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Elon hopes to use MLK Day to jumpstart race-related conversations

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FOR BRANDON BELL, THIS year's Martin Luther King Day was a project of inclusion. The assistant director for the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CREDE), Bell, knew that the event was celebrated annually at Elon University, a similar trend for the majority of college campuses. But Bell wanted to be different in honoring the civil rights icon. When he sat down to think, the question Bell wanted answered was how Elon would do the greatest amount of service involving the most amount of people.

After all, that is Elon's mission, Bell said.

"Elon talks about creating leaders, scholars and global thinkers, and Elon asserts that an Elon education will touch the mind, body and spirit and in many ways MLK's life, touches the mind, body and spirit," said Bell, who started working here last semester after a stint at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. "What he set for us 50 plus years ago speaks to the values that Elon is trying to do today."

The result of this mission culminated in a multi-

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Top: Students and faculty gather for a special "Rising Tide of Racial Consciousness" College Coffee Jan. 16.

Left: AIDS Health Foundation promoted their Stand Against Hate campaign at the Greensboro parade Jan. 15.

Right: Danyer Rey of the Greensboro City Workers Union marches in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Greensboro on Monday, Jan. 15.



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Deaths prompt national dialogue on hazing

Ahead of recruitment, students and staff discuss concerns

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Abbey Ojemann visited her best friend at Florida State University and in one day was caught up in its Greek culture. In particular, she said she noticed the narrowed focus on drinking, partying and harassment.

She had no way of knowing that two years later, in 2017, Andrew Coffey would die there as a result of hazing while pledging a fraternity, and that the university's president would be forced to suspend all Greek activities on campus.

In recent months, the conversation around hazing has become a national conversation. In 2017, four student deaths involving hazing became viral stories, bringing the conversation around the all-too-frequent Greek life practice to Elon. According to the Office of

GREEK INVOLVEMENT

42%

of Elon's student population belongs to a Greek organization according to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Fraternity and Sorority Life, 42 percent of Elon's student population belongs to a Greek organization. With National Panhellenic and

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Sumi Yu '15 in a new role on NBC's latest drama, Rise

Musical Theater alumna will appear in five episodes of new drama

Deirdre Kronschnabel
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During a scene in E5-E10 of NBC's newest drama, viewers will see and hear 'How I Met Your Mother's' Josh Radnor yelling across the screen in the role of Lou Mazzuchelli, a dedicated high school teacher who takes over its sinking theater program.

Sumi Yu, '15, playing a



Sumi Yu
Elon alumna '15

violin — or rather, miming playing a violin to a pre-recorded track of herself actually playing the violin — can barely make out the Radnor's words. His TV yells are real-life whispers from where she's at on set. In TV, unlike musical theater, Yu's major at Elon, the audio levels must be catered to the location of the recording equipment.

Yu plays the recurring role of a violin player in a high school band in the show 'Rise,' which comes from the same producers of

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Students in The Crest Apartments forced to evacuate



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Students test skills, interests in Burst the Bubble classes



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Elon Community Church

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12:00 P.M.
Snow Atrium, Schar Hall

Peggy Orenstein: "Girls and Sex"
6:00 P.M.
Lakeside Hall

Winter Term-themed Trivia Night
8:00 P.M.
The Oak House

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MLK Multifaith Service
12:00 P.M.
Numen Lumen Pavilion

JAN. 19

Women's Basketball vs. Towson
7:00 P.M.
Alumni Gym

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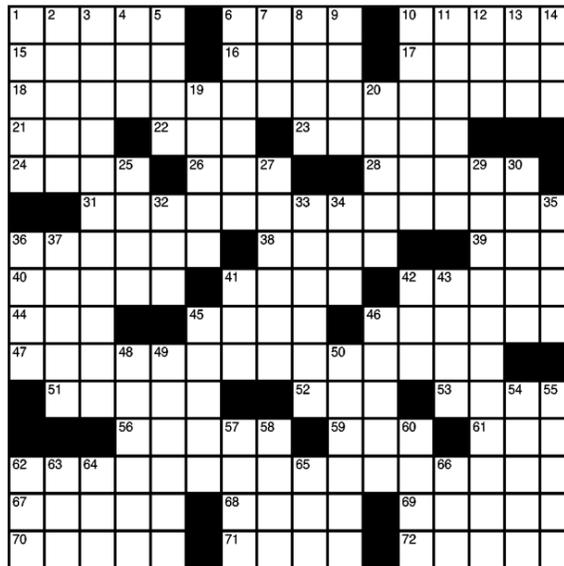
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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1 Like most cookies
6 Director of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"
10 Food inspector's concern
15 Jazz singer O'Day
16 Osso buco meat
17 Swerved at sea
18 Math teacher's favorite sport?
21 Diplomatic bldg.
22 Flying off the shelves
23 Praise to the heavens
24 Rock's Grateful ___
26 Fiat fuel
28 Perspire nervously, say
31 Math teacher's favorite brew?
36 Arrowhead Stadium NFL team
38 Mark for deletion
39 Sellout sign letters
40 Very confident
41 Chanel competitor
42 Museum worker
44 1869-'77 pres. monogram
45 Place for private dining?
46 New York hockey team
47 Math teacher's favorite hat?
51 Bathtub outlet
52 Product prefix suggesting winter
53 Activist Parks
56 Minds someone else's business
59 Slice of history
61 Old conductance unit
62 Math teacher's favorite cut of beef?
67 As scripted
68 World Golf Hall of Famer Isao
69 Cosmic comeuppance
70 Gives a hand, in a way
71 Editorial override
72 Hog caller's call
- DOWN**
1 With ___ breath



By David Poole

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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64 Label for Elvis
65 Hula strings
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - OBAMA INAUGURATED



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
President Barack Obama and the First Lady Michelle Obama make an appearance at the Midwestern Inaugural Ball at the Washington D.C. Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Jan. 20, 2009.

This week in 2009, Elon University students and alumni were among the 2 million people who gathered in Washington D.C. to witness the historical inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States. The day was the coldest inauguration day in history — temperatures began at 7 degrees and never rose above freezing — but that would not discourage the members of the Elon community who made the trip to see the first African American president's swearing-in ceremony. "I think it's one of those once in a lifetime opportunities," Megan Farrell '08 said. Marshall Sharpe '10 drove a van

from Elon to Maryland for the event and got up bright and early to hike to the National Mall. "Being young and in college, you have to take an opportunity to be a part of this," Sharpe said. He thought the inauguration was part of something bigger. Farrell agreed. She said it would have been a shame to not be in attendance given the opportunity. "For our generation, a lot of things have happened, but very few things have happened that we've been able to be a part of, especially politically," Farrell said. "I feel a responsibility to my children and grandchildren to go."

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon Law alums among '40 Leaders Under 40'

The Triad Business Journal has included two Elon University Law School alumni, Carrie Vickery '09 and Adam Arthur '10, on its '40 Leaders Under 40' list of 2018. In 2016, Vickery was elected as a North Carolina District Court Judge for the Winston-Salem area. According to E-Net News, Vickery is the first Elon Law alum to be appointed judge at the district court level or higher. Arthur is currently a family law attorney at Kirkman Attorneys at Law. Recently, Arthur was involved in the case of murder victim Joyce Price Easton's estate. According to the Greensboro News and Record, the \$100 million awarded in the wrongful death suit was the largest in Guilford County. Vickery and Arthur will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception Feb. 15.

Elon hosts first First Amendment Free Food Festival

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the Snow Family Grand Atrium Jan. 17 for the first First Amendment Free Food Festival at Elon University. The festival's motto: "Eat free or live free. You can't do both." Attendees will be treated to a spread of free food if they're willing to give up their First Amendment rights for the afternoon. The first festival was hosted at Florida Atlantic University in 2006, the brainchild of Michael Koretzky. Since 2006, the event has been held at dozens of schools.

Students plan to attend Women's March in Raleigh

Members of Elon University's College Democrats and Elon Feminists are planning to attend a Women's March in Raleigh Jan. 20. The march falls on the anniversary of the 2017 Women's March. According to the event's Eventbrite page, all are welcome, and the rally will be accompanied by music and a number of local food trucks. "We will celebrate Women Leading the Resistance and uplift voices and stories of communities that are affected by the current administration and its oppressive policies," the page reads. The event's Facebook page has garnered more than 4,000 likes. According to The News and Observer, more than 20,000 people gathered for last year's Women's March — a figure significantly higher than the 5,000 attendees expected.

Alum one of '10 local media minds to watch in 2018'

Joe Bruno '14 was named "one of Charlotte's 10 local media players to watch in 2018" by the Charlotte Agenda. Bruno is a WSOC-TV investigative reporter who, according to his LinkedIn profile, specializes in government and breaking news. The Charlotte agenda's article said Bruno is "a freaking news machine," praising his work ethic and 7,500+ Twitter followers.



GREEK LIFE: THROUGH THE HAZE

GREEK LIFE | from cover

With National Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council recruitment happening at the end of the month, Elon said it is preparing to counteract the hazing trend, should it arise.

Ojemann, now an Elon senior and president of the Eta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, said she's blessed to be at Elon. Compared to Florida State, she said the difference in party culture and overall attitudes toward coming to college have made Greek life a positive environment for her.

"What I saw there was an entirely different world, just in one day being there," she said. "Something needed to happen to make it change, and unfortunately it was due to a bad circumstance."

In regards to the drinking culture at Greek organizations on Elon's own campus, Ojemann acknowledges that people "make mistakes."

"What I tell my girls is that as a community compared to other schools, we do a really good job," she said. "There's

always faults, and people have been held accountable for that."

In particular, some of Elon's fraternities have felt the brunt of that accountability. In 2015, Elon suspended the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity and the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity through the Spring 2018 semester. Both instances were in response to hazing. Sigma Pi reportedly had pledges "plank on bottle caps."

Elon News Network reported this fall that Elon's chapter of Pi Kappa Phi had continued to act as an active fraternity since its suspension. Elon's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha was officially suspended from campus this fall after not complying

to the terms of their social probation put in place last year.

Emily Mitch, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life at Elon, thinks the issue goes much deeper, and suspensions only put a Band-Aid on the problem.

"I think a suspension is only helpful to a certain point," she said. "I think it is helpful in terms of the shock value, in terms of 'Oh, we really need to get things together,' because this is obviously a problem across the country in a lot of different spots. But I think long term, the longer you keep folks suspended, the more likely it will be that things will push underground without any sort of regulation on them."

Eleanor Finger, assistant vice president for student life at Elon, believes harm comes when focus strays from chapter values and rituals into partying and excessive alcohol use.

"When they are focused on their chapter values, values-based leadership development and what their rituals mean, we do not see problems," Finger said. "The challenges come when there is an

overemphasis on social interactions. This includes partying and unfortunately sometimes excessive alcohol use, which then possibly leads to harmful and disruptive behavior."

When these problems do occur, they can be extreme.

Caitlin Flanagan, contributing editor of *The Atlantic*, wrote in her article "Death at a Penn State Fraternity,"

"At the national level, all fraternities vehemently prohibit hazing and spend tremendous energy and money trying to combat it. But according to the most comprehensive study of college hazing, published in 2008 by a University of Maine professor named Elizabeth Allan, a full 80 percent of fraternity members

75%

believe that hazing among fraternities/sororities is so serious that something needs to be done about it

75%

support that incidents of hazing on college campuses should be reported as a part of a college's annual crime report

55%

have experienced hazing in their time as a fraternity/sorority member

86%

believe hazing is unacceptable because it can lead to dangerous behavior and injuries

report being hazed."

Flanagan points out the logic behind suspensions as tool to enact change.

"When they return with new members, they have a fresh start to move forward rather than remain stuck in the 'old ways' that were unproductive, misaligned and potentially harmful or dangerous," she said.

Sophomore Sam O'Connor works to uphold her sorority values.

When she hears about Greek life hazing in the news, as a member of Elon's chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, she finds it very hard to understand.

"I think that this is especially important because we're centered around helping women recover from domestic violence," O'Connor said. "It's hard to support and uplift women when you're hazing them."

Hazing is a deeper, systemic issue that Mitch thinks needs to be addressed before much real change

will occur.

"I think college students, particularly college men, are looking for a sense of belonging without wanting to necessarily say that," Mitch said. "By going through a hazing process, you're basically saying, 'I'm willing to go through X-Y-Z so I can belong and be a part of something.' So what are we doing to address that sense of belonging for college men that doesn't come in the form of physical or emotional abuse?"

SOURCE: NBC NEWS 2017 SURVEY OF COLLEGE HAZING
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The marching band at James V. Dudley high school performs a short dance routine at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade Jan. 15.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

A clown stops to hug two girls as he participates in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in Greensboro Jan. 15.



ALEEZA ZINN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon Law students Brooke Rao and Alexis Sylvester craft Valentine's Day cards for veterans at the Martin Luther King Jr. service event Jan. 15 in Greensboro.



One of several marching bands walking down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in Greensboro Jan. 15.

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MLK | from cover

day calendar of events to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which fell on his birthday, Jan. 15. The theme of this year's celebration is "Rising Tide of Racial Consciousness."

Last year, Elon only had five events to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day during the week of the holiday, according to E-Net. But this year, Bell spearheaded a month packed with double the events over a longer period of time. Some events included a church service, New York Times Best Selling author Wes Moore's campus lecture and a series of workshops and group conversations.

Bell said it was a goal to improve upon Elon's already solid list of events by being more creative in his outreach.

"I think as always Elon has done a great job celebrating MLK and had done a great job of having a robust series of events," Bell said. "I think this year, the only difference is I tried really hard to involve faculty and staff in that process and not have the calendar coordinated among the CREDE, but have the work shared among our community."

Bell had an eight-person planning committee to orchestrate the events, with people hailing from the Truitt Center, the Kernodle Center and the School of Education, among other departments. Bell said the diverse viewpoints from others' expertise was crucial in planning because it gave him more ideas to consider.

"MLK's legacy is more than just a day and it's more than just a day where you don't have to work," Bell said. "It's a commitment to social justice and a commitment



Brandon Bell, CREDE assistant director, speaks during a special "Rising Tide of Racial Consciousness" College Coffee to commemorate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 16.

CAROLINE BREHMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

to an entire community. So I was thinking of ways in which I could involve Elon's greater community, not just the CREDE, not just black people, but faculty, staff and students to the celebration to equity among racial lines that tend to touch other issues."

Elon's School of Law also played a role in planning for this year's MLK Day celebration and will have hosted three events by the end of the week: a day of service through United Way, a keynote address by Dean Emeritus/Professor George Johnson and a community dialogue.

Eric Townsend, director of communication at Elon's School of Law, said the three days of programming serve "as a way to remember the work of King and all that he has done to advance justice in our country."

"This is an important part of what we do as a Law School, is not only to honor the Civil Rights leaders

who used the law to advance justice for all, but really to share that knowledge with the broader community and to foster dialogue that really reflects the spirit of what Dr. King worked to accomplish," Townsend said.

But while Bell said a day of celebrating King is great, the conversation has to continue. As February and Black History Month are approaching, the dialogue about equality and justice can't stop. Spring 2017 saw a spike of racial tension on Elon's campus with a black student being called a racial slur and someone standing on a historically black fraternity's plot. Bell said it's crucial to be mindful of race relations all year instead of only for a few weeks.

"That's how change is made," he said.

"My advice to all students would be to reconsider the roles they play in equity and justice in all dimension of life particularly when it comes to

racial tension on campus or even in the greater community on a national scale," Bell said.

Sophomore Derrick Luster, president of the Black Student Union, agreed and said he hopes his peers use Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a launching pad for more discussions.

"Go out and do the work that he fought for us to be able to do...and that's something that I think is a disconnect," he said.

Bell agreed. "My advice would be to any student on campus regarding MLK and Black History Month or diversity and inclusion initiatives more broadly would be to really figure out the roles that they play and be creative and intellectual entrepreneurs in generating solutions to these problems."

Rachel Ellis, lead assignment manager, contributed reporting



MLK'S LEGACY IS MORE THAN JUST A DAY AND IT'S MORE THAN JUST A DAY WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK. IT'S A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND A COMMITMENT TO AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

BRANDON BELL
CREDE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



ALEC MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

AIDS Health Foundation commemorates Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 15.



ALEC MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the 'Parade and Drill Program' march at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in Greensboro Jan. 15.

Off-campus apartment evacuated for damaged floor

Building 2020 of The Crest Apartments was emptied Sunday morning

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All residents of The Crest Apartments building 2020 were evacuated Sunday after Elon University Campus Police found a "cracked and sagging concrete floor," according to Owen Covington, director of the Elon University News Bureau. The building, which can hold 48 students in 12 apartments, was occupied by 37 students at the time of evacuation.

A hole in the ceiling between the first and second floor and floor material scattered in front of the building were visible Sunday morning.

Residents waiting outside of Crest Apartments after damage to second story floor. "Engineers and contractors on the scene Sunday morning

determined that moisture under the breezeway had led to the rotting of wooden beams supporting the concrete," Covington said in a statement. "Supporting beams were installed to prevent further sagging of the breezeway and the south entrance to the building was blocked."

Preiss Company, the off-campus housing property management company which owns and operates The Crest, said it will get the building inspected and repair it as soon as possible.

"We are not allowed in that building," said Ian Reynolds, assistant director of Residence Life. "It is structurally unsafe."

Until the building is ruled suitable for occupancy, a Preiss representative said students will be housed at the Best Western hotel in Burlington. Those without vehicles "must use Uber" and the Preiss representative said that they will reimburse them.

The representative also said they are working on getting parking passes for the displaced students who will be commuting back and forth to campus. Those without meal plans will be reimbursed \$25 per day.

"It will be your responsibility to keep up with receipts," the representative

said in a meeting in Moseley 212 with the affected students Sunday night. "We don't know how long this will last. I don't think it'll be tomorrow." The representative said this is only a two-day plan, and once regular business hours resume Tuesday, there will be more information.

Covington said parents of the students have been notified. And while Reynolds said he understands their parents concerns, he told students at the meeting to "tell your parents that y'all are adults."

Sophomore Jacob Bicknell lives in apartment 202, closest to where the damage originated. Bicknell said he wasn't there when the floor caved in and doesn't know what happened.

"I don't even know how to feel," Bicknell said. "I know that we're going to have to be out of there for a while."

Junior Mario Paccini, who lives on the second floor, said he woke up to his apartment manager knocking on his door with the news: "You have 30 minutes to pack everything and leave."

An officer on the scene said all Crest apartments will be checked for structural issues.



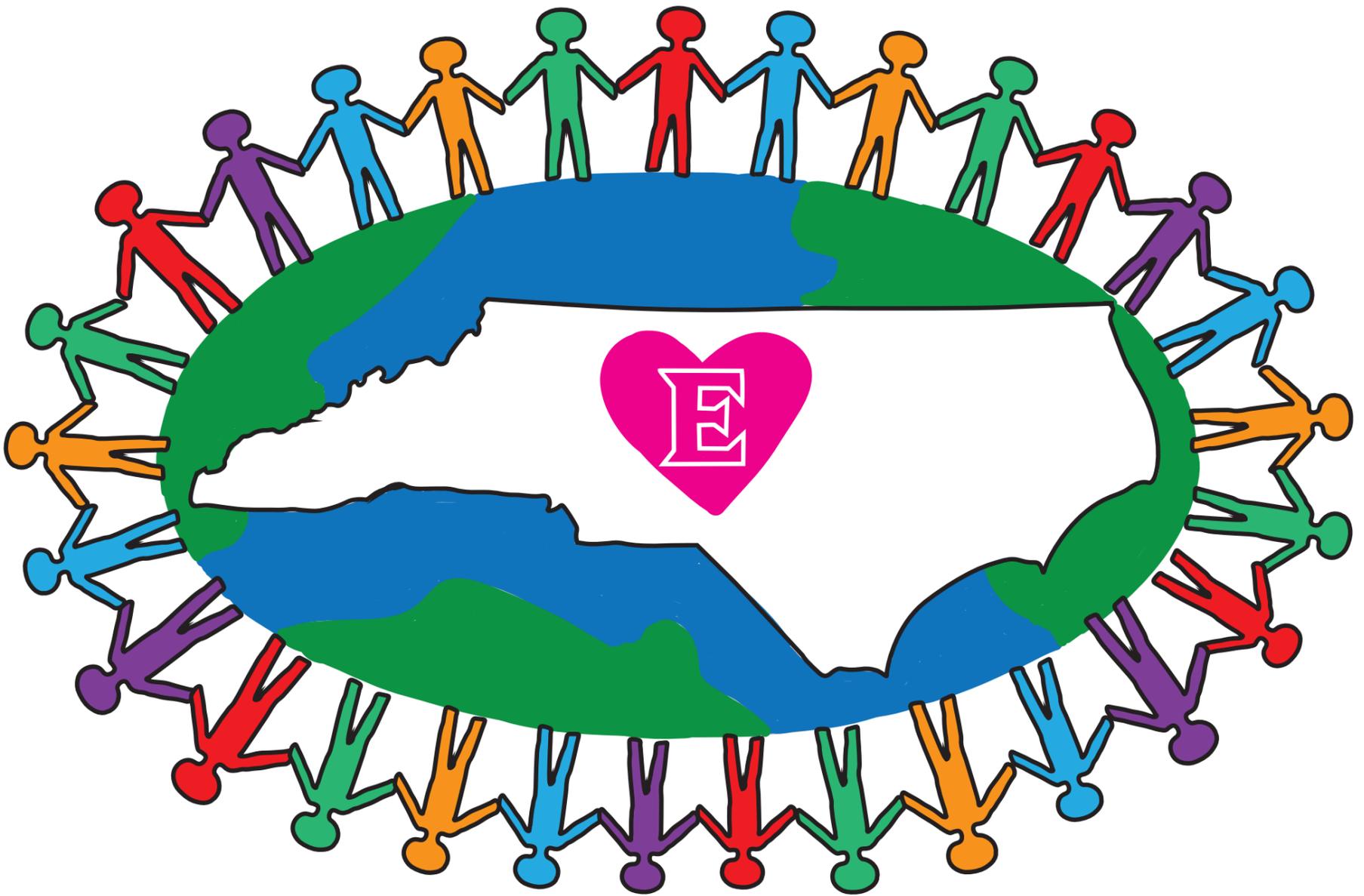
JACKIE PASCALE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Top: Some of the damage is visible from the ground-level breezeway.

Left: Elon University Safety and Police put up caution tape around entrances to discourage entry.



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Elon Volunteers aims to promote volunteerism year-round

The student-run organization connects students with opportunities to serve the community

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day is the only holiday nationally recognized as a day of service. But at Elon University, Mary Morrison, director of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, strives to encourage students to serve year-round.

Morrison said she wants to establish a lasting bond between students and the Elon community.

"We are looking for ways to change the systems that perpetuate poverty and homelessness and bad education," Morrison said. "We want to make people aware of that."

Elon Volunteers is a student-run organization on campus that helps engage students in volunteer work. Morrison works with Elon Volunteers' student leaders to plan and implement programs.

"Service learning focuses on how are you going to apply the skills that you will learn and gain and practice," Helms said. "How are you going to apply that to greater forms of service or your career. Or implement those in the way that you treat other people."

A national trend

Volunteering in college is a national trend.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics also disclosed that in 2009, more than 42 percent of college graduates volunteered and the rate of volunteerism in the 16-

24 age group has risen about two percentage points annually since 2005.

A study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed individuals with higher levels of education were more likely to volunteer than those with less education. At least 38.8 percent of college graduates with a bachelor's degree and higher volunteered, compared to only 26.5 percent of individuals who received only some college education.

The same statistics indicated that those who had received higher education were more inclined to volunteer for multiple organizations than those with less education.

24/7 Wall St., a financial news company, ranked the volunteerism of states in the U.S. Utah was ranked the state with the highest volunteer rate at 45.3 percent. On average, every Utah resident spends over 75 hours a year volunteering, and this is significantly higher than any other state.

North Carolina was ranked No. 29, with a 29 percent volunteer rate according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Morrison and her staff recently put out a snapshot report of service which revealed that 1,351 students completed more than 20 hours of service during the 2016-2017 school year.

Additionally, there were 43 academic service-learning courses, and the 15 alternative break programs offered saw 210 participants and a total of 107,949 service hours completed.

The Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement at Elon works to

connect resources of the university with the local community based on what they have identified as their community need.

"There are things to understand about bigger issues and that is what our center is about," Morrison said. "We help people think



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MARY MORRISON
DIRECTOR OF KERNODLE CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

analytically about what is going on that creates this need."

The variety of volunteer opportunities offered helps students break the ice and get involved. Word of mouth is the main way students learn about different programs, and the Kernodle Center encourages students to make a steady commitment to the organization they are most passionate about.

"I get satisfaction when I hear a student say they have a light bulb moment," Morrison said. "Through their experiences students learn about themselves and

it helps them create a future for themselves. That is the exciting part."

Assistant director of student community engagement programs Kyle Anderson organizes alternative break programs, oversees first-year service programs and helps support public relations efforts.

Anderson stresses engaging in service with the local community and doing lots of work with the Alamance County and Burlington communities.

"There are a variety of ways to plug in," Anderson said. "It is good to try out things and see what resonates with you the most. Elon is unique because of our direct commitment to that."

Anderson said he enjoys watching students connect with their passions and unite with other resources in the community.

Through a student's lens

Senior Danielle Satterfield is the executive director of leadership and development for Elon Volunteers. She said she gets a tremendous feeling of satisfaction through matching students' skills and passions with communities in need to create a lasting bond.

"I can't dedicate my whole life to service, so I spread my personal reach by connecting others," Satterfield said.

A particular student stood out to her when she reflected on people in the past that she has helped to get involved with service work.

"I had a student who wanted to do something with dance and partner with the Boys and Girls Club," Satterfield said. "All I did was connect a few dots for her,

VOLUNTEER RANKING

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The Corporation for National Community Service ranked North Carolina number 29, with 29% volunteer rate on average.

and she was able to implement a dance class that is still going on today, and that has been rewarding."

Engaging the community

Junior Walker Helms is the lead service learning ambassador for the Kernodle Center.

Helms said he sees a growing need to become more involved with Alamance County outside of Elon.

He said he implores students to venture five minutes down the road and see what life is like in the community because that can have a profound impact on them.

"The first step is just letting people know where we are located," Helms said. "Letting them know that we are here to help people find service opportunities."

"I encourage students to go out of their comfort zone and enter into an uncomfortable situation in the community."

That has been the most rewarding aspect of working in the Kernodle Center according to Helms. Working with people from the community and being conducive to open dialogue has been valuable to him.

Helms' passion for service work stems from his love for the service learning aspect.

Court orders redrawing of N.C. congressional districts

Decision marks first ruling against gerrymandering on a partisan basis

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Jessica Carew

On Jan. 9, 2018, the federal district court ruled against the North Carolina legislature's motion to redraw 13 congressional districts. This is the first time that the federal court has ruled against gerrymandering on a partisan basis. Jessica Carew, assistant professor of political science, explains the federal district court's decision to redraw the North Carolina congressional map.

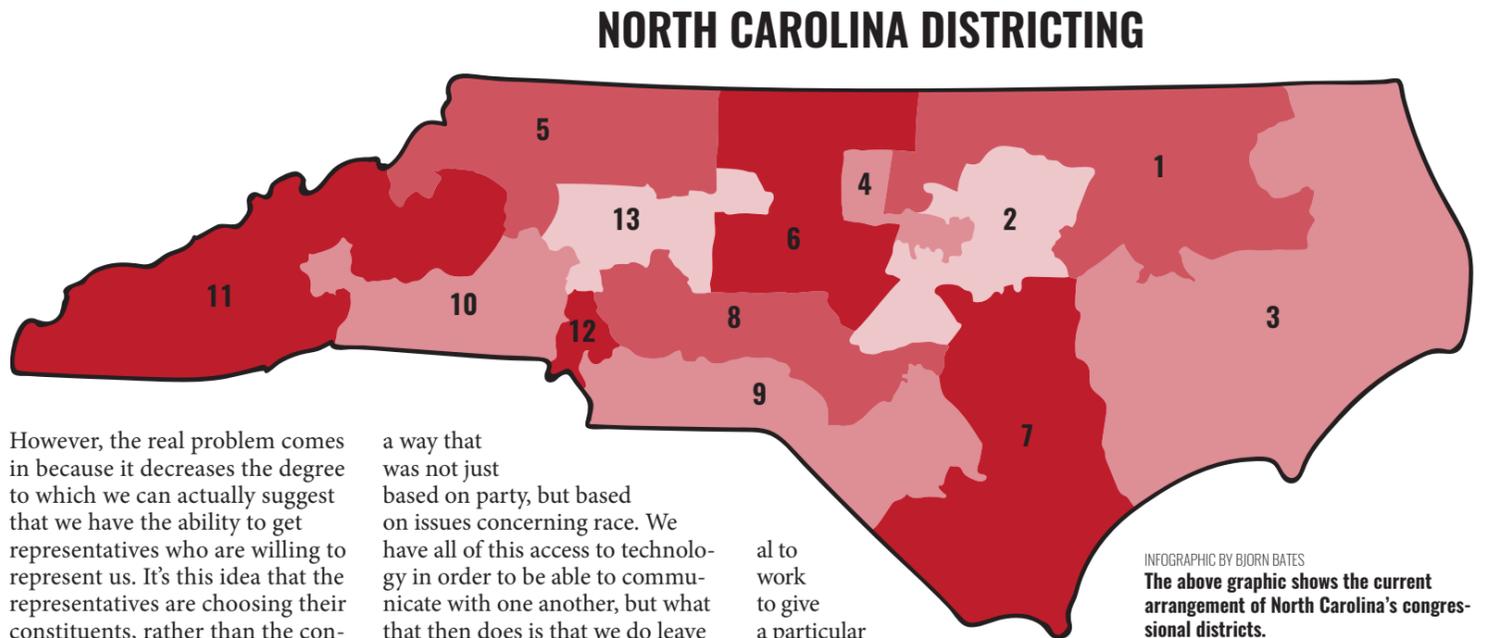
Q: What is gerrymandering?

A: Gerrymandering is the means by which individuals who are able to influence the size of districts... draw districts that are for the purpose of political representation. In a way that will benefit them the most, and more specifically, their political party... Gerrymandering goes all the way back to the beginning of our nation.

Elbridge Gerry was the first who hinged on a district of which people thought was in the shape of a salamander, which is how we get this idea of gerrymandering. It is something that has traditionally been used to gain political power and that is what we're seeing right now.

Q: Why is gerrymandering a problem?

A: You would think that it wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing. You put people in a position where you know they are eventually going to have that power to redraw these lines.



INFOGRAPHIC BY BJORN BATES

The above graphic shows the current arrangement of North Carolina's congressional districts.

However, the real problem comes in because it decreases the degree to which we can actually suggest that we have the ability to get representatives who are willing to represent us. It's this idea that the representatives are choosing their constituents, rather than the constituents getting to choose their representatives. Especially given the types of technology that we have that allows us to pull these voter lists with their addresses, and very surgically draw certain neighborhoods or houses out of particular districts.

We know that both political parties have used this particular tactic. We have heard a lot in the news lately, in terms of the GOP and how gerrymandering is used on the people, and we also know that various democratic politicians have used it in New York. At one point, someone was drawn out of his own district by his party so he would not be able to run for that office. Again, gerrymandering is the moving-over of one community, in terms of drawing them out of it.

Q: Why did the federal district court order the North Carolina congressional districts to be redrawn?

A: They ended up having to do this because of the specific way in which the General Assembly, and more directly the North Carolina state legislature, had very purposefully decided to redraw lines in

a way that was not just based on party, but based on issues concerning race. We have all of this access to technology in order to be able to communicate with one another, but what that then does is that we do leave a little bit of a breadcrumb trail if people ever come looking to see what happened.

The courts were able to find evidence of various state legislators asking for information, concerning where African-Americans lived and how they voted. They were able to use that information in order to try to tailor the new laws that they were putting in place. Both in terms of gerrymandering and of decreasing the number of days for early voting, and to cut out the ability of people to have 'Souls to the Polls' — drives where people can have service in the morning on Sunday and then encourage people to vote in the afternoon.

The courts found that it is a concept of a surgical precision, in terms of drawing out exactly how it is that particularly African-Americans participate, and working to ensure that that would not be much of a viable situation for them.

Q: What is the importance of the court's ruling of gerrymandering on a partisan basis?

A: This is the first time that the courts are saying it's unconstitution-

al to work to give a particular party an unfair advantage; to make it so even though one party has a majority, but the party in the minority actually did get into office. The minority was able to set in stone its ability to continue to get re-elected, even though that is not what the majority of the votes suggest. It's a big deal because this is going to have a huge bearing on the vast majority of the states, with regards to how they go about actually drawing their lines when they redistrict every ten years. We have a census with population information, and then we redistrict.

The reason that it matters is because the vast majority of states have systems for redistricting that allows for state legislatures to redraw the lines. It's the party in power that gets to redraw the lines. Once those parties come in every ten years, it's the individuals who actually get to redraw those lines. This particular ruling is calling some of that into question, by a way of indicating that they are not going to be allowed to take party into account in the ways that they have been in the past.

This is great news for some of those activist groups out there that

have been working on this for a very long time, where they would like to have impartial or nonpartisan panels that are appointed to actually do this work, so that you can create districts that are representative more broadly, rather than just in terms of the interests of a particular politician or party.

Q: How will the ruling affect the future of competitive elections?

A: The ruling suggests that it will actually make them more competitive. You want to have competitive elections because you want to have many voices in the ring so that you don't just have the exact same people representing a diverse group of people.

If you can have that competition, those individuals will — even if they don't get the person in office that they want — indicate that it was a close election last time, so maybe you do need to start paying attention to what our interests are so that you can get back into office because we're pushing you, electorally.

N.C. Driver's Ed teaches drivers how to react at traffic stops

New legislation which went into affect Jan. 1, 2018, alters the curriculum taught to North Carolina students

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North Carolina's Division of Motor Vehicles has revised its guidelines for the procedures a citizen must follow when being pulled over by a cop.

DRIVER'S ED

In North Carolina, students are eligible to enroll in Driver's Education programs at 14 and a half and eligible to test for their permit at age 15.

ing to be traffic enforcement being taken and you're aware of that."

Another notable change tells students

to keep their hands on the steering wheel when being pulled over.

Peters said police officers get apprehensive when drivers or passengers make sudden movements, especially at nighttime when it is easier to conceal a weapon. Keeping one's hands on the steering wheel keeps both parties safe — police have less fear of any sort of fatal situation when they know the traffic offender isn't reaching for something.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people are law-abiding citizens, but it's the one percent that can be hazardous to our safety and to the general public's safety," Peters said.

That being said, he believes the news media has blown some instances of police brutality out of proportion and that the new guideline are mostly meant for younger drivers who might not know how to react when the blue lights start flashing.

Eddie Caldwell, the executive vice president and general counsel of the sheriff's association, also commented on the ultimate objective of the revision.

"We wanted to be as simplistic as possible because we knew that drivers would not be reading the handbook in the middle of the traffic stop," Caldwell said. "So the idea is you would read it, and it would be instruction that was relatively commonsensical and easy to remember."

Sophomore Fritz Savoury said that while it would have been nice to learn

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ED PETERS
TOWN OF ELON POLICE

these guidelines in driver's education, "Coming from a black family, I was always taught these types of things, to know if a cop pulls you over, how to react and what to do in that situation to guarantee your life, I guess."

Savoury finds the revision necessary because of the numerous instances of death associated with police encounters.

According to The Washington Post, more than 100 individuals were killed during traffic stops in 2015.

"I sympathize with cops who put their lives on the line every day, but at the same time, there are countless people who are dying because of police brutality," Savoury said. "It's hard to figure out how to solve this problem where people are putting lives on the line to protect people, but at the same time, killing the same people they're sworn to protect. It's a very gray area."

Peters believes it's important to remember that police are as human as anyone else — they might get scared, but they ultimately want to do their job well.

"Society definitely has changed in the way police are looked at, in the way the whole country has developed as far as their thoughts on police and stuff," Peters said. "We're here just to do our job...we want to treat everybody with respect also. We're not out there to try and be the bad guys; we're just trying to do our job and go home like everybody else."



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Repercussions of hazing must be taken seriously

HOW WE SEE IT

Considering the recent hazing deaths of students nationally, Elon University must take the dangers of hazing seriously.

In the past year, deaths from hazing rituals have seemed to increase across college campuses in the United States. Last February, Timothy Piazza passed away from alcohol poisoning after a hazing ritual at Pennsylvania State University. Maxwell Gurver died the same way at Louisiana State University in September. In November, Andrew Coffey of Florida State University and Matthew Ellis of Texas State University both died after attending fraternity events.

These tragedies have swept the nation and caused many colleges and universities to not only rethink their hazing policies, but also fraternity and

sorority life in general. At FSU, John Thrasher, the university's president, suspended all Greek life activities indefinitely following the death of Coffey. Some see suspension of Greek life as a solution to the problem of hazing, but even without formal groups, hazing can still occur. And it can occur in non-Greek organizations, too.

Student deaths such as these are senseless and preventable, but yet, the issue remains. There is no guarantee that tragedies like these could not happen at Elon University.

Though Elon does have a strictly enforced no-hazing policy, some fraternities and sororities on campus

have already been investigated for hazing incidents. It could only be a matter of time before one of these hazing rituals turns deadly, and we must do everything we can to prevent that tragic result.

Suspension of Greek life may not be the answer, but having more in-depth conversations on hazing — what it is and why it happens — could be. With Inter-fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council recruitment starting soon, and new member periods coming up, it is important to hold Greek organizations responsible for the climate of fitting in that they create.

Hazing is used in many organizations across campuses as a way of building a better bond between members of the group. Not only that, but hazing is also used for pledges to feel like they — in some way — “earned” their spot in their fraternity or sorority.

The roots of hazing go back for centuries, so much so that the practice often seems unavoidable. This is because it fills a need — a need to prove yourself or earn an organization's trust. In order to stop hazing, we must find another way to fill this need.

Safety should not be sacrificed because of someone's need to fit in and be a part of a community. True brotherhood and sisterhood should be based in love and support for one another, not humiliation and pressure. There are many other ways for new members to prove their dedication to and bond with their community that do not involve life-threatening activities. It's up to each organization individually to find what that is.

Let's make Elon an exception to this alarming national trend and keep our campus one that values safety and respect.

“If I'm going to die, I at least want to have clean teeth.”



Maria Barreto
Copy Chief

It may seem like a joke, but for a solid 38 minutes, my classmates and I sincerely believed we were about to die.

At 8:08 a.m. on Saturday Jan. 13, I was lying in bed when a buzzing startled my phone. A message in all caps blared across the screen warning me of an impending ballistic missile on track for Hawaii. It didn't make any sense. I didn't believe it.

Half a second later, a loud banging shook the walls. I heard a panicked yell, and leapt out of bed faster than I ever thought possible. My suite mates — with whom I shared a connecting door — were pounding on the walls, doors, anything to get our attention. We met them out in the hallway, their faces red and tears streaming.

“The basement. We need to get to the basement,” said my suite mate, Sarah Carpenter.

We raced down the stairs and managed to find our way to the basement. My heart pounding against my ribcage — I couldn't tell whether it was from the running or the

sheer panic. Soon enough, the rest of my classmates and our professors trickled down into the basement to join us.

People were breaking down in bathrooms, strained phone calls home, bones locked in place, tear-streaked faces — it was a sight I hope I never have to see again.

After a solid 15-20 minutes, we were finally notified that the alert was a false alarm. Someone had simply pressed the wrong button. It was a mistake — a mistake that sent an entire state into a panic.

The room breaks out into a nervous laugh. Our professors postpone our class time, giving us time to recollect our thoughts. As we walked out of the room to go back to our own, I heard Jan Rivero cracking a joke.

“First thing I did when I saw that alert was brush my teeth,” Jan said. “If I'm going to die, I at least want to have clean teeth.”

In creative writing, professors say readers may not remember what you say, but they remember exactly how you

make them feel. I don't know if I can explain the absolute to the bone, at my core, pure fear. But it's an emotion that I don't think I can ever forget.

Fortunately, our schedule that day was light, but none of us were feeling up to it. And that morning was all anyone could talk about. The vendors, shoppers, street performers — even the restaurant we grabbed lunch at — was filled with talk of the almost near-death experience.

The sad truth is that this is the world we live in. The way the United States is progressing, fear is becoming a part of our daily diet. Natural disasters, the potential of a third world war, the rise and empowerment of hate groups — all hanging over our heads.

If this poisonous back-and-forth between our so-called president and North Korea escalates, the same fear the state of Hawaii felt will spread to the entirety of the United States. And because of Hawaii's location, they're at risk more than any state on

the mainland. It's unfortunate seeing as how the United States illegally occupied their land, and native Hawaiians want nothing more than to be their own nation, but that's another column.

The “Hawaii: Nation or State” Study USA course is not a vacation. I've spent more time getting my hands dirty than I have lying on a beach drinking a piña colada. I've learned about a people whose culture is being desecrated, whose land is being stripped from them, who can't afford to live in the homes their ancestors made for them.

Imagine a group of foreigners coming in and turning your home into a tourist destination. Imagine being banned from speaking your native language. Imagine all your traditions buried and culture destroyed. That's the truth of what's happening in Hawaii. And the worst part is that I'm helpless to stop it.

After expressing our helplessness to John and Jamaica Osorio, they told us something I know will stick with me for

the rest of my life. The word “kuleana” in Hawaiian means responsibility — to our land, our family, our friends, to the world around us. They said the best thing we can do for the people of Hawaii is take the lessons we've learned and apply them to our own lives — figure out our kuleana.

In this 2018 midterm election year, my kuleana is to vote. Yes, the presidential election matters, but the midterm elections matter so much more. Historically, the president's party loses. According to NBCnews, Democrats only need 2 seats to flip the Senate and 24 to flip the House. Challenging, but not impossible. Stagnation in the United States is incredibly dangerous. We need change. We need to vote.

I refuse to feel so helpless again, especially in the wake of this false missile alarm. I refuse to ever accept my fate again. I refuse to sit by and watch the opportunity to affect change pass by. I can only hope the rest of the United States feels the same.

BURST THE BUBBLE

Elon students challenge themselves by bursting the bubble this Winter Term

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WHEN FACED WITH SNOWY weather and dropping temperatures, it is easier than ever to curl up inside the cozy Elon bubble, snuggle in and hibernate for the winter. But the chilly weather is

not stopping Elon University students from bursting the bubble and trying new things outside of the classroom.

The student-designed, planned and facilitated Burst the Bubble programs come at no price and no stress since

there aren't any assignments to complete outside of class. With 23 Burst the Bubble programs offered this year, there is no shortage of opportunities for students to share what they know and maybe even learn something new.

K-pop: What it is and Where it's going

THIS BURST THE BUBBLE program brings the musical taste of Asia to North Carolina. The popularity of K-pop, or Korean pop, around the world has skyrocketed: bands like Girls' Generation have sold out arenas in multiple cities including Chicago, Atlanta and Paris. This South Korean pop music genre fuses synthesized music, idolized band members and highly-choreographed dance routines into short songs.

Freshman Thida Kim and junior Monica Azua-Aparicio, co-facilitators of this program, have been fans of K-pop for a combined 15 years.

"I'm from Cambodia, and K-pop is listened to over there, but when I came here, I didn't really expect to meet any K-pop fans," Kim said.

But after being contacted by Aparicio about potentially starting a K-pop focused

Burst the Bubble program, Kim felt that going forward with this program could offer a unique space that would bring together K-pop fans, or those simply interested in learning more about K-pop, from all over campus.

With an already extensive knowledge of K-pop under their belts, Kim and Aparicio found some YouTube videos and came up with a lesson plan. On Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m., the group gathers to hang out, listen to K-pop, talk about it and maybe even learn a few of the complex dances. While only a few of the students who signed up for the program showed up the first day, Kim and Aparicio invited some friends bringing the head count to around 15.

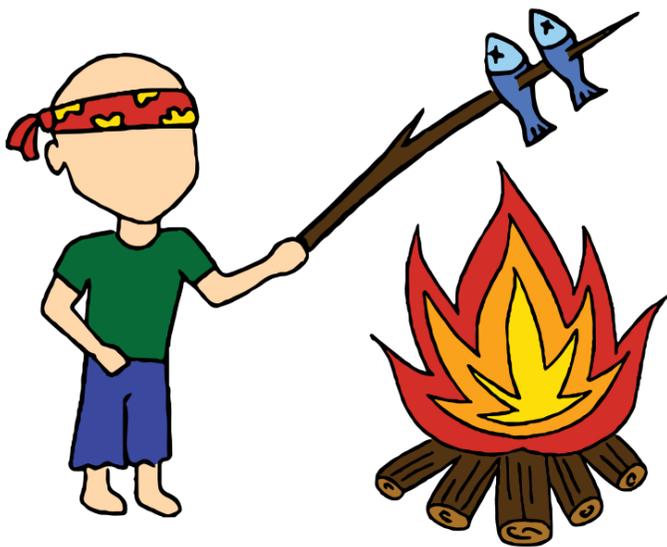
During the first weeks of the program, Kim and Aparicio covered the history of K-pop. They hope that on the final day the

group meets, everyone can learn a dance in that hour and a half. Aparicio says the program is not only about the music, but it's also largely about the makeup, the dances and the culture as a whole.

"The concept itself makes the class really unique," Kim said. "No matter where I am, I always feel like K-pop is in the minority. Even in Cambodia, where I'm from, not everyone listened to K-pop."

Kim and Aparicio's goal when they started the program was to bring together students who, like Kim, feel that their interest is in the minority. The program has provided a haven where K-pop fans can gather, enjoy and share their interest in this musical genre.

"Whenever I meet a K-pop fan, we just automatically form this bond and have a connection, and, in our class, that connection happened too," Kim said.



Survivor Elon: Outwit, Outplay, Outlast

JUNIOR CLAY THOMPSON TOOK inspiration from different aspects of the CBS hit show "Survivor" to make this reality-inspired program part of this year's Burst the Bubble.

Thompson, the facilitator and creator of this program, considers himself a lifelong fan of the show.

"The idea came from me just wanting to bring that experience that they have on the show to Elon," Thompson said.

Using a combination of the 3D-printing and laser-engraving services provided at the Maker Hub and ordering materials online, Thompson

has been able to adapt challenges from the show for his program. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. this Winter Term, 18 students gather to see who will become the next survivor.

The challenges start with participants in groups. Participants then switch from working with a team to competing individually in challenges to win immunity from being voted off the "island" – or, in this case, out of the classroom. Whichever team loses votes someone off the island. Those voted off the "island" are still welcome to come and watch for the remainder of the program, but they can no longer

compete in challenges.

"It's different than most Burst the Bubbles since the participation is limited to who is still in the game," Thompson said. "Eventually we'll have a reunion where everyone gets back together at the end."

The remaining contestants compete in a variety of challenges both physical and mental.

"They've been very diverse," Thompson said. "I've had more physical related things like water polo, and I've had more mental things like diving into a pool to retrieve different letters then solving a word puzzle with those letters."

Memeology 101: The study of Memes

ACCORDING TO GOOGLE TRENDS statistics, the search term "meme" surpassed "Jesus" in popularity in 2016.

But what makes memes so popular? Senior Brandon Dini seeks the answer to how and why memes are such a large part of pop culture through his Winter Term Burst the Bubble program: Memeology 101.

He even has so much interest in memes that he says his friends call him the "meme guy."

"Memes are something that have a lot more under the surface than people think about," Dini said. "I mean, do memes have genres? How do we share them and find them?"

The group meets Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. Though only a handful of the

students who signed up for the class have made an appearance, Dini says he has always had a full classroom thanks to friends who show up to learn from him.

In Dini's classroom, participants learn not only about the history of memes but also about their lifespan, classification and the different types that exist.

"We still see memes as a silly phenomenon, but they do have the potential to be a big subject of study in terms of psychology and sociology," Dini said.

At first, Dini thought of creating the program on memes as a joke and thought it would be fun. As he began organizing it, Dini realized memes were something that would not only interest himself but students all over

Elon. He wanted to provide a place where students can come together to discuss, enjoy and find humor in memes.

On the first day of the program, the group discussed the history of memes. Dini says it was tough to find information, like source and history, since there is so little research done on memes. On the second day of class, the lifespan of a meme and the oldest meme found to date – the Harlem Shake, originated by YouTuber Filthy Frank – were dissected and discussed.

"This program is really all about looking at memes and enjoying them first of all," Dini said. "Then discussion moves to how we feel about them, where we find humor in them, and what we think they say about society."



RISE | from cover

of Hamilton, Friday Night Lights and Parenthood. The series premieres March 13, and Yu's character enters halfway through the season in episode five.

"I had never done anything TV-related at all," Yu said. "There are a lot of acting majors at Elon who move to New York to do film, but I wasn't really pursuing it. I was mainly doing musical theater."

Yu signed with an agent straight after graduating from Elon and before Rise had performed in musicals such as The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Freaky Friday, as well as working "survival jobs" like babysitting and dog walking. She never expected to work in TV while hopping from gig to gig in New York City.

"They were specifically looking for actors who could play an instrument and I grew up playing violin, but I thought, 'I'm not that good to be playing on TV,'" Yu said. "I found out the next day I had gotten it, and I was shocked. I didn't think I would be on TV for my violin-playing skills."

The differences between TV acting and acting for the stage were many. The show uses many New York City musical theater actors, but Yu still felt the shift in platforms. In the studio and on set, her workdays can sometimes be as long as 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the end goal is to get a good take, not repeated shows.

"One scene may take three hours to film, but then after that the actors can just forget their lines," Yu said. "It's crazy because in theater the plan is memorizing your lines, and then putting it up and doing it every night."

Linda Sabo, associate professor of performing arts, changed Yu's perspective on herself when she cast her in "Next to Normal" her senior year spring.

"She cast me as the lead in the role, and it's generally about a middle-western white family," Yu said. "I was the Asian daughter, and it didn't interfere with the story or the show at all."

The casting marked a point in Yu's life



Sumi Yu '15 will appear in E5-E10 of NBC's new drama, Rise. This is a role she never envisioned herself playing.

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ELON ALUMNA '15

RISE PREMIERE

What: Rise television show
When: March 13, 10/9c
Channel: NBC

where she became committed to looking into every opportunity, even if it doesn't seem necessarily 'right' for her.

"She thought I fit the role, but I really didn't expect it," Yu said. "That was my first inspiration to thinking, maybe I'm not who I think I am, in this box that I've put myself in. She was the first person to open my eyes to that."

"Even in New York City now, when I see an audition for a show, it'll say 'looking for a Caucasian female.'"

Yu leaves early this week to join the cast of Oklahoma in Colorado Springs, where she continues to perform in roles she hadn't predicted herself taking.

"I went into the audition not expecting anything because it's a generally Caucasian show," Yu said. "But then I got it. I've learned a lot with acting that you never know. People see potential in you in different ways than you would ever see."

Rise premieres March 13, the day after Yu will get back into the city. She's unsure whether she'll be spending the night with the cast at a red-carpet premiere, but if not, she's content to watch it on Hulu the next day — she doesn't come on until the 5th episode.

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Tough conference play in the CAA



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Ten teams makeup the league – but only one can cut down the nets and punch its ticket to the big dance once March comes around.

All of Elon's sports teams compete in the Colonial Athletic Association. Founded in 1979, the CAA is comprised of schools spanning the East Coast – from Massachusetts to South Carolina. The Elon Phoenix are the most recent team to join the league, switching from the Southern Conference in 2014.

Since joining the CAA, Elon has made a name for itself, gaining more recognition each year. The men's basketball team has been no exception to that. Returning all five of its starters from last year's team and narrowly losing in the first round of the CAA Championships to close the season last year, the Phoenix were picked to finish third in the league when the first preseason poll came out.

Like most CAA games, including the two games this weekend, each one is a battle and often comes down to the final minutes or even the final shot.

Elon came into the weekend 3-1 in conference, facing a University of North Carolina at Wilmington team that had been lackluster on the year, going 4-12 in the first 16 games after losing most of their star players.

Junior forward Tyler Seibring hit a layup with three seconds remaining to tie the game up and Elon had a chance to win the game at the buzzer after UNCW turned the ball over shortly after gaining possession. Seibring missed the game-winner and the game headed to a duel in overtime. Elon came up just short on Jan. 11, falling to the Seahawks 80-78.

"Just a great college basketball game, said UNCW head coach C.B. McGrath after his team's victory over Elon. "That's what the CAA is about. It seems like there's been a lot of good games so far in the CAA."

"Close loss, home loss, conference loss – it stings," head coach Matt Matheny said after the game. "You



Junior guard Dainan Swoope stares down his defender in the matchup against College of Charleston Jan. 13. The Phoenix defeated the Cougars 63-58.

feel like we're starting to play better and I feel like we played well. It's not like we played any differently, it's not that we played really poorly so I feel like we're a good team that's playing pretty well and then we lost a close one."

Coming into Saturday's match up against the College of Charleston, Elon had vengeance in mind. After winning the CAA last year, the Cougars were picked to finish a top the league in the preseason poll.

It was another exciting CAA finish on Saturday, Jan. 13. Senior guard Dmitri Thompson hit two foul shots with less than 10 seconds remaining to give Elon a three-point lead. On the final drive, the Cougars took a shot from the top of the arc to tie the game up and give the fans some extra minutes of action. The ball seemed to dip halfway into the hoop but didn't fall, giving the Phoenix a much-needed 63-58 win over the league favorite.

"We're climbing the mountain and it's not an easy climb," Matheny said after the win against Charleston. "It's not an easy hill. It's treacherous at times and we stumbled Thursday night. We got a beautiful view on

the climb up the mountain now, but we've got a lot of mountain left to climb."

With 12 league games before the CAA Championships in North Charleston, South Carolina the first weekend of March, there are still many more minutes of basketball to play against high-ranking players.

Through Jan. 13, the CAA currently holds the national-leading rebounder in UNCW's Devontae Cacok (12.9 per game), the nation's second highest scorer in Hofstra University's Justin Wright-Foreman (averaging 25.6 points per game) and nation's second-ranked shooter from behind the arc in the College of William & Mary's Connor Burchfield (51.5 percent).

The next couple of games will be crucial for Elon to keep the train on the tracks in CAA play. The Phoenix will head north to Harrisonburg, Virginia, for its next test – facing the Dukes of James Madison University on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Elon will then be in the friendly confines of its home arena on Jan. 20, hosting current league leader, William & Mary.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Phoenix alum named to NC Hall of Fame

Current Major League Baseball Umpire and former Elon University football quarterback Joe West has been named to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

West, along with 14 other athletes from around the state will make up this year's class. While at Elon, West passed for 3,373 yards, which currently still stands at ninth all-time in program history. He helped Elon capture conference titles in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

West was inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame in 1986 and is the longest tenured umpire in the MLB.

Head coach Matheny teams up with Coaches vs. Cancer

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, Elon University men's basketball head coach Matt Matheny and other coaches from around the region took part in a fundraiser at the Greensboro Subway inside Wesley Long Hospital.

Matheny, joined by High Point University's head coach Scott Cherry, North Carolina A&T's head coach Jay Joyner, and University of North Carolina at Greensboro's head coach Wes Miller, served as guest sandwich artists for an hour on Tuesday, launching a special Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising campaign.

The Coaches vs. Cancer organization is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches to promote healthy living and support the fight against cancer.

Men's tennis starts season on high note

It was a cold day at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center Saturday, Jan. 13, but the Elon University men's tennis team started the season hot, picking up two victories against other teams from the Tar Heel state.

The Phoenix was able to sweep North Carolina A&T State University 7-0 in the first match before facing Div. III North Carolina Wesleyan College in the second match. Elon smashed Wesleyan 6-1 in the latter match of the doubleheader.

The Elon men's tennis team will be away from their home courts for the next six matches, starting with a matchup against No. 20 University of South Carolina Jan. 20 at the neutral site of Davidson University.

Women's tennis smashes competition in spring opener

Also facing North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina Wesleyan College on Jan. 13 at home, the Elon University women's tennis team started the season perfectly, defeating both teams 7-0.

Sophomore Sofia Edo and senior Erica Braschi were the top Phoenix players, finishing a perfect 2-0 in both doubles and singles competition. Elon was strong in doubles play, only dropping three games across all three matches.

The women's team will return back to the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center Sunday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. facing Furman, the reigning Southern Conference champion.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS **12-7**

JAN. 11 UNCW/ELON 78-80
JAN. 13 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/
ELON 63-58

SCHEDULE

JAN. 18 JAMES MADISON/
HARRISONBURG, VA 7 P.M.
JAN. 20 WILLIAM & MARY/
ELON 7 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS **10-5**

JAN. 12 JAMES MADISON/
HARRISONBURG, VA 67-70
JAN. 14 WILLIAM & MARY/
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 75-81

SCHEDULE

JAN. 19 TOWSON/ELON 7 P.M.
JAN. 21 DELAWARE/ELON 1 P.M.

MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS **2-0**

JAN. 13 NORTH CAROLINA A&T/
ELON 7-0
JAN. 13 NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN/
ELON 6-1

SCHEDULE

JAN. 20 SOUTH CAROLINA/
DAVIDSON, NC 11 A.M.
JAN. 23 WAKE FOREST/
WINSTON-SALEM 7 P.M.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS **2-0**

JAN. 13 NORTH CAROLINA A&T/
ELON 7-0
JAN. 13 NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN/
ELON 7-0

SCHEDULE

JAN. 21 FURMAN/ELON 1 P.M.
JAN. 24 DUKE/DURHAM 3 P.M.
JAN. 24 MEREDITH COLLEGE/
RALEIGH 6:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S TRACK

SCHEDULE

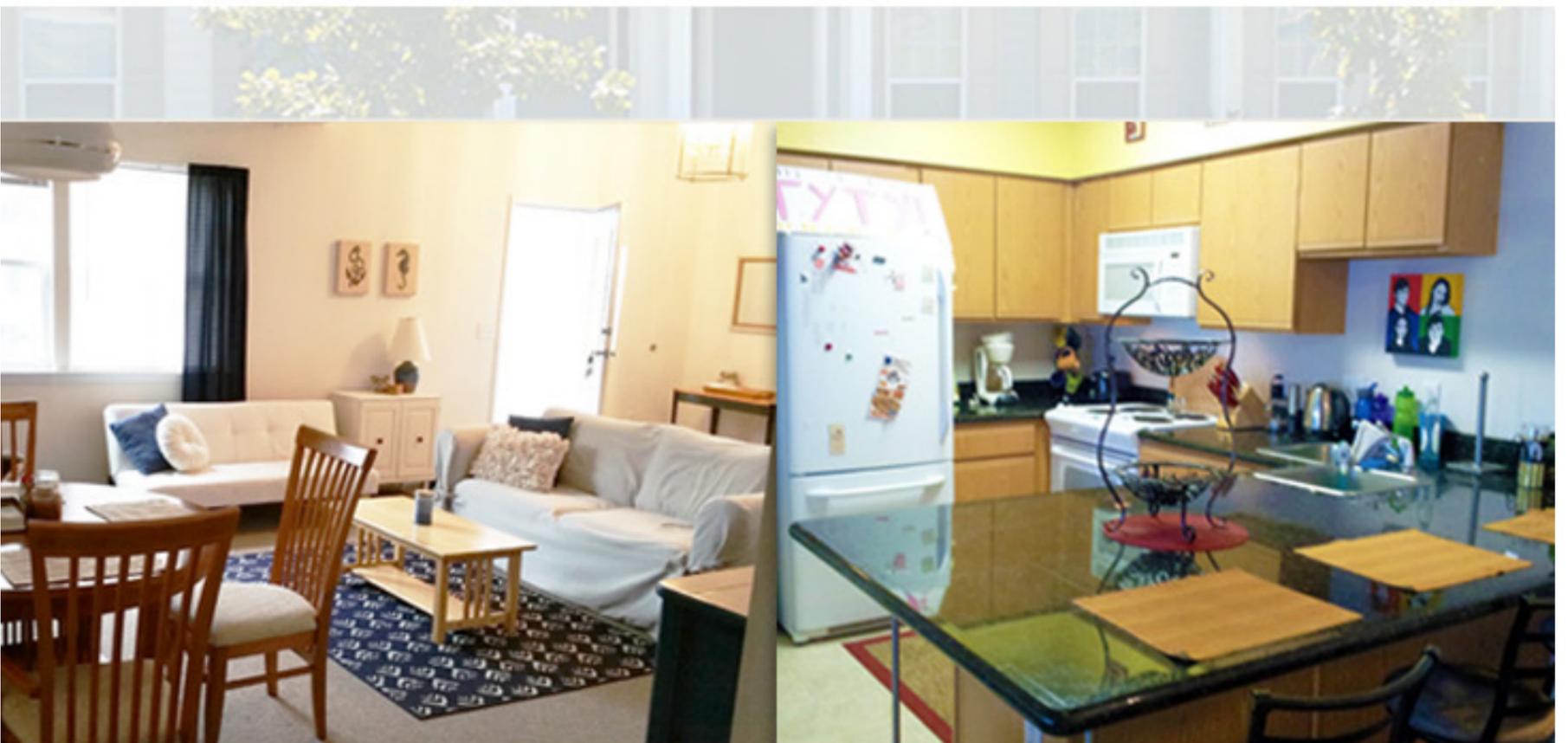
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