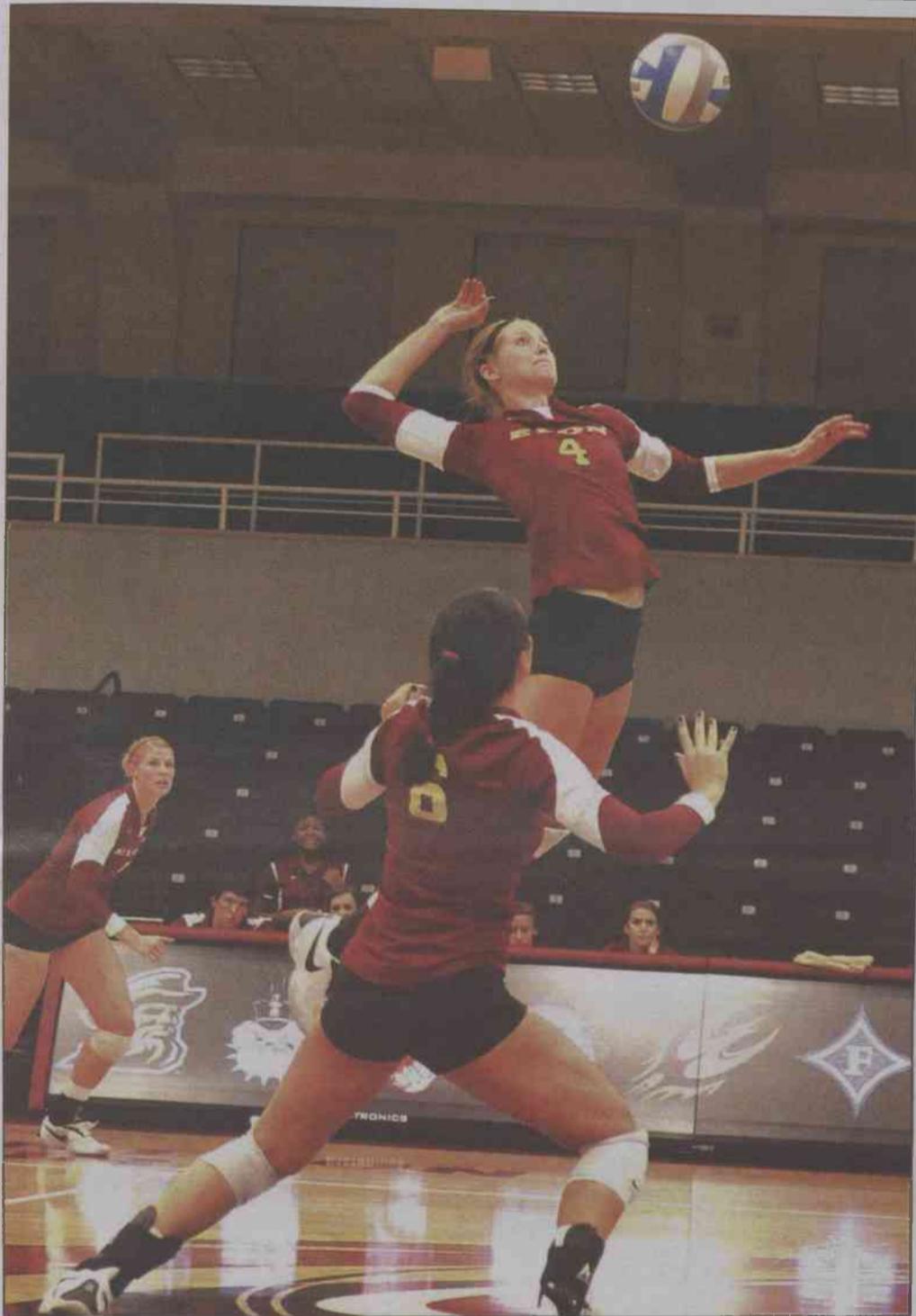


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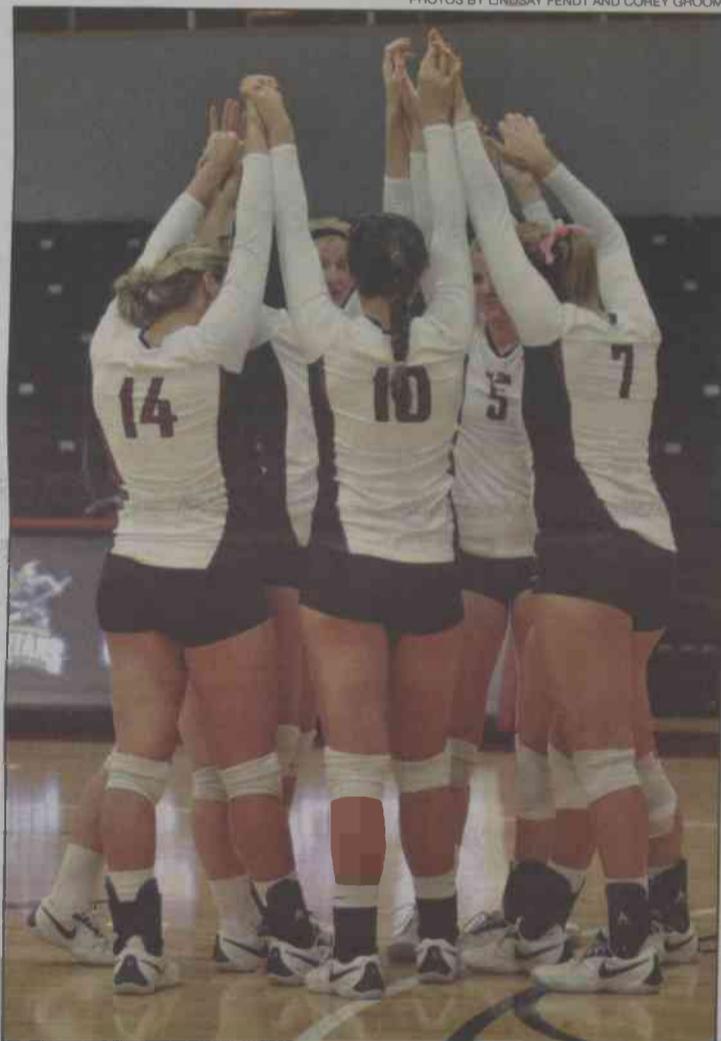
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Volleyball gains historic victories

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When the Elon University volleyball team took the court in its matches on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13, the Phoenix was in position to capture a Southern Conference North Division crown. The team did not disappoint.

Led by senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn (above) with 19 kills combined, Elon beat Appalachian State University on Nov. 12 and Western Carolina University on Nov. 13.

The Phoenix will now travel to Boone, N.C. as the North Division's top

seed for the conference tournament.

Traveling is nothing new for the team, as they had played its previous five games on the road. Elon put together a 4-1 record in those contests.

The Phoenix has been playing its best as the season closes, dropping just

one set in its past four matches.

With a match against Davidson slated for Friday at 4:30 p.m., the team is set to compete for the conference championship.

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Destruction of NASA posters shuts down exhibit earlier than planned

Jack Dodson
News Editor

The NASA astronomy exhibit in Elon University's Academic Pavilion was taken down early Nov. 15 after it was vandalized, resulting in \$1,000 worth of damage. Two of the posters in the exhibit were destroyed — one of which was gone completely, leaving a bent metal frame in its place — and one was cracked.

The Smithsonian-owned exhibit consisted of large posters on display in front of different buildings in the

pavilion, depicting photos from space. The posters were a project of NASA's, but came to Elon through the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, which will cover the cost of the damages. The exhibit was planned to be taken down days after the incident.

Tony Crider, associate professor of physics, said the exhibit has traveled around the world and has been on display in cities with minimal security, and it has only once before had a problem with vandalism — in New York City.

"It doesn't happen in downtown D.C., but it happens on Elon's campus," Crider said. "It's just a bit sad and shameful that Elon had to be the place where a couple got destroyed."

Crider said Campus Safety and Police were contacted that morning, and the decision was made to take down the exhibit early. When he and others coordinating the exhibit were planning for it, Smithsonian representatives told them there hadn't been problems

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Damage to the NASA exhibit in the Academic Pavilion was discovered Nov. 15.