

# brings Greek life to Rudd Field

Jennifer McGorty — they're doing stuff for team chemistry that we didn't direct them to do. They're taking it upon themselves."

Though not a captain, senior forward Catherine Brinkman will also play a key role in not only helping acclimate the freshmen, but by playing a big part on the field.

As a sophomore in 2011, Brinkman led the Phoenix in goals with five on the season. Throughout her junior season

in 2012, she tallied just twice in 10 games while battling multiple injuries throughout the year. Not to mention, she started the first two games of the season in goal, as both keepers were injured at the start of the year.

While Neal has high hopes for the forward in her final year with the Phoenix, Brinkman is eager to regain the form she had in 2011 and expand on it.

"I was here a lot of the summer working with a lot of my teammates, especially a

lot of the injured girls," Brinkman said. "I'm really excited to get this started and hopefully be injury-free and get back at what I love doing."

With all of the issues the Phoenix was forced to overcome last season, Neal believes the adversity and hardships Elon worked through will only help the team this year — especially the upperclassmen who now know how to fight through constant bad breaks.

"The interesting thing about last year

is if you look at the schedule from start to finish and looking at the first half of that schedule and the last half of that schedule, it's like two different teams played the schedule," Neal said. "That was an interesting dynamic last year to see how the team overcame diversity, got better and grew and found ways to win late in the year and put ourselves in a position to win a championship and we were really close. That will go miles for our team this season. Miles."

