Being told you have cancer can be one of the most terrifying moments of your life, as Elon staff members Susan Patton and Marty Baker can attest. But Patton, associate registrar, and Baker, associate athletics trainer, had big advantages in fighting the disease: the strong support of friends, family and the Elon community.

“What students come to Elon for, the community and the togetherness, that’s all there for faculty and staff, too,” Baker says.

The outpouring of enthusiasm and love from their colleagues and friends, combined with support from their doctors, fellow patients and families, was the most important part of treatment, “More than anything, I learned it would be really hard for anyone to go through this alone,” Patton says.

Patton had no family history of cancer, and her breast cancer initially was missed when she had a routine mammogram in July 2006. It wasn’t until she noticed physical changes to her breast in October 2006 that she scheduled an appointment with her doctor. The doctor recommended a diagnostic mammogram, which came back negative for cancer. But the doctor persisted, sending Patton for another mammogram, which identified a small, cancerous tumor. Patton opted first for surgical treatment. After doctors discovered the cancer had spread, she began chemotherapy and radiation.

Continuing to work at Elon was one way she was able to maintain normalcy during her treatment, and she lauds her colleagues for their encouragement and kindness.

“Coming to work was my way of coping, it kept my mind off of it all,” she says. “When my white blood cells went really low, people would stay away so they wouldn’t get me sick, and they bought lots of bottles of that hand sanitizer stuff. They were just so supportive.”

Outside of work, Patton says support and encouragement from her husband, Steve, helped her get through the tough times.

“He was my constant champion,” she says. “He would try to come up with things to do when I passed milestones in my treatment, like going to Asheville for a long weekend and staying in a bed and breakfast.”

Patton reports her prognosis is very good. Though she still sees doctors every six months, all her caregivers are optimistic about her full recovery.

“I can say with 99.9 percent accuracy that I don’t have it anymore and probably won’t again,” Patton says.

Baker’s cancer was diagnosed in summer 2006. He experienced pain on the left side of his throat and was told by doctors he had an inflamed lymph node. They planned to treat it with antibiotics, but while Baker was out of town at a conference, the soreness in his neck became something much more serious.

“I couldn’t sleep, so I got up and went to go shave,” Baker says. “When I got to that point on my neck, there was searing pain. I

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Williams’ past fuels dedication to students

By Eric Townsend

He grew up in a slowly dying Midwestern city where few of his school classmates ever dreamed of overcoming the challenges of living in an impoverished community. Leon Williams, however, did, and he has dedicated his career to helping others achieve their goals.

Williams took the helm of the Multicultural Center this year after founding director L’Tanya Richmond ’87 departed for a position at Smith College in Massachusetts. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Ohio Northern University, a master’s degree in education from the University of Dayton and is working toward a doctoral degree in social psychology with an emphasis in cultural trauma from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Williams brings to Elon more than a decade of experience in higher education, first as director of the multicultural office at Ohio Northern and then as director of intercultural programs at Buena Vista University in Iowa.

He has no shortage of ambition. Williams hopes to start additional programs through the Multicultural Center that appeal to all students, regardless of background, including a multicultural student leadership conference, a multicultural service immersion experience, a Kuumbaa Festival for performing arts and a cultural public discussion involving churches and community agencies.

Williams says he was drawn to Elon because of its dedication to being the best in all aspects of academics and student life. Those qualities prompted him to relocate to North Carolina last summer along with his wife, Rochelle, and their two children.

Born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, Williams and his three siblings were among the few children with both parents in the home – what he calls “a great foundation in the mayhem.” He realized at a young age that living a comfortable life required a college education.

It wasn’t until his coach, Tom Kaczkowski, cornered him one day in a study room that Williams realized his own potential. “Based on the athletic program he came out of, he had no business taking part on the university team,” Kaczkowski says. “Statistically, he did not have the grades or test scores academically, and he didn’t have any of the athletics standards – his team wasn’t very good, and he didn’t put any numbers up for all-conference or all-state.

“Williams remembers the conversation well. “He gave me every reason known to man why I should fail,” he says. “It was the first time in my life that someone painted a picture of how, statistically, I was not supposed to be there. Spring semester of my freshman year changed my life.”

Williams realized that his career, and perhaps his life purpose, was to help other disadvantaged youths find their identities as students and student-athletes. In his mind, the “Most Improved Player” title is more important than the “Most Valuable Player” tag.

“I run into students … who have the same drive I had but don’t understand the magnitude of the college experience,” he says. “I’m able to have conversations to elevate their minds.”

Relating to prospective students is just one strength Williams brings to the position. He makes an effort to know community leaders and citizens, to measure what has been done and needs to be done to promote a better understanding of different cultures. That’s what one former colleague from Buena Vista remembers about Williams.

“If he’s going to be part of the community, he wants to rub shoulders to understand the people and the needs,” says the Rev. Ken Meisner. “Sometimes communities are blind to what they truly need, and they need an outsider … to get a snapshot and perspective from someone from an urban setting. He was able to open the doors.”

Or, as Meisner puts it: “You folks at Elon are going to be blown over by what he has to offer.” @
Making sense of sustainability

By Bobby Hoppey ’09

Sustainability has become a buzzword in the media, society and the liberal arts environment of America’s colleges and universities. But it’s fair to ask: “What does sustainability mean and how does it affect life at Elon?”

“Sustainability means interacting with resources today so that future generations will have the ability to meet their own needs,” says Elaine Durr, Elon’s sustainability coordinator. “Elon essentially is a small city, so there is a lot to be thinking about. We have so many opportunities to use resources, and our use affects both ourselves and the community around us.”

President Leo M. Lambert charged Elon’s Environmental Advisory Committee with creating the university’s Sustainability Master Plan in 2006 and since then, conservation and preservation have become priorities among faculty, staff and students. Sustainability initiatives at Elon include:

Dining Hall Conservation: At the beginning of this academic year, Campus Dining began composting food waste at the Harden and Colonnades dining facilities and dropped bottled water as a meal plan option to reduce plastic bottle usage. In 2007, trays were removed from all campus dining halls to reduce food waste and eliminate the need to use water to wash them.

Paper Cuts: In 2006, Elon began using a print management system in computer labs and Belk Library to reduce paper waste on campus. Since then, printer usage has reduced 70 percent (through 2008).

Friendly Competition: Annual programs for students such as POWERless and RecycleMania educate and provide incentives for students to adopt sustainable practices.

Alternative Transportation: BioBuses and the Zipcar program encourage members of the Elon community to make less of an impact on the environment when trying to get to and from campus.

Building Dashboards: This web-based system provides real-time electricity consumption information for 50 academic and dormitory buildings on campus. Durr says the system communicates to students, faculty and staff the importance of energy conservation.

The largest tangible sustainability initiative at Elon is Lindner Hall, scheduled to open in Fall 2009. Lindner, the final building of Elon’s Academic Village, has been constructed to meet the requirements for a silver rating by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system. Lindner will feature a Building Dashboard system that monitors usage of nearly all building utilities, and will incorporate solar water heating, waterless urinals and other resource-saving devices.

The motivations behind Elon’s emphasis on sustainability can be articulated most clearly, perhaps, in the classroom, where students and faculty from many disciplines discuss the practical, spiritual and scientific bases of sustainability. Anthony Weston, professor of philosophy, engages his students in discussions about ethics and natural preservation in his Environmental Visions and Millennial Imagination courses. He argues the university should continuously evaluate new methods of conservation to suit our current and future needs, including promoting locally grown food products and exploring future alternatives to natural gas. Whatever the route, Weston suggests Elon make keeping its environmental footprint as small as possible a significant priority in the coming years.

“We need to be practical or else this place will not exist,” Weston says.

To learn more about sustainability initiatives at Elon, visit www.elon.edu/sustainability or contact Durr at edurr@elon.edu.

SUSTAINABILITY

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Elaine Durr,
Elon sustainability coordinator

Responsible use of resources is a priority throughout the university community
Sophie Adamson, assistant professor of French, and David Neville, director of language learning technologies and assistant professor of German, presented “Language Instruction to Go: Best Practices for Student-Centered Podcasting in the L2 Classroom” at the 2009 Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching in Greensboro.

Hunter Bacot, director of the Elon University Poll and associate professor of political science, and Bob Anderson, associate professor of political science, were interviewed separately in February by News 14 Carolina about the politics and economics behind President Obama’s proposed stimulus package.

Exercise science and health and human performance faculty members Liz Bailey, Steve Bailey, Barry Beedle, Wally Bixby, Joyce Davis, Eric Hall, Caroline Ketcham and Paul Miller presented original research this winter with students at the 2009 Southeast American Colleges of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Annual Conference in Birmingham, Ala.

Barry Beedle, professor of physical education, and alumni Scott Ryther ’07, Tara Ward ’07 and Ryan Healy ’07 co-authored a study on the effect of muscle stretching, which was published in the November 2008 Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research.

Exercise science faculty members Wally Bixby, Eric Hall and Paul Miller and alumnus Pete Bellezza ’06 recently published an article titled “The Influence of Exercise Order on Blood Lactate, Perceptual, and Affective Responses” in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research.

Anne Bolin, professor of sociology, was selected for the 2008-2009 edition of the Who’s Who Directory of Executives & Professionals from UK, Canada, Australia and Asia. She also presented her work, “Talking about Sex in the Classroom: Assessing What We Know and Don’t Know about Sex in Anthropological Syllabi,” at the American Anthropological Association Meetings in San Francisco in November.

Ken Calhoun, assistant professor of communications, won the Broadcast Education Association Award for Excellence for a screenplay based on a short story he wrote called “Noise Gate.”

Paul Crenshaw, assistant professor of English, published an essay in the Fall 2008 issue of Connecticut Review.

Elaine Durr, sustainability coordinator, was quoted in a January article in the The Missourian (Columbia, Mo.) about Building Dashboard, a computer program used to monitor energy consumption in campus facilities. The Missourian is operated by the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Ocek Eke, assistant professor of communications, published an article titled “Darfur: Coverage of a genocide by three major U.S. TV networks on their evening news,” in the International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics. Eke argued that the lack of coverage kept Americans in the dark about the severity of the violence in Darfur.

Clyde Ellis, professor of history, had his essay, “More Real Than The Indians Themselves: The Early Years of the Indian Lore Movement in the United States,” nominated for the Western Writers Association’s Spur Award for the best nonfiction essay on the American West published in 2008. The essay was published in the autumn 2008 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History.


Peter Felten, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, co-presented two workshops in January at the annual convention of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) in Seattle.

Lynne Kurdziel Formato, assistant professor of performing arts, presented a session on “Teaching Musical Theatre in Moscow” at the Music Theatre Educators Alliance International Conference held in January at Shenandoah University in Virginia.
Steven Friedland, senior scholar and professor in the School of Law, offered News 14 Carolina legal analysis of the federal case against one of two men charged in the March 2008 murder of UNC student body president Eve Carson. The Feb. 25 report examined the legal processes behind the case.

Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, was interviewed by Cisco Systems at Educause 2008, a national conference on educational technology held in October in Orlando, Fla. He discussed technology initiatives at Elon, including the use of digital posters at various locations across campus and safety measures the university uses to protect students.

Kathy Gallucci, assistant professor of biology, presented her paper, “Teaching with Taste,” in February at the Annual Meeting of the Fellows of the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) at the Kampong in Coconut Grove, Fla.

Mary Gowan, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, was elected to a three-year term with the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce. Gowan also has been re-elected for a three-year term with the Society for Human Resource Management Foundation Board of Directors and selected as chair of its Research Applications Committee.

Andrew Haile, assistant professor of law, published an article for the American Bar Association’s “Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases” about the pending case of Ministry of Defense and Support for the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran v. Elahi. The case addresses the issue of whether a U.S. citizen is precluded from collecting on a judgment against Iran for the assassination of the U.S. citizen’s brother.

Margaret Kantlehner, associate professor of law, explored the impact of a congressional resolution of apology on the authority of the state of Hawaii to sell, exchange or transfer state land in a recent edition of the American Bar Association’s “Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases.”

Darris Means ’05, assistant director of the Elon Academy, was featured in the 2009 Private Colleges and Universities Multicultural Magazine. Means was highlighted in a “Profiles of Success” article in which he discussed his experience at Elon and the benefits of an Elon education.

Maurice Levesque, professor of psychology and associate dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, made a presentation with Patrick Morse ’08 at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference. The presentation, “Do you really know me: The effects of personality similarity on interpersonal accuracy,” was based on Morse’s honors thesis research.


David Neville, assistant professor of German and director of language-learning technologies, published “Recession-Proofing the Profession with Technology” in the most recent issue of The Language Educator. He also presented “Digital Game-Based Learning: Immersive Approaches to German Language and Culture” at the 2009 Spring Conference of the North Carolina Chapter of American Association of Teachers of German.


Kevin Otos, assistant professor of performing arts, appeared in a Jan. 21 episode of the hit drama “One Tree Hill.” The episode, “We Change, We Wait,” marked his second appearance on the program.

Gary R. Palin, executive director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and senior lecturer of entrepreneurship, was quoted in the Triad Business Journal in February about opportunities for entrepreneurs in rough economic conditions. “Starting a business is always difficult,” Palin said, “but those who are truly entrepreneurial will seek opportunities in times like these.”

Paula Patch, lecturer of English, presented “Meeting the Millennials: Using Wikipedia to Teach 21st-Century Literacy Skills to First-Year Writing Students” at the 2009 Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching in Greensboro, N.C. She highlighted interactive and interconnected teaching strategies, conditions and experiences that will enhance student learning in the 21st century.
Lisa Ponton, assistant professor of chemistry, along with colleagues from a range of institutions, has developed a standardized exam for chemistry, the Diagnostic of Undergraduate Chemical Knowledge. The American Chemical Society sponsored and will publish the DUCK exam, a capstone exam for chemistry covering the five sub-disciplines of chemistry.

Jean Rattigan-Rohr, assistant professor of education, was interviewed by News 14 Carolina on Feb. 19 about the benefits North Carolina schools can expect from the economic stimulus package passed by Congress and President Obama.

Several Elon faculty attended the annual International Studies Association meeting held in New York City in February. Brian Digre, professor of history, attended sessions associated with the administration of a grant Elon received to enhance the Middle Eastern concentration within the international studies major. Kerstin Sorensen, assistant professor of political science, presented her paper, “Poverty Reduction as Social Policy: The Inter-American Development Bank in Latin America.” Sean Giovanello, assistant professor of political science, presented two papers: “The Challenges of Multilateral Arms Control Treaty Ratification in the United States” and “Riot Control Agents and Chemical Weapons Arms Control in the United States.” Giovanello and Laura Roselle, professor of political science, attended the ISA-South business meeting and presented a proposal to hold the 2011 ISA-South conference at Elon. Roselle served as discussant for an invitation-only workshop, presented two papers and chaired the International Communication section’s business meeting.


Michael Skube, associate professor of communications, wrote a retrospective on John Updike for the Feb. 8 (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer titled “50 years later, ‘Rabbit’ is gone: John Updike leaves behind a voluminous body of work.”


Amanda Tapler, lecturer of health and human performance, and Resa Walch, senior lecturer of health and human performance, recently were interviewed for a book, Teaching with Classroom Response Systems: Creating Active Learning Environments, by Derek Bruff. The interview was based on their 2007 summer research project, “CLICKERS: The Effectiveness of Classroom Performance System Technology as Teaching Learning Tool.”

Zach Thomas, assistant director of Greek Life, and Danny Glassmann, assistant director of Residence Life and the Multicultural Center, presented at the Graduate Professionalism Summit at North Carolina State University on Jan. 24. Their presentation, “The First 90 Days: Navigating Your New Professional Experience,” explained the transition issues new professionals face, strategies and tips for overcoming these obstacles, and what resources are available to ease the process.

Terry Tomasek, assistant professor of education, presented a paper in January at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu. “High School Students’ Experiences in Field Ecology” argues that field science might be more accessible and inclusive for secondary students because of how the work and community are constructed.

Stanley Greeson, assistant director of Elon’s Physical Plant, hugs Carolyn Ent, director of events for the President’s Office, at a reception in his honor held Feb. 19 in Moseley Center. Greeson is retiring after 28 years serving the Elon community. @
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Brant Touchette, associate professor of biology and environmental studies, was featured in a recent issue of Coastwatch. The article, “Research Grows Future Scientists,” shows Touchette and his students in their study of the Black Needlerush, a species found in coastal estuaries and marshes.

Film distributor Reframe recently picked up communications instructor Nicole Triche’s short film “Metacarpus.” The film is now available on Amazon.com and will soon be offered for download and video on demand.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Jeff Beggs, head athletics equipment manager
Jeff joins the Elon staff after retiring as director of athletics at Winder-Barrow High School in Winder, Ga. Jeff holds degrees from Furman University and Georgia College and State University, and in his free time enjoys sports, gardening and reading.

Philip Craft, director of communications, School of Law
Phil comes to Elon from New York City, where he worked for the City Parks Foundation of New York and the office of U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Emerson College and a master’s degree from the University of Washington. He lives in Greensboro with his wife, Betsy, and enjoys reading, biking and painting.

Dale Gaffney, library assistant, School of Law
Dale previously directed security at the school for Allied-Barton Security Services. He sees the university as a “wonderful opportunity to continue my education, and to work in and for a center of learning.”

Lesley McArron, counselor
Lesley joined Elon because the job responsibilities described “exactly what I wanted to do.” She and her partner, Lisa, have two children, Wyatt, 8, and Simone, 6, and two dogs, Dot and Odie. Lesley earned her master’s in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and enjoys soccer, reading and meditation.

Timothy McMahon, assistant professor of communications
Tim comes to Elon from New York University. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, a master’s from Seton Hall University and his doctorate from Gonzaga University. He and his wife, Debra, have three grown children and a boxer, Sugar Rae. Tim likes traveling and reading in his free time.

Rudolph Singleton, environmental services
A resident of Gibsonville, Rudolph found Elon to be a great opportunity because of how close it is to home. He lives with his wife, Sandra, and they have two children, Danielle and Derrick. Rudolph enjoys fishing when he is not at work.

Jennifer Greig, reference and government documents librarian, School of Law
Jennifer, a Cary, N.C., native, holds a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She comes to Elon from Barry University School of Law in Orlando, Fla., and lives with her husband, Matt, and their cat, Xander.

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Fac/staff campaign enjoys early success in ‘09

Despite tumultuous economic times, Elon employees continue to give generously to the 2008-09 faculty/staff campaign.

So far this fiscal year, faculty and staff have donated more than $222,500 in cash and annual gift commitments. All gifts count toward Ever Elon, the university’s campaign to raise $100 million by 2011 to build the university’s endowment. To date, 30 percent of Elon’s faculty and staff, including 19 first-time faculty/staff donors, have participated in the campaign, an increase of 4 percent since the beginning of February.

“The increasing number of faculty and staff choosing to make a gift this year is another confirmation of the strong sense of community and commitment to Elon’s mission and potential that characterize our campus,” says Nancy Harris, co-chair of the faculty/staff campaign. “The commitment of faculty and staff to Elon’s future is both a source of internal pride and an important external statement of the strength of our university.”

During the week of Feb. 9-13, Harris, Greg Zaiser, co-chair of the faculty/staff campaign, and the University Advancement staff celebrated the Elon community’s dedication to securing and extending academic excellence for future generations of students. The Office of University Advancement kicked off a series of weekly drawings for donors to the faculty/staff campaign. Profiles of faculty and staff whose gifts have made a difference at Elon appeared daily on E-Net. You can read those profiles by visiting the campaign Web site at www.everelon.org.

There is still time to make your gift count toward the 2008-09 faculty/staff campaign for Ever Elon. To learn ways you can make a gift, please contact Brian Howard at bhoward@elon.edu or 278-7425. To keep track of the progress of the Ever Elon Campaign, visit www.everelon.org.

University Advancement contributed to this report.

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Free counseling services available to employees through Well U

By Jillian Weiss ’12

It’s no secret that we live in difficult and uncertain times, and stresses both inside and outside of the office can take a toll on our working lives and overall health.

Stress and anxiety are perfectly natural reactions to life’s difficulties, but when those reactions become all-consuming, it is critical to relieve the pressure before it affects all facets of your life.

“Stress is a major risk factor for many illnesses and chronic diseases,” says Cindy Novak, Well U coordinator. “Depression is the #2 health problem in this country, and it can affect productivity and absenteeism on the job.”

In addition to its Well Check health screenings and other stress-management offerings, Novak says, Well U provides counseling services for Elon faculty and staff, allowing them to express fears and stresses, and helping employees cope with the tough times in their lives. Well U partners with the Employee Assistance Counseling Program (EACP) at Alamance Regional Medical Center (ARMC) to provide faculty and staff with a private, effective means of enhancing employees’ personal well being and job performance.

Elon employees may call ARMC at (336) 538-7481 to request a 50-minute appointment with an EACP counselor. Appointments may be scheduled on a first-available basis or employees may choose a specific counselor. The EACP program is free for Elon employees and their dependents, and there is no limit to the number of appointments employees and their dependents may attend. Employees do not need to obtain a referral from the Office of Human Resources or Well U to schedule an appointment, and all appointments are kept confidential by the EACP and Well U.

In addition to personal counseling, the EACP offers workshops on various topics including parenting, communication skills, domestic violence, eating and stress.

If you have questions about counseling options or other stress-relieving programs offered through Well U, please visit www.elon.edu/wellness or call Well U at 278-5358.
looked at it and realized that what had been the size of a grape was now a little bit smaller than a grapefruit.”

An ear, nose and throat doctor discovered Baker had a tumor. When biopsied, the tumor came back negative, but when doctors removed the tumor to observe it further, it was determined to be squamous cell cancer in his left tonsil. He recalls receiving e-mails of support from President Leo M. Lambert and a phone call from Provost Gerry Francis after the diagnosis.

“The thing is, I’m not unique at all. They would do that for anyone at Elon, and that’s important,” Baker says.

Baker, whose family has been touched by cancer in the past, began chemotherapy and radiation treatment. His wife, Jill, helped him devise ways to mark certain achievements in his treatment.

“She made a paper chain for me,” he recalls. “I had 35 radiation treatments. I went every day for 35 days. The chain had 35 loops, and I hung it off of my rearview mirror. After every treatment, I could rip one off and throw it in the back seat.”

Baker recalls that some days the chain felt longer than others, but knowing he could take it day by day, treatment by treatment helped him get through.

Baker’s cancer is in remission, and he continues to see three doctors frequently and receives Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans every three months because of his family’s history with the disease. But he is grateful to have the bulk of the battle behind him for now.

“I like to think my life is relatively normal again,” he says.

Baker and Patton are just two of the many Elon employees who have battled cancer or whose family and friends have been affected by the disease. In sharing their stories, they hope their experiences can help show others not only how to fight cancer but how to beat it. Knowing your body, Patton says, is critical to discovering cancer early, before it can spread or progress to an incurable stage. Once the cancer is diagnosed, Baker recommends taking the treatment process step by step.

“Beat this treatment, and after you beat this one, then you start to focus on the next one,” he says. “That’s how I chose to fight this battle. You do it one day at a time, one treatment at a time.”

CORRECTION:
In the cover story of the February issue of @Elon, it was reported that “funding from the United Church of Christ” helped start Elon College. This is incorrect, as the United Church of Christ did not come into existence until 1957. A predecessor of the UCC, the Christian Church, was the founding denomination of Elon College, and it provided minimal funding for the college. We apologize for the mistake and thank Dr. Earl Danieley for noting the error.
Happy Birthday!

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