



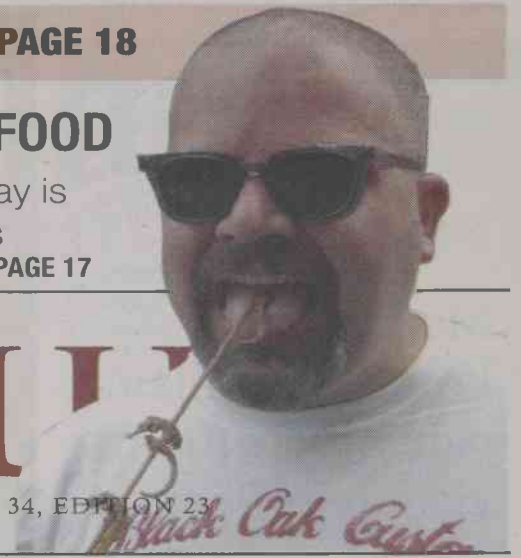
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Junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins makes a catch just inches in front of the endzone. The Phoenix went on to score nine touchdowns during the Saturday game.

Six join sports legends in Elon Hall of Fame

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Sports Editor

At halftime of Saturday night's football clobbering, even after all the players had exited the field, eyes and ears were still glued to the green turf where five former Elon athletes and one non-athlete stood, beaming from ear to ear.

They are the 38th class to be inducted into

the Elon Sports Hall of Fame. Formally inducted in a smaller, more intimate ceremony held earlier in the day at Whitley Auditorium, the six inductees were additionally recognized at the halftime ceremony.

Football star Quinton Ballard, baseball player Paul Braxton, head football and wrestling coach Macky Carden, President Emeritus Dr. J. Earl Danieley, football player Randy Oxendine and women's soccer

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Hurricane Ike slams gas stations before Gulf Coast

Lesley Cowie
Reporter

For local residents, filling a gas tank last Friday was no easy task. Lines at area gas stations stretched through the parking lots and nearly into the streets.

As the country anticipated the arrival of Hurricane Ike, fears — and gas prices — surged in the Southeast. Although the storm came nowhere near Alamance County on Friday, residents still felt its effects.

Several stations ran out of gas, causing drivers to rush to the next closest station.

As a result, flocks of cars headed to the same stations only to be met with long lines. Myra Fuqua, a service attendant at the South Church Street Shell, said.

"Five or six gas stations in the area have already run out of gas," Fuqua said. "We only have about 500 gallons left, and that'll probably only last us another 30 minutes."

The Shell station on the corner of St. Mark's Church Rd. and Church Street didn't limit gas consumption, but other stations in the area did.

"I went to the gas station over by Elon [University], and I could only get 10 gallons of gas," Susan Fitch, an Alamance County resident, said. "That wasn't enough to fill up my car, so I came to this service station."

The line at each Shell pump was about four cars long. The Texaco station located across the street from Shell encountered the same problem.

For the most part, citizens calmly remained in their cars while they waited in line, gas station attendant Andrew Ross said.

Many drivers thought getting gas that day was necessary, despite the nuisance of waiting in line. Elon University junior Anne Chichester said she wanted to get gas then to avoid paying a higher price later.

"A lot of oil wells in Texas have closed and have been evacuated," Chichester said. "So now everyone here is running out of gas."

The Gulf Coast comprises one of the world's largest concentrations of oil refineries. Many companies shut down early Friday morning so that employees could evacuate.

"It's because of the hurricane," Ross said. "I hear that gas in South Carolina is expected to be close to \$5."

Unleaded gas rose from \$3.69 on Friday to \$3.99 on Saturday at the South Church Street Shell station.

Similar price jumps took place throughout the Triad. At the Exxon station at the Friendly Center in Greensboro, unleaded gas went from \$3.61 a gallon to \$3.85.

The situation was eerily similar to what took place in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the Gulf Coast. Gas prices in the Triad jumped about 70 cents per gallon in the days after the storm hit, and many gas stations had fuel shortages.

Lighthouse opens with a bang, then a splash

Ryan Catanese
Reporter

Friday night marked a much-anticipated event on Elon University's social scene as Lighthouse Tavern re-opened. The crowd's enthusiasm was evident — chants of "Lighthouse!" could be heard reverberating through the door.

The bar, a student favorite in the past, closed in January 2008 when the owner, Grayson "Chad" Snyder, was caught allegedly trafficking the date-rape drug GHB.

It was clear from the large turnout on Friday that this incident was just a bump in the road for the venue.

The bar was packed from the stage to the back tables and the newly

extended bar was lined with students the entire night. Senior Jen Johnson was one of the many in attendance.

"I had a blast," Johnson said. "Going to Lighthouse was something we did every Thursday my freshman and sophomore year. I'm glad that it started with a bang."

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