon.

APPALACHIAN STATE



NOV. 19
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. APPALACHIAN STATE
Appalachian State leads 29-9-1

RECORD LAST SEASON
10-3 overall, 7-1 in the SoCon

FAST FACT
Appalachian State senior quarterback DeAndre Presley is on the 2011 Walter Payton watch list, after being named a finalist last season.

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Correction:

In The Pendulum's 2011 Fall Sports Insert that was included in the Aug. 31 newspaper, the 2011 Elon Phoenix Football schedule was incorrect.

Here is the schedule in its entirety.

Sports



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Team Doctors, made up of students in Elon University's physical therapy program, takes its turn in tug-of-war. This competition is used to test the strength and grit of a team.

SPORTSFEST: STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Jack Rodenfels
Sports Editor

Seventy-nine teams competed in Campus Rec's annual Sportsfest Sept. 2 on the South Campus facility. Each registered team competed in six different events, which included a sack race, stretcher race, tug-of-war, sponge race, dodgeball and a relay race. Teams ranged from hall residents

to club sport teams, Greek organizations to Learning Communities.

Participants did many things to pump one another up and raise the morale of their team members during Sportsfest, including chanting, singing songs and dressing up as Oompa Loompas from "Willy Wonka." Not every team won, but each team went home happy with free food and drinks.



Freshmen Tori Baptist and Maia Szulik use cooperation to represent their team, McRibbs, in the one-legged sack race.



The Hookers (a team of freshmen who live in Hook) work together while competing in a tug-of-war contest.



Freshman Tyler Brooks leaps over fellow Team Dudiak member, freshman Maddie Brooks, during the relay race.



Freshmen girls from Team Dudiak race their stretcher down the field in a contest to see how can make it across the field first.