Guardian of history

By Bethany Swanson ’09

With more than 25,000 photos, 42,000 slides, 6,800 cataloged books and 28 collections of manuscripts to keep track of, Katie Nash is one busy woman.

As Elon's special collections librarian and university archivist, Nash primarily serves Elon's students, faculty, staff and alumni. But she also works with scholars and anyone else from the community wishing to use the university's archives, special collections, memorabilia or artifacts. Some visitors come to conduct genealogy research, and others come to learn about people who played important roles in the founding of churches in the Southeast using the university's extensive collection of manuscripts and books about the Christian Church.

“I come in to work and I don’t really know what my day will be like,” Nash says.

The Christian Church collection is the university's largest and most diverse special collection. It documents the history of the denominations that formed the United Church of Christ. Funding from the United Church of Christ helped found Elon in 1889. The collection contains between 2,000 and 3,000 photographs, and 1,700 linear feet of collections and materials related to the church.

Nash, who works out of Suite 204 in Belk Library, also oversees a large number of Elon-related materials off-site in Arts West. Among the items there, Nash says, are a uniform from the early 1940s belonging to Elon's first female marching band drum major, a football letterman's jacket and the papers of all of Elon's presidents. The latter are what Nash considers some of the most important pieces of Elon's collection.

“Most of the major [institutional] decisions go through the president’s office, so it's essential that we preserve and document those papers,” Nash says.

In addition to maintaining the Christian Church and Elon memorabilia collections, Nash is charged with identifying and organizing many unprocessed or undocumented collections. These include books, paper documents and photographic media that mostly relate to university history. But Nash gets some help from Elon sophomore Pam Richter, who assists in conducting research, making copies, filing new pieces and updating the archives. Richter, who says she has considered pursuing library science as a career, says that working in the university's archives has helped her appreciate the field – and Nash.

“It’s a lot of work, but I’ve learned so much,” Richter says. “I love working with Katie, she has taught me so much. She's so knowledgeable.”

Nash always has had a gift for organization. She recalls coming home from school as a little girl and spending her afternoon organizing her class notes and notebooks. Then she'd move on to her sister's.
Book, students work to ease the DTV switch

By Kristin Simonetti ’05

For more than 12 years, Connie Book, associate dean of Elon’s School of Communications, has been recognized as an expert on digital television (DTV). And through it all, she’s brought her students along for the ride.

“Students bring something to the table that others can’t,” Book says. “They always challenge our assumptions and they force you to re-think things.”

Despite the official date of the nationwide switch from analog to all-digital broadcasting being very much up in the air at the end of January, Book and her students continued working hard to ease the transition for North Carolina consumers. On Jan. 15, Book advised two dozen Elon communications students as they manned an on-campus call center during North Carolina’s two DTV “soft” tests. Students answered calls from consumers across the state when North Carolina’s broadcasters twice interrupted evening programming to remind viewers of the digital switch.

In December 2008, students in Book’s Broadcasting in the Public Interest course put together a package they sent to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin and executives for NBC and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) asking that they air a commercial during the Super Bowl to remind all Americans of the DTV switch. The package included a letter, a news release and a script they recommended be used in the ad.

In September 2008, Book led a group of Elon students to Wilmington, N.C., to document the problems encountered by local TV stations and cable providers after that market became the first in the country to switch from analog to digital broadcasting. Book and the students compiled their data into a report, which Book and senior Lauren Limerick presented before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet later that month. For Limerick, the appearance before Congress was just one of many important experiences she’s had as one of Book’s students.

“Dr. Book is a wonderful and inspirational mentor,” Limerick says. “She is not only a great professor, but she is a kind and thoughtful person. Her wisdom far exceeds her expertise in communications; she is wise about life.”

Book says the benefits of involving students in her research are mutual.

“There’s no finer moment than when you see the seed you sow grow in a student,” she says. “When I saw Lauren hold her own in front of the NAB president in Congress, there’s just no better moment for a faculty member.”

Book’s interest in DTV started in 1996, after she relocated to the Raleigh-Durham area with her family. She read that Raleigh CBS affiliate WRAL was beginning to test DTV signals. Book, whose doctoral work at the University of Georgia centered around cable TV policy, was intrigued. She spent six months shadowing WRAL staff and engineers, learning about the practical side of DTV. Book’s subsequent study of DTV earned multiple grants from the NAB, one of which supported the first home tests of DTV sets in the United States in 1998.

After joining Elon’s faculty in 1999, Book made a point to get students involved in her work. Her independent research and her collaboration with students and peers produced numerous conference presentations, scholarly and trade publication articles, and a 2004 book, “Digital Television: DTV and the Consumer.”

“It has served me well in the classroom and in other parts of my university life,” Book says of her experience as a nationally recognized DTV expert.

But with the switch to all-digital broadcasting on the horizon, Book has started to focus her attention on other things. One of her projects involves finding a publisher for a book based on research she and a group of students conducted during a trip to the Gulf Coast in January 2008. The work focuses on the way radio operators handled emergency broadcasts during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Book also was selected recently to assist President Leo M. Lambert’s office in developing Elon’s next strategic plan. But no matter what other projects Book embarks on in the near future, you can bet students will be an integral part of her endeavors.

“Students just want to be part of the experience,” she says. “That’s how you learn, and they’re becoming leaders in the process.”
Anhorn navigates ‘organized chaos’ of Elon Greek Life

By Megan Kirkpatrick ’09

As Elon’s director of Greek Life, Jay Anhorn plays many roles. He advises Elon’s several fraternity and sorority chapters and their leaders. He educates students about alcohol safety. He’s a mentor for students, and he even serves as a “bouncer” on Friday and Saturday nights at fraternity parties in the Loy Center to ensure university regulations are being followed.

As Anhorn says, “There is never a dull moment in Greek Life.”

Anhorn didn’t plan on a career in student life. He entered Lehigh University with hopes of being a civil engineer. But he changed his mind, choosing mathematics as a major instead, as he became more involved in campus activities. He filled his days working with Alpha Chi Rho, his fraternity, and he also served as a tour guide, a member of the rowing team and as a reader at Lehigh’s Catholic Mass. After graduation, he embarked on a career in student life, spending time at several institutions over the past 14 years.

“Originally, I wanted to build bridges,” Anhorn says. “Now, you could say, I am doing that in a different way.”

At Elon, Anhorn and Zach Thomas, assistant director of Greek Life, oversee 23 fraternities and sororities whose members include about 1,600 students—about 35 percent of the university’s student body. A large part of Anhorn’s job is to train Greek leaders and chapter members about risk management. Anhorn requires each Greek member to attend meetings that address town laws and policies, crisis management and alcohol control, as well as other threats to their health, such as eating disorders, hazing and physical abuse.

“My primary job is to ensure the health and safety of the students,” Anhorn says. “If I ever get upset or mad at them, it’s because I’m looking out for the students’ well-being.”

Including normal work hours, education sessions and each organization’s recruitment, meetings and other events, it’s not unusual for Anhorn to put in 60-80 hours per week. During Elon’s annual formal sorority recruitment, which finished at the end of January, Anhorn gets to campus by 6 a.m. and may not leave until 2 a.m.

Anhorn’s hard work with Elon’s Greek organizations has produced results: During Anhorn’s tenure, Elon’s Interfraternity Council, which governs its fraternities, Panhellenic Council, which governs its sororities, and National Pan-Hellenic Council, which governs historically black fraternities and sororities, have been recognized regionally and nationally. Anhorn, too, has been honored. He was asked to serve as president of the Association of Fraternity Advisers, an international organization for fraternity and sorority advising professionals.

Perhaps most important, Anhorn has earned the respect of the students with whom he works.

“Jay is a mentor a lot of the time, but really, he is a friend,” says junior Jeff Thurm, the Interfraternity Council’s director of service. “He is our adviser, but he is like one of us.”

Senior Michele McGraw, director of Panhellenic Council recruitment, also appreciates Anhorn’s support of students.

“Jay believes in the best in people. If a student ever goes against the rules, he is dedicated to making sure they get back on track,” McGraw says. “He is smart, fun and really easy to talk to.”

Though Elon’s Office of Greek Life has emerged as a model for others to follow, Anhorn focuses on improvement. He would like to see more non-Greek campus involvement in Greek Life events, such as the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show each fall and Greek Week in the spring. He also invites faculty and staff to become advisers to the Greek chapters, volunteer for Greek events, or take a tour of the Greek houses in the Loy Center.

“My dad always said, ‘You are going to be with someone because they will make you laugh,’” Anhorn says. “These fraternities and sororities make me laugh. They are lighthearted and enjoy their life here on campus. It is organized chaos, but they are doing amazing things.” @
Experience,” reported on her 2008 Winter Term course in London.


Global news organizations reported in December on research by associate professor of communications Janna Q. Anderson for the School of Communications Imagining the Internet Center, a partner of the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Agence France Presse (AFP), The Washington Post and the (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Record were among the dozens of media spotlighting Anderson’s work.

Randall Bowman, reference librarian and instructor, presented in November at the Library Instruction 2.0 Conference in Chapel Hill, N.C., sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association’s College and University Section. His research, “The Development of a Pre- and Post-Test for Assessing First-Year Library Instruction Delivered Using Blackboard,” was presented with colleagues from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.


Jeff Clark, professor of mathematics, and Ellen Mir, assistant professor of mathematics, gave presentations in January at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Washington, D.C. Clark’s presentation was titled “Writing in Undergraduate Mathematics.” Mir’s presentation, “Incorporating Mathematics into a Study Abroad Experience,” reported on her 2008 Winter Term course in London.

Glenda Crawford, professor of education, presented in November at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology in Orlando, Fla.

Steve DeLoach, professor and chair of the department of economics, spoke with Fox 8 WGHF (High Point, N.C.) in December about the ongoing recession, consumer behavior and what kind of economic climate to expect in 2009.


Thomas Erdmann, professor of music, authored three articles featured on the cover of the January/February issue of Saxophone Journal. The articles profile “Saturday Night Live” bandleader and tenor saxophone soloist Lenny Pickett, jazz saxophonist Don Braden and University of Illinois saxophone professor Debra Richtmeyer.

Peter Felten, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, has published an article on visual literacy and liberal education. The article appeared in the November/December issue of Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning, a publication sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Steve Friedland, professor of law, provided analysis for WFMY News 2 in Greensboro, N.C., for a Jan. 12 segment on the bond amounts set for defendants charged with driving while impaired in wrecks that end with fatalities. Bond amounts, he said, are “about making sure defendants return to court, and about making sure they are not a danger to the community at large and the judicial process.”

Heidi G. Frontani, associate professor of geography, in November reviewed grant applications for the U.S. Department of Education’s Jacob Javits Fellowship program competition. The Javits Fellowship is a highly competitive national award given to undergraduates in their senior year and graduate students in their first year of study.

Stephen A. Futrell, professor and chair of the department of music, made two presentations in November at the Louisiana Music Educators Association state conference in Baton Rouge. His presentations were: “Vocal Jazz Repertoire, Style and Getting Started” and “A Vocabulary of Gestures: Communication is the Key in Conducting.”

Henry Gabriel, visiting professor at the School of Law, has been elected to another five-year term on the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private International Law, an independent intergovernmental organization based in Rome. He also published a new book, “Contracts for the Sale of Goods,” in December.

Barbara Gordon, associate professor of English, published an article based on research she and her students conducted at Elon’s Writing Center. The study, “Requiring First-Year Writing Classes to Visit the Writing Center: Bad Attitudes or Positive Results?” appeared in December’s issue of Teaching English in the Two-Year College.

Howard Katz, professor of law, moderated a panel on the risks and opportunities of investing in hedge funds at the Public Funds Board Forum in San Francisco in December. The event was designed for public sector pension fund trustees. Katz also assisted with the planning of the agenda for the conference.

Jason Kirk, assistant professor of political science, spoke with News 14 Carolina in December about President Barack Obama’s national security team choices, as well as the challenges Obama and former President Bush faced in the Indian subcontinent.

Pam Kiser, Watts-Thompson Professor of human services, has published an article, “Fostering Innovative Pedagogy Through Faculty Fellows Programs,” in the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement.

Chris Leupold, assistant professor of psychology, and Rex Waters, associate dean of students, delivered a presentation at the Leadership Educators Institute held in December at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.

Margaret Miller, instructor and executive-in-residence in marketing, provided expert commentary for News 14 Carolina in a recent news segment that examines what retailers did to lure shoppers in a holiday season overshadowed by recession. She also was quoted in the Dec. 16 edition of the (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer.


David Noer, Frank S. Holt Jr. Professor of Business Leadership, had his monthly column published Jan. 4 in the (Greensboro, N.C.) News & Record. The column, “Use the Economic Downturn as a Wake-Up Call, Not a Panic Call,” uses the children’s fable “Chicken Little” to encourage readers not to listen to those whose response to the current financial crisis is to cry, “the sky is falling!”

Amy A. Overman, assistant professor of psychology, is the first author of an article accepted for publication in Psychology and Aging. The article, “The Associative Deficit in Older Adult Memory: Recognition of Pairs is Not Improved by Repetition,” used an experimental paradigm to investigate the difficulty older adults have in forming links between pieces of information.

Kate Hickey, dean and university librarian, has been elected chair of the NC LIVE Librarian’s Council, the governing body of North Carolina’s virtual library. She has been serving as the council representative of NCICU (North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities) since 2006.


Associate professor of Law Faith Rivers James led a December workshop presentation at the South Carolina Nonprofit Legal Symposium, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations for its more than 800 members. Rivers James discussed fiduciary duties under South Carolina and model nonprofit corporation statutes that establish standards of conduct for directors of nonprofit corporations. She also made a presentation in December to the Partition Sales Study Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Margaret Robison Kantlehner, associate professor of law, had an article published in the ABA Preview of U.S. Supreme Court Cases about Carcieri et al. v. Kempthorne et al., a case which deals with whether the Indian Reorganization Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust on behalf of an Indian tribe that was neither federally recognized nor under federal jurisdiction at the time of the statute’s enactment in 1934.
Gary Palin, executive director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, was one of three judges in January for the 2009 National Model Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program at a conference hosted by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.


Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services, attended the National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) annual conference in November.

Marty Peters, professor of legal education in the School of Law, made a series of presentations in October at the American Bar Association’s Bar Passage Conference: Outcome Measures and Student Achievement.

Jennifer Platania, associate professor of economics, talked with News 14 Carolina in November about the recession gripping the American economy and President Obama’s choices for his economic team.

Patrick Rudd, evening librarian in Belk Library, has been awarded a Career Enrichment Grant from the State Library of North Carolina to attend the Association of College and Research Libraries Conference in Seattle in March. The State Library’s federally funded LSTA 2008-2009 Career Enrichment program provides funds to staff from eligible North Carolina public, school, academic, special and state agency libraries to attend selected professional conferences.

Omri Shimron, assistant professor of music, performed a chamber music recital at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Jan. 22 with cellist David Peshlakai. Peshlakai is principal cellist for the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Carol A. Smith, associate professor of health and human performance, conducted a session last fall at the North Carolina Alliance of Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance annual conference in Winston-Salem. The session, “Learning New Dances: Contra and International Folk,” was presented with three Elon students. Smith also had an article published, “Outdoor Adventure Program Retains New Students,” in E-Source for College Transitions.

Heidi White, assistant director of study abroad, presented three times in October at the NAFSA Region VII conference in Columbia, S.C. Her presentations included a workshop titled “Education Abroad 101,” designed for newcomers to the field; a presentation on “The Merits (and Pitfalls) of Going to an Online Study Abroad Application Form from Provider and University Perspectives;” and a presentation on “Helping Students Market Their Study Abroad Experience.”

Tony Weaver, assistant professor of leisure and sport management, has been appointed to the Professors Panel for the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators.

John G. Sullivan, Powell Professor of Philosophy emeritus, has contributed an essay, “Contemplative Practice in Cross-Cultural Times,” as Chapter Five in the collection “Revisiting Mysticism.”

Larry Vellani, director of corporate foundation relations, assisted NPR affiliate WUNC-FM in November with a segment on local musician Joe Thompson. As executive producer, Vellani worked to secure the logistics for the more than two-hour interview and music session in Thompson’s home.

Hal Walker, associate professor of leisure and sport management, presented research in October at the International Academy of Business and Economics conference in Las Vegas. His presentation, “The Relationship Between Psychological Commitment, Participation Frequency and Purchase Intention in Recreational Golfers,” stemmed from a co-authored article of the same name in the European Journal of Management.

Heidi White, assistant director of study abroad, was interviewed by WFMY News 2 in Greensboro, N.C., for a Jan. 1 segment about local reaction to the conflict in Gaza between Israel and Hamas. “Nothing, nothing replaces security for the Israelis and the Arabs except peace; a permanent, binding peace,” Zarzar said.
**WHO’S NEW**

**Ricardo León Mendoza Castaño, visiting faculty in residence and instructor of Spanish**  
Originally from Colombia, Ricardo previously worked at Minot State University in North Dakota. He enjoys reading, traveling and cooking.

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**Jenny Scott Conklin, program assistant, North Carolina Campus Compact**  
A Shoals, N.C., native, Jenny graduated in May 2008 from North Carolina State University. She lives with her husband, Jordan, and she enjoys shag dancing and backpacking.

**Kirsten Doehler, assistant professor of mathematics**  
A Rochester, N.Y., native, Kirsten earned her doctorate in statistics from N.C. State in 2006 before teaching statistics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Kirsten is married to Philip Ramsey and enjoys swing dancing, running, reading and listening to music.

**Annette Ector, physical plant**  
Annette, who lives in Burlington and attended Western Alamance High School, previously worked at the Rockola Grille. She likes watching television, reading and going to the movies with friends.

**Sean Giovanello, assistant professor of political science**  
A reading, hiking and gaming enthusiast, Sean has taught at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Stonehill College, and earned his doctorate from Brandeis University. Sean lives in Durham with his wife, Kelly, and daughter, Aurora.

**Stewart M. Holt, lab coordinator**  
Stewart earned his undergraduate degree from Davidson College, a master’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a doctorate from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. He enjoys running and cooking, and he lives with his dog, Jacob.

**Michael Matthews, assistant professor of history**  
Michael specializes in the history of Latin America, specifically late 19th and early 20th century Mexico. Michael earned his Ph.D. in 2008 from the University of Arizona. A Vancouver native, Michael lives with his wife, Patricia Orlando, and practices tai chi.

**Cathy McGayhey, program assistant for the Office of Civic Engagement**  
A Minneapolis native, Cathy joined the Elon staff after working for Iron Horse Graphics and Bernard Hodes Advertising. An enthusiast of “anything outdoors,” she and her husband, Sean, have three children between the ages of 4 and 9.

**Omri D. Shimron, assistant professor of music**  
Omri previously taught at Hillsdale College and Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus. He earned his doctorate of musical arts from the Eastman School of Music. Omri enjoys reading, foreign and American feature films and documentaries, cooking and travel.

**Laura Taylor, assistant professor of mathematics**  
Laura arrives at Elon after completing her Ph.D. in statistics at the University of South Carolina. A Lexington, S.C., native, Laura enjoys making jewelry and playing board games. She lives with her dog, Sparky.

**Murphy Townsend, instructor of English**  
Murphy previously has worked at Durham Technical Community College, Williams High School in Burlington and N.C. State. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Appalachian State University. He enjoys rock climbing, hiking, fishing and cycling.

**Michelle Toy, mail room clerk**  
Michelle previously worked for CommunityOne Bank and lives in Burlington with her husband, Keith, and daughters, Sophie and Ivey. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**Rissa Trachman, assistant professor of anthropology**  
Rissa hails from Austin, Texas, where she was an instructor at the University of Texas and a lecturer at Texas State University while in graduate school. Rissa enjoys biking and silver smithing in her spare time.

**Debbie Whittington-Robinson, program assistant for athletics**  
Debbie taught for 21 years at Eastern Alamance High School and previously served the university as an adjunct faculty member and a program assistant in the Wellness Office. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Appalachian State University.

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**In Memoriam**

The Elon community mourns the loss of **Louis Adams**, 46, an officer with Campus Safety and Police. Adams died Monday, Dec. 15, at Duke Medical Center after suffering a heart attack on Dec. 8. Adams was a full-time firefighter and EMT for the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department in Durham, N.C., and also a volunteer firefighter for the Gibsonville Fire Department. He previously worked with the Elon Fire Department.

Adams is survived by two daughters, a grandson, and his parents.
Challenge grants increase power of gifts

By Kristin Simonetti ’05

As the university community marked the public launch of the Ever Elon Campaign last October, two Elon staff members already had launched efforts of their own to support the $100 million campaign to build Elon’s endowment.

Nancy Midgette, associate provost, and Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life and associate dean of students, issued challenge grants to two student organizations that they advise. Midgette, adviser to Elon’s chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority, and Patterson, adviser to the Student Government Association, challenged those organizations to raise funds for Ever Elon, each pledging to match dollar-for-dollar the total amount their organization raised.

“The challenge grant gets the students in the habit of giving,” Midgette says. “If they get in the habit now, they’ll continue giving as alumni.”

Midgette, who has advised Elon’s Sigma Kappa chapter since it began on campus in fall 1997, asked the organization’s membership of just more than 100 women to give $10 each to the Ever Elon Campaign. She also pledged to make a gift equal to the amount the organization raised. More than 50 percent of Sigma Kappa’s members participated in the fall 2008 challenge grant, and Midgette plans to continue the program next fall. She views the challenge grant as a creative way to increase the power of her annual gift to Elon and to nurture a culture of giving among future alumni. After its inaugural run, the challenge grant appears to be working.

“The women of our chapter could see how important this campaign was to Dr. Midgette, and we wanted to be supportive of her and of our university,” says Connie Fischello, executive vice president for Sigma Kappa. “It is important to give back, to say thank you for the many great things and great experiences Elon has provided for us.”

A similar sentiment lies at the heart of Patterson’s challenge grant to SGA. She says the idea for the grant emerged from discussions at the SGA senior staff retreat at the beginning of this academic year. SGA President Chase Rumley and his staff wanted to raise students’ awareness of how gifts from alumni and friends have laid the groundwork for the Elon experience that they enjoy today. The launch of Ever Elon provided an opportunity to promote that message.

“We thought the challenge grant would be a cool way to pair students up with other people who care about Elon and get students started giving back to Elon,” Rumley says.

Patterson, who has advised SGA since March 2003, says her challenge grant will span the current SGA senate term and the next term, which will end in April 2010. She sees the challenge grant as an example of how faculty and staff can support Elon in a “meaningful, but not burdensome” way.

“Some people think that, ‘If I can’t give a million dollars as a gift, the gift isn’t important.’ But that’s not true,” Patterson says.

For more information about how faculty and staff can participate in the Ever Elon Campaign, contact Brian Howard in University Advancement at bhoward4@elon.edu or 278-7425. You can track the progress of Ever Elon and make a gift at www.everelon.org.

“Love School of Business, Elon Academy and athletics field house: $20,000
Stout, Stuart, McGowen & King LLP

John M. Jordan Scholarship: $16,500
John M. Jordan
Margaret C. Jordan

Golden LEAF Scholarships: $12,000
Golden LEAF Foundation

The Honorable Jeanette W. Hyde Scholarship: $10,000
Jeanette W. Hyde

School of Law Annual Fund: $10,000
Maurice Jennings, Jr. ’87
Dina B. Jennings

Parents & Grandparents Fund: $10,000
Margaret E. Mangano P’09

The Vicky and Sam Hunt Endowed Scholarship: $250,000
R. Samuel Hunt III
Victoria S. Hunt

Wachovia Foundation Scholarship: $145,000
The Wachovia Foundation

Clara E. Lowry Scholarship: $100,000
Bequest from the estate of Clara E. Lowry

Phoenix Club: $50,000
Elon Fund: $25,000
Bequest from the estate of Clyde W. Rudd ’37, GP’90

Athletics field house: $50,000
George J. Kilroy ’73
Peggy F. Kilroy

The Skip and Victoria Moore Endowed Baseball Scholarship: $50,000
Jerry L. Moore ’77
Victoria Moore

School of Law: $50,000
Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP

Meredith L. Gibson Scholarship for International Study: $25,000
M. Lee Gibson P’09
Larysa L. Gibson P’09

School of Law Annual Fund: $25,000
Robert E. Long, Jr.
Kathryn S. Long

Mills Family Endowed Scholarship: $25,000
Willard L. Mills ’69
Mary Mills

Parents & Grandparents Fund and Phoenix Club: $25,000
Bradley Reifler P’12
Ashley Reifler P’12

School of Law Annual Fund: $10,000
Maurice Jennings, Jr. ’87
Dina B. Jennings

Parents & Grandparents Fund: $10,000
Margaret E. Mangano P’09
Faculty and staff share their most memorable Valentine’s Day moments.

Ain’t love grand?

Shortly after my husband, Tripp, and I were married, I worked for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and van-pooled to work every day. Upon arriving back to my car that Valentine’s Day, I was caught off guard because it appeared a strange person was sitting in my little blue Honda. My friend and I hesitantly approached my car to find that strange person was a Valentine’s balloon for the head wearing an Elon sweatshirt and holding a bouquet of roses. I was quite impressed with Tripp's creativity and haven’t forgotten that sweet moment.

Andrea Edwards ’90, G’95, accounting office

I got roses from a boyfriend one year, and I wanted to trim the stems before I put them in water. I began cutting the rose stems with a serrated knife (not a good idea). I accidentally cut my finger with the knife and ended up rushing to the campus health center for stitches!

Kirsten Doehler, assistant professor of mathematics

On our first Valentine’s Day as a married couple, my husband, Dennis, baked me a three-layer chocolate cake. This chocolate cake, with milk chocolate icing, was in the shape of a heart and had one lighted candle on the top. I was impressed that first, the cake was really delicious, and second, at the effort he put forth to make Valentine’s Day special for me. We’ve been married 32 years now, and although he’s never baked me another cake, I have fond memories of our first Valentine’s Day.

Pat Jones, program assistant, English and human services

My husband, Peter, and I were married on February 15 in order to make the date memorable (to Peter, I believe). In fact, I remember he said, “Let’s set it close to Valentine’s Day so we’ll always remember it.” So memorable was it that in future years, he told folks that he didn’t know whether we were married on the 13th or the 14th, neither of which was correct. But we celebrate our 40th anniversary this year, so I guess a little thing like a date doesn’t matter in the long run … unless of course we’ve really been married 30, or is it 50, years? But who keeps track?

Susan C. Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning

I once had a first date on Valentine’s Day with a police officer I had been talking to for a couple of weeks. He had to be in court that day, which is why he was dressed in a suit and tie for dinner that night, not his officer’s uniform. After dinner, we went back to my place to watch some basketball on TV. When I offered to take his jacket, he paused and then yelled “NO!” when I reached around the side of the jacket. He then proceeded to remove his police officer paraphernalia, including several badges and a gun. He laid them there on the table like it was no big deal. He forgot to take his gear off before he came to pick me up for dinner. I have no idea what he said the rest of the night because all I could think about was the loaded gun on my dining room table. We dated several more times and then went our separate ways, but I will never forget that Valentine’s Day!

Andi Bender, lecturer and assistant athletic trainer

RECENT GIFTS AND PLEDGES CONTINUED

Elon Fund: $10,000
Christopher P. Martin ’78
Nicolette Martin

Elon Experiences and School of Law: $10,000
Peter J. Murphy P’10, P’11
Lynda L. Murphy P’10, P’11

Parents & Grandparents Fund and performing arts equipment: $10,000
William E. Wilkinson P’85, P’88
Frankie Wilkinson P’85, P’88

Golf training center: $10,000
Special T Hosiery Mills
Jerry D. Richardson ’71
Jodi H. Richardson

Elon Fund: $10,000
Visiting International Faculty Center for International Education
Fred Young
Phyllis J. Young
Alan J. Young
David Young
Kelly Young
Jane Tabor
David Tabor

Lawrence J. and Dolores A. D’Angelo Scholarship for Study Abroad in Italy
Lawrence J. D’Angelo P’02
Dolores A. D’Angelo P’02

J. Bowie Gray V and Adele J. Gray Scholarship in Business in Honor of Alison Gray Willie ’05
J. Bowie Gray V P’00, P’05
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Lydia Tart
The beginning of each new year provides a prime opportunity to start over and change many aspects of our lives. And though we’re already more than a month into 2009, it’s not too late to make or reaffirm resolutions to improve your health and enhance your lifestyle. Well U is here to help you with your health and wellness goals. Be sure to check out some of these fun and exciting Spring 2009 programs available on campus.

**Step It Up Pedometer Program**
Like Hanz & Franz of “Saturday Night Live,” we encourage you to “wake up and smell the muscles” by keeping track of your walking and other activities. The Step it Up program runs from Feb. 9 through April 26, and the four participants who record the most steps will receive a free personal training package from Campus Rec. Pedometers may be picked up at the Wellness office.

**Therapeutic Chair Massage**
A chair massage is performed on an ergonomically designed chair at the Wellness office, and it focuses on the high tension areas of the neck, back, shoulders, arms and hands. As you sit comfortably, our massage therapist, Richard Bryan, gently works the tension and soreness out of your muscles to relieve many common ailments. A 30-minute session costs $18.

**Personal Well U**
Affordable personal training is available here at Elon! The cost is $112 for seven sessions with a Campus Rec trainer, but Well U will refund half the fee upon your successful completion of the program. That’s a final cost of just $8 per session!

**Nia**
Neuromuscular Integrative Action (Nia) has been described as “a joyful healing workout,” and it’s one of the latest trends in the mind-body fitness fusion. Nia is a blend of the dance arts (Modern, Duncan and Jazz), the martial arts (Aikido, Tae Kwon Do and Tai Chi) and the healing arts (Feldenkrais, Alexander technique and Yoga). Classes are taught by Kate Finlayson.

**Easy Yoga**
Instructor Sara Bailey will guide participants through Iyengar-influenced Hatha Yoga, which focuses on proper alignment and safe execution of the postures. Beginners are welcome, and the goal of the class is to get you feeling stronger, more relaxed and more energized leaving the class than you felt when you arrived.

**Well Check**
Find out your important health numbers by participating in a screening at the Wellness office. This confidential and free baseline screening provides you with information on your total cholesterol, LDL and HDL levels, triglycerides, blood sugar, blood pressure, weight and body/hip ratio. Based on this information, a nurse will discuss lifestyle changes you can make to improve your overall health.

**Lunch & Learns**
These are one-hour programs that provide the latest information on nutrition, fitness, healthy behaviors and life skills. All classes are taught by qualified professionals including registered dieticians, nutritionists, exercise specialists, nurses and counselors. Topics are taught in an informative, hands-on manner that encourages participation.

**Healthy Eating**
Well U provides programs such as Weight Watchers, E-Lean (a weight management support group) and cooking classes right here at Elon to help you make healthy food choices.

**Lifting with Liz**
Did you know that lifting weights can help make bones strong? Or that having more muscle mass increases the number of calories you burn each day? If you are interested in learning how to use free weights to get these benefits, join instructor Liz Bailey at Holt Chapel. Liz will show you exercises you can do at home with minimal equipment to help you increase your strength, bone density and muscle mass. The class lasts 30 minutes. No special equipment or clothing is required.

Call Well U at 278-5569 or visit its Web site at www.elon.edu/wellness for more information on these and other Wellness programs.
There must be something in the water... Congratulations to all the new members of the Elon community!

Kristin Barrier, administrative assistant in the Love School of Business, and her husband, Whit, welcome daughter Grace Whitley, born Monday, Nov. 17.

David Lee, painter, and his wife, Janice, welcome daughter Lucille Isabella, born Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Tom Arcaro, professor of sociology, and his wife, Ami, welcome son Thomas Julian, born Monday, Nov. 24.

Charles Irons, assistant professor of history, and his wife, Dana, welcome son Caleb Ralph, born Monday, Dec. 8.

April Post, lecturer of Spanish, and her husband, Jeff, welcome daughter Brooke Noelle, born Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Paula Patch, lecturer of English, and her husband, Shawn, welcome daughter Samantha Jane, born Friday, Dec. 12.

Ryan Kirk, assistant professor of geography and environmental studies, and his wife, Jamie Smedsmo, welcome son Peter, born Sunday, Dec. 21.

Todd Lee, associate professor of mathematics, and his wife, Hollylynne, welcome son Jonah Tycho, born Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Michaela Walker, program assistant in the Love School of Business, and her husband, Aaron Walker, head strength and conditioning coach for athletics, welcome daughter Cadence Priscilla, born Saturday, Jan. 3.

Jeff Lampson, event support specialist, and his wife, Windy, welcome son Noah Stephen, born Monday, Jan. 12.

**Supplemental benefits available for part-time, temporary employees**

As of Jan. 1, 2009, temporary employees and part-time faculty and staff at Elon are eligible for supplemental retirement benefits through TIAA-CREF.

To participate in the TIAA-CREF Group Supplemental Retirement Plan (GRSA), you may stop by the Office of Human Resources (314 W. Haggard Ave.) or complete enrollment online at www.elon.edu/hr/benefit.htm. On the bottom right-hand side of the Web site, click on the “TIAA-CREF On-Line Application” link and follow the instructions. Be sure to print two copies of the confirmation page; keep one for your records and bring one to the Office of Human Resources, along with a completed Salary Reduction Agreement form.

Please note that this is a voluntary benefit and if Human Resources does not receive confirmation of your enrollment in this plan, you will not begin payroll deductions and you will not be participating in the supplemental retirement plan.

If you have questions about this benefit or the enrollment process, please contact Deirdre Lea at 278-5560.

“I’m still finding reasons every day why I like this job,” she says. “It’s just great.”
Happy Birthday!

Feb. 4
Cherie L. Bower
Kevin W. Byrd
Jeff Lampson
Ellen L. Mir
Heidi E. White

Feb. 5
Alexia E. Clincy
Debby H. Wall

Feb. 6
Chris P. Benton
Sean P. Giovanello
Earl D. Honeycutt
Frances T. McKenzie
Paul C. Miller

Feb. 7
Jen N. Guy
Laurin R. Kier
Sue M. Sinclair

Feb. 9
Janet L. Hardie
Sara G. Neal

Feb. 10
Tracy B. Barr
Marsha A. Boone
Melanie D. Brookbank
Julie F. Celona
Vangorden

Feb. 11
Casey E. Dirienzo
Michael E. Leonard
Gavin Sands

Feb. 12
Lisa W. Alcon
Phil E. Miller
Brad D. Moore
Faith E. Shearer
Donna K. Wood

Feb. 13
William S. Greeson
Adam D. Short
Linda A. Wilmhurst

Feb. 14
Darlene B. Boggs
Carl E. Cowan
Kevin L. Dollar
Aaron S. Peeks
Wayne M. Thaxton
Lynne M. Wentz

March 7
Bonnie S. Bruno
Elizabeth E. DeFord
Keri K. Harrison
Jana Lynn Patterson
Kathryn S. Whitt

March 9
Maciej Chichlowski
Martin C. Fowler
Kerrie J. Hudson
Sue A. Johnson
Sue A. Johnson

March 10
Stephen A. Futrell
Teofilio Matias
Frank R. McLaughlin

March 11
Rick Earl
Donja R. Washington

March 12
Dave L. Blank
Eileen J. Miller
George A. Taylor
Anthony B. Tillotson

March 13
Kurt V. Carlson

March 14
Jermaine K. Hawkins
Jennifer R. Wagner

March 15
William J. Milton
Jean D. Schwind

March 16
Lamar Bland
Bill J. Burritt
Dwight L. Davis
Stu Horne

March 17
Dale Harrison

March 18
Claristine N. Lockett

March 19
Dan J. Anderson
Faye D. Conally
Benjamin A. Evans
Bryan E. Hedrick
Jessie L. McCullough
Anthony L. Totten

March 20
Ethel M. Allen
Duke R. Hutchings

March 21
Tyler G. Coble
Dave N. Kylander
Megan E. McCollum
Laura L. Williams

March 22
Patti M. Raduenz

March 23
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