Dunham, Dickerman are in tune with technology

By Robert Hoppey ’09

Elon School of Law students are not only using iTunes to enjoy their favorite songs. Thanks to a new faculty initiative, they can use the online music site to get a leg up in their legal studies, too.

Catherine Dunham, associate professor of law, and Christie Dickerman, instructional technologist for the School of Law, have collaborated to create weekly podcasts that serve as a cutting-edge review tool for Dunham’s Civil Procedures class. Students simply download the audio broadcast from the Internet and open the file using iTunes — just as they would to play a song.

Dunham got the idea for creating podcasts from an article about instructional technology. She sent the information along to Dickerman, who she thought would be the best candidate to help her leverage this technology.

“Christie is wonderful,” Dunham says. “She has a ‘yes’ attitude and will figure out how to make things so much better than your naive idea.”

Dickerman quickly saw the learning potential in podcasting and, after consulting with multimedia director Wayne Conley, began to put their vision into action.

“At Elon, if there is something you want to do, there will be someone to help you do it,” says Dickerman, who earned her undergraduate degree and MBA at Elon. “Everything that is undertaken is done with such gusto.”

Dunham uses the podcasts in her challenging class for first-year students. The podcasts focus on two or three key takeaway points, and are designed to serve as supplements — not substitutes — to class notes.

Students say they enjoy the freedom to listen to the podcasts in a variety of locations, including in the car or on the treadmill.

“When they listen to the podcasts, they are by themselves,” Dunham says. “Students have said that it feels like they are being taught one-on-one, which is something that every teacher would love the opportunity to do.”

First-year law student Branson McRae says the podcasts have been invaluable study tools.

“Civil Procedure is probably one of the more foreign classes for freshmen, or at least it has been for me,” McRae says. “In terms of clarity, her podcasts help to better define terms and really cut to the heart of whatever subject we’re covering. In my experience, you don’t find that all teachers will do that.”

While Dickerman and Dunham are setting a standard for technology in the classroom, they are not alone. Colleague Steven Friedland, senior scholar and professor of law, has also been using podcasts in his Evidence course to “elaborate on and reinforce” the material he covers.

Dunham is confident that the Elon Law faculty will continue to explore inventive new ways to engage students.

“Whenever an institution has a mindset that is open to innovation,” she says, “there is no limit to what you can do.”
No problem is too big for Cannon Centre staff

By Olivia Hubert-Allen '09

Some people might have envisioned major problems when a flight expected to carry 18 Elon students to Spain for a study abroad course was cancelled after most arrangements had been made. To the staff at the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies, however, it was just another day at the office.

The nine staff members in the Cannon Centre work year-round to organize international courses that send 1,100 Elon students abroad each year. Larry Basirico, Monica Pagano, Brian Digre, Francois Masuka, Heidi White, Akane Sakata, Kathryn Wheet, Cindy Duke and Lisa Alcon spend countless hours coordinating each program.

As you can imagine, getting students to and from dozens of countries each year is not easy.

First there’s the course planning, when the staff members work closely with faculty members to give each program shape and meaning. Language barriers, time-zone differences and exchange rates are just a few of the challenges the staff deals with each day.

“We figure out the logistics, such as what’s feasible for a budget and if they’ll need tour guides,” says Larry Basirico, dean of international programs. “Then we prepare the brochures and take care of all the advertising.”

Cannon Centre staff members give information sessions at all of Elon's open houses, as well as visit each Elon 101 class to talk about study abroad.

Next comes the application process, part of which involves one-on-one meetings between staff members and students.

“Some students know where they want to go. Others don’t,” says Sakata, international programs adviser. “We try and find the best options for each individual student.”

The workload increases several times a year when students send in their applications — all of which are read closely by the staff members. Once students are selected to participate in a study abroad course, the Centre communicates extensively with students and parents.

The staff is also trained to handle a wide range of emergencies that can arise during the courses, from missed flights to student illnesses.

All together, the efforts are enormous — as is the bill. Basirico estimates that the Centre deals with $4 million to $5 million in invoices each year from flight, hotel and tour reservations, among other expenses.

“In the end, it’s always great to think about what we’ve pulled off,” says Basirico. “We take great pride in being one of the best study abroad programs in the country.”

Larry Basirico and the staff of the Isabella Cannon Centre work long hours to make sure all study abroad courses run smoothly.

Beyond study abroad, the Cannon Centre also works closely with all of Elon’s international students. Mentoring the students through their transition to American culture is especially rewarding for Sakata, who was an international student at Elon two years ago.

“I see myself in them a lot,” she says. “I understand their troubles and I get to share their excitement.”

Several times a month, the Centre takes international students to parks or shopping malls. The staff also helps international students with immigration issues, income taxes and health care, all of which can be tricky to navigate in a new culture.

Sakata says she also enjoys working with the parents of international students, who remind her of her own anxious parents not too long ago.

“Now I understand where the parents are coming from,” she says. “It helps them when I share my personal experience.”

This January, the Cannon Centre will be hiring two new international program advisers, which is a testament to the growth of the international program. In 2008, the Centre will send 750 students abroad for winter term, 50 more than in winter of 2007. Nearly a quarter of the students on campus study abroad each year, and 73 percent will study abroad at some point during their time at Elon.

As for the 18 students with the cancelled flight to Spain — they will make it. Thanks to the staff’s quick thinking, new flight arrangements were made and the students will depart next month. They will arrive one day late, but won't miss out on what many call “the experience of a lifetime.” @
Staff members team up to create light display

By Mary Cunningham ’08

Starting after Thanksgiving each year, Elon’s main campus glitters with more than 40,000 holiday lights. The spectacle is a long-standing tradition, but few people realize the work that goes into each brightly lit tree.

Led by Elon’s four-member electrical team, several physical plant workers contribute to the annual light display. They hang about 400 strands of lights over two days.

Trees can hold anywhere from 20 strands for the two dogwoods beside Alamance, to three for smaller trees near Moseley. A few trees are added each year, further illuminating the area around Young Commons.

While the overall design does not change from year to year, the placement of the lights in the trees does. Electrical workers Bob Willis, Dave Kylander, Wayne Thaxton and Gary Clayton work to make each tree unique.

“You don’t wrap it around like a Christmas tree,” says Willis, electrical supervisor. “You follow the branches. Each one looks different that way.”

The lights are on a timer to come on every night, beginning the night of the annual Holiday Lights Celebration. This year’s celebration was Nov. 29.

Along with the tree lights, 1,500 plastic luminarias line the sidewalks from Alamance to Moseley during the event. Rene Summers, program assistant, and the religious life department prepare the celebration.

“It’s always a pleasure for the students to see families having fun together,” says Summers.

Stray cats find a good home with employees’ help

By Eric Townsend

A year after two Elon employees rescued a pair of stray cats on campus, the felines are happily adjusted to their new home.

The first cat appeared on campus in May 2006, a brown female tabby that waddled with the weight of four kittens to be born less than a month later.

But when three of those kittens disappeared by early summer, Lynette Lorenzetti, assistant director for financial planning, committed herself to finding the mother and the black-and-white male kitten a permanent home.

Lorenzetti started putting food out for the two cats with the goal of taming them so they could be adopted. “We pretty much fed them all summer long,” she says. “I really didn’t want them to be outside during a harsh winter.”

Then she met Skip Allis. In the early weeks of fall semester, Allis — a math professor and an avid cat lover — took notice of the felines, at times stooping to the ground to pet them. He had a dozen other cats at home in Browns Summit and agreed to take in these two as well.

“I like animals in general, but cats are relatively low maintenance, where we could go out of town for a weekend and they can take care of themselves,” Allis says. “I like cats because they’re somewhat independent but still affectionate.”

Before Allis could take his new charges home, they had to be caught. Lorenzetti spent a month coaxing the cats closer and closer to a carrier filled with food before she was finally able to snag them.

“Momma cat went ballistic. She was a hissing, spitting, very ticked-off kitty cat,” says Lorenzetti. “It broke my heart, but I had to do it.”

Despite their displeasure at being captured, the cats adapted to life with Allis, who named the male “Filoli.” Its mother: “Schamomma.” They now get along well with Allis’ other cats.

“We learned that it is possible to get cats who are fairly wild used to people, with enough patience,” Allis says. “We also learned that we had that patience — at least once!”
Holiday Wishes

All I want to RECEIVE this holiday season is...

...A visit from my two sons. My older son resides in Little River, S.C.; my younger son resides in Roanoke, Va. They are both starting their careers and doing their own thing, so Mom and Dad welcome any and all time we can spend together as a family.

Pat Jones, program assistant for English and human services

...The complete set of “Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman” that was on television from 1993-1997. I am a big Dean Cain fan. I have hinted about this to my husband, but I doubt that he will get it. I would even settle for one season.

Diane Saylor, program assistant for the School of Education

...A great holiday visit with my family and friends in Oklahoma. I haven’t seen them in a while and hope this vacation will refuel me for the spring semester.

Jessica Tiller, assistant director of residence life and multicultural center

...The six winning Powerball numbers.

Trip Durham, associate athletics director for marketing, promotions and home game management

...A computer for myself. When I had a computer, I could sit for hours in my own world just doing different things to ease my mind from the stress of life. How wonderful it would feel to have those stress-free moments again.

Ann Ellison, custodian

...Retirement! I’m retiring on Dec. 14, after 22½ years of service to Elon.

Carol Oakley, executive assistant to the vice president for student life & dean of students

...Health and peace.

Michael Williams, director of campus center operations and conferences

...Good health. I had my hip replaced on Nov. 12 and am hoping that I will be recuperated in time to enjoy the holidays in good health.

Bonnie McAlister, executive coach in residence of the School of Law

...The love and cheerfulness of my family because it has been four months since I last saw them. Although the phone is a good ally, a hug cannot be replaced by a conversation. Also, a perfume and some makeup or clothes would fascinate me! Happy holiday season to all!

Patricia Diez Andres, visiting international faculty

...Rain!

Lee Hall Worthington, instructor of human services

...More time with my family. While the kids are still young, I don’t want to miss a second of this magical time!

Judy Esposito, assistant professor of human services

...Glory to God for allowing me to celebrate the true meaning and joy of Christmas because of His son, Jesus.

Felicia Massey, administrative assistant for leadership and new student orientation

...Donations for the 2010 Periclean Scholars development projects in eastern Ghana. The projects include building a health center in Kpoeta, supporting a Heifer International initiative in Sokode and stocking an elementary school library in Abor. (If you are interested in donating money or books, contact Heidi Frontani at ext. 6462.)

Heidi Frontani, associate professor of geography

...Time with my family.

Melissa N. Jordan, assistant director of residence life

...Respect and recognition.

Justin Goodall, adjunct assistant professor of art

...The gift of the family together at home.

Bobby Clark, director of development communications

...Chocolate.

Jan Dillon, program assistant for N.C. Teaching Fellows and Elon Academy
...Our daughters and their husbands home for Christmas. We want Elizabeth and Ben from Seattle, and Catherine and Mike from Lexington, Ky.
George Taylor, professor of political science

...Prayer put back in schools and for this country to turn back to God.
Carl Bodsford, part-time tram driver

...The gift of knowing all my loved ones are saved by Jesus Christ so that I know that they will be in heaven one day.
Anita Coble, bookkeeper

...Time with my family and friends.
Anne Bolin, professor of anthropology

...A Cap and Trade System for carbon dioxide.
Will Mackin, assistant professor of biology

...The joy that the season brings to myself and my family, togetherness, love and excitement in whatever form or fashion!
Dee Dickerson, acquisitions/cataloging assistant

...Good news that my 8-year-old grandson’s surgery was a success and he doesn’t have to have anymore for a few more years.
Julie Small, nurse

...Donations for the Hancock County Animal Shelter in Bay St. Louis, Miss. My senior seminar class has been working in the city since last year, and one of the most wrenching problems is the shelter. Animals are getting the best care they can provide with very limited resources, but it is still a horror! Contact me for more information.
Betty Morgan, associate professor of political science and public administration

All I want to GIVE this holiday season is...

...Everything that I can! I have a lot of wonderful people in my life and I hope I can meet them where they are in terms of support and compassion.
Jessica Tiller, assistant director of residence life and multicultural center

...Lots of hugs and kisses to the ones I love.
Melissa N. Jordan, assistant director of residence life

...Money from winning the Powerball.
Trip Durham, associate athletics director for marketing, promotions and home game management

...Hope.
Michael Williams, director of campus center operations and conferences

...Love and encouragement.
Bobby Clark, director of development communications

...Patience. We’re much too rushed and fast-paced these days. I want to slow down and concentrate on keeping the magic of the holiday season alive for my children!
Judy Esposito, assistant professor of human services

...A really great care package to my dad and his Marines in Kuwait.
Becca McQueen, assistant director of residence life

...As to deserving students.
Justin Goodall, adjunct assistant professor of art

...Reinforcement and joy to those people with whom I work and live.
Bonnie McAlister, executive coach in residence of the School of Law

...Time with my family and friends.
Anne Bolin, professor of anthropology

...Joy to others!
Lee Hall Worthington, instructor of human services

...The gift of serving anyone that God sends in my path, and the boldness of being able to give witness into the world of what He has done for me and can do for everyone.
Anita Coble, bookkeeper

...Whatever I can to make it a joyous holiday. I enjoy being with my family, and I always remember the reason for the season!
Dee Dickerson, acquisitions/cataloging assistant

...The flat screen television my husband has been asking for the past four years.
Julie Small, nurse

...Greenhouse gas emission offsets.
Will Mackin, assistant professor of biology
Sophie Adamson, assistant professor of French, presented at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina 2007 conference in Winston-Salem on Oct. 6. Adamson introduced student narrative projects from her French language, literature and cinema courses at Elon in an effort to promote engaged learning at all levels via simple digital technology.


Gary Bailey, counselor and former assistant professor of human services, led a session on ethics in employee assistance programs at the North Carolina Employee Assistance conference on Sept. 20. Bailey was also appointed to the 12-member supervision task force for the Association of Social Work Boards, which met in Culpepper, Va., on Oct. 12 to design a model practice act for the supervision of clinical social workers in Canada and the U.S.

Barry Beedle, professor of physical education, presented his research titled “Modification of the body mass index and percent fat classification tables and comparison on college students” at the 60th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in Greensboro on Nov. 8.

Connie Book, associate dean of the School of Communications, was interviewed by the Denver Post for an article about how high-definition technology is changing the way families interact.

Kevin Boyle, professor of English, presented a paper titled “Yeats and Heaney as Examples: Without Contraries, No Progression” at the 5th International Conference on the Book in Madrid. His paper explained the perfect way to teach students how to write the perfect poem by using techniques lifted from W. B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney.

Lee Bush, assistant professor of communications, spoke at the Oct. 9 Tar Heel chapter meeting of the Public Relations Society of America. Her topic, “Mass Participation: Engaging your audience in a dialogue with your brand,” invites the audience to learn more about “human exchange” marketing.

Ken Calhoun, assistant professor of communications, was profiled in a Greensboro News & Record story on Skybus, a discount airline that announced this month its plans to open a regional hub at Piedmont Triad International Airport.

Glenda Crawford, professor of education; Alexa Darby, assistant professor of psychology; Ayesha Delpish, assistant professor of mathematics; Judy Esposito, assistant professor of human services; Pam Kiser, professor of human services, Mary Knight-McKenna, assistant professor of education; Mary Morrison, director of the Kerndale Center for Service Learning; April Post, lecturer of Spanish; Janice Richardson, associate professor of mathematics and education; Carolyn Stuart, associate professor of education; and Beth Warner, assistant professor of human services, all presented research on various topics at the 7th Annual International Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement in Tampa, Fla., Oct. 6-9.

Glenda Crawford, professor of education and coordinator for middle grades education, was interviewed by an editor of the American School Board Journal, a national education magazine, for a January 2008 article about the transitions students make from elementary to middle and middle to high school and how educators can help students be successful within these environments and with new expectations.

David Copeland, A.J. Fletcher Professor of Communications, and Harlen Makemson, assistant professor of communications, were featured in the panel “Putting the ‘Multi’ into Media History” at the American Journalism Historians Association conference in Richmond, Va. The refereed panel demonstrated how blogs, videotaped oral histories and archival mass media footage could be used to enhance students’ understanding of the past, and how the traditional research project could be delivered in multiple formats.
men and women who described their lives during Zimbabwe’s War of Liberation, which has been accepted for publication in an early 2008 issue of the peer-reviewed *South African Geographical Journal*.

Dianne Ford, coordinator of serials and government documents, and Betty Garrison, business reference librarian, have been elected to leadership posts in the North Carolina Library Association, which represents all types of libraries throughout the state. Ford is vice-chair/chair-elect of the government resources section. As such, she is responsible for programming at workshops and conferences and will take office as chair in 2010. Garrison begins a one-year term as chair of the college and university section.

Kenn Gaither, assistant professor of communications, was named series editor for the *Cambria Mass Communication Collection*. As editor, Gaither will ensure that a high quality of scholarly excellence is maintained throughout the collection.

Gaither and Mary Gowan, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, were quoted Sept. 28 in a report by the *Triad Business Journal*, which devoted a special section to executive education and workplace training. They offered practical advice to people who conduct business overseas.

Rosemary Haskell, professor of English, had an op-ed piece appear in the Oct. 2 Raleigh *News & Observer* about the Ken Burns film series on World War II.

Glenn L. Helms, professor of accounting, recently spoke at Microsoft’s headquarters in Redmond, Wa., concerning fraudulent financial statements and misappropriation of assets.

Ashley Holmes, lecturer of English; Peter Felten, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning; Deborah Long, faculty administrative fellow and assistant to the president; and Jessie Moore, assistant professor of English, participated in a meeting of the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Institutional Leadership Program.

Margaret Kantlehner, associate dean for external relations at the School of Law, has been appointed to a statewide presidential task force for the North Carolina Bar Association’s 4ALL campaign.

Caroline J. Ketcham, assistant professor of exercise science, published an article, titled “Targeted Aiming Movements Are Compromised in Nonaffected Limb of Persons With Stroke,” in the October 2007 issue of Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair. She also presented research, titled “Co-contraction in multijoint targeted aiming movements: Comparison of young, elderly and Parkinsonian adults,” on Nov. 4 at the Society for Neuroscience Conference.

Catherine King, associate professor and chair of the psychology department, had a column published Nov. 2 in the Burlington Times-News in which she offers parents advice for teaching children how to deal with peer pressure.

Mayte de Lama, assistant professor of Spanish, was invited to pay homage to writer Marina Mayoral at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference held in Atlanta, Nov. 9-11. In her presentation, “La construcción del humor en una novela de Marina Mayoral: Dar la vida y el alma (1996),” de Lama analyzes humor as a technique to distance oneself from painful situations and as a mechanism of attack.


Maurice Levesque, professor of psychology, presented the results of two studies on the accuracy of first impressions at the annual meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists held Oct. 27 at Duke University. As part of a symposium on new approaches to understanding interpersonal accuracy, Levesque presented research titled “On Being a Good Judge: Gender as a Moderator of Interpersonal Accuracy and Meta-Accuracy in Mixed Gender Dyads.”

Susan Manring, associate professor of business administration, has published an article, “Creating and Managing Interorganizational Learning Networks to Achieve Sustainable Ecosystem Management” in Organization & Environment. She is using the learning network model she developed in working with The Nature Conservancy and the Albemarle-Pamlico Conservation & Communities Collaborative.

Jon Metzger, associate professor of music, has completed the design and development of a new, signature mallet with the Pro-Mark Corporation, a leading manufacturer of sticks and mallets based in Houston and exporting to more than 100 countries.

David Morton, Web site manager, presented a live webinar on Oct. 5 for HigherEdExperts.com, explaining Elon’s success in planning and building E². The title of the webinar was “DIY social networking Web site: how to plan and build from scratch your own successful social networking Web application.”

Tom Nelson, associate professor of communications, led a diversity research and teaching seminar at the Broadcast Education Association’s regional conference at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. The conference, held Oct. 5-6, focused on ways for educators to improve teaching and research while in the broadcast journalism classroom. Nelson’s session focused particular attention on ways to incorporate diversity-related issues into the curriculum. Nelson also had a column published Oct. 10 in the Greensboro News & Record on his reflections of a new documentary by filmmaker Ken Burns, and a column published in the Nov. 11 edition of the Burlington Times-News on his annual ritual of visiting the grave of Staff Sgt. Russell Ketner.

David Noer, professor of business administration, had a column published in the Oct. 14 Greensboro News & Record. In it, Noer questions the local Rotary Club’s decision to spend $2 million on a merry-go-round in downtown Greensboro when the group could devote its resources to addressing some of the area’s social and public policy challenges. Noer also had his monthly column published Nov. 4 in the News & Record. The column, “Top 10 wrong reasons not to vote Tuesday,” was designed to encourage young people to visit the polls on Election Day.

George Padgett, associate professor of communications, received first place in the 2007 Tony Hillerman Mystery Short Story competition. The $1,500 grand prize was awarded Nov. 3 during a luncheon at the Hillerman Writers Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. His winning story “Hey Old Man, Why Do You Wait There?” will appear in the March 2008 issue of Cowboys & Indians magazine, co-sponsor of the annual competition.
Tim Peeples, associate dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, and associate professor of English, delivered the keynote presentation titled “What is this Writing Culture? Research to What End(s),” at the 4th Annual Carolinas Writing Program Administrators Conference, “Writing Research.” He also participated in a three-person plenary panel for a Sept. 29 conference at UNC-Greensboro with the theme of “Writing Into the Profession,” where he delivered a presentation titled “Significant Points of Writing (Oneself) Into the Profession.”

Marty Peters, professor of legal education, gave a presentation on the factors that cause stress among law school students during the Humanizing Legal Education Conference. Her presentation was titled “A Model for Stress Intervention: Toward Humanizing Legal Education.”

Chad Raymond, assistant professor of political science, will have two articles printed in January 2008. “The Use of a Middle East Crisis Simulation in an International Relations Course,” co-authored with Dr. Kerstin Sorensen, will appear in PS: Political Science & Politics, and “No Responsibility and No Rice: The Rise and Fall of Agricultural Collectivization in Vietnam” will appear in the Journal of Agricultural History. Raymond also spoke with News 14 Carolina on Nov. 8 for an upcoming segment on the recent political and social turmoil in Pakistan.

Kirstin Ringelberg, associate professor of art history, has a new essay out in the book Considering David Chase: Essays on The Rockford Files, Northern Exposure, and The Sopranos. Her chapter, “This Art’s Kind of a Girly Thing: Art, Status and Gender on The Sopranos’ and Northern Exposure,” explores the ways that artworks are presented and discussed both overtly and subtextually to confirm — and sometimes undermine — the intellectual, social and cultural status of the characters in those television series.

Jane Romer, associate professor of foreign languages and education, was named French Contest Administrator of 2007 by the American Association of Teachers of French. On Oct. 6 the official plaque was presented to Romer at the Oct. 6 meeting of the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina.

Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services, attended the NACAS (National Association of College Auxiliary Services) annual conference Oct. 28-30, in Las Vegas, Nev. NACAS is the organization for auxiliary services professionals in higher education.

Deborah Stetts, Jane Freund, and Gray Carpenter, assistant professors of physical therapy education, had two papers presented at the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association meeting in Greensboro, Oct. 19-20. The first paper was with Stephen C. Allison, and titled “Ultrasound Imaging of the Abdominal Drawing-in Maneuver in Healthy Older Adults.” The second was with Craig Swisher and titled “Examination of the Transverse Abdominis Using Rehabilitative Ultrasound Imaging in an Individual Post-Stroke.”


Thomas Tiemann, professor of economics, spoke with News 14 Carolina on Nov. 2 about the recent decision by Skybus, a discount airline based in Columbus, Ohio, to build a second hub at Piedmont Triad International Airport.

Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, professor of psychology, has published a chapter on parental guidance of numeracy development in early childhood, in an edited volume titled Contemporary Perspectives on Mathematics in Early Childhood Education. Her chapter is an examination of parent-child interactions during play, and a review of the extensive research on parent-child activities that support preschoolers’ emergent numeracy.


Paula Weller, lecturer, accounting, and accounting student Wendy Stahl attended the Lean Accounting Summit in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 27-28. The sponsor of the summit, the Association of Manufacturing Excellence, awarded a scholarship to them to attend sessions on the application of lean accounting and to discuss other faculty/student teams the use of lean accounting topics in the classroom.

Scott Windham, assistant professor of German, chaired a panel on filmmaker Fatih Akin at the recent German Studies Association international conference.
Bobby Wayne Clark, director of development communications
A Jasper, Ala., native, Bobby has previously worked as a newspaper editor, higher education consultant and a college administrator at Brown, Wesleyan, Duke and Guilford. He and his wife, Grace, have three grown children — Ben, Lily and Jon. He enjoys kayaking, carpentry, gardening and golf.

Patricia W. Germann, custodian
Patricia, who calls Greensboro her hometown, spent 13 years with the Cone Mills Corporation before making the jump to Elon. She says working here gives her the ability to improve herself. Patricia enjoys reading and spending time with her children, Christi, Brittney and Adam.

Monica Glover, administrative assistant, School of Law
Monica, whose career experience includes work at UNC-Chapel Hill, earned her undergraduate degree in communications from Appalachian State University. The lifelong Graham resident saw in Elon a sense of community that made it an attractive place to work. Monica enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Melvin Jones Jr., floor tech
Melvin worked for the U.S. Postal Service before accepting a position with Elon. The Jamestown, N.C., resident enjoys instrumental and choral music when not busy with his six children: Stephanie, Melvin III, Racquelle, Ericka, Patrick and Jevon. He said the move to Elon provided him an opportunity for transition.

Anne Marx, assistant professor of leisure and sport management
Anne is a native of Lincoln, Neb., who was attracted to Elon because of the quality of students and faculty members. She holds bachelor and master of science degrees as well as a doctor of education degree. Previously employed by the University of Memphis, Anne is interested in research topics involving ethics, law and gender issues. She has two pets that are named after flowers, Sunflower “Sunny” Dog and Stella D’Ora Daylily Cat.

Ben McFadyen, instructional designer
Ben held several posts with various organizations prior to joining Elon, including the N.C. Humanities Council, Gilbarco Inc. and the Triad Health Project. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. He enjoys painting, reading, cooking, traveling and photography in his free time, and he says he was drawn to the university because of its “great reputation and priority given to quality of instruction.” Ben has one dog, Kade, a miniature sheltie.

Amy Overman, assistant professor of biological psychology
Amy graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Allegheny College and a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience from the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition. A native of Pittsburgh, Amy lives with her husband, Joseph “Beau” Stephens, and their 4-month-old daughter, Indigo Jane. She enjoys volunteering, mystery shopping, genealogy research and movies.

Katie Reetz, assistant director for admissions communications
A former features writer for the Greensboro News & Record, Katie was drawn to Elon because of its “high-energy environment” and the chance to promote its qualities to prospective students. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. She lives in Durham with her two cats and enjoys running, cooking and reading in her free time.

Chris A. Rowe, network support specialist
Chris earned a bachelor’s degree in English from UNC-Greensboro and a master’s degree in technology systems from Eastern Carolina University. He is a native of Greensboro who lives with his wife, Jana, their children, 4-year-old A.J. and 1-year-old Annabeth, their dog, Bosch, and two horses, Diamond and Indy. In his free time, Chris likes riding motorcycles, playing and watching baseball, attending church and spending time with his family.

Jennifer Ruggiero, assistant director of career services for Elon College, the College of Arts & Sciences
With 15 years of experience in higher education, half of which was spent in career services, Jennifer made the move to Elon because of “the intimate and dynamic campus community.” The Defiance, Ohio, native earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toledo and is married to Warren Ruggiero, the offensive coordinator for the Elon Phoenix football team. The couple has one daughter, Emma, 4. One of Jennifer’s favorite activities is cheering on the football team.

Edward Paul Smith, campus police officer
A former public works employee for the Town of Elon, Paul lives with his wife, daughter and pets in McLeansville. He attended Alamance Community College and enjoys sleeping in his free time.

Jessica Tiller, assistant director of residence life and the Multicultural Center
Jessica joins Elon from her previous position as residence director at North Carolina State University. A scrapbook enthusiast and self-described lifelong learner, Jessica was attracted to the university by its “beautiful campus and the love for Elon students and staff alike presented during my interviews.” She earned her undergraduate degree in public relations from Oklahoma State University and a graduate degree in higher education administration from N.C. State.
Happy Birthday!

Dec. 10
David T. Fletcher
Bob Weston

Dec. 11
Brittain N. Cheek
Paul M. Neebe

Dec. 12
Christine E. Cotton
Bernard J. Curry
Abby J. Dennis

Dec. 13
Craig H. Galloway
Nick Hood
Julie Prouty

Dec. 14
John J. Burbridge
Gene Gooch
Matthew J. Haith
Rosa L. Smith
Brad Young

Dec. 15
Colin Donohue
Jamie D. Talley

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