

## E-PEOPLE

### Tomasek spends her summer slip slid'n away

By Sarah Costello '11

Examining wild corn snakes, hunting box turtles in damp, dense forests, searching for salamanders under moss-covered rocks and observing vernal pools containing microscopic life are just a few of the daily tasks high school campers performed at the Slip Slid'n Away summer camp in Efland, N.C., this summer.

Slip Slid'n Away (SSA) was launched three years ago by assistant professor of education Terry Tomasek and two colleagues from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The camp serves high school students interested in herpetology, the study of amphibians and reptiles, as well as ecology, scientific fieldwork, research and nature. In addition to the summer program, SSA requires campers to attend six follow-up meetings throughout the school year.

"When I started teaching, I taught high school," Tomasek explains. "High school has always been a love of mine. [SSA] is a camp that focuses on environmental education, which is also something I love."

In June, SSA welcomed 30 North Carolina high school students for its second summer program. Campers spent five days at the Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center conducting experiments, observing natural habitats and working in the field alongside scientists, professors and UNCG doctoral students.

"The idea is to get kids to engage in scientific practices," says Melony Allen, an SSA volunteer and a doctoral student at UNCG.

Some of those practices feature snakes, and box and aquatic turtles. Wild snakes are collected, studied and observed with the guidance of instructors. Campers also hunt box turtles with help from Boykin Spaniels, dogs specially bred for the task. At the vernal pool station, students study temporary pools of water that provide breeding grounds for amphibians and reptiles. But it's not all work: campers enjoy traditional camp activities such as canoeing, swimming and hiking, too.

Tomasek says the program has received interest from students nationwide, but only North Carolina students are accepted.

"I've always been interested [in herpetology]," says Douglas Lawtan, a rising freshman at Randleman High School in Randolph County. "When I heard about this, I was happy."

Through support from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, selected students attend the camp for free and are each given stipends of \$200. They receive the stipend after attending required follow-up meetings during the academic year. The fund expires this year, and Tomasek and her colleagues are searching for future funding. They are optimistic that SSA will return next summer.

"It's a worthwhile thing. I'd be tickled pink to come back," says Andy Ash, a volunteer at SSA and professor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Says Tomasek, "I look forward [to camp] every year. It renews my sense of what it means to teach young people." @



Photo by Jennifer Priddy, University Relations intern

Terry Tomasek, assistant professor of education, combines her passions for teaching high-school students and advancing environmental education at SSA each summer.

# Onward and upward

## Summer construction and renovations enhance the Elon experience for faculty, staff and students

At Elon, the only constant is change. Summer 2009 proved no exception, bringing many adjustments to the campus landscape. From new facilities to office relocations to traffic detours, campus may seem a little bit different to faculty and staff returning from vacation or sabbatical. Let *@Elon* be your guide to finding what's new around campus.

By Kristin Simonetti '05

### Cheer the Phoenix in style

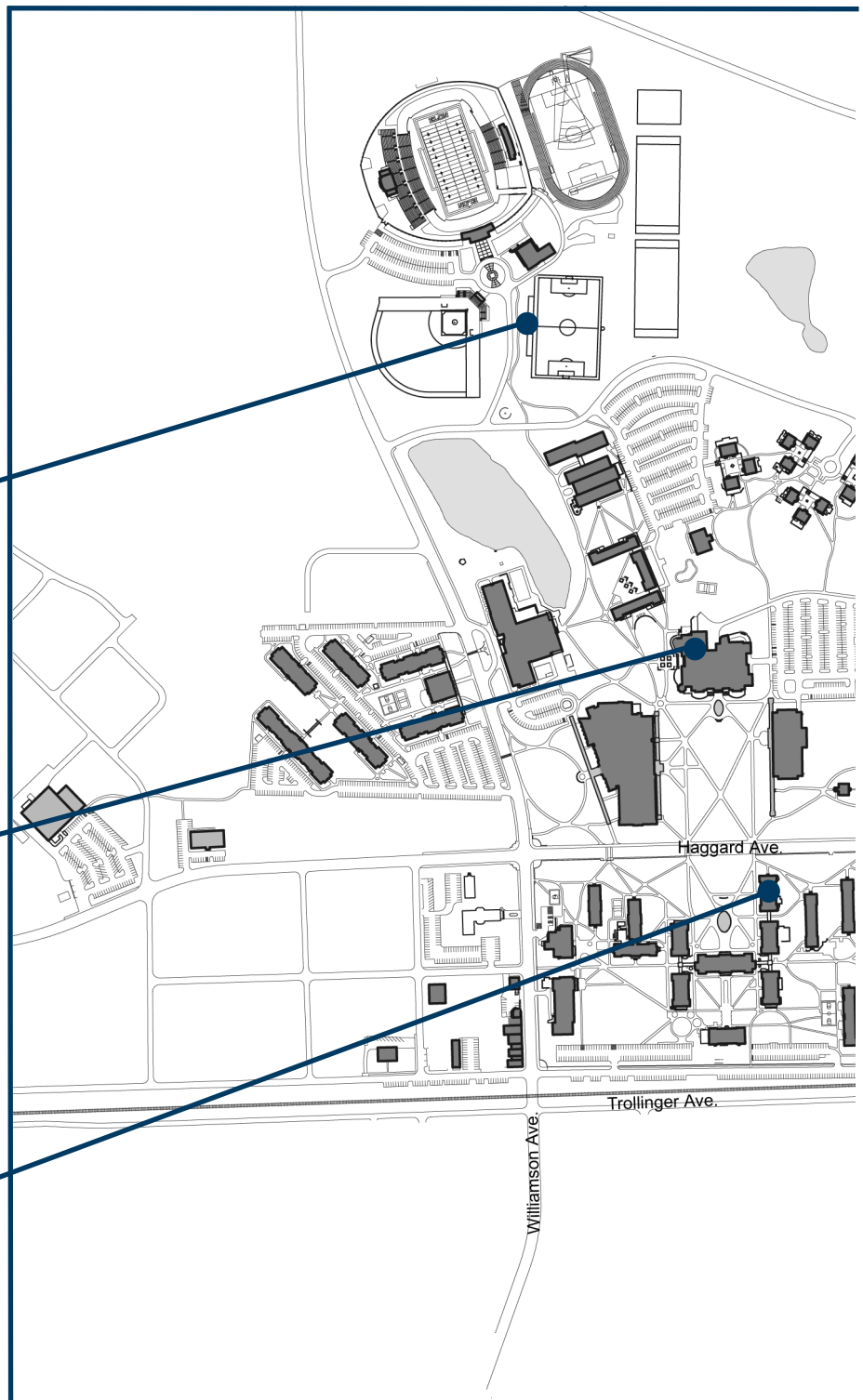
This fall, watch the defending Southern Conference champion Elon men's soccer team from the comfort of new bleachers beside Rudd Field. The bleachers can hold up to 300 fans. To view the Phoenix men's soccer schedule, as well as schedules for all of Elon's fall sports teams, visit [www.elonphoenix.com](http://www.elonphoenix.com).

### Coffee, anyone?

If you're walking across campus and feel the need for a caffeine fix, stop by the new **Irazu Coffee Shop** in Moseley Center. The coffee shop, which is associated with the popular Irazu shop on South Church Street, is located in the The Zone, next to the Phoenix Card Office.

### Powell Building renovations

The second floor of Powell has transformed into the **Powell Interactive Media Suite**, the impressively equipped home for Elon's new master's program in interactive media. Work crews also refurbished the first floor and installed an elevator to facilitate access for faculty, staff and students.

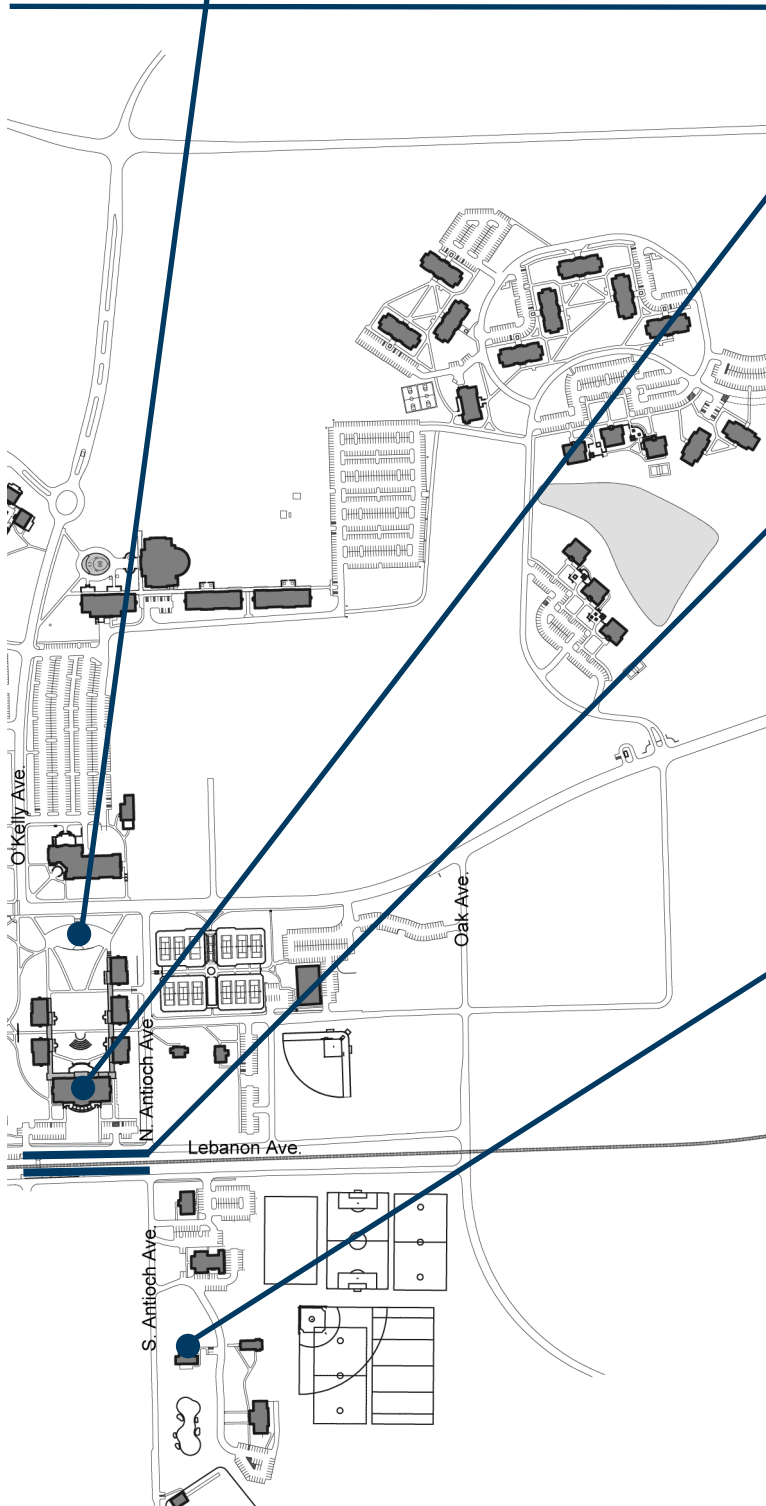


## The annual office shuffle

Looking for new Provost Steven House? Find him in Alamance 120. Looking for Executive Vice President Gerry Francis? He's now in the President's Office in Powell 102. Need to find the Office of Business, Finance and Technology? They've moved down the hall to Alamance 107, the former home of the administration for Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences. Searching for the Elon College administration? Venture to Lindner Hall 104.

## Academic Village Plaza: College Coffee's new address

Elon's traditional weekly College Coffee has moved from Young Commons to the new **Academic Village Plaza**, located along Haggard Avenue across the street from McMichael Science Center. The plaza is built to hold up to 1,700 people and has wiring for sound and lighting services. Remember to bring your reusable mug to be more environmentally sustainable!



## Lindner Hall opens for business

The newest and "greenest" academic building on campus, **Lindner Hall** is home to the administration of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as faculty in the departments of history and geography, and sociology and anthropology. In addition to classrooms, computer labs and conference rooms, Lindner Hall also houses the Inman Reading Room, a beautifully appointed space for students, faculty and staff.

## Road work ahead: Expect delays

Construction has begun on a pedestrian tunnel underneath the railroad tracks, and the work will block through traffic on both East Lebanon and East Trollingen avenues north and south of the tracks.

To access South Campus facilities, drivers must take Oak Avenue to East Trollingen, then turn left at South Antioch Avenue. East Lebanon Avenue will be closed between the Lindner Hall west parking lot and the corner of North Antioch and Lebanon avenues.

Construction is expected to continue through most of the 2009-10 academic year.

## What happened to Holland House?

It's still with us. In case you missed it, **Holland House** moved across the railroad tracks in June to South Campus, where it now sits adjacent to Holt Chapel. As the Catholic Newman Center, the building houses a library, meeting rooms and living quarters for three Catholic students and a peer ministry coordinator.

The Newman Center will be dedicated during a visit by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh on Family Weekend, Sept. 25-27.

## View the revised campus map online

Downloadable, printable versions of the campus map are available in a menu located on the right-hand side of the Elon Web site's maroon header. Click the "tools" link, then select the "maps" link from the drop-down menu. @



In a June opinion column in the (Greensboro, N.C.) *News & Record*, **John Alexander, distinguished leadership coach in residence at Elon Law**, identified benefits in the council-manager form of government and urged city and county elected bodies in the region not to abandon a structure that has “a long and successful history in North Carolina.”



**Kyle Altmann, associate professor of physics**, and Elon alumnus Thad Norman co-authored a recent article published in the *Journal of Applied Physics*. The article, “Local and nonlocal magnetic behavior of dilute manganese-doped nickel alloys,” used two different techniques to explore magnetic properties of samples with different combinations of nickel and manganese mixed together.

**Bob Anderson, associate professor of political science**, was a member of News14 Carolina’s expert panel during its live coverage of President Obama’s visit to North Carolina on July 29.



**Andy Angyal, professor of English**, gave a May talk sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council on “Green Design and the Quest for Sustainability” at the North Regional Library in Raleigh.

The *News & Record* published a June 28 column by **Tom Arcaro, professor of sociology**. The article, “Is there a place for atheists in America,” shared Arcaro’s preliminary research into the stigma atheists feel when they publicly share their views on faith and religion.



**Hunter Bacot, director of the Elon University Poll and associate professor of political science**, was quoted on the political Web site RealClearPolitics in a June article that examined Sen. Richard Burr’s (R-N.C.) prospects for re-election in 2010.

**Marty Baker, associate athletics trainer**, joined the board of directors of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association at its meeting in June.



**Brooke Barnett, Jessica Gisclair and George Padgett, associate professors in the School of Communications**, received a \$5,000 grant from the McCormick Foundation to build First Amendment awareness on campus this fall. Gisclair also received a scholarship from the Center for Creative Leadership to participate in a Foundations for Leadership training in July.



**Professor emeritus Robert G. Blake** wrote an entry about Alfred, Lord Tennyson’s “Maud” for the third revised edition of *Masterplots*, to be published by Salem Press in November 2010.

Faculty of the mathematics department and a rising Elon junior attended the U.S. Conference on Teaching Statistics hosted in June by The Ohio State University. **Senior lecturer Lisa Beuerle, assistant professors Kirstie Doehler and Laura Taylor, and assistant professor Ayesha Delpish** presented “Statistics in Context: Service-Learning in Statistics.” **Associate professor Alan Russell, senior lecturer Jan Mays** and junior Amanda Ketner presented “Including Undergraduates in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Statistics.”



**John Burbridge, professor of operations and supply chain management**, presented a poster, “Does Major League Baseball Need a Salary Cap,” at the 39th annual meeting of the Society of American Baseball Research in Washington, D.C.

**Lee Bush, assistant professor of communications**, conducted a media training workshop in Durham in July for several nonprofit environmental groups. The workshop was part of Earth Share of North Carolina’s summer campaign training for member organizations. She also published “Student Public Relations Agencies: A Qualitative Study of the Pedagogical Benefits, Risks and a Framework for Success” in the spring 2009 issue of *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator*.



**Ken Calhoun, assistant professor of communications**, read his short story, *Headlock*, at the New York Public Library on May 12. Calhoun was invited to participate in the Periodically Speaking Reading Series. He also had a short story, *Nightbloom*, published in the summer issue of *The Paris Review*.



**Glenda Crawford, professor of education, and April Post, lecturer in foreign languages**, presented “An Education that Matters: The Amigos Club Experience” at the International Conference on Service-Learning in Teacher Education.

Faculty and recent graduates presented papers in June to the Symposium on Service Learning and Civic Engagement. Alumni worked with **Alexa Darby and Mary Knight-McKenna, assistant professors of psychology and education**, respectively, to analyze teacher candidates’ responses to an academic service-learning project in a local school. Knight-McKenna and **Carolyn Stuart, associate professor of education**, documented the effects of special education field experiences on teacher candidates’ skills and perceived competency in establishing effective family-teacher partnerships.



**Leary Davis, founding dean emeritus of Elon Law**, was a faculty member at the seventh annual Law and Leadership Summer Program in Washington, D.C., in July. The North Carolina Bar Association in June honored Davis with the Judge John J. Parker Award, the association’s highest honor.

Ten Elon faculty members participated in June in the fourth annual Faculty Writing Residency. **Ayesha Delpish, Greg Hlavaty, Megan Isaac, Lauren Kearns, Ketevan Kupatadze, Paula Patch, Alan Russell, Murphy Townsend, Shawn Tucker** and **Beth Warner** spent a week working on scholarship about their teaching and learning.



**Catherine Ross Dunham, associate dean for academic affairs and a professor at Elon Law**, published an article about Zippo Manufacturing Co. v. Zippo Dot Com., in the winter 2009 edition of the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.

**Elaine Durr, sustainability coordinator**, was one of five people profiled in the *The Business Journal* of the Triad's special report, "Sustainability in Business."



**Shannon Duvall, associate professor of computing sciences**, recently presented a paper at the fourth International Conference on the Foundations of Digital Games. Her paper, "Creating a Games Class: A Walkthrough," is based on the Game Programming and Computer Graphics course at Elon. The research was funded by a grant from the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

**Kim Epting, assistant professor of psychology**, presented "Connecting the Fundamental Science of Behavior Analysis to Everyday Experience: An Assignment for Students" at the 35th annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International in Arizona in May.



**Thomas Erdmann, professor of music**, had his article, "Marcus Blegrave On Teaching And Playing By Honoring The Past," published in the June 2009 issue of the *International Trumpet Guild Journal*. Articles on Tom Saviano, a Los Angeles musician, and Javier Arau, a New York musician, were featured on the cover of the July/August 2009 issue of *Saxophone Journal*.

**Elon Law professor Steven Friedland** joined several other law professors in writing *Overview of U.S. Law*, published this year by Lexis Nexis. The text introduces lawyers from around the world to the U.S. legal system.



**Heidi G. Frontani, professor of geography**, served this spring as one of 18 national-level reviewers of applications to the U.S. Department of Education's annual Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages grant competition.



**Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology and chief information officer**, was interviewed in August by the Identity Theft Assistance Center for its blog on cybersecurity.



**Stephen A. Futrell, chair of the Department of Music**, served in May as a panelist for the North Carolina Arts Council Arts & Audiences Grants Panel.



**Henry Gabriel, professor of law**, recently participated in the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law's Working Group Meeting on Principles of International Commercial Contracts in Rome. In July, Gabriel represented North Carolina as a commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws at its annual meeting in New Mexico.

**Kathy Gallucci, assistant professor of biology**, published "Learning about the Nature of Science with Case Studies," in the May/June 2009 issue of the *Journal of College Science Teaching*.



**Sonya Garza, assistant professor of law**, spoke with News 14 Carolina and published a column in the *News & Record* highlighting the historic nature of Judge Sonya Sotomayor's appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Evan A. Gatti, assistant professor of art history**, chaired a panel sponsored by EPISCOPUS: Society for the Study of Episcopal Power and Culture in the Middle Ages at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Michigan in May.



Through op-ed columns and television news appearances, **Elon Law professors Scott Gaylord, Andrew Haile** and **Alan Woodlief** provided analysis and evaluation of North Carolina's system for judicial elections in response to June's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Caperton v. Massey Coal Co.*



**Mathew Gendle, associate professor of psychology**, and several summer 2009 Elon Academy scholars were featured in an instructor's resource video produced and distributed by Carolina Biological Supply Company.

**Associate professor Jessica Gisclair** was named the School of Communications' new associate department chair this summer to accommodate the increasing number of faculty and students in the school.



**Mary Gowan, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business**, led a presentation at the AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., in April.

**Elon Law professor Helen Grant** and three Australian legal scholars published the tenth edition of *Torts: Commentary and Materials*, contemporary casebook on torts, in July 2009.



**Linda Gretton, instructor of communications**, published an article, "The Rhetorical Helix," in *Business Communication Quarterly*.



In a May 29 column published in the Triad, Triangle and Charlotte editions of *The Business Journal*, **Elon Law professor Andrew Haile** examined a recent decision of the North Carolina Court of Appeals about the state's corporate tax system. He later published a July column arguing against the N.C. General Assembly's tax compromise to finalize the state budget, and was a special guest on the radio program, "Where We Live," broadcast by WNPR-Connecticut Public Radio, to offer historical and national context for Connecticut's current tobacco tax increase debate.



**Eric Ashley Hairston, assistant professor of English and director of the Center for Law and Humanities**, was interviewed May 29 by News 14 Carolina about U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

**Anthony Hatcher, associate professor in the School of Communications**, was elected the vice-head of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's Religion and Media Interest Group and will become its head in 2010-11.



**Antonio Izzo, assistant professor of biology**, published an article in *Mycological Research*. The article describes a DNA-array based technique for identifying fungi from environmental samples.

**George Johnson, dean of the School of Law**, spoke with News 14 Carolina on May 7 about the U.S. Supreme Court and what criteria Barack Obama should consider before selecting a nominee to fill a vacant court seat.



**Lauren Kearns, assistant professor of dance**, attended the national board of directors meeting for the American College Dance Festival Association at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif., in May. She also presented "Somatics in Action: An integrative approach to teaching modern technique" in June at the National Dance Education Organization Conference in New York.



**Mike Kingston, associate professor of biology**, and **Mona DeVries, assistant professor of biology**, held appointments as summer adjunct faculty members in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. They taught the

Marine Ecology graduate/undergraduate course at the Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, N.C., during the second summer term.

**Peter Kiwitt, assistant professor in the School of Communications**, was a consulting producer for FilmNation Entertainment in Los Angeles this summer. He worked on the creative and production aspects of several upcoming projects, including "The Raven," a thriller based on the last five days of Edgar Allen Poe's life.



**Ron Klepcyk, director of human resources**, will be returning next year to the national board of the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources as director for the southern region.



**Kathy Lyday-Lee, professor of English**, gave a presentation in June on developing a general studies interdisciplinary seminar on the Melungeons at the Melungeon Historical Society meeting in Tennessee.

#### Associate professor of communications

**Harlen Makemson** was featured by Triad television stations, newspapers and National Public Radio leading up to the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing. Makemson also spoke with media about the death of Walter Cronkite.



**Barbara Miller, assistant professor of communications**, published "Digging Deeper: Crisis Management in the Coal Industry" in the *Journal of Applied Communication Research* and "Community Stakeholder Responses to Advocacy Advertising: Trust, Accountability, and the Persuasion Knowledge Model" in the *Journal of Advertising* this summer.

**Phil Miller, lecturer in human service studies**, presented research in July at the Clinical Social Work Summer Institute in Wilmington, N.C. "Effectively Counseling Military Couples Using John Gottman's Marital Model" draws upon Miller's experience providing mental health services to military couples.



**Yuko Miyamoto, assistant professor of biology**, published a research paper she co-authored, "Metabolic Control of Oocyte Apoptosis Mediated by 14-3-3-Regulated Dephosphorylation of Caspase-2," in June in the online journal *Developmental Cell*.

**Tom Nelson, associate professor of communications**, was interviewed by Kansas Public Radio in July for his documentary "Prisoners of Plenty," a film that recounts the lives of German POWs imprisoned in Kansas during World War II.



**David Noer, professor emeritus in the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business**, published an article in *BusinessWeek* in July in which he offers executives advice on how to manage stress when making layoffs. A new edition of his 1995 book, *Healing the Wounds: Overcoming the Trauma of Layoffs and Revitalizing Downsized Corporations*, was published in August.



**Martha Peters, professor of legal education**, gave presentations this spring on ways to improve mediation procedure at the American Law Center of the Warsaw University School of Law in Poland.

**Jean Rohr, assistant professor of education**, served as the keynote speaker on Aug. 15 at "Lifting Children to Life," an education summit sponsored by the Word of Life Church in Greensboro, N.C.



**Terry Tomasek, assistant professor of education**, presented at two national meetings this spring: the American Educational Researcher Association Annual Conference in San Diego, and the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual Conference in Garden Grove, Calif.

**Larry Vellani, director of corporate and foundation relations**, served as a panelist at the National Smart Start Conference in May in Greensboro. He also designed and co-facilitated a half-day national conversation in June on opportunities and challenges facing liberal arts colleges in the current economy as part of the National Conference for Corporate and Foundation Officers sponsored by CASE in New York City.



**Carol Smith and Richard Mihans, faculty in the School of Education**, published an article in the May 2009 edition of *Research in Education*. "Raising Issues of Student Locus of Control: Beginning a Longitudinal Study"

examines education students' perceptions of their control in meeting their future degree goals, and plans to track the retention rates of these students as they progress through their programs of study at Elon.

**Gabie Smith, associate professor psychology**, published an article in a recent volume of the *International Journal of Sexual Health*. The article, "Women's perceptions of alcohol-related sexual disinhibition: Personality and sexually-related alcohol expectancies," was co-authored with two Elon alumni.



**Kerstin Sorensen, assistant professor of political science**, presented a paper in May at the Nordic Centre of Excellence's International Conference at Stockholm University in Sweden.



**Jeff Stein** has been promoted to associate dean of students and assistant professor of English. During his seven years at Elon, Stein has displayed what university leaders describe as "exceptional leadership" in the Kernodle Center for Service-Learning and in Residence Life.



**Betsy Stevens, associate professor of business administration**, had an article, "Corporate ethical codes as key strategic documents," accepted for publication in the *Electronic Journal of Business Ethics and Organizational Studies*. She has also authored a chapter in the forthcoming book, *The Research Companion to Crime and Corruption in Organizations*.



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**John G. Sullivan, Powell Professor of Philosophy Emeritus**, gave a presentation in July to students at the North Carolina Governor's School at Meredith College in Raleigh. He also wrote an article, "Summer's Fullness," that appeared in the summer issue of *Itineraries*, the electronic journal of the North Carolina

nonprofit organization, Second Journey.



**Tripp York, instructor in religious studies**, published a satirical prayer, "A Prayer to the All-Powerful, All-Knowing and Beneficent God Who Really Loves Sports (but not the Orioles and Some South Asians)," in the spring 2009 edition of *Christian Ethics Today*.

**Resa Walch and Liz Bailey, faculty in health and human performance**, presented a poster, "YES! A Required Health Class CAN Be Relevant to an Inherently Diverse College Population," in June at the National College Health Association's annual conference. **Lauren Martin, substance educator**, joined Walch in presenting a poster, "An Innovative, Evidence-Based Approach to Building Bridges on College Campuses around Alcohol Issues," at the conference.



**Janet Warman, professor of English and education, and director of general studies**, had a poem, "D.C. Serial Date," published in *Ars Medica: A Journal of Medicine, the Arts, and Humanities*.

**Catherine Wasson, associate professor of law and director of the legal writing and research program**, spoke at the seventh Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors in July at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She also gave a presentation on assessment techniques for legal writing courses at a law conference in South Africa.

**Tony Weaver, assistant professor of leisure and sport management**, wrote a July 9 summary for the UltimateSportsInsider.com titled "Diversifying donor bases – A review of the research." He was also named a member of the Alamance County Tourism Development Authority.



**Linda Wilmshurst, associate professor of psychology**, provided expert commentary for Fox 8 News on May 6 in "The Buckley Report," segment, which is distributed to Fox affiliates nationwide. Wilmshurst spoke with Bob Buckley for his piece, "Why We Lie," which Buckley produced after noticing the popularity of the Fox television drama "Lie to Me."





**Catherine Barker, assistant director of auxiliary services**

Catherine returns to her alma mater this fall having worked for American University, Georgia Southern University, Western Carolina University and Asbury College. A psychology and religious studies double

major at Elon, the native of Milton, N.C., reads and cooks in her spare time. She lives with her two cats.



**Nathaniel F. Beversluis, assistant professor of performing arts and music director**

An accomplished pianist, violinist and composer, Nathaniel holds degrees in music from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and Cincinnati College – Conservatory of Music. He has worked with

theaters, universities and organizations around the world, and his jazz compositions have won awards from ASCAP and BMI.

**Gina Bledsole, program assistant for the Elon Academy, Office of Civic Engagement and Project Pericles**

Gina joins the Elon staff after six years as executive assistant to the vice presidents of sales and marketing at Walter Kidde in Mebane, N.C. She says she was attracted to Elon because of the mission of the university. "It's great to be a part of a vision that affects so many people," she says. She lives in Elon with her husband, Mike, and their son, Blake.



**Thomas "T.J." Bowie, assistant director of residence life for The Oaks**

T.J. worked for Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., before arriving at Elon. He earned his undergraduate degree from Regis University in Denver and his master's degree in college student personnel administration

from Canisius. T.J. "loves all things outdoors," especially recreational sports, and lives with his wife, Melissa.



**Jeffrey D. Clark, executive director of cultural and special programs**

A native of Henderson, N.C., Jeff has worked with theatre companies in Massachusetts, Missouri and North Carolina. An alumnus of Western Carolina University, Jeff recently worked for the Hayes

Performing Arts Center in Blowing Rock. When not on the job, he collects sports memorabilia and enjoys reading, traveling and sports. Jeff lives with his wife, Diane, and their Jack Russell terrier, Donner.

**David Cooper, dean of the School of Education**

A blues aficionado, David joins Elon after serving as associate dean and associate professor in the College of Education at the University of Maryland. He graduated from Brown in 1975 with a degree in biological and medical sciences before earning master's and doctoral degrees in special education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He lives in Chapel Hill with his wife, Barbara Tyroler.



**Matt Dannenberg, program assistant for the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and the Chandler Family Center for Professional Sales, Martha and Spencer Love School of Business**

Matt comes to Elon from D&D Tool Inc. The

Michigan native says the opportunity to work for a nationally recognized school appealed to him. Matt enjoys reading, playing and watching baseball and hockey, and spending time with his wife, Rebecca, and their two cats, Duncan and Banjo.



**Robert Dunlap, assistant director of student activities**

A Toledo, Ohio, native, Robert joins Elon from his role as a graduate administrative assistant with The Ohio State University honors and scholars program.

He earned his master's degree at Ohio State and his bachelor's degree from Miami University. Robert is a big Ohio State football fan and enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Kate, and their dog, Riggins.

**Mary Leigh Frier, associate director of the Kernodle Center for Service-Learning**

Born in West Virginia, Mary Leigh worked in service-learning at Gonzaga University prior to joining Elon. She earned an undergraduate degree in international studies from Virginia Tech and a master of education degree from James Madison University. She enjoys gardening, reading, baking and visiting farmers markets.



**Michael A. Gilles, visiting assistant professor of management**

Mike is a Graham, N.C., resident with years of experience in human resources management and employment law. He looks forward to the opportunity to teach classes at Elon that draw upon his legal background, communications and business experiences. Mike and his wife, Bunny, have two children, Melony and Matt, and one grandson, Walker.



**Rebekkah Goodman-Williams, AmeriCorps-VISTA, Kernodle Center for Service-Learning**

A Carleton College alumna, Rebekkah worked for her alma mater as an admissions fellow, career adviser and resident assistant. She was attracted to Elon by the VISTA position's combination of working with

students and nonprofit organizations. She enjoys running, scrapbooking and "finding dogs to play with!"

**Evan Heiser, assistant director of residence life for North Area**

Evan, a Michigan native, earned degrees in economics and mechanical engineering from Case Western University before enrolling in the graduate program for higher education administration and student personnel at Kent State University. He previously worked for Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio and likes watching movies, swimming and golf.



**Amy Johnson, postdoctoral fellow and assistant professor of history**

Amy joins the Elon faculty from Duke University, where she recently earned her doctorate in history. She enjoys reading, walking and yoga, and lives with her husband, Vincent, and their children, Elijah, 3, and Eden, 15 months. Amy was attracted to Elon by its small classes, and faculty resources and support.



**David Levine, assistant professor of law**

David brings a diverse background to Elon Law in both teaching and practice. He has taught at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Stanford law schools, and has worked for the City of New York, numerous law firms and the New York state assembly.

David and his wife, Heidi Verhaal, have two sons, Noah, 2, and Benjamin, 1 month.

**Dale C. Lunsford, assistant to the dean of Elon Law**

Formerly a senior manager at Lincoln Financial Group, Dale says she was drawn to Elon because “the people I know associated with Elon University sing its praises with tremendous personal pride.” She earned her degree in child development and family relations from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and welcomed her first granddaughter in August.



**Becky Morgan, program assistant for North Carolina Campus Compact**

Becky devoted 10 months of service to Public Allies, a branch of AmeriCorps, before taking her position with Elon. The Texas native earned her undergraduate degree in English from Wofford College and comes to

North Carolina with her husband, Jim. She enjoys watching movies, knitting/crochet, reading and taking long walks in the woods.

**James A. Moore, groundskeeper**

James received his associate’s degree in horticulture technology at Alamance Community College. He formerly worked for Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill, N.C., and Color Landscapes in Burlington.



**Phillip Motley, assistant professor of communications**

Phillip joins the Elon faculty from the University of Wisconsin at Stout, where he taught in the art and design department. A North Carolina native and a graduate of Davidson College and N.C. State, he

returns to his home state with his wife, Robin, and their children, Griffin, 7, and Maxine, 5. He was attracted to Elon’s reputation, location and high-caliber student body.



**Maggie Mullikin, assistant coordinator of internships and graduate program for the School of Communications**

Maggie joined Elon after working for Directions USA, a modeling agency in Greensboro. She has a degree in early childhood education from James Madison

University and lives with her husband, Bill, and two children, Will, 15, and Lindsay, 14. Maggie enjoys riding horses and watching movies in her free time.

**Lee Heywood “Woody” Pelton, dean of international programs and director of the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies**

Woody previously served as director of Winthrop University’s International Center. He holds a master’s degree in student personnel services from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from George Washington University. Along with his wife, Chris, he served with the Peace Corps in Morocco from 1978-1980 and worked for one year with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Malaysia. The couple live in Chapel Hill.



**Erica Madden Roberson, director of media relations for athletics**

Erica brings a wealth of communications expertise to Elon athletics, having served as assistant sports information director at Davidson College, and Furman University and in the athletics departments of Emory University and Agnes Scott College. A graduate of Indiana University, Erica comes to Elon with her husband, Will, who has joined Elon’s men’s basketball coaching staff.



**Will Roberson, assistant men’s basketball coach**

A 2002 graduate of Davidson College, Will has served as an assistant basketball coach at Emory, a graduate assistant at Clemson and for three years worked as director of basketball operations at his alma mater. He likes to read when off the court and says Elon appealed to him because of its “great combination of academics and athletics.”

**Michael Rodriguez, assistant professor of marketing**

Michael has significant sales experience providing trading technology to Wall Street firms and previously taught at William Paterson University. He earned his doctorate in technology management from Stevens Institute of Technology and comes to North Carolina with his wife, Jennifer, their son, Michael, and a Boston terrier, Diesel.



**Alan Scott, assistant professor of psychology**

A native of Janesville, Wis., Alan comes to Elon after completing a term as a research associate with the Boston College Department of Psychology. He enjoys spending time with his family – his wife, Kate, and daughter, Allison – and loves being outdoors hiking,

camping, boating and participating in triathlons. Alan was attracted by Elon's student-focused environment and teacher-scholar model.



**Dallas A. Smith III, event support specialist**

Formerly a freelance audio-visual technician in the Research Triangle, Dallas joined Elon's staff because of the university's sense of community and emphasis on learning. He spends his free time playing guitar and taking part in outdoor activities, including hiking,

kayaking and swimming.

**Michael Smith, assistant professor of performing arts**

Michael holds degrees in fine arts from Arkansas State University and Florida State University, and previously taught at Florida State and the University of Oklahoma.

In his free time, he enjoys anything outdoors, from fishing to boating to camping, and spending time with his wife, Kerry, and their two cats. He is excited for the opportunity to work with creative professionals dedicated to educating students within the theatre arts at Elon.



**Tim Sweeney, assistant men's basketball coach**

Tim served as the assistant coach at Bucknell University and Davidson College before joining the Phoenix. The New Jersey native looks forward to working at a university that strives to be great "without sacrificing the values of integrity and hard work."

**Michael Terribilini, assistant professor of biology**

An alumnus of the University of California, Davis, and Iowa State University, Michael was drawn to Elon by its focus on outstanding teaching. He previously served as a lecturer at Iowa State and comes to North Carolina with his wife, Tracey, and their four children, Adam, 9, Emily, 6, Belle, 4, and Mary, 2. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and cycling.



**Jennifer Tucci, director of the Phoenix Club**

A 2009 Elon graduate from Roswell, Ga., Jennifer looks forward to continuing to be part of the Elon community. She played for the Elon women's tennis team from 2005-08 and was an intern for the Department of Athletics in development during the 2008-09 academic year. She enjoys reading, watching movies and playing tennis when not at work.



**David Ungerer, assistant football coach**

Dave comes to Elon from Oregon State University with his wife, Sylvia, and their sons, David and Dante. An alumnus of Southern Connecticut University, he enjoys playing with his kids when not on the field.



**Callie Young, program assistant for events, communications and Executive Education, Martha and Spencer Love School of Business**

Callie joins the Elon staff from Pace Communications in Greensboro and is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was attracted by

Elon's prestige and the university's reputation. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, bicycling and playing with Miles, her 2-year-old son.

WELLNESS @ ELON

**Physician's assistants join Well U staff**

Have you been here before? You're sitting at your desk, wondering whether to go to the doctor to see if your sore throat or persistent headache is a symptom of something more serious. But you don't want to go through the hassle of scheduling an appointment, taking the sick leave and paying the co-pay if your symptoms turn out to be nothing major. You wonder, do you have any other options?

Thanks to Elon's faculty and staff Wellness program, Well U, you do. Elon now has two physician's assistants (P.A.s) available for on-campus appointments. Elon's P.A.s – Rhonda Summers and Susan Fisher – are on campus Thursday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Wellness Office, located in the State Farm/Honeycutt Building beside Arts West on Haggard Avenue.

Summers has 29 years of experience as a P.A. and has spent the past 14 years with Alamance Regional Medical Center's emergency department. Fisher has spent the past 11 years working with the ARMC emergency department.

While a consultation with a P.A. should not replace treatment from your primary care provider in all cases, it often can save you a trip to the doctor and the co-pay required to be seen. Elon's P.A.s can help you evaluate your symptoms and determine how to treat acute illnesses, such as flu and colds, and manage chronic diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, asthma and arthritis. They also conduct health screenings to help faculty and staff identify risk factors for chronic diseases. All services provided by the P.A.s are free of charge to Elon employees.

**To schedule an appointment with Summers or Fisher, or for questions about this benefit, call the Wellness Office at x5569.**

And don't forget to check out the Well U Web site for information about other services offered for Elon faculty and staff, including fitness and weight loss programs, massage therapy, personal and family counseling, and much more.

Visit [www.elon.edu/wellness](http://www.elon.edu/wellness) for information. @

## RECENT GIFTS OF \$10,000 OR MORE

**Inman Reading Room at Lindner Hall: \$500,000**  
William Inman P'00  
Patricia Inman P'00

**Susan Reed Moseley Scholarship Endowment : \$255,000**  
Furman Moseley '56  
Susan Moseley

**Lindner Hall**  
Brad Reifler P'12  
Ash Reifler P'12

**Elon Academy: \$200,000**  
Douglas Noiles  
Edna Noiles '44

**Athletics Field House: \$100,000**  
Cynthia Ward P'82 GP'11  
Hunt Ward '82 P'11  
Julia Ward P'11

**Carole W. Bruce Endowed Scholarship: \$100,000**  
Barry Frank  
William Frank  
Hughlene Frank

**Riversville Foundation  
Elon Academy Fund: \$75,000  
Riversville Foundation Scholarship: \$60,000**  
Riversville Foundation

**Athletics Field House: \$50,000**  
Richard Hendrickson  
Judith Hendrickson

**Elon Fund: \$37,734**  
Estate of Charlotte Husted Wyatt '44

**Athletics: \$30,000**  
Wallace Chandler '49 GP'11 GP'10 GP'07  
Nita Chandler GP'11 GP'10 GP'07

**Seby B. Jones Family Foundation International Study Endowment: \$25,000**  
Seby B. Jones Family Foundation

**John William Pope Foundation Undergraduate Business Scholars: \$25,000**  
**Love School of Business Scholarships: \$25,000**  
John William Pope Foundation

**Athletics Field House: \$25,000**  
Rick Barnes '87  
Lummy Barnes

**Elon Fund, Phoenix Club and School of Law Scholarship Fund: \$25,000**  
David Porter P'11  
Jennifer Porter P'11

**Athletics Field House: \$25,000**  
Richard Shirley

**Elon Fund: \$25,000**  
Louis DeJoy  
Aldona Wos

**William T. Morris Foundation International Study Abroad Endowment: \$25,000**  
William T. Morris Foundation, Inc.

**Don and Billie Bolden Basketball Scholarship: \$25,000**  
Donald Bolden  
Billie Faye Bolden '56

**Athletics Field House: \$25,000**  
James McGill P'98  
Gail McGill P'98

**Athletics Field House in honor of Coach George Tucker: \$25,000**  
Anonymous football alumnus

**Elon Fund: \$15,000**  
Robert Henritze P'80  
Pam Henritze

**Charles H. Revson Foundation Grant: \$15,000**  
Charles H. Revson Foundation

**N.C. Independent College Fund Scholarships: \$12,000**  
Golden LEAF Foundation

**Catholic Ministries: \$10,000**  
Timothy Mather P'09  
Sandra Mather P'09

**Elon Fund: \$10,000**  
David Turner P'11  
Rosemary Turner P'11

**Phoenix Club: \$10,000**  
R. Samuel Hunt III  
Victoria Hunt

**Golf Facilities: \$10,000**  
Jerry Richardson '71

**Elon Fund: \$10,000**  
Douglas Glass P'11  
Tracy Glass P'11

**Planned gift in support of the Darcy Craig Grathwohl Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad**  
Francis Craig GP'13 GP'10  
Janet Craig P'01

**Planned gift to establish the Howell Scholarship in Chemistry**  
Leroy Howell '51 GP'10

**Planned gift in support of the Ever Elon Campaign**  
William Herbert '68  
Marsha Herbert

**John and Margaret Sullivan GP'05 Endowed Fund for Engaged Learning in Economics**  
Kathleen Niple '05

**Planned gift in support of the Ever Elon Campaign**  
John Hill '76  
Lesley Hill

**Planned gift to establish the Fletcher Moore Distinguished Emerging Scholar Professorship Endowment**  
Wayne Moore '49

**Planned gift in support of the Ever Elon Campaign; Transfer of property to Elon University**  
Richard Henderson P'88  
Marjorie Henderson

**Athletics Field House**  
Ronald Foresta '68  
Carolyn Foresta '71

**Planned gift to establish the Dolores and John Truitt, Jr. Endowed Scholarship**  
John Truitt '53 P'85  
Dolores Truitt '53 P'85

**1959 Golden Anniversary 2009 Scholarship**  
Ikey Tarleton Little '59

**Gift-in-kind in support of the biology department**  
Tobacco Industry Testing Laboratories

## EVER ELON UPDATE

# Faculty, staff donate more than \$234,000 to Ever Elon Campaign

More than 450 faculty and staff members contributed \$234,000 to the Ever Elon Campaign during 2008-09. Their contributions exceeded the previous year's level while participation climbed above 35 percent, a record.



Through their gifts to the Elon Fund, Phoenix Club, School of Law and unrestricted endowment, faculty and staff demonstrated

their belief in the Ever Elon goals to build the endowment, increase annual and planned giving, and preserve the campus.

Nancy Harris and Greg Zaiser, chairs of the 2008-09 Faculty/Staff Campaign, thank all university employees who made a gift to Ever Elon. They have agreed to chair the 2009-10 Faculty/Staff Campaign as well. Their goal is to set yet another participation record.

Many faculty and staff have chosen to make their gifts by enrolling in the convenient payroll deduction plan. To find out more about this option, call Maggie Byerly director of annual giving, at x7459. If you have not made your gift or pledge for 2009-10, look for a letter this fall outlining how you can become involved in the Ever Elon Campaign to help secure Elon's future.

All faculty/staff gifts count toward Ever Elon: The Campaign for the Future of Our University. As of late August, donors had contributed \$66.9 million in cash and pledges toward the \$100 million comprehensive campaign goal.

To learn more about Ever Elon, go to [www.everelon.org](http://www.everelon.org).  
*University Advancement contributed to this report.* ♣

# Happy Birthday!

## September 10

Lee A. Bush  
Betty M. Covington  
Michael S. LaPlaca  
Stephanie L. Page  
Andrea B. Priede  
Carolynn M. Whitley

## September 11

Janna O. Anderson  
Mark M. Fox  
Herbert W. House  
Karol L. Sparks

## September 12

Celia Argueta  
Dustin L. Clapp  
Janet P. McCain-Lindsey  
Kathleen A. McLeod  
Murray D. Silverstone

## September 13

Stephen R. Bloch-Schulman  
Gray G. Carpenter  
James R. Fox  
Becky C. Ivey  
Connie L. Keller  
George D. Moore  
Helen F. Walton

## September 14

John R. Alexander  
Richard S. Browne  
Heather M. DiLorenzo  
Jim G. Exum  
Martin V. Latta

## September 15

Nelson A. Gunn  
Scott A. Windham

## September 16

Tony W. Crider  
Patricia W. Germann  
Bobby E. Morris  
Melanie J. Truitt

## September 17

Graciela E. Cornejo  
Matthew P. DiCamillo  
Carolyn A. Ent  
Tammy R. Graves  
Frank F. Harris  
Teresa W. LePors  
Terry O. Rogers  
Gregory L. Zaiser

## September 18

David B. Cheek  
Ron F. Morgan

## September 20

David M. Crowe  
Rene H. Jackson  
Roy N. Shaw  
Suzanne E. Sioussat  
Annette S. Watt

## September 21

Grant Halverson

## September 22

John V. Blackwell  
Melissa N. Jordan  
Ginger Spivey  
Chris K. Troxler

## September 23

Virginia F. Dupont  
Jan P. Mays  
Joshua C. Rumley

## September 24

Jeff W. Clark

## September 25

Joel M. Karty  
Andi K. Metts  
Michael Rodriguez

## September 26

Pranab K. Das  
Rena F. Leath  
Chip W. Newton  
Darren L. Powell

## September 27

Walter K. Burton  
Marty M. Peters

## September 28

Martin H. Baker  
James A. Moore  
Carolyn P. Nelson

## September 29

Frank F. Andrews  
Thomas R. Erdmann  
David A. Lee  
Kenny G. Simpson  
Linda H. Somers  
Bill M. Vincent

## September 30

JB Brown  
Jessica L. D'Italia

Joyce J. Pepper  
Elly K. Shearman  
RaDonna T. Smith  
Leon L. Williams

## October 2

Chuck E. Davis  
Karen L. Hughes  
Charlie A. Porterfield  
Linda L. Poulson  
Elizabeth A. Rogers  
Monet P. Thomas

## October 3

Hallie C. Hogan  
Kevin G. Otos  
Omri D. Shimron  
J.R. Shortall

## October 4

Paul C. Holt  
Maurice J. Levesque  
Catherine H. McNeela

## October 5

Brandon G. Cole  
Peter R. Kiwitt  
Amy O. Nicholson  
Tonya L. Train

## October 6

Linda B. Gretton  
Terry M. Tomasek

## October 7

Dottie A. Barr  
Beth B. Carter  
David L. Cockrell

## October 8

Christy C. Benson

Cheryl A. Borden  
Dustin D. Crawford  
Wayne W. Goke  
Jennifer M. Platania  
Larry A. Rhodes  
Jonathan S. Romm  
Paula M. Rosinski

## October 9

Ramon A. Brito  
Mary A. Gowan  
Jennifer B. Guthrie  
Pamela R. Henderson  
Janice K. Lindsay

## October 10

Wally R. Bixby  
Peter G. Felten  
Sue V. Walker

## October 11

Kevin B. Boyle  
Randy Piland  
Jenny A. Ruggieri

## October 12

Byung S. Lee  
Tita M. Ramirez

## October 13

Raquel Cortes Mazuelas  
Martha J. Deasley  
Catherine R. Dunham  
Chuck J. Gantos  
Rebecca T. Peters  
Jeff A. Saunders

## October 14

Sonya C. Garza  
Vrinda Kalia  
Bethany A. Massman

## October 15

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Gene E. Medler  
Nancy S. Midgette

## October 16

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Barbara A. Peters  
Tom P. Vecchione

## October 18

Rebecca A. Hutchins

## October 19

Kyle N. Altmann  
Michael I. Carignan  
Bill H. Huff  
Brian D. Tracy  
Byron B. Tucker

## October 20

Jimmie D. Agnew  
Tammy R. Cobb  
Ocek O. Eke  
Mina Garcia Soormally  
Frank I. Mullins

## October 21

Jane C. Law  
Matthew J. Roden  
Deborah M. Stetts

## October 22

Donna T. Chandler  
Carey C. Harwood

## October 23

Janet M. Cope  
Gregory A. Lilly



## Congratulations to the newest members of the Elon community:

**Sirena Hargrove-Leak**, assistant professor of engineering, and her

husband, Roland Leak, welcome daughter Annika Rai, born Monday, May 11.

**Michelle Trim**, lecturer in English, and her husband, Joe Wilson, welcome son Oscar Kai, born Sunday, May 31.

**Kehaya Wescott**, internship coordinator for the Love School of Business, and her boyfriend, Monty Hickman, welcome daughter Chandler Eliese, born Friday, June 5.

**David Morton**, Web site manager for University Relations, and his wife, Casey, welcome daughter Emory Grace, born Tuesday, Aug. 11.

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