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National News Engagement Day encourages Elon to participate in news

The Elon University School of Communications, in collaboration with the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, is hosting National News Engagement Day on Tuesday in an effort to make engaging with the news a national priority.

AEJMC created National News Engagement Day to raise awareness about the importance of staying informed, help people of all ages discover the benefits of news and ensure that news engagement does not die out.

The National News Engagement Day committee has created four activities for Elon community members and professional journalists to engage in throughout the day.

Anthony Hatcher, associate professor of communication, said people in general are not fully informed about what is happening in the world.

"You can't be a fully functioning citizen unless you know the issues. There is no downside to being more informed," he said.

All students, faculty and community members who are interested in participating in the event can take pictures of themselves and others engaging in the news. The photos can be posted on any social media platform using the hashtag #ElonNewsEngage. At the end of the day photos will be published on the website <https://www.rebelmouse.com/eloncomm/>.

Students can pitch their own story ideas and issues to campus media at the College Coffee News Engagement Day table.

Throughout the day there will be opportunities around campus for students to define what news is to them. Their responses will be captured on camera and made into a video compilation.

News will be relayed to students in an engaging manner with the presence of town criers. Students will act as town criers and will shout headlines from campus and professional media groups.

Media is engaged throughout the year, but the goal of Tuesday is people are made more aware of the importance of news.

#ElonNewsEngage

Post photos of yourself or others engaging in the news using the hashtag

Here ye, here ye

Students will act as town criers and shout local and national headlines

What is news to you?

Students are stationed around campus to ask your definition of news. Responses are captured on camera.

Pitch news stories

NNED gives students an opportunity to share story ideas with student media leaders.

Uneven laundry facilities irk students



First year Rachel Foley crams her laundry into a dryer in Virginia Residence Hall. Students have complained that on campus dryers are ineffective.

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Students at Elon University have begun to notice the inequality in laundry accommodations across campus.

With some students receiving free laundry as others have to dole out quarter after quarter in the same building, residents are frustrated.

"I feel like it's unfair," said sophomore Emma Davidman. "Especially since some of the students who receive free laundry pay less for their living space than some who have to pay."

Davidman lives in the Sigma Kappa House in the Loy Center, and she says she is paying significantly more this year for her liv-

ing accommodations than she did last year in her ten-person downstairs flat in the Danieley Neighborhood.

The Danieley Flats have presented a dilemma when it comes to laundry. Upstairs flats received free laundry in their suites last year, and all downstairs flats had to share two washers and two dryers and pay for their own laundry.

"It's inconsistent and a little unfair," said sophomore Campbell Wentworth-Ping. "I don't know what it's like in the other Danieleys, but here we have two washers and two dryers for downstairs and then upstairs has free laundry in their suites. It's the luck of draw. It's not like they tell you when you're signing up for rooms, and they probably

should."

Another laundry inequality students find burdensome is the inconsistency between swiping a Phoenix card and paying in quarters.

Sophomore Abigail Peabody, who lives in the Sigma Kappa house with Davidman, faces this problem.

"There is no swipe access for a Phoenix card, so we have to pay in quarters only," Peabody said. "In Colonnades, it was the same price, but there was swipe access to Phoenix Cash that was a little more convenient."

Access to quarters can quickly become a problem for students, especially since businesses around campus are reluctant to make

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Never Back Down: Nicole Dennion kicks cancer

Tommy Hamzik
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Frantically going through her phone with a sentiment of jubilation swirling in her mind, Nicole Dennion held off the joy for just one moment to send a simple, powerful five-word text message in all capital letters to her teammates:

"MY PET SCAN WAS CLEAR!"

The memo incited utter hysteria from the Elon University women's soccer team, signifying the triumph of Dennion in her battle with Ewing's Sarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer that affects the bone and its tissue.

She was diagnosed in February with a treatment plan spanning a year. The text message was sent only five months later in mid-July, and the last two scans have both been clear of any signs of cancer.

"It's the biggest, best news you could ever ask for," said Mel Inslay, a junior defender for Elon and Dennion's best friend.

Abbreviated process

Known as "Colie" to her friends and family, Dennion shredded defenses left and right in fall 2013 for Elon, scoring 15 goals and garnering Southern Conference Player of the Year honors.

She went through January workouts with no issues before doctors discovered a tumor and diagnosed her with cancer, which prompted a return home to New Jersey to receive treatment.

Once that began, her physical shape and health from training allowed doctors to put her on an accelerated treatment program. She received chemotherapy once every two weeks instead of three, had surgery earlier than expected and cut the number of chemo treatments to eight.

Dennion underwent surgery June 4, when doctors made an incision nearly two feet in length stretching down her back and all the way up her side. Three of her ribs were removed and two were reconstructed with titanium. Her right lung collapsed

during the process, which prompted another procedure two days later.

She spent seven days in the hospital, going through a number of different respiratory therapies. Just as was the case with her treatment program, Dennion is slated to be discharged from physical therapy early.

Now, Dennion's receiving chemotherapy treatment every three weeks and has three remaining. She's working her way back physically, starting to run and lift weights a little bit.

"I was really fortunate," Dennion said in a phone interview last week. "[The doctors] said I was young and my body was so healthy. It's still way sooner than expected."

In the meantime, she's taking some on-line classes and even completing an internship with the physical therapist that is treating her.

"I've always wanted to do PT," Dennion said. "After seeing what she does and working with cancer patients, that's what I real-

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