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Relay for Life sets donation record

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Hundreds of Elon University students gathered to increase cancer awareness in the annual Colleges Against Cancer Relay for Life 12-hour fundraiser April 23-24. Despite having to be moved inside because of rain, the event shattered previous fundraising records with a total of \$90,388.61.

Though the event financially succeeded, Relay for Life brands itself as an event with the goal of raising hope. For almost all of the students, families and community members in attendance at this year's event, cancer has impacted their lives or the lives of someone they know.

Senior Nicole "Colie" Dennion was a varsity soccer player when she found out she had cancer two and a half years ago. Coming off a season of success, Dennion

was devastated when she was told that a baseball-sized mass had been found in her chest. After multiple chemotherapy rounds, Dennion continues her battle with Ewing's sarcoma. But on April 23, she shared with her peers that she remains positive and hopeful.

"This is where I am now in my journey," Dennion said. "I will keep doing what I have been this whole time — fighting and living my life how I want to despite

what has been thrown my way."

Because of stories like Dennion's, Elon became the largest collegiate Relay for Life in North Carolina. The community-based event consisted of teams with a member who carried a baton and a luminary-lit track to honor those affected by cancer.

Throughout Relay for Life, at least one

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The race debate

SGA holds spirited discussion at last meeting

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Junior Chris Tarpley singlehandedly ignited a fiery, vigorous debate at the most recent Elon University SGA meeting, sprouting an animated conversation about race with one simple question: Where were you?

The debate began after Tarpley attended a race education event without any other senators.

What was originally scheduled as a hearing of a potential resolution in opposition to House Bill 2 quickly evolved into a discussion of the lack of inclusivity toward minority students.

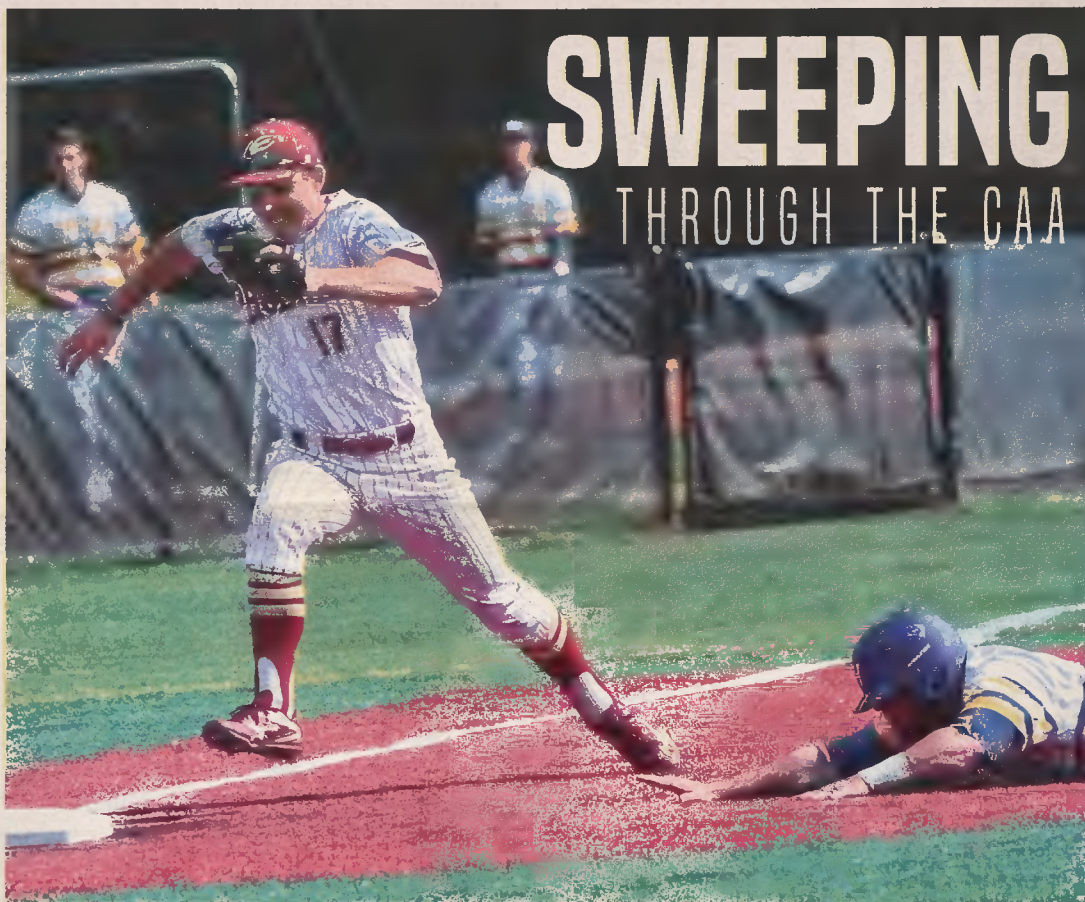
Tarpley, an academic senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, was frustrated because he recently attended a race education event without any other senators. Tarpley implied his colleagues were hypocrites because they adhere to the wishes of the LGBTQIA community but continually neglect the concerns of African-Americans — a vastly outnumbered portion of Elon's population.

"We say we're leaders, but if we're not doing anything to be leaders and to make progress on this campus, then we're all talk," Tarpley said. "I wish we didn't have to have that conversation, but I'm glad that we were able to because people were open and saying how they really felt."

Tarpley, who stepped out of SGA's April 14 meeting early to hear George Yancy speak at Elon, said he was disappointed he was the only SGA representative in attendance. Yancey, a professor of philosophy at Emory University, talked with Tarpley after the lecture and challenged him to confront the issue of race with his colleagues.

Though SGA members have an obligation to be at meetings, he argued

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Elon infielder Danny Lynch (17) races to third base for an out, just beating a Hofstra University base-runner in Elon's win April 23 at Latham Park.

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Offense leading Phoenix during winning streak

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Elon University head baseball coach Mike Kennedy chalked up his team's recent offensive success to a handful of players, but more notably, two spots in the lineup.

The first two.

Kennedy noted freshman infielder Ryne Ogren's ownership of the lead-off spot, along

with junior utility man Nick Zammarelli's emergence in the two-hole, as keys to Elon's offensive prowess that plated 61 runs in a span of five games last week.

Ogren and Zammarelli have formed a one-two punch, and with senior infielder Tyler McVicar's 13-game hitting streak and freshman outfielder Liam O'Regan's stretch of five straight games with a home run, the Phoenix is in the midst of its longest conference winning streak in seven years.

Elon's won eight straight games in Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) play and

has climbed to third place in the league after stumbling early to a 2-7 start in the league.

Ogren has hit in the leadoff spot in every game during this hot stretch, and was a catalyst in the victory that started the streak. He was 3-for-4 with an RBI single in Elon's victory at Northeastern University on April 9.

Overall, he's hitting .281 with 20 RBI.

"In the last two or three weeks, you know, everyone talks about [Zammarelli],

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