

Renovations set for Alumni Gym

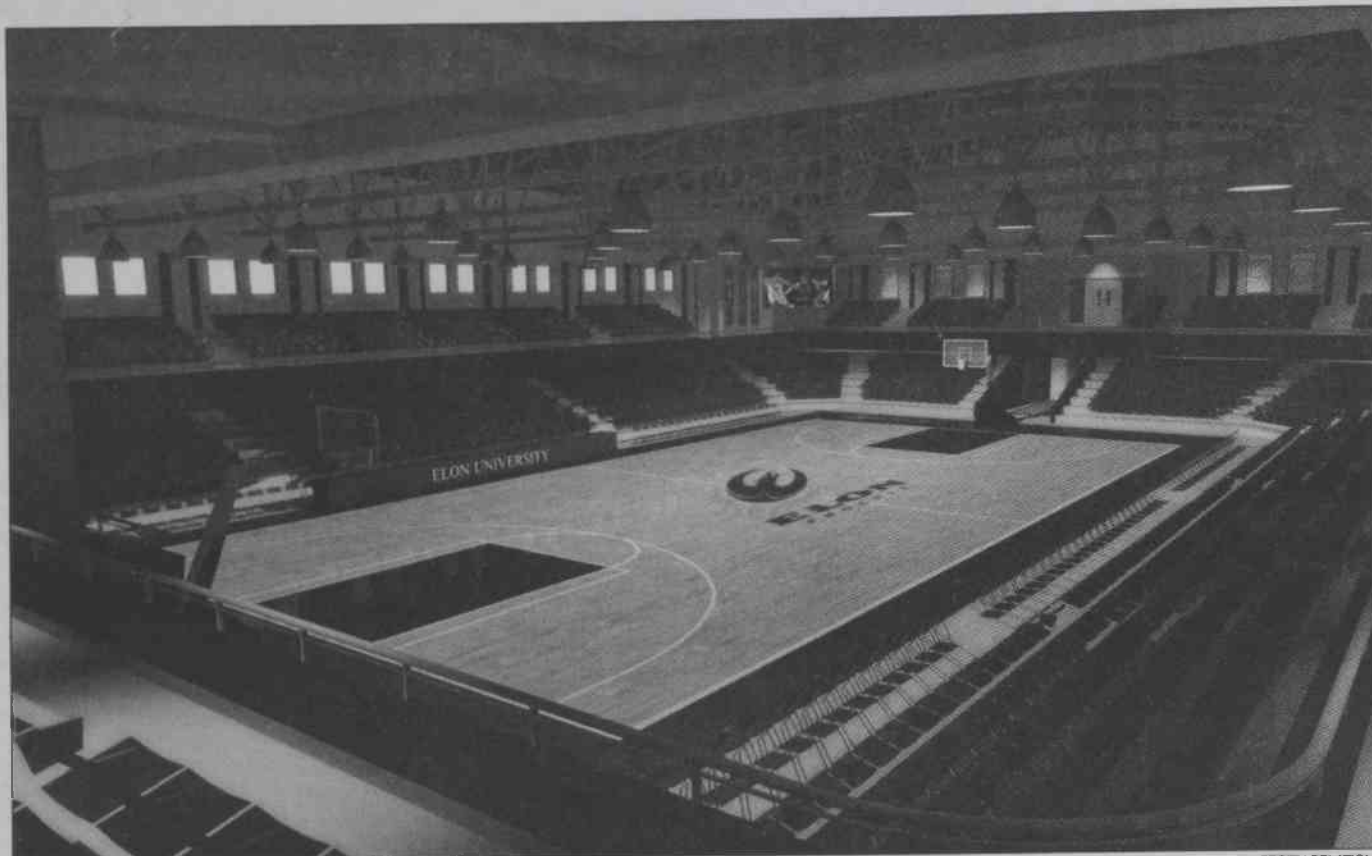


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Jeanne Robertson, an Elon University trustee, and her husband Jerry have gifted Elon Athletics with funding to begin renovations on Alumni Gym. Renovations include changes to seating, lighting, sound and video boards, offices and locker rooms. There will also be a new south entrance and an outdoor plaza.

This is not the first gift the Robertsons have given Elon. They have made donations in honor of former Director of Athletics Alan White and his wife, Norma, which allowed the field in Belk Track Complex to be named Dr. Alan and Norma White Field and the North Athletics Complex to include Alan J. White Bell Tower.

The image above shows an artist's rendition of what Alumni Gym will look like after renovations, which are set to take place throughout the next two summers.

Elon Outdoors provides recreation, students take to the mountains for weekend getaway

Jordan Scahill
Reporter

Ten students decided to change up the scenery and face the outdoors this past weekend, attending a Hike and Bike overnight trip through Elon Outdoors.

"The 8-mile hike on Saturday was really rewarding," junior Rachel Kerner said. "We got to see a lot of different landscapes, walked by wild ponies and climbed the tallest mountain in Virginia."

The group, led by team leader Kerner, left at 9 a.m. April 17 to travel to Grayson Highlands State Park in Virginia. Once they arrived, they set up camp and ate lunch. The rest of the day included a day hike on the Appalachian Trail and dinner before a fun night of camping.

On Sunday, the group got an early start and left at 8:30 a.m. for Damascus, Va. They spent the day biking before returning to Elon around 4 p.m.

The Hike and Bike overnight trip cost \$15 to participate. The fee included all meals, bike rental and shuttle, camping gear and transportation.

"Elon Outdoors gives students the opportunity to get off campus and meet new students," Kerner said. "Participants get to experience a local place they could always visit again, and

really see what the surrounding area has to offer."

As a part of Campus Recreation, Elon Outdoors offers students the opportunity to sign up for trips at any point in the year.

"There is an average of 10 to 24 students who normally attend the weekend trips," Kerner said. "Whoever is interested and wants to come is welcome to sign up at the Campus Recreation front desk."

Besides the Hike and Bike Trip, Elon Outdoors also hosts trips for canoeing, kayaking, white-water rafting, skiing, snowboarding, snowtubing, backpacking, horseback riding and indoor climbing.

S'mores with Outdoors is a weekly program that provides students with a chance to spend time outside on Elon's campus behind Beck Pool.

Camping equipment is also available for weekend rental.

The next Elon Outdoors trip will be this weekend from Friday to Saturday. Participants will learn sea kayaking through Hook, Line and Paddle in Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

The following weekend will be a whitewater rafting trip to the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte. Interest meetings are held the previous Monday and Tuesday to the trip at 6 p.m. in Koury Commons.

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

APRIL 21 - APRIL 27

Wednesday 4/21

Baseball vs. High Point - 7 p.m.

Thursday 4/22

Softball vs. Charlotte - 4 p.m.

Softball vs. Charlotte - 6 p.m.

Friday 4/23

Track and Field (SoCon

Championship) - All day

Baseball @ College of Charleston - 6 p.m.

Saturday 4/24

Track and Field (SoCon

Championship) - All day

Men's Tennis @ College of

Charleston - 8:30 a.m.

Baseball @ College of Charleston

- 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Samford - 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Samford - 3 p.m.

Sunday 4/25

Men's Tennis @ SoCon

Tournament - TBD

Track and Field (SoCon

Championship) - All day

Baseball @ College of Charleston

- 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Samford - 1 p.m.

Tuesday 4/27

Baseball vs. Liberty - 7 p.m.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

APRIL 14 - APRIL 19

Baseball	April 14	Elon 5
April 14	Elon 9	Campbell 2
Elon 9	Wake Forest 8	
April 16	Western	Carolina 0
Carolina 0	Elon 3	
April 17	Western	Carolina 14
Carolina 14	Elon 8	
April 18	Western	Carolina 10
Carolina 10	Elon 12	
Softball	April 14	Elon 8
Elon 8	Campbell 6	
April 17	Elon 7	Chattanooga 6
April 18	Elon 0	Chattanooga 6
Men's Tennis	April 17	East Carolina 2
East Carolina 2	Elon 5	
Women's Tennis	April 17	Gardner-Webb 1
Gardner-Webb 1	Elon 6	



ONE ON ONE

Conor O'Neill and Tom Waterman
Sports Commentators

It's time for the NFL draft

Thursday night, for the first time on prime time television, is the NFL Draft. This year's draft class is not short of story lines, from consensus first overall pick Sam Bradford's injury history to Tim Tebow's work in becoming a traditional quarterback. So who are this year's overrated and underrated stars?

Conor O'Neill:

For overrated players, look no further than University of Southern California safety Taylor Mays. Everybody can get excited about how physical he was in college and rave about his big hits, but NFL safeties need more than that. The position requires discipline, something Mays showed little of in college. I'll be laughing when the Oakland Raiders draft him eighth overall because I know that's another pick that owner Al Davis will regret.

Another player who is vastly overrated is Joe Haden. The cornerback from Florida is projected by some to be a top-10 pick. If that happens, that team will greatly overpay for a hyped player. Haden ran a 4.62 40-yard dash at the combine, which isn't exactly top-end speed, especially when most receivers in the league run in the 4.40 area.

Tom Waterman:

Conor, you definitely have the right idea about

the Raiders reaching and drafting someone way too early. But I see them drafting combine-star and Maryland offensive tackle Bruce Campbell. Campbell wowed scouts at the combine with his incredible measurables, including his 4.85-second 40-yard dash and 32-inch vertical leap to go along with his 6-foot-6-inch, 314-pound frame. Unfortunately for them, Campbell's game film doesn't project him anywhere near where some team will ultimately draft him.

Conor:

Yes, the Raiders will surprise us with whomever they take. As for underrated, I'm looking for Clemson University's C.J. Spiller to be a game changer in the NFL. I know he's been jumping up draft boards recently, but I think he deserves to be a top-5 pick. This is a player who I see being able to come in as an instant impact for a team and be just like Percy Harvin was for the Minnesota Vikings last season. Spiller is the ACC's version of Reggie Bush, but I see him being more effective in the NFL.

The other player I see as having a large impact

would be Texas Christian University's Jerry Hughes. Even though he may not have played against top-level competition, we've seen talent come from the Mountain West Conference before.

Tom:

I definitely see the Spiller argument. His numbers in college were incredible, and I think he will make a major impact in the NFL next year. I think the most underrated player is University of Notre Dame wide receiver Golden Tate. Tate is coming off a season in which he had nearly 1,500 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns at Notre Dame. His play-making ability, combined with his superb route-running and hands, reminds me of 2009 first-round pick Hakeem Nicks, now of the Giants.

Another player that stands out to me as being underrated is Dorin Dickerson out of University of Pittsburgh. The hybrid tight end/wide receiver, at 6 feet and 2 inches and 230 pounds, ran a 4.4 second 40-yard dash at the combine and will be a steal for a team in the late second or early third round.