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Safe Rides struggles with budget

Student service may need funding for gas, repairs



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If Safe Rides continues to operate under its current budget, the organization will be roughly \$1,000 in debt by the end of the spring semester and therefore unable to continue running for the entire year.

And if the organization wanted to use the two new 12-passenger vans it obtained last

spring — and Lindsay Luhn, a senior and the director of Safe Rides, said it wants to — the debt would more than double to \$2,500.

At the SGA Open Forum meeting Oct. 29, dozens pitched ideas and shared thoughts on how to improve Elon University's student life. But only Luhn and fellow Safe Rides

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PARC holds grand opening

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It took some time, but the Phoenix Activities and Recreation Center (PARC) received an official nod from Elon University Tuesday afternoon with the PARC Grand Opening Ceremony.

Members of Elon University's senior staff gave brief speeches and mingled with dozens of Campus Recreation and Student Union Board members, along with Danielely Neighborhood residents, to celebrate PARC's impact since its Sept. 21 opening.

The space, located just behind Danielely Center flats H, I and J, features a fitness center, Campus Recreation offices and two basketball courts. Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, said it will be used for athletics and much more.

"PARC was designed to be a student space," Jackson said during his speech.

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Elon Town Center sold

Former owner continuing with Park Place at Elon

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Elon Town Center was sold Oct. 30 by local EDG Properties, LLC to New Market Strategies, a firm of investors based out of Stuart, Florida.

As of early Tuesday evening, it was unknown the selling price of the building, which has an assessed value of more than \$3 million, according to the Alamance County Tax Administration Records.

John McDonald, co-owner of EDG Properties LLC, said the decision to sell Elon Town Center came from a business opportunity in a currently popular market.

"Right now, there's a lot of activity in the commercial real estate industry," McDonald said. "Potential buyers are looking for multi-tenants and good tenants, which the Town Center has."

Representatives at New Market Strategies could not be reached for comment by Tuesday evening.

The 24,000-square-foot, three-story building opened August 2011 and sits on North Williamson Avenue between West College Avenue and West Lebanon Avenue.

It houses local pizza restaurant Pandora's Pies, Smitty's Ice Cream and Barnes & Noble Bookstore, as well as offices for The Pendulum and Guy Carpenter, a business management consultant.

Despite the sale of Elon Town Center, EDG Properties, LLC will continue to oversee the construction of Park Place at Elon, a four-story building on West Haggard Avenue slated to house apartments and retail space. McDonald said construction on Park Place is moving along as planned and should be completed by June 2016.

Ciolkowski's burst at final second wins CAA XC championship

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With 100 meters left, Elon University men's cross country freshman Nick Ciolkowski wasn't sure he was going to win the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championship Oct. 31.

"I didn't know if I was going to catch [College of William & Mary junior Faris Sakallah] coming down that straightaway," Ciolkowski said. "That last lunge was really a Hail Mary kick, you could say."

Ciolkowski's win is the second individual title in two years for Elon since joining the CAA, as Luis Vargas '15 won last year's cross country



Nick Ciolkowski

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