

# Cooking Club spices up campus

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Croque monsieur topped with bechamel sauce and a side of salad with beer vinaigrette is just a normal dinner for the members of the Elon Cooking Club.

The club, which consists of a dedicated 30 students, meets to create and cook a full meal, normally with a theme. Croque monsieur, a traditional French dish, is basically a fancy version of grilled cheese, using Gruyere and ham. Julien Loubiere, a junior at Elon University and president of the club, used his knowledge of French cooking to prepare the meal for a few members of the club on Sept. 13.

"I've always really liked to cook. My mom and dad are both French and they would make these abstract meals," Loubiere said. "I have a decent palette and I know what good food tastes like."

Loubiere started the club last spring after talking to some of his friends about the possibility.

"Freshman year, I wasn't really involved in any organizations and the idea of a cooking club had always been in the back of my mind," Loubiere said. "My buddies all felt the same way so I knew if I got it started I'd already have a set number of people join that could actually make it work."

Six months later, the club had been established. So far they have had a Creole night, a cookout and a breakfast for dinner night. Before

each of the meals, the club discusses what dishes they want to cook and votes on recipes. The final decision comes down to the executive board of five members. Recipes have included jambalaya and beignets for the Creole night, burgers and beer-battered onion rings for the cookout and French toast casserole and eggs benedict for breakfast for dinner.

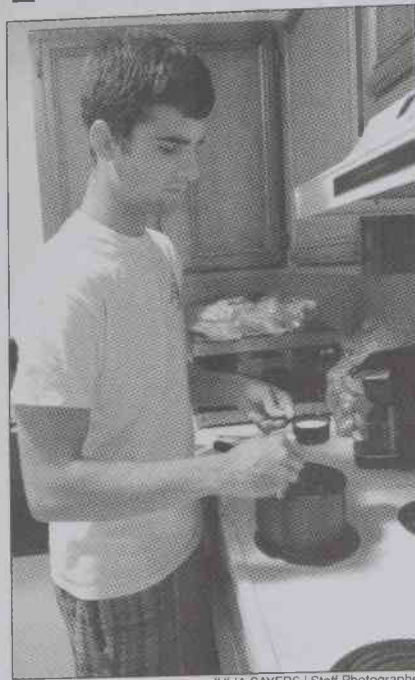
During the meetings, the members go through basic cooking techniques such as how to properly cut an onion and how to cook a piece of meat. After the meetings they discuss the pros and cons of their meal. They also document all of their meetings with pictures and hope to be able to put together a cookbook to sell at the end of the year.

This year, the club is hoping to try out many different things to accommodate everyone, including vegetarian and healthy options.

"Since we're such a new club with very different backgrounds, we have a lot of a diversity," Loubiere said. "We've had people ask about baking and frying so we're trying to incorporate a little of everyone's ideas and hopefully grow and learn from that."

Loubiere is also hoping to teach some meals that would be easy for students to make. The club is teaming up with Midnight Meals Sept. 29 to show students how to cook a few meals with things a student would have in a dorm and that don't require an oven.

More than 300 interested students signed up for the club at the



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The Cooking Club is a new organization on campus. Junior Julien Loubiere started the Cooking Club last semester because of his knowledge of French cuisine.

organization fair on Sept. 9. Students don't have to have any cooking experience to join the club.

"Some kids have experience and that's awesome, but the club is definitely there to teach kids how to do things," Loubiere said.

The club is kicking off the year with a tailgate Sept. 24 before the Family Weekend football game. Anyone interested in the club is welcome to attend.

## The trials and tribulations of Elon iMedia



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Final Cut Pro, Canon 7Ds and Flash—oh my.

These are just three of what seems like 1.2 million things I have learned about in just the past month and a half as a

graduate student of the Interactive Media master's program.

I just began my mere 10-month tenure with Elon iMedia and I am excited to be on this new, but short, journey of learning more than I ever thought I could.

While getting acquainted with campus, I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with several new and delightful people. The unavoidable question you get as a college student is, "So, what are you majoring in?" I proceeded to say that I am not actually an undergraduate student, but a graduate student in the iMedia program.

Cue glazed-over look, raised eyebrows and a polite nod and smile.

In my short time on campus, more often than not, I have encountered the issue of having to explain what the iMedia program is and that it is indeed a program that Elon offers. I have decided I want to make it my duty to let the school know what our program is all about.

Simply, we are iMedia. Nice to meet you.

Forty-one students moved on campus on Aug. 1. A select few arrived two weeks earlier to complete some workshops to begin what was called iMedia Bootcamp. For three weeks, we learned the basic ins and outs of every piece of technology, software and strategy that we would be using over the next few months. By Thursday of the third and final week, we were ready to have our break when we had a bomb dropped on us. One of our professors, Phillip Motley, explained our final project for bootcamp. We had to create a media campaign in which we had to shoot and edit a 30-second commercial, make a website, take and edit photographs, develop a logo and create a few Flash projects.

I will admit that I can be a token ditzy girl at times and asked, "So, this is due next Sunday, right?" Motley said, "No, it is due this Sunday at midnight." We had only four days to complete a project that would normally take months to complete.

So did we sink or swim? For me, since I happen to be a good swimmer, it felt like I was swimming with a few bricks tied to both of my ankles. But I had the chance to finish my project on Sunday afternoon with all of the required elements and some time to spare.

This story, in my opinion, sums up what our 10-month program is all about. The journey will be about learning a vast amount of information, implementing the ideas into several practices and projects simultaneously and completing it in a short amount of time.

My classmates and I are a group of individuals ready to take on the world that is iMedia. I am excited to continue giving the campus an inside look to our program and what we will work on in the upcoming months.

## Top-6 places for music, only minutes away

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Going to concerts with friends can turn into lifelong memories. Fortunately, Elon students are surrounded by musical inspiration and expression. There are a multitude of options when it comes to finding the best venue for your favorite bands within a two-hour drive.

Many aspects of a performance are vital to the experience for fans. Intimacy with the performer, seating options and sound systems are a few things to think about when planning your concert.

Listed below are the top six music venues between Raleigh and Greensboro. The criteria for making this list are based on some of the preferences mentioned above, but also parking, ticket lines and general atmosphere.

Each of these venues puts on spectacular shows with all the biggest names in the music industry, but they also schedule smaller bands to fit every genre. Whatever you fancy, these are the first places to look when finding your next show.

**1. Cat's Cradle (Carrboro)** - Just 40 minutes east of Elon, Cat's Cradle is well-known to UNC-Chapel Hill students for being a top concert venue. With standing and seating similar to the House of Blues, guests can enjoy a relaxed or energetic show. Upcoming shows include Ra Ra Riot, The Joy Formidable and Fitz and the Tantrums.

**2. Durham Performing Arts Center (Durham)** - With a jam-packed fall line-up, the DPAC is looking to host huge concerts in the coming months. By taking I-85 east for roughly 45 minutes, you'll find yourself in a seated auditorium possibly listening to upcoming acts such as John Oliver, Adele and Aretha Franklin.

**3. Time Warner Cable Pavilion at Walnut Creek (Raleigh)** - With lawn seating and big name shows, the TWC Pavilion is the site of concerts including upcoming performers Brad Paisley and Chris Brown. Finding the TWC Pavilion is very easy; it sits just off I-40, just an hour and 20 minutes east.

**4. Lincoln Theatre (Raleigh)** - This smaller venue emphasizes an intimate



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The Rosebuds played at the Hopscotch Music Festival outside of the Lincoln Theatre in Raleigh. The Lincoln Theatre is one of several places within an hour of the Elon area to hear many different genres of live music inexpensively.

atmosphere for guests to enjoy. Similar to Cat's Cradle, Lincoln Theatre holds all kinds of shows, such as The Aristocrats and The Breakfast Club. Also heading east, the Lincoln Theatre is roughly an hour and 15 minutes away.

**5. Longbranch (Raleigh)** - Nestled in Raleigh, Longbranch is the home of the hard-to-find, big-time shows. Artists such as Young Jeezy, Chairmen of the Board and dubstep icon Skrillex will perform in upcoming weeks. To get there, take I-40 East for just under an

hour and 15 minutes.

**6. Blind Tiger (Greensboro)** - Located in downtown Greensboro, the Blind Tiger is a new place to find live music within half an hour's drive from Elon. Featuring a different band, or set of bands, almost every night, the Blind Tiger offers a plethora of music genres at a relatively affordable price—most shows range from \$10 to \$20, with the occasional show less than \$10. Upcoming performers include Langhorne Slim and the Law, and Carbon Leaf.