

Freshman Fellowship

Annual outdoor concert combines barbecue bounce house and bonding for new arrivals

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There are precious few free moments for freshmen during move-in weekend. Even in the downtime of Sunday night's Community on the Commons, there were a variety of entertainment shows, athletic activities and arts and crafts.

The Student Union Board and Orientation Leaders worked together to host the event and recruit acts to perform. This year, comedian Dan Cummins and musical act Natalie Stovall took the stage.

Spray can artists, volleyball, a rock climbing wall, large inflatables, human foosball, karaoke, dinner and the leading acts were all available for students free of charge.

Cummins expressed his concern that Elon was too sensitive for his jokes, but the crowd eventually warmed up to his offbeat humor. He called out members of the crowd and demanded their answer to his twisted circumstances.

Stovall is known for appearing at colleges across the country and, being in her early 20s, she clicked with her audience. She is known for her fiddle playing, and after the show she joined the orientation leaders in a rendition of "That Don't Impress Me Much" by Shania Twain.

"It's been fantastic," freshman Carrie Shropshire said. "There's something for everybody, and it's so much fun. Elon set it up well."

Monday night, hypnotist Tom Deluca performed in Rhodes Stadium.



Bottom Left: Freshman Brennan McDavid repels down the rock wall after taking a fall.
Top Left: Freshman Ross McFarland throws a cornhole beanbag at the concert.
Top Right: Aramark employee Candace Lawson flips burgers for the food table at the concert.
Top Center: Freshman J.P. Saidnawey bounds through a tunnel in an inflatable obstacle course at the freshman welcome concert Sunday.
Bottom Right: Musician Natalie Stovall sings and plays her fiddle while performing for the freshman class.

