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EVERY TOWN HAS ITS ghosts, and the town of Elon is no exception. We hear the whistle and the wind rushing through the churning wheels, but very few of us stop to think about what the sounds are trying to tell, or the vibrant past from which they originate.

Elon's train depot may have closed in 1961, but the connection shared between the railroad and the university still remains. Now, almost 60 years later, more and more members of the Elon community advocate to reopen the depot in what is sometimes known as the Elon Train Committee.

Ryan Johnson, assistant professor of philosophy, has been interested

in the cause since he led an "audio environment" activity during his first class at Elon University.

"I heard a number of things and one was the train, and it was a constant," Johnson said of the responses during the activity. "It's part of our audio environment."

According to Johnson, this led to the realization that Elon's connection to the train might go beyond the sound of the whistle, and thus he began his journey with the committee.

"My specialty in philosophy is always to go to history," Johnson said. "I started looking into the history of Elon and found that one of the main reasons why

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

it is located where it is and developed in the physical way that it has is because of the train stop."

The train depot formerly known as "Mill Point," built in 1887, originally provided rail service to nearby textile mills, according to Don Bolden's book, "Images of America: Elon." Later on, the depot would come to serve commuting students and staff. According to University Archivist and Assistant Librarian Libby Coyner, another member of the Elon Train Committee, the presence of the depot heavily influenced Elon's early

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Elon University places No. 84 in national rankings

Elon University tops the nation in study abroad and ranks No. 2 in undergraduate teaching

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Elon University is ranked No. 84 overall and No. 51 among private institutions by the U.S. News & World Report in its first year being considered a "National University."

Before this year, Elon had been ranked by U.S. News & World Report in the Southern region. The change of category came after the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education created a new doctoral/professional classification

which moved Elon into the national rankings.

Before the move, Elon was named the top university in the Southern region for the last six years.

Executive Vice President Steven House explained that though No. 84 is not as flashy as No. 1, Elon is proud to be among some of the most prestigious names in higher education.

"When you're compared with those institutions, I think people will go 'wow, that is those are the top schools in the country, even in the world.' And there's Elon in the Top 100," House said. "We really wanted to be in the top 100, we weren't sure."



ANTON L. DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR

President Connie Book speaks with former-President Leo Lambert during the celebration hosted on Monday, Sept. 9, following the announcement of Elon University's new national ranking.

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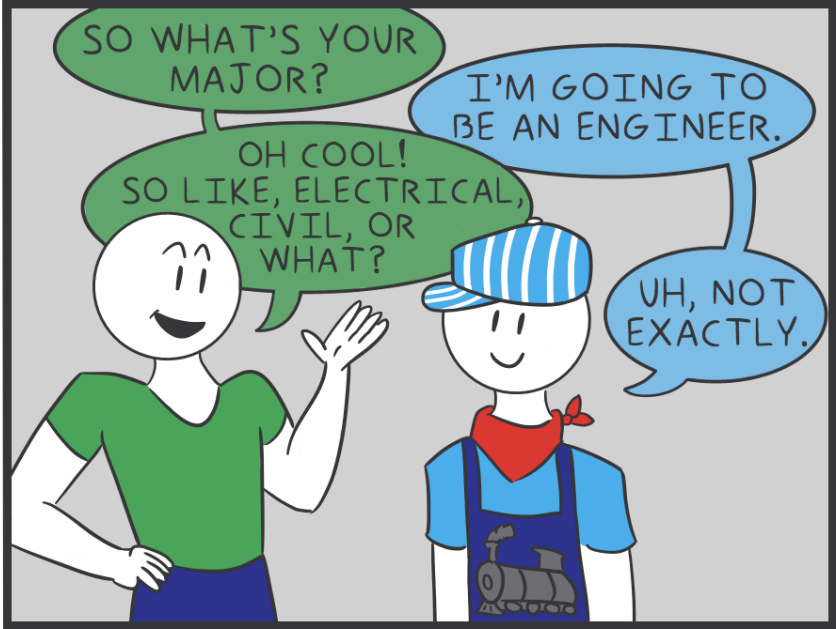
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THOMAS DENOME | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Elon University defender Kasper Lehm contests a ball with a Rutgers University player on Monday, Sept. 9 at Rudd Field. The Elon Phoenix fell to the Rutgers Scarlet Knights 1-0.



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Elon Volunteers seal bags of food for those in need at the Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, Sept. 7 in Alumni Gym.



Phoenix Phanatics cheer on Elon University's football team during its game against The Citadel on Saturday, Sept. 9. The Elon Phoenix beat The Citadel Bulldogs 35-28.



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Melissa Berry '15 provides closing remarks for the gathering of friends held in remembrance of Chris Edwards '18.



ZACH OHMANN | PHOTO EDITOR
President Donald Trump speaks to the crowd at a rally supporting Congressional candidate Dan Bishop in Fayetteville, North Carolina on Monday, Sept. 9.

TRAIN | from cover

A blue and white Norfolk Southern locomotive, number 1755, is approaching a crossing. The locomotive features a large white star on its front with the letters 'N' and 'C' on either side. The number '1755' is visible on the front and side. A green SUV is stopped at the crossing, and a railroad crossing sign is visible in the background.

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A CHANGE IN COURSE

Elon University prepares to launch a new degree audit on OnTrack, updating student course registration

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For students, even the most laid out plans don't always come to fruition during course registration. However, according to Laura Kappert, director of enterprise solutions at Elon University, the school is designing a new system that will help students plan effectively.

A redesigned degree audit system is set to appear on OnTrack, the university's student housing, advising and academic portal.

Kappert says the system is a year away from completion.

According to University Registrar Rodney Parks, the new degree audit system will transfer students' comprehensive four-year graduation plans onto OnTrack.

NEW SYSTEM

The new degree audit system is set to start in about a year

"Right now, you're basically just getting cleared for one semester, and then you're registering for all those classes," Parks said. "In the future, students will actually be able to see this four-year plan in the system. When it comes time for registration, you see your four classes or five classes, and the thinking is that you just move those to a confirmed schedule."

Traditionally, students have experienced issues finding sections of their desired classes that fit their schedules.

Parks explained that the new system will help students register for their ideal class schedule because there will be enough sections to accommodate them.

Departments will have the necessary information to determine how many sections of a class they need to offer based on the number of students who have planned for it on their degree audits.

Sophomore Sarah McClelland, an elementary education major, said this new system should decrease the frustration and confusion students feel during registration.

"They can manipulate their schedules so you don't have to sacrifice taking one class a semester because it doesn't line up with other classes that you have to take," McClelland said.

However, according to Bud Warner, associate professor and chair of the department of human service studies, asking all students to create a four-year plan on OnTrack could become problematic.

"I'm not a big fan, personally, of putting the four-year plans in," Warner said. "I love undecided students. We talk about students coming to a university like Elon and exploring things, but tell them here, create a four-year plan when you don't know what you're going to major in and put it in your degree audit. That seems like you're working in different directions."

Jean Schwind, professor and chair of the department of English, also feels that asking freshmen to plan their college careers may limit their chances for self-discovery.

"I know that it's a luxury, because college is so expensive that you don't want to be here for more than four years, but I like some room for exploration," Schwind said. "I'm not sure that I would have been able to create a four-year plan in my freshman year, and I'm not sure that that's a healthy thing."

For students who are preparing to graduate, the new degree audit may alert them to one key course before it's too late.

According to Warner, the university



Rodney Parks, the Elon University registrar, is helping spearhead the updating of the new OnTrack system, which is expected to launch next year.



ONCE WE HAVE THE FOUR-DIGIT COURSE NUMBER IN PLACE, WE CAN MAKE THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW DEGREE AUDIT SYSTEM

RODNEY PARKS
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

has always required students to complete a senior comprehensive requirement in their major, but it will soon be appearing on their degree audit, usually as a zero-credit course beginning with the numbers 07.

The senior comprehensive requirement varies by department; human service studies and business majors complete an exam, while English and statistics majors submit a portfolio.

Parks mentioned that the new degree audit system will use a new four-digit course catalog.

"You're going to see a lot of that work on the course numbers over the next few months into fall," Parks said. "Once we have the four-digit course number in place, we can make the transition to the new degree audit system."

Schwind said that identifying courses with four digits instead of three might help to distinguish different sections of

the same course.

"I like the four digits because right now there are too many umbrella courses," Schwind said. "In my department we have something called English 255: Topics of Literature. There could be 40 variations of that course, and it's hard for students to repeat 255 even if you have a very different topic because of the way the computer reads it. You can have two courses with the exact same course number, so they assume that the second take is replacing the first course because you want a better grade."

According to Kappert, the benefits of Elon's new degree audit could extend beyond the screen and into students' relationships with their advisers.

"You create that four-year plan with an Elon 101 adviser, but that often isn't going to be your major adviser," Kappert said. "It could provide that transition a little bit better."

Kappert's department, enterprise solutions, is responsible for supporting both the current and new degree audit systems.

While it's still early in the planning process, Kappert's team has not yet identified any major concerns with the technology.

"Typically with any project we do, we do a lot of testing and always try and engage various perspectives, both from a student perspective as well as a faculty perspective so that we can hear any concerns that might be out there and try and provide education to make that more understandable," Kappert said. "That's just part of any roll out that we ever do, and we try and get that representation so that it's a seamless transition hopefully."

Elon cracks top-100 in national poll



ANTON L. DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR

Sophomore Hari Nori cuts into a celebratory Elon University cake during the Monday, Sept. 9 celebration.

RANKINGS | from cover

House said he was crunching the numbers and personally projected Elon to be ranked somewhere around 100, so the outcome was even sweeter.

Elon was ranked the best school in the country for study abroad and No. 2 in the country in undergraduate teaching behind only Princeton University.

"The ranking about undergraduate teaching and being No. 2 in the country in terms of undergraduate teaching is significant when you think about how much of [a student's] experience is inside the classroom, working with faculty members," Vice President of Student Life Jon Dooley said. "That ranking not just reflects what happens inside the classroom but the ways faculty members are engaged with students outside the classroom and beyond."

In the survey conducted by U.S. News & World Report, Elon was ranked in the top 10 nationally in all eight of the fields that were considered for student success. This includes taking the top spot in both study abroad and learning communities.

"We're different than other places, and we are being recognized for being distinctive for really focusing on engaged and experiential learning," House said. "The students that want to come to Elon know what we're good at, which is engaged in experiential learning. That's why they come here. It's perfect together."

Elon is the fourth-highest ranked out of seven schools in North Carolina. It is behind No. 10 Duke University, No. 27 Wake Forest University and No. 29 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Approximately 380 universities across the country are included in the ranking.

The U.S. News & World Report has been creating college rankings since 1983.

The rankings are based on an annual data survey of institutions along with opinion surveys of university faculty and administrators.

Elon was also ranked No. 11 in the nation in innovation, based on advancements across curriculum, faculty, students, campus life and technology/facilities.

"It continues to elevate the profile of the institution and the quality of students that find their way to Elon and get to know about Elon," Dooley said. "And for the classes that have already graduated it is also significant because it continues to elevate the quality of the degree."

After the announcement, on Monday, Sept. 9, a celebration was hosted in the Great Hall of Global Commons.

President Connie Book thanked all who attended for their collective work that elevated Elon to the national ranking.

After 20 years on the road, late nights with Safe Rides end

Late night transportation service discontinues due to lack of volunteers

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A shrinking staff is what senior Jonathan Connolly has seen throughout his four years volunteering for Safe Rides, a volunteer-based student-run organization that provides free late-night transportation to Elon University students.

"You don't know what you have until it's gone," Connolly said.

Before the organization discontinued, Connolly was a student captain. Safe Rides was the first organization Connolly joined when he came to Elon, but he says there has been a major change in the organization since he started.

"It actually got to the point where we had so many captains we had to limit the days that people could volunteer," Connolly said. "What we have seen from our statistics is there has been a decrease in ridership with our program."

This fall, the organization only had five members on their executive team — in comparison to the 15 that Connolly had his freshman year. The limited staff led to the program's end.

The announcement of the end of Safe Rides came through a community-wide email from Jon



The out-of-use Safe Ride vehicles are set to sit in the Colonades parking lot until further notice and plans are made to find a new use for the fleet.

TED THOMAS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL
IT'S GONE

JONATHAN CONNOLLY
SENIOR AND FORMER SAFE
RIDES CAPTAIN

Dooley on Friday, Sept. 6.

"The decision was made due to ongoing challenges for the student-run group that include declining demand for the service as ride-sharing companies have grown in popularity, and an ongoing struggle to recruit student leaders," wrote Dooley in his email.

The program has been driving for more than 25 years, after starting in 1992 following the death of a student who was driving

YEARS OF SERVICE

26

years on the road. Safe Rides was a resource that provided secure transportation to Elon University students.

under the influence.

Since then, Safe Rides' goal has been to provide secure transportation to all students for free.

Connolly says that Safe Rides has been a big part of his college experience. Senior Kinsley Cuen shares the same sentiment and says that it is a program she will miss.

"I do think it has been a very nice safety initiative for all students, and I think it prevents a lot of potential DUI's. But I do not think there was a lot of advertising for volunteers either and I do think that is something that would have really improved that," Cuen said.

A common issue with Safe Rides was the length of time it would take to pick up students, especially with the competition from growing share-riding companies such as Uber and Lyft.

Freshman Dominica Mortello, who never had the opportunity to use Safe Rides, heard from other students that the wait was always long.

"I think it should still be in effect but should be more accessible because I heard it takes a long time to get there," Mortello said.

Safe Rides is currently working with SGA to create an alternative program for students. For now, Dooley suggests that students take extra precautions when traveling at night. Safe Rides is also asking for any feedback from students on their closing.

Estonian ambassador speaks on world issues at Elon

Ambassador Jonatan Vseviiov, adds to Elon's list of international speakers

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From Steve Young to Buzz Aldrin, Elon University's campus is no stranger to prominent national figures.

Elon's long history of distinguished guests is flooded with Hall of Fame athletes and Nobel Prize recipients- but some might be surprised to see foreign ambassadors included on this list as well.

"We try, whenever possible, to bring world leaders, entrepreneurs, thinkers and experts to campus to share their real world experiences with students and answer students' questions," said Jeff Stein, vice president for strategic initiatives.

Stein explained that Elon's goal is to bring together students and the community high-profile candidates to enrich overall thinking and widen worldviews.

According to the Elon Speaker Series website, "this type of learning is at the heart of Elon's innovative experiential learning model."

Students often get the opportunity to ask questions during these events which allows them to expand their knowledge of different places, cultures and people.

Most recently, Jonatan Vseviiov,

Estonian ambassador to the U.S., spoke at Turner Theatre on Monday, Sept. 9.

Vseviiov added his name to the ever-growing list of speakers and international figures to visit the university.

Vseviiov has served as ambassador since 2018, specializing in defense and NATO initiatives.

He's connected to Elon through a friend of the university and agreed to meet with classes and answer questions for students and staff during his visit.

Sophomore Anita Harkov is the only Estonian student at Elon. Harkov said that she often starts conversations with other students by explaining where the northern

European country is.

"Most times, people don't know- when I introduce myself when I say Estonia where that is, so I spend a lot of time explaining where it's located. But I like that fact

about Estonia, because it feels so good to be there."

Harkov expressed excitement and joy regarding Vseviiov's visit, saying that she's felt almost like an ambassador herself for the country over the past year.

"Of course it's an honor to be here, and I feel sometimes I am kind of representing the country in terms of most people have not ever met an Estonian person."

Vseviiov prioritized talks of cybersecurity and Western unity throughout his presentation, as well as commenting on Estonian-U.S.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jonatan Vseviiov, Estonian ambassador to the US, speaks about the "very close" relationship between the northern European country and the U.S. on Monday, Sept. 9 at Turner Theater.

relations.

"You should always, always pay very, very close attention to what the canary does when in a coal mine, and ladies and gentlemen, we all are in a coal mine," Vseviiov said, commenting on current national security concerns about cyber attacks.

Estonia, a country that suffered a massive cyberattack in 2007, is also one of the most digitally advanced societies in the world.

Vseviiov spoke about their security priorities regarding their digital state.

"Security must be, and is, a top priority," Vseviiov said.

On Estonian-U.S. relations, Vseviiov said that relations were "very close," and that "We have never forgotten the fact that the United States never recognized the illegal occupation of Estonia."

Until 1991, when Estonia regained independence, the representative in the U.S. State Department was the longest-serving diplomat in the United States according to the Ambassador, illustrating the long-term alliance between the two nations.

Vseviiov closed by calling upon Elon students and the surrounding community to be involved, stating that the fate of alliances and global society is in the hands of the next generation.

Elon plans to welcome even more guests in the future. This year, Elon's Speaker Series theme is "Quest for Truth."

Alex Wagner, the author of Elon's common reading "Futureface," former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley and writer-activist Zachary Wood are all scheduled to appear on campus.

Eighteen years later: Remembering 9/11

Elon University students and faculty reflect on 9/11 despite generational gap

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Wednesday, Sept. 11 is the 18th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center. While many Americans can recall where they were on the day, there is a new generation of adults who were not alive for the event. The Class of 2023 is the first class to have students who may not have been born before the attacks took place.

Jim Bissett, professor of history, remembers receiving the news about the attacks while at Elon University. "I was actually here on campus.

And actually, the attacks happened right about the time [of] college coffee. ... I remember going out to college coffee and talking with other people there. We were all just trying to process what had happened," Bissett said.

While most members of the Class of 2023 weren't born until after the event, some have been told stories. Freshman Abby Saracino's story of 9/11 took place across the world in New Zealand.

"Me and my mom were over there visiting that week, and we were actually supposed to come home the 12th ... and we couldn't fly home because no one was allowed to fly into New York," Saracino said.

Freshman Megan Curling was only eight months old.

"It's weird," she

said. "...the only way that we know about it is from other people telling us about it, and a lot of the times that comes from anecdotes," Curling said.

There's a war going on

Thomas Kerr, adjunct professor in political science and policy studies, said even though some students were not alive for the attacks, they have grown up in a country at war because of it.

"We have a whole generation that's been living in a state of conflict, though it is thousands of miles away and many people don't have direct interaction with the outcomes of it," Kerr said.

Freshman Miriam Skadron agrees with Kerr.

"The war on terror started right after [Sept. 11] and I wasn't old enough to remember when that started, so I've grown up in, politically, in a world where there has always been a U.S. presence in the Middle East," Skadron said.

The War on Terror is not the only constant in this generation's life.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology Muriel Vernon said this generation might have gotten used to being attacked.

"Your generation has experienced terrorist

attacks, maybe perhaps not at that scale, but more frequently," Vernon said. "Maybe we've also gotten used to, you know, the possibility of being attacked."

Vernon had this realization while in a movie theater after an alarm went off. She watched as her partner's son and friend fled the building before she had even put on her coat.

"They were just gone. And it was really sad because they thought there was a shooter..." Vernon said. "The mentality of when an alarm sounds these days for your generation, you have been conditioned very differently to these kinds of things."

Sandy Marshall, assistant professor of geography, said he brings up Sept. 11 in nearly every class he teaches. He has taken notice of the steady decline in students who remember the day, but that's not what strikes him.

"Students don't remember the actual day or they don't remember, you know being able to go directly to the gate at an airport or stuff like that, it's that they don't remember a time we weren't at war," Marshall said. "They've been alive for 18 years, and their whole entire adult lives — their entire lives period has been at war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They're just used to perpetual war. And that to me is the most depressing thing. I've got students now who are in the ROTC and they may very well serve in Afghanistan, a war that their parents may have served in; in a multi-generational

endless war."

9/11 for the new generation

David Bockino, assistant professor of sports management, said he was trying to explain Sept. 11 to his young son.

"I was trying to explain it to my son, and I still don't exactly know what to do because ... there's not a lot of simple reasons why it happened," Bockino said. "There's two decades of geopolitical issues and religious factions and, you know, kind of centuries and millennia of fighting and territory disputes and colonialism; there's so many things wrapped into it."

HBO has two documentaries slated to air on 9/11, one of them, a film aimed at explaining 9/11 to the new generation.

According to the description, the film is "both thoughtful and informational, [and] puts this historical event into context so that children can better understand what happened that day and its continued effects on the world around us."

Curling said she hopes the new generation remembers the victims of 9/11 but hopes that one day the event becomes what she says it is: a historical event.

"I think that it's also healthy at a point to kind of not let it be something that sits in your mind every single day," Curling said. "It still is that for some people."



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CHEAT SHEET

A nation's turning point

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On Sept. 11, 2001, members of the terrorist group al-Qaida conducted four attacks resulting in the death of almost 3,000 people and the injury of over 6,000 others. The militant group hijacked four passenger airplanes. Two of the planes crashed into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. A third plane crashed into The Pentagon, the headquarters of the Department of Defense in Arlington, Virginia and a fourth – headed toward Washington, D.C., – was crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.



Mark Dalhouse

Q: What is your relationship with 9/11?

In one sense, a personal one. I was living in one of the cities that was attacked on the morning of Sept. 11. I was teaching in St. Alban School in Washington, D.C., and so my main memory of that day is my shock.

It was all around us. And then walking out, St. Alban sat at the highest point in DC. So, we could actually look over the city and over into Northern Virginia and I have a very clear memory of standing out there with some students looking out over Virginia. And you can see the smoke from the Pentagon.

Q: As a professor, what is it like to teach a course about 9/11 to students who don't remember it?

I have such a visceral real memory of it, they, they don't. But they just finished an assignment for me where they interviewed their parents or other family members about their memories.

And I think my guess is they've gotten in touch with some of the emotions of that day. But I think that in many ways, this is not a history class, and one of the things I emphasize with these students as even though 9/11 happened, before they were born, or when they were just infants. The fact of the matter is, the reality is, is that 9/11 is in many respects a day that has not yet finished.

This summer alone, over 16 people in New York died, first responders who were at the site at the World Trade Center, had contracted lung disease or cancer from all the pulverized materials that they breathed in trying to clean up the place.

So, in that sense 9/11, continues to claim victims. Then comes the fact that right now, if you pick up any newspaper today, you will see terms like Afghanistan, the Taliban, peace agreements, we are still 18 years later, in Afghanistan, where the 9/11 plot originated ... It's an ongoing new story.

Q: Why should we remember 9/11?

Remembering the human tragedy, the global tragedy, you know, over 100 nationalities are represented among the fatalities of Sept. 11. So, in that sense, that relates very much to our mission here in Elon University of being a globally engaged university. That's one, I think, two is what I've referenced before, and that is getting some perspective on our world.

Today, we're not out of these waters. And in some respects, I believe, in my opinion, in some respects, we're in a much more dangerous world now, because of extremism and radicalism of all kinds. And we're at a point in global history where that kind of mindset and worldview, I think, increasingly is getting traction.

So, in that sense, it alarms me to think that the 9/11 plot represented, in some ways, the future, not just a one off. And so, I and I say that not wishing or predicting any kind of another 9/11 but I think I do say it in terms of raising our cognizance of that, and knowing why it happened, and what's happening now.

LIFESTYLE

NC MEDASSIST: DISPENSING HOPE FOR THE

North Carolinians in need
rely on free medication from
NC MedAssist

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CHARLOTTE — Yvonne Lunsford is a North Carolina resident from Cumberland County who suffered a heart attack this January.

Recounting the crisis, Lunsford said she woke up with excruciating pain in her chest. Soon after, her arm began to ache all the way to her fingertips.

The situation grew worse when she started to have trouble breathing. Upon arriving at the hospital, she encountered a waiting room full of people in need of care. The patient volume was too much for the hospital to manage, so Lunsford insisted that she and her family return later.

Just four minutes after leaving, Lunsford received a call from the hospital. This struck her as odd, but the hospital urged her to come back so she returned. Luckily, she arrived at the hospital in time for them to catch her impending heart attack and ensure her survival. However, following her hospital stay, she required special medication.

When she moved to North Carolina last year, Lunsford was not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. Having retired and suffering from diabetes, Lunsford said that she needs “many pills every day.”

Morning, noon and night, taking medication is necessary for her health. Lunsford, like many other North Carolina citizens, struggles to afford the very medicine that keeps her alive.

“If I didn’t have it ... I would not survive,” Lunsford said. “NC MedAssist saves lives [and is a] godsend to people without money.”

Nelson Jones, a resident of nearby Pender County, suffers from multiple ailments. With severe allergies, rheumatoid arthritis and onset diabetes, acquiring the appropriate medications was a serious concern for him.

When Jones lost his insurance, the doctor sent him to a pharmacy that could make arrangements for those without insurance. However, they were unable to assist Jones given his financial situation.

Jane McMorris, from Burke County, struggled financially with medical care for years. Between her ADHD, blood pressure issues and the extreme costs of her medications, McMorris was unable to give her attention to the important parts of her life.

Johnnie Brooks, a self-proclaimed “country boy,” had worsening seizures and his loved ones were terrified. As the seizures started to occur more closely together, Brooks was not able to deal with the medical situation on his own. Brooks’ predicament prompted his doctor to inform him about NC MedAssist, a state-wide non-profit organization. The other North Carolinians that were interviewed reported that their doctors or pharmacists had also recommended them to NC MedAssist.

According to their website,



NC MedAssist Pharmacy Manager Dustin Allen sorts and organizes medication in Charlotte, North Carolina.

ELLIOTT RIVETTE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

medassist.org, NC MedAssist is a non-profit pharmacy that was founded in 1997. NC MedAssist offers three programs that address the needs of children and adults: the Free Pharmacy program, the Mobile Free Pharmacy program and the Senior Care program.

Dustin Allen, manager of the NC Medassist Free Pharmacy, works alongside his pharmacy staff to fill prescriptions from doctors, sort medication and deliver prescription pills to patients in need. He explained that the pharmacy’s primary challenge is dealing with a growing volume of medicine.

There are more medical supplies and drugs being donated

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YVONNE LUNSFORD
CUMBERLAND COUNTY RESIDENT

than ever, so the pharmacy team is working hard to aid the most patients possible.

Outreach for the Mobile Free Pharmacy program has had increased media coverage at their events in several local publications. However, the events are not covered by larger media organizations and publications, despite regularly receiving information from NC MedAssist regarding upcoming events.

Sometimes, the volume of volunteers at the events surpass the amount of work needed to be done. Over the past year, more than 50 events were held to supply the public with free medical supplies.

In addition to their main programs, NC MedAssist opened the Gerhart Community Medicine Shoppe, and recently celebrated the anniversary of this achievement.

The Gerhart Community Medicine Shoppe serves its local community of Mecklenburg County as well as the transient population from other nearby areas. People in need are able to obtain basic medical supplies and over-the-counter products free of charge.

Thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers, as well as financial supporters of the organization, the lives of people in need have been touched. For people outside of Mecklenburg County, there are multiple Mobile Free Pharmacy events each month with four events scheduled for this month alone.

Members of the NC MedAssist team travel across the state, including Alamance County, to set up temporary pharmacies and provide free medical supplies. With regular Mobile Free Pharmacy events planned all around the state of North Carolina, the non-profit organization has been able to save numerous citizens from the crushing despair of inadequate healthcare and medical products.

Doctors are able to send prescriptions for their patients to NC MedAssist, which will provide the medication to anyone that qualifies for the program.

The pharmacy team works tirelessly to supply prescriptions free of charge to those in need.

People like Lunsford, Jones, McNorris and Brooks rely on NC MedAssist. Without the program, they would be unable to afford their medicine.

Customers and patients of NC MedAssist regularly report that they are treated with more respect at this organization compared to regular pharmacies.

“I truly and highly appreciate your much-needed help and assistance with my medication,” wrote Brooks in a hand-written letter addressed to NC MedAssist.

Receiving thank you notes from patients seems to improve the morale of the NC MedAssist team.

“My life is a whole lot better,” Jones said. “If I did not have [NC MedAssist] I’d be dead.”



With increasing demands for medication, NC MedAssist pharmacists work together to fulfill prescriptions.

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BEHIND THE GREEN DOOR

Want to hear a funny story?
Then walk through the Green Door
for a student-comedy show

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Everyone loves a good laugh. Everyone enjoys being entertained. However, not everyone can go up on stage and share a part of their life for humor.

Green Door Comedy Club is a place for both: those who want a good laugh and those who dare to step up on stage. Green Door is an off-campus initiative created to give student comedians opportunities to get on stage and give everyone a break in their busy lives to laugh and have a good time.

Alex Xouris

Junior Riley Bradford helped co-found Green Door. “Stand-up is the art of telling a bunch of people how you’re feeling. It’s about talking about that crazy thing your uncle said or that one time you got a concussion, and laughter is their response in that you’re not alone in feeling it,” Bradford said. Bradford makes sure that Green Door is open to everyone: business majors, English majors and even people who are not used to talking in front of others. According to Bradford, Green Door is about giving people opportunities. Alex Xouris helped co-found Green Door but is not a comedian himself. “Green Door didn’t turn me away. They welcomed me and created room for me. I love that,” Xouris said. Xouris now runs the marketing, finance and social media for Green Door. According to Bradford, “anyone is a member of Green Door as long as they’ve come to a show and laughed.” Green Door is a fairly new organization that started in September 2018. Bradford claims that without Tess Tregellas, another co-founder, the organization wouldn’t be where it is today. “This is Tess’ baby,” Bradford said. “I just carried it, and occasionally played catch with the kid.” Last year, Tregellas reached out to Riley about starting a comedy club for Elon University students. Tregellas’ vision for the club was a place that would break down barriers between performers and the audience. All of this started as a simple act of vulnerability from Tregellas and turned into a comedy club open to everyone. According to Xouris, “it’s always hysterical, which is great. I always leave inspired. And Green Door is a place that, even for just two hours, you won’t feel alone.” Green Door plans to host open mic nights once a month where anyone can register to perform or just come to enjoy the show. The first event of this school year is on Friday, Sept. 13 at 188 E. Haggard Ave.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Green Door Comedy Club is hosting its first event of the year on Friday, Sept. 13 at 188 E. Haggard Ave.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREEN DOOR COMEDY CLUB

Donning a mustard yellow leather vest, junior Riley Bradford, co-founder of Green Door Comedy Club, recites part of his stand-up comedic act.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RILEY BRADFORD

Members of Green Door Comedy Club, including junior Riley Bradford (second from left) and junior Alex Xouris (right) smile for a photo.

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CO-FOUNDER OF GREEN DOOR



Elon cooking made easy



Elon senior designs phone app to help simplify cooking, shopping and storing in college

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Senior Destiny Frett recalls sitting in front of a television set as a child, studying each cooking program that came on the screen. She took note of anything that furthered her own skill set: proportions, ingredient combinations or certain textures. The cultivation of this passion and one for computer science set Frett on a journey to combine the two in a way that would help others from beyond a business standpoint.

It wasn’t until this August that Frett finalized an app to share ways for others with a culinary passion to cut corners in their own kitchen. Cooking Companion is an app used to keep track of the amount of food you have, expiration dates and specific food. There are features for making a grocery list and even making recipes based on the food in your pantry.

“I always grew up surrounded by food and I’ve always had a love for food. It sounds so gluttonous but I love... the art of what goes into making food,” Frett said. “The fact that you can have several ingredients and blend them all together and make a painting to me is so interesting.”

However, this app was not a standalone project. During her junior year at Elon, Frett was recruited for an internship at a soup kitchen in Sydney, Australia where she created a very simple version of the app as a way for soup kitchens to organize their inventory.

The internship taught her the skills needed to create the app. Cooking Companion is essentially

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DESTINY FRETT
SENIOR

Frett’s expansion on that project, along with the creative twists she added, make it more conducive to everyday routines.

“[The internship] gave me a lot of experience dealing with the business side of my field because it helped me realize that I often times won’t be interacting with people that know computer science,” Frett said. “So, I had to write things down in a way that would allow a regular person would understand.”

Though Frett faced hardships and technical difficulties during the creation of the app, she overcame them and now plans to update and expand on Cooking Companion — free of cost. She finds that simply giving back to her peers is rewarding enough.

“What makes me most proud about my app is the fact that I thought it then made it,” Frett said. “This app was an idea that I kept thinking about, and one day I decided to write down everything that came to mind and realized that it could actually happen, and it did. My app showed me that if I have an idea, I should pursue it. Everything that can be imagined can be done.”

ELON EATS

Serving sushi and burgers, with games and good times

New Burlington chain serves as sports bar and restaurant

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BURLINGTON — A “please seat yourself” sign greets you as you walk into a new sports bar in Burlington, which was packed like sardines on one Sunday afternoon.

North Carolinians come in to enjoy the new restaurant, Drake’s, for a good mix of food and an even better atmosphere.

“Honestly, beer, burgers and sushi man,” Robin Collins, managing partner, said. “Yeah, it’s a good mix for sure.”

Drake’s has locations all over the southeast. This one is on 1377 Boone Station Dr., right down the street from Alamance Crossing — approximately 10 minutes from Elon University.

The beer kegs are lined up around the main bar, surrounded by high definition TVs that lock up the attention of visitors.

Each wall in Drake’s is lined with garage doors, which compliments the open layout and gives the sports bar a unique indoor and outdoor atmosphere.



CHRISTIAN GALVANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



THE ATMOSPHERE
BRINGS THEM IN AND
THE FOOD KEEPS THEM
COMING

ROBIN COLLINS
MANAGING PARTNER

Giant Jenga, four-square and corn hole games fill up an astroturf room adjacent to the bar.

“Come in and keep an open

mind,” Collins said. “Have a good time and come play with us.”

You’ll find an Aqua Sushi counter in the corner of the restaurant which features their fresh, hand-rolled sushi.

Under the blue logo, you’ll find sushi roll previews showcased below glass.

The manager recommends their signature Rangoon roll: a crab and cream cheese stuffed seaweed roll that’s fried, tempura style, and garnished with a sweet chili sauce.

Toasted on small buttered

buns, burgers are the usual main course. The manager is biased toward one in particular.

“The Juicy Lucy’s are by far my favorite because it’s going to have a perfect mix between those ground beef patties and it’s got peppercorn mayo on there with some tomatoes and pickles.”

Collins also said they are doing great with revenue. In the first few weeks, they were pulling in \$160,000. According to Collins, business is booming.

“New people like, man, it’s crazy,” Collins says. “We get

Drake’s, a new chain restaurant in Burlington, serves a variety of food including sushi, burgers and bar food.

IF YOU GO

Location: 1377 Boone Station Dr. Burlington
Hours:
Monday to Saturday: 11 a.m.–1 a.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. to midnight

new people every day who have never even seen our brand. So it’s exciting overall.”

Exciting indeed. Collins said they are pulling in about \$120,000 in revenue this fall, give or take. Drake’s emanates a lively energy. The workers are decked out in their black and red attire, enthusiastically fetching drinks and food for hungry customers.

Collins accredits the high demand to the restaurant’s ambiance.

“It’s something that is definitely hard to compete with,” Collins said. “The atmosphere brings them in and the food keeps them coming.”

This isn’t your typical sports bar dining experience. Drake’s doesn’t feel like your local Buffalo Wild Wings. The decorations are stylish and modern, and they have tasty menu items that set them apart from the pack.

The restaurant has been open since June. From the look of it, Elon students have a noteworthy new place to enjoy their favorite food and alcohol for televised sporting events.

ELON WATCHES

Turner Theater: Murder mysteries, musicians and legos

Every week, the on-campus theater plays movies and documentaries for the community

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“Under the Silver Lake”

“Under the Silver Lake” is a modern-day comedic noir starring Andrew Garfield, who plays Sam. One night, Sam, a disillusioned 33-year-old living in Los Angeles, discovers a mysterious woman in his apartment pool. The next day, she vanishes. While trying to find her, he uncovers a dark conspiracy involving subliminal messages, unsolved murders and members of Hollywood’s elite. “Under the Silver Lake” will be showing at Turner Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

“Rocketman”

“Rocketman” is a 2019 biopic focusing on Elton John’s mythical career as told through his music. The movie has been praised for its surrealist musical numbers and costume design, as well as Taron Egerton’s performance as the title character. “Rocketman” will be showing at Turner Theatre on Friday, Sept. 13 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.



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Taron Egerton stars as Elton John in the movie “Rocketman.”

IF YOU GO...

Under the Silver Lake: Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Rocketman: Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
The Lego Movie: Sunday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

“The Lego Movie”

It has been five years since the events of “The Lego Movie,” and everything is no longer awesome. In “The Lego Movie: The Second Part,” Emmet must rescue his friends from the dreaded Systar system and prevent the impending Armageddon, which would destroy all Lego Life. The cast includes fan favorites such as Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Nick Offerman, Stephanie Beatriz, Will Ferrell, and more. “The Lego Movie: The Second Part” will be showing at Turner Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

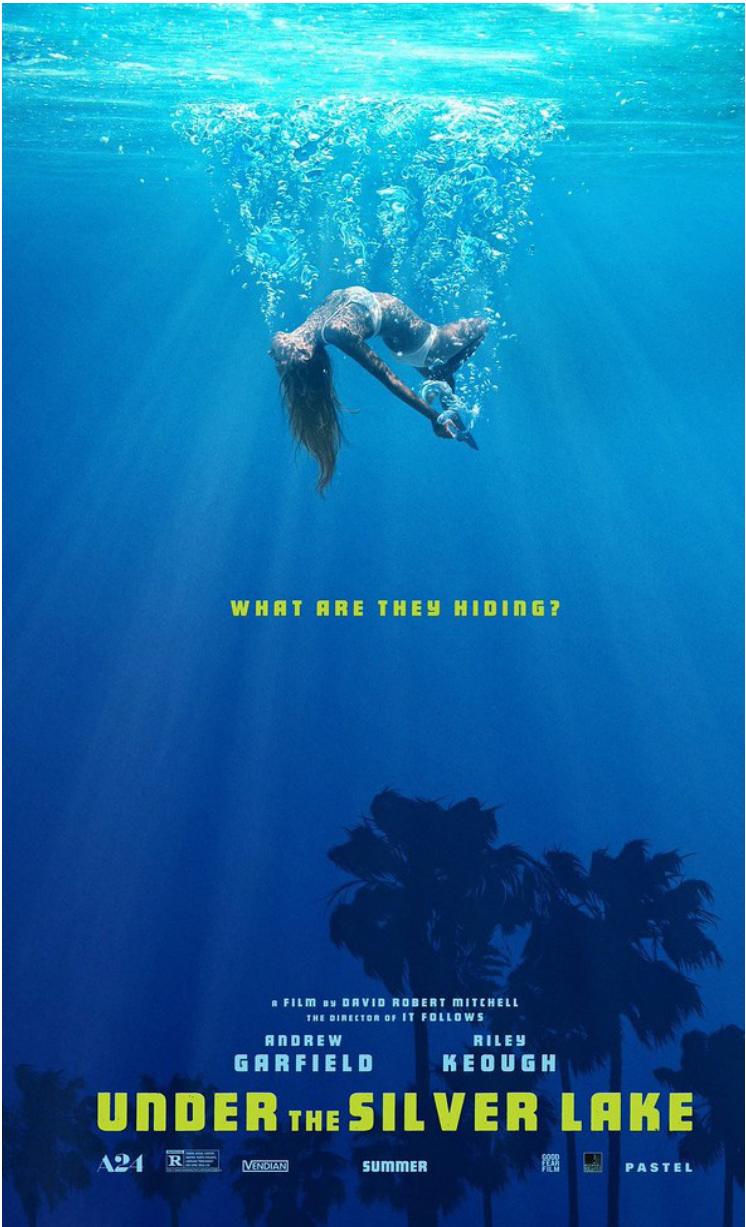


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The movie poster for “Under the Silver Lake,” starring Andrew Garfield.

SPORTS

Reigning CAA Golfer of the Year transfers to Memphis

William Harwood finishing college career at the University of Memphis following altercation with teammate

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The reigning Colonial Athletic Association Men's Golfer of the Year and conference Leadership and Ethics Award winner will not be returning to finish his collegiate career in maroon and gold. William Harwood transferred to the University of Memphis following an altercation last spring with former teammate Dustin Blank, son of Elon University's Director of Athletics, Dave Blank.

Harwood said he made the decision after being told by athletics that Blank would be suspended for one semester following a physical altercation between the two, a decision he felt was not severe enough. Elon athletics released a written statement on Sept. 9 saying Blank would be suspended for the first two matches of the team's season after he appealed the original decision.

The statement from Elon Athletics said the decision to suspend Blank for a semester was made by men's golf head coach Don Hill, Deputy Athletics Director Mike Ward and Senior Associate Athletics Director Clay Hassard.

In the Sept. 9 statement, Elon Athletics said, "Because of his relationship with Dustin, Elon Athletics Director Dave Blank recused himself from any involvement in



Donning an Elon University hat and pullover, William Harwood makes a put for the Phoenix.

PHOTO BY CHRIS BAIRD

the investigation or the determination of penalties."

However, Harwood felt those making the decision were put in an unfair position because they had to pass judgment on their boss' son.

The suspension stemmed from an altercation that began on the night of May 10, 2019, Harwood said. Harwood said he went with friends to a party at a house near the Trollinger Apartments. While there, Harwood said he began talking to Blank's friends about Blank.

Elon News Network could not independently verify what incited the altercation, but Harwood said later that night, he received a text message from a

fellow team member, then-freshman Josef Dransfeld, asking where he was. Harwood sent his location and Dransfeld texted him when he and Blank had arrived.

Harwood said he went out to the parking lot to meet his two teammates and say hello. Harwood said before he could react, Blank had him on the ground, his left hand around Harwood's throat, repeatedly punching him with his right.

Neither Dransfeld nor Blank responded to a request for comment on the situation.

The following day, Harwood said he set up a meeting with Hill to discuss the matter. Harwood said he sat down with Hill and Dustin Blank on May 13 to discuss what had happened.

HARWOOD BY THE NUMBERS

71.83

Was Harwood's scoring average in his junior season. He had five top-10 finishes and won the Phoenix Open.

Harwood said he made it clear in the meeting that if Blank was still on the team, that he was going to look into entering the NCAA Transfer Portal and see what schools he could potentially transfer to.

Harwood also filed a student conduct report with the university which resulted in an investigation conducted separately from the athletic department's. In the university's ruling, which Harwood shared with Elon News Network, Blank was not suspended from the school but was placed on disciplinary probation through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

In his last year with Elon, Harwood had five top-10 finishes, leading the team in scoring average with a 71.83 and won the Phoenix Open. At the CAA Championships, he found himself in a four-way playoff where he would eventually finish second. Harwood was the recipient of the Coaches' Award for the 2016-17 season.

Blank played in four events in 2018-19 including the CAA Tournament where he finished tied for 39th. Blank posted an average score of 78.73 for his sophomore year. In his freshman year, Blank competed in six tournaments and had a scoring average of 74.88.

FloSports: New program changes access to Elon

Online streaming paywall changes Phoenix fans' access to watching Elon athletics

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From now on, streaming Elon University sports may come with a price. The Colonial Athletic Association has signed a three-year contract with FloSports, an online streaming service in which users must pay for subscriptions. The payments will assist the CAA in bringing in revenue.

Gone are the days of Stretch Internet, a free streaming provider Elon Athletics was previously partnered with. Elon football, volleyball and soccer games will now be available to stream with a subscription on demand or through the FloSports application.

FloSports had its first livestream Sept. 7 when Elon football went head-to-head with The Citadel. There will be 11 more Elon broadcasts accessible on FloSports this fall. This season, more than 300 total CAA games will be accessible on FloSports. FloSports is available for streaming on any device.

Fans can download the application on Roku, Amazon Fire TV and fourth generation Apple TVs. With this PRO subscription, viewers can enjoy live events and premium videos. The subscription offers a \$12.50 monthly price and a \$95.88 yearly price.

Elon Sports Vision, formerly Maroon Sports, broadcasts and livestreams Elon athletic events and will be responsible for the production of

the FloSports broadcasts.

ESV Coordinating Producer Katie Halter will be heading the team with FloSports broadcasts. Her cohort of 30 students is working to provide a high-quality broadcast for fans, all while boosting their own resumes.

Sophomore and ESV treasurer Chris Morrison admits he doesn't see his fellow students purchasing this subscription, aside from committed fans. After all, home games are free for students to attend. But he is thrilled to add FloSports to his resume, and he says his other team members at ESV are as well.

"For all the students who work on the broadcast, I think it's pretty exciting to have this professional name to put on our resumes," Morrison said.

Though subscribers are not permitted to share accounts with others, Morrison has a suggestion for those who want to watch but do not want to purchase the subscription. "Get together with people who have purchased it and maybe watch them [the live streams] together instead," Morrison said.

Halter agrees that while the partnership with FloSports comes with a price, there are benefits for Elon students. FloSports will provide the 30 students working on the broadcast with more exposure to a bigger network.

She says having FloSports on student's resume is more prestigious than Elon Sports Vision or Phoenix All Access. Halter plans to "sell the FloSports factor" to incoming freshmen to help promote the connection between Elon Athletics and the School of Communications.

Halter says it is too early to tell how many students are subscribing.

"It's going to be kind of a trial and error

kind of thing. Going forward, there's not really anything that we know of right yet, but hopefully in the coming months we'll get some information on that," Halter said.

After speaking with Elon students, it appears purchasing a subscription to FloSports comes down to whether or not the student is a sports fan at heart.

Freshman Callahan Johnston loves all things sports. Despite not attending an athletic event as of yet, Callahan is excited for the opportunity to stream from the comfort of her own home. "I'm going to watch it in my dorm and also support the team. I would love to do that," Callahan said.

Sophomore Garrett Doyle has attended various Elon sports events, and he initially agreed that streaming is something he would be interested in.

"Obviously we can go to games for free, but I mean, if I have friends on the team or something like that, then it's definitely something to check out," Doyle said.

But with a constantly-growing student body, diversity is growing as well, and sports are not appealing to all Elon students.

Some students, like junior Noah Orr, are not nearly as interested. "I'm not a sports guy. And I would not put, like, my \$12 of Netflix money a month to sports, but that's just me," Orr said.

FloSports is a venture-backed, over-the-top media service offered to viewers online. OTT bypasses cable and satellite television platforms. FloSports was founded in 2006 by Martin Floreani and Madhu Venkatesan.

It began with streaming wrestling and running and has evolved into a platform that may eventually rival ESPN.



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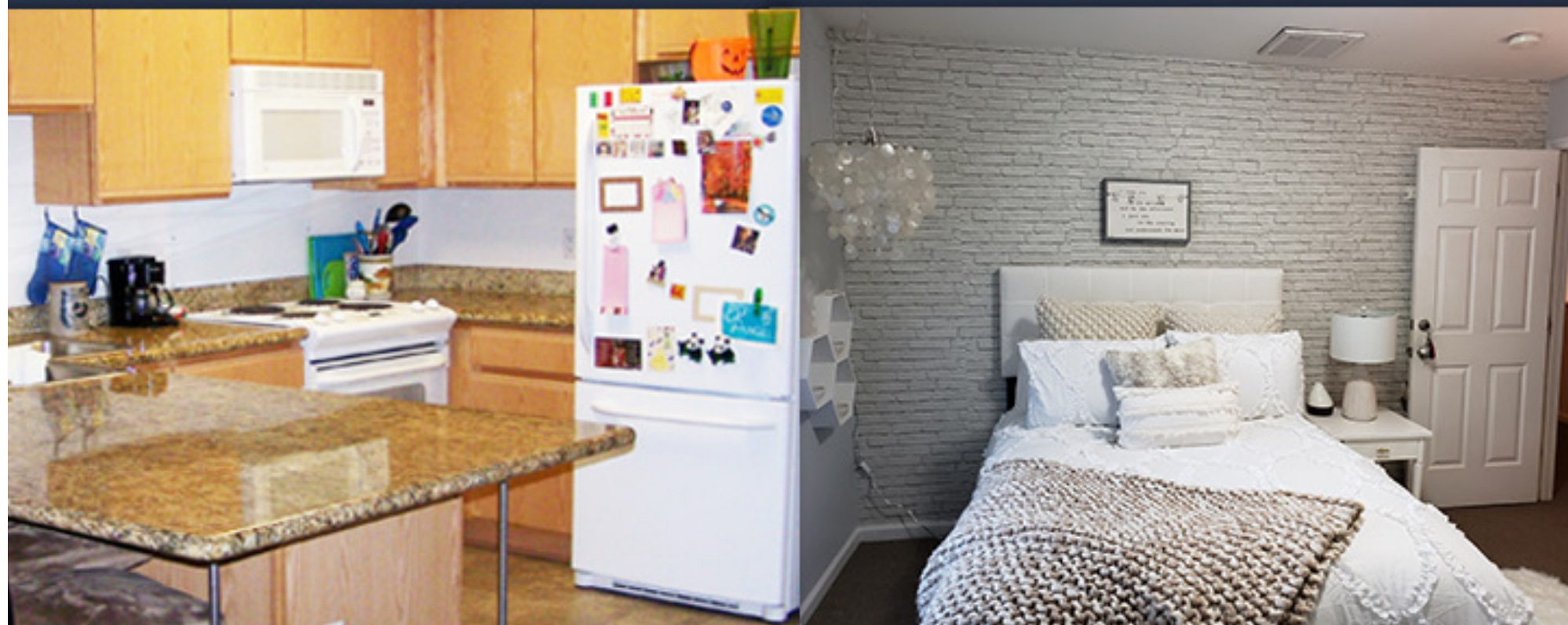
SPACIOUS COMMUTER HOUSE FOR LEASE

Furnished rooms for rent: This large rambler group house is a **30-minute commute to Elon**. The house offers a view of a golf course and nature preserve. The place is quiet, good for concentrating and studying.

There are **three bedrooms** available for **\$500 a month** (110-150 square feet) that share a bathroom. Security deposit is one month's rent.

Common areas include kitchen, brunch area, TV room and sun room. The fourth bedroom and the master bedroom is optional. Preference goes to seniors/graduate/medical/law and post-doctorate students who want to lease all rooms for one year lease. Single parties are welcome too. The house comes with cable/Wi-fi, HEPA filtered heat and air conditioning, ceiling fans, dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave and optional cleaning service.

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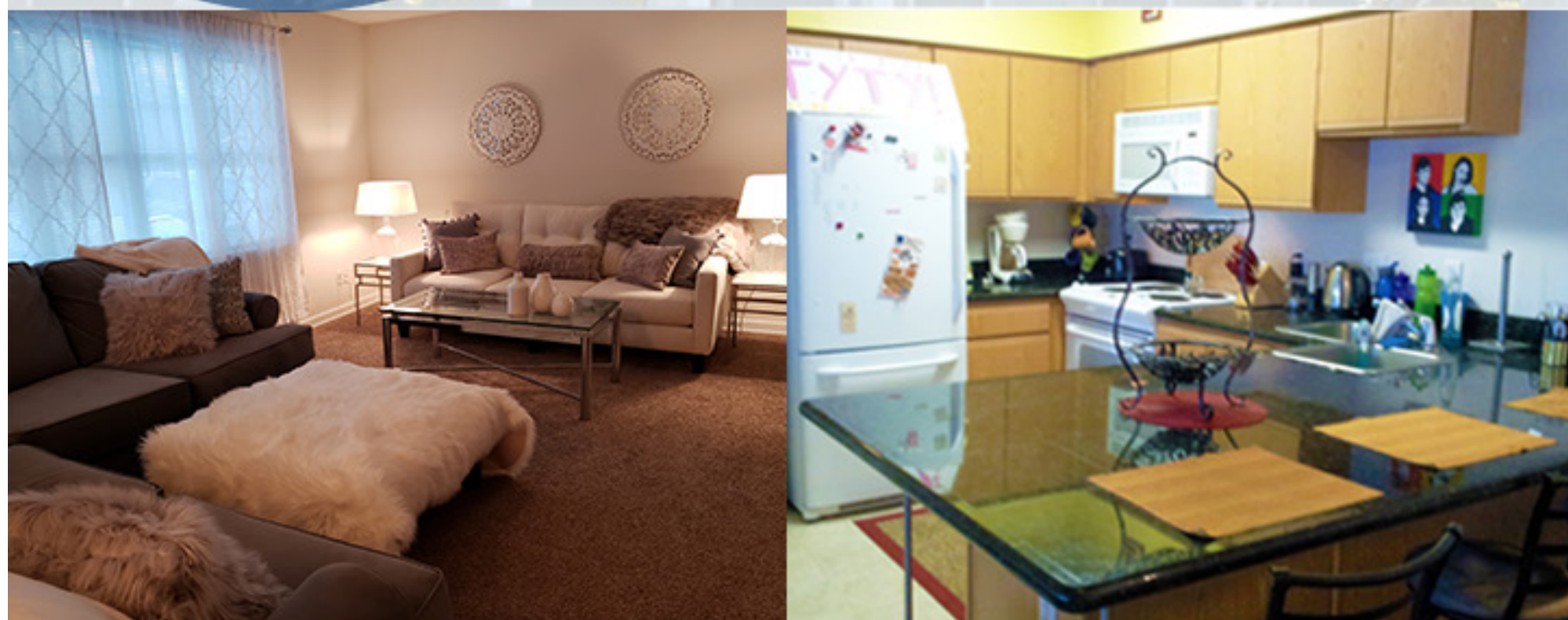


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