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Schar Center construction continues with clear weather Sept. 25.

‘Let’s get it built’

Dave Blank comments on the progress of the 5,400-seat arena

Erik Webb
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A quick drive down Haggard Avenue from downtown Elon will bring you to the Elon Phoenix athletics fields and facilities.

GROWING IN SIZE

The new arena will seat 5,400 people – 3,800 more than Alumni Gym.

The beloved Rhodes Stadium, Rudd Field, Latham Park and Hunt Softball Field have a new neighbor – Schar Center.

It’s not hard to miss from the road, and like its size, will be a big addition for the athletics teams that will call it home.

The new arena

The new 160,000-squarefoot arena will serve as the home for both the men and women’s basketball teams and the volleyball team. Structurally, it will have a spacious entry atrium, a hospitality room for social events, a large practice gymnasium and locker rooms and team facilities.

“This is an amazing addition to the campus,” said Brad Moore, university architect and director of planning, design and construction management. “I don’t think that we fully know how this is going to positively impact the campus community. It will, of course, serve for large events — both academic and athletic — but it will now open up the opportunity to host events that we could not have dreamed of hosting before.”

The 5,400-seat arena will not only play host to Phoenix athletics, but it will also host

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As Elon wrestles with DACA’s suspension, one local ‘Dreamer’ asks students to show solidarity

WHAT IS DACA?

DACA stands for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants “deferred action: from deportation for children whose parent brought them to the United States illegally before they were 16.

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WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, Yazmin Rico’s house in Mexico — her home country — neighbored a pair of railroad tracks. Sometimes when she played outside with her siblings or friends, she saw people latched onto a train as it ferried them toward the United States. At the time, she didn’t understand what they were doing.

But now she knows all too well. “When I grew up, things started making sense,” she said.

The little girl who watched people desert everything just for the less-than-certain chance at

a better life in a foreign land ultimately took the same leap. No, she and her family didn’t hitchhike on a train. But they did migrate here illegally 15 years ago. Burlington became home for the then 13-year-old. And through determination, a splash of luck and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, Rico, 28, is now a Masters student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Enacted in 2012 by President Barack Obama, DACA grants “deferred action” from deportation for children whose parents brought them to the United States illegally before they were 16. But for thousands, that reality quickly blurred. Earli-

Yazmin Rico surrounds herself with old photographs of her family and personal moments as she reflects on her journey of growing up in Burlington after leaving her native country of Mexico at the age of 13.

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Women’s soccer pays tribute to Latin American culture

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Got taller
- Etching supplies
- Ski area in Utah's Wasatch Mountains
- See 66-Across
- Bad news for the waiter
- Classic cars
- Fall in love with something at the home improvement center?
- "Pretty please?"
- "Frasier" role
- Debuting on screen
- iPhone, e.g., briefly
- Scooby-__
- Bring Bugs into harmony?
- Golf tee, e.g.
- "Flashdance... What a Feeling" singer Cara
- Barbecue pair
- Solo in a spotlight
- Smallish batteries
- Med. condition with repetitive behavior
- Get voices in all ranges?
- Colony resident
- Gallery filler
- Went like crazy
- Second thought
- Get fuzzy, as vision
- Grand __ Opry
- Severely criticize the store special?
- "Breaking Bad" org.
- Org. offering written and road tests
- Mason jar attachment
- Humdrum
- Start bubbling
- Criticize the stringed instrument?
- Greek peak
- With 14-Across, event with batons
- Site with tech reviews
- __ end

DOWN

- __ Joe, Charlie's companion on his tour of Wonka's chocolate factory
- Time before TV
- Environment-related
- "Where __ you?"
- Actress Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- Fish sticks fish
- Midori on the ice
- Pop singer Warwick
- Binge
- Reliever's asset
- Seize, as an opportunity
- Pooch in your lap, maybe
- Most people
- Actor Morales
- Keep an eye on
- Personal attribute
- Rip (up)
- Opens, as an official document
- Comotions
- Jordan's only port
- In base eight
- No later than
- Space
- Tiny tunes player
- Big events for film studios
- Gives a hand
- Somewhat flabby male physique, informally
- Diffuse slowly through a membrane
- Permit to enter the States
- Unwise wager
- Country's McEntire
- Whopper creators
- Basics
- Young chap
- According to
- Give in to gravity
- Word after eagle or hawk

By Bruce Haight

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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NEWS BRIEFS

Music Theatre alumna joins 'Mean Girls' cast

Elon University's alum Barrett Wilbert Weed '11 will be portraying Janis Sarkisian in Tina Fey's stage adaptation "Mean Girls." The musical is headed to Broadway next spring, beginning previews March 12, 2018 and opening April 8, 2018.

The musical will be set in the present time while featuring some of the same characters and basic storyline as the original 2004 movie, which instantly became a cult classic film. Weed made her Broadway debut in 2011 in the show "Lysistrata Jones."

In addition to Weed, there are also many other Elon alums currently in Broadway shows: "The Book of Mormon" (JJ Niemann '17), "Wicked" (Lindsay Northen '08), Anastasia (Johnny Stellard '10), "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" (Rob Marnell '06), "CATS" (Tanner Ray Wilson '13) and "Miss Saigon" (Paul HeeSang Miller '10).

Elon University MBA student participates in "The Price is Right"

Though she did not win "The Price is Right," Tiffani L'Oréal Neal, an Elon University MBA student did well. Neal appeared on the Thursday, Sept. 21 episode and came home with a big haul, according to The Burlington Times-News.

Neal was unable to beat the spinning wheel for a chance at \$10,000, but did win multiple prizes in "Do the Math." She walked away with paid trips to New York and New Orleans and \$906. Her largest prize was a 400-pound shuffleboard table.

Chemistry students receive national honors for research

Elon University chemistry students Stefanie Miller '17 and Mary Alice Allnutt '18 received awards from the American Society and National Institute of Health.

These awards were for research in biochemistry and molecular biology. Allnutt was able to gain a position at the National Institute of Health summer research program where she performed research on neurological disorders. After this, she did research on Herpesvirus-6, earning her the NINDS Exceptional Summer Student Award. Miller received an honorable mention at the undergraduate research poster session at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Alumni's endowment funds new scholarship

Elon University alumni Cliff Springs '69 allotted for this scholarship endowment gift when creating his estate plan 12 years ago, according to E-Net News.

The \$100,000 Charles C. Springs '69 Endowed Scholarship created by Springs' gift will be annually awarded — first preference will be given to a student with a disability and second preference will go to a student majoring in chemistry.

Spring was inspired by his own experiences at Elon. He graduated with a degree in chemistry and has suffered back issues since his senior year.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - ANTI-WAR PROTEST IN D.C.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Protestors at an anti-Iraq War march on Sept. 24, 2005 hold pro-peace and anti-Bush signs

Twelve years ago, about 40 members of Elon University's Society for Peace and Justice marched with anti-Iraq war protesters in Washington, D.C. Sept. 24, 2005.

It was estimated that more than 300,000 people attended this protest, the largest since the war began in 2003.

Though the president, George W. Bush, was in New Orleans assisting with Hurricane Katrina clean-up, protesters chanted outside of the White House's iron gates.

"Our house, not your house," the protesters said, carrying numerous pro-peace, anti-war and anti-Bush

signs.

Some signs also referenced Hurricane Katrina, racism and Puerto Rican rights.

Anti-war concerts and speeches were also held in the D.C. area.

"The whole idea is the more people who commit their voices, the more they can be heard," said Liza Serratore, an Elon University freshman at the time.

Another freshman at the time who made the trip, Hilry Hazelwood said, "I think activism is not a dying art, but not as popular as in the past."

But in 2017 protests continue throughout the country.

"OUR HOUSE"

In front of the White House, more than 300,00 protesters chanted, "Our house, not your house" at this anti-Iraq war march.



SHEKINAH REESE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students grabbing coffee at the Phi Beta Kappa Commons College Coffee Sept. 26.



ABBY GIBBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Sophie Bellemare speaks to a prospective family about Elon's campus in the Historic Neighborhood Sept. 25.



COREY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kennedy Little, number 8, beats a JMU defender to head the ball into Elon possession Sept. 24.



SOPHIA ORTIZ | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nicholas Graves, number 15, goes after the ball as a JMU defender tries to regain possession for his team on Sept. 23.



Senior Sarah Luther and Art Department Chair Michael Fels screen print images onto T-shirts Sept. 25.

DIEGO PINEDA | CONTRIBUTOR



MARITZA GONZALEZ | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Erin Bishop unpacks after finally being allowed to live in her Park Place apartment, which she was removed from due to mold and mildew.

Students begin returning to Park Place after moldy displacement

All of the affected apartments are expected to be ready for residency by Sept. 30

Grace Morris, Maggie Cornejo and Ariana Reyes

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Students displaced from their Park Place apartments have started to move back in.

According to University Communications, eight of the 19 apartments impacted by the mold and mildew have been cleaned and approved for use, and by Sept. 30, all of the affected apartments will be ready to live in again.

Elon University will reimburse the rent of all 55 students who had to move out. University Communications did not provide Elon News Network with the total cost for relocated students, but based on reimbursement rates provided by University Communications, the maximum payout for a three-person apartment is more than \$14,000. That covers rent, gas and hotel room costs, but many residents are expected to see less because they were able to return sooner.

Some students say the process of moving in again three weeks into the semester is a huge hassle.

"Just the thought of having to move in again after I spent four

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JUST THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO MOVE IN AGAIN AFTER I SPENT FOUR DAYS DOING THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, IT'S REALLY OVERWHELMING.

TAYLOR CASSIDY
JUNIOR, PARK PLACE RESIDENT

days doing that at the beginning of the school year, it's really overwhelming," said junior Taylor Cassidy, one of the 55 students who had to move.

Other students are concerned about inconveniences larger than some boxes and furniture.

"The mold had caused my asthma attack and it was making me worse," said senior Erin Bishop. "My dad's worried at least that it's in the hallways still ... Even if I'm in for a short while, if I'm continuously walking through the hallways throughout the year, I mean, that adds up."

Bishop said she hopes that in the future, problems like these will be addressed sooner.

"There are always worries that this could happen again, and I just hope that those small signs aren't brushed off next time," Bishop said.

"The school needs to pick up its monitoring of mold issues. ... The right actions have to be taken, and people need to be listened to when they have humidity issues."

While the students haven't been reimbursed yet for the rent of their Park Place apartment, the university has provided phoenix cash to the students, as well as transportation from the hotel to Elon.

Bishop was relocated to a hotel fifteen minutes away from campus, and just this week was able to return to her permanent housing.

"I had to get up earlier," Bishop said. "I couldn't go home as often because if I had an hour walk, I couldn't just go back to my apartment."

"[Elon] has taken the time to clean everything, but this was not the greatest way to start senior year."

New underage alcohol policy result of Honor Code change

Students will no longer be required to complete community service following violations

Paul Leblanc

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New changes to Elon University's Honor Code restructure the punishments for undergraduates cited for alcohol consumption.

In the past, underage students caught consuming alcohol would face community service hours, potential impacts on leadership roles and study abroad opportunities and a short online program.

Under the new policy, students cited for underage consumption for the first time will have to complete a longer education program, but won't have to participate in community service and won't be charged with a code of conduct violation for seeking treatment for excessive alcohol consumption.

"We want to remove any message that service is a 'punishment,' Assistant Dean of Students Whitney Gregory told Elon News Network of the decision to remove community service as a punishment for underage drinking. "[We want to] avoid situations where the student or hosting organization has a negative experiences associated with the required service."

Gregory also called the decision to not charge any student with a code of conduct violation for seeking medical assistance a way to "encourage students to seek help for themselves or for a friend."

Before this year, the only students exempt from punishment were students who sought medical assistance on behalf of someone else, called the 'Innocent Bystander policy,' but it was not extended to the person in need of treatment.

Opinions on the policy change vary across campus. Senior Rohit Naidu praised the new policy as a better consequence for students.

"I think that providing more informational sessions over community service is a more beneficial punishment for a few reasons," he said. "These sessions actually teach you about the causes of alcohol whereas just do-

NEW POLICIES FOR UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

1. Students cited for underage consumption will be required to complete a longer education program
2. Community service is not required for students who receive a citation
3. Students will no longer be charged with a code of conduct violation for seeking treatment for excessive alcohol consumption

ing manual labor does not at all."

Naidu added revising any sanctions against study abroad opportunities is a smart decision for a school that is trying to become "more global."

But not every student favors the new policy. Senior Ryan Pelosi said keeping any component of online educational training would be "useless."

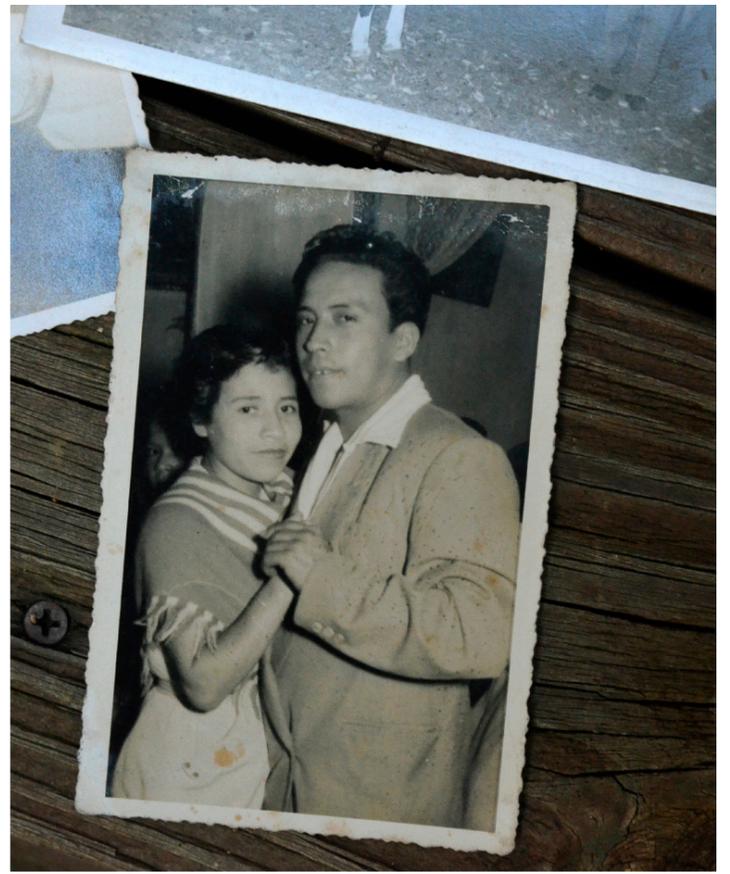
"People do that without much effort and try to skip through as much as possible."

He added cutting the mandatory community service requirement was a the right move for the school to take.

"I believe giving back to your community through service is very important," he said. "However, it shouldn't be forced for people to do. I think the punishment should be a choice of either an in-person class or the ability to do community service."

Despite disagreement among students about the new policy, Gregory said the changes were a result of thorough research from students and faculty over the summer to ensure the best scenario for everyone.

"Our goal in any code of conduct review is to ensure our policies and processes are aligned with our honor code, reflect our shared university values and expectations and seek to protect the safety and well-being of all students," she said



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DACA | from cover

er this month, Attorney General Jeff Sessions relayed President Donald Trump's message that DACA will soon end.

If Congress fails to legislate a deal before March 5, more than 800,000 people like Rico could be stripped from a country they consider home through no choice of their own.

And as Elon University, the biggest university near Rico's hometown, wrestles with addressing this issue, she had one message for the students and administration: Think creatively to show solidarity.

The stakes are too high for you not to, she said.

"Every college student has the power to make a difference," Rico said. "At a private school, it may be easy to stay in that bubble. But Burlington is your community and this is your home now. And you might not realize it, but undocumented immigrants like me are everywhere. And we need your help."

Home but not home

Despite being "everywhere," Rico said Burlington wasn't a hospitable nurturing ground.

According to federal data, the government approved 27,385 DACA applications in North Carolina, the seventh-largest deferral population in the country. The Migration Policy Institute also estimates more than 66,000 people are eligible for DACA deferrals here.

But Rico said these overwhelming numbers don't promise a favorable experience for immigrants — especially in Burlington.

In 2000, 72.6 percent of Burlington residents were white, according to the United States Census Bureau. Only 6.8 percent of residents were Hispanic. And 15 years later, the numbers are still skewed. Fifty percent of Burlington residents were white in 2015, while only 7 percent were Hispanic.

Rico said being a vast minority in a rural town made her paranoid. Some of her friends were deported. And recently, deportations in Burlington spiked. "Unusually intense" immigration raids occurred in 11 cities nationwide in February within a 48-hour span — including Burlington.

Microaggressions and stereotypes exist everywhere, Rico said. But she said she thinks Burlington may be on the severe side.

"Burlington is home — it's where I grew up and I know those streets,"



BURLINGTON IS HOME — IT'S WHERE I GREW UP AND I KNOW THOSE STREETS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS FEAR. WHEN YOU WALK INTO SOME PLACES THERE IS A DIFFERENT PERCEPTION. IN MY OPINION, ALAMANCE COUNTY JUST ISN'T AS ACCEPTING. I FELT LIKE AN OUTSIDER AND I LIVED THERE FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

YAZMIN RICO
DACA RECIPIENT

Rico said. "But at the same time, there is fear. When you walk into some places there is a different perception. In my opinion, Alamance county just isn't as accepting. I felt like an outsider and I lived there for more than 10 years."

Thinking creatively

It wasn't until high school when Rico noticed these things.

When she was 15, she tried to attain her driver's license. but being undocumented toughened the process. Instead of flying, she took a bus or train on cross country trips out of fear of being detained at the airport.

She couldn't study abroad or secure desired internships because she lacked a Social Security number. She "found a way to make it work" and graduated from Walter Williams High School in Burlington in 2007.

But finding a college presented another gamut of challenges.

"In high school, I was an honors student and did pretty well," Rico said. "But being undocumented meant I had to pay out of state tuition, which made college kind of impossible."

Coming out of the shadows

Rico attended Guilford College from 2007-2011. Other colleges were either too expensive or were unaccepting toward undocumented immigrants. Undocumented students are also ineligible for Federal financial aid.

But when Obama enacted DACA, she said a weight lifted. Finally, she said she was able to live without fear of being deported.

Applying for the program is a stringent process. Applicants can't be convicted felons, can't have serious misdemeanors and must be working toward a degree. After she passed in 2014, Rico said she and people like her were given a new life.

"Once you are given an opportu-

nity to come out of the shadows, it is life changing," Rico said.

For almost a year, she lived without fear. Trump's candidacy changed that. After he descended his gilded escalator and called Mexicans "rapists" while announcing his campaign in 2015, she was stunned. His rhetoric on the campaign trail was just as shocking. By the time Sessions announced the suspension of DACA, she wasn't surprised anymore.

"I honestly saw this coming from the first time he spoke as a candidate," Rico said. "When he didn't touch the program when he first got into office, I was shocked. But sooner or later I thought something would happen."

Engaging as a campus

Sylvia Munoz understands Rico's fear. And while she doesn't know her, she's created conversation about this topic on campus to help people facing a similar situation.

As associate director of the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education and director of the Spanish Center, she works everyday to make Elon more inclusive. While the majority of Elon's students are white, Munoz said it's important the campus understands this is a universal problem. At Elon, Greg Zaiser, vice president of enrollment, said student candidates are judged solely on their academic record and extracurricular profile.

And citing student privacy, Elon wouldn't release the number of undocumented students on campus. But both Elon President Leo Lambert and SGA released statements condemning DACA's rescension, showing they care about this issue. But Munoz wants to do more.

"If we don't do anything in six months, 800,000 people will be at risk of being deported," Munoz said. "That is a huge number. There is a really horrible narrative around these people and we need to create a

counternarrative around these people."

Munoz was instrumental in facilitating a panel discussing DACA with program recipients and Elon experts Sept. 15 in LaRose Digital Theater. Seats overflowed as students, faculty and community members listened to the social, political and economical implications of DACA's suspension.

If all of North Carolina's DACA workers were deported, the state could face \$1.2 billion in lost revenue, according to the Center for American Progress. But besides the numerical losses, the emotional effect is also severe. Heather Scavone, director of the Humanitarian Immigration Law Clinic and assistant professor of law, has helped more than 1,600 refugees and asylum seekers with legal assistance since 2010. She said she entered this field to serve those who need it, and her work is needed now more than ever.

"These are some of the most desperate people out there," Scavone said. "We're working with some really vulnerable people and I want to help them."

Moving forward

Zaiser said it is too soon to speculate the implications Elon will face if DACA is indeed rescinded. But he said Lambert has joined other higher education and business leaders to craft new policies during the next several months.

Besides her own personal story, Rico works to solve this problem as a policy intern for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Rico said she is proud of Elon and its students for tackling this problem head on. But she charged Elon students to continue this fight.

The stakes are still too high. "That is really encouraging," she said. "It shows that college students are using the power that we have. Now we just have to keep going."

Left: Yazmin Rico presents a series of old photographs from her personal collection including images of her parents, grandparents and herself.

Right: Yazmin Rico presents an old photograph of her parents as a part of her personal collection of images of her family.

DACA BY THE NUMBERS

800k

DACA recipients will be deported if Congress does not create a deal before March

27,385

North Carolina residents have had their DACA applications approved, making it the seventh largest DACA population in the country, according to federal data

66k

are eligible for DACA referrals in North Carolina according to The Migration Policy Institute's estimations

\$1.2b

in lost revenue could be the consequence if all of North Carolina's DACA workers were deported

Resident Assistants juggle job, personal feelings

Resident Assistants struggle to balance their opinions, emotions and residence life work

Victoria Traxler and Jake Lennet
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After settling into life at Elon University, students on the second floor of Sloan residence hall foster their community over a table of Chinese take-out.

Sophomore Olivia “Livi” Murray, SGA class president of her grade and second floor Sloan’s Residential Assistant (RA), organized this gathering as a way for her hall to take time and talk about their days.

Though they may primarily work behind the scenes, RAs do in fact face unique challenges within the residence halls, primarily balancing



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ANNALIESE JAFFE
RESIDENT ASSISTANT

their roles as mentors and friends.

Before she set foot on campus, Murray knew she wanted to be an RA — in hopes of acting as an older sister figure to her residents.

“Having that experience is something I had planned on,” Murray said. “I’ve always loved talking to people ... I just wanted to give back to the community.”

Senior Annaliese Jaffe, RA for the International LLC on the second floor of Global D, expressed similar motives in becoming an RA for the third

year in a row.

“I look forward to coming home to [my residents] every day,” Jaffe said.

Having experienced a close relationship with her RA her freshman year, Jaffe focused on establishing a similar sense of family throughout her residence halls during her time as an RA.

Being an RA for groups of students coming from many different backgrounds can be challenging in ways one wouldn’t expect.

Sophomore Aileen Bell, the RA for the College Fellows LLC located in the Isabella Cannon Pavilion, said, “I constantly feel like I’m carrying the emotional baggage of nineteen people who haven’t actually unloaded their emotional baggage on me. I just want to make sure they’re happy.”

While Bell faces the emotional difficulties of being an RA, there are aspects of her identity she finds advantageous.

“My race is an advantage for me,” Bell said. “There are some people in my staff who respond better to me and my white coworkers.”

Sophomore Abi Mathews highlighted different challenges she faced as both an RA and a person of color (POC).

Mathews, who encounters microaggressions in her hall, believes it is due to some of her residents “having only grown up seeing the world one way.”

As their RA and a POC, she’s learning to “graciously correct them,” but sometimes feels her “voice is drowned out” in the process.

Similarly, Murray discussed concerns present in her POC community of RAs about potential residents with outspoken ideals that could

make other students uncomfortable.

Murray feels being an RA has enhanced her leadership skills and ability in learning how to deal with different viewpoints.

“I wouldn’t necessarily treat them any way, it’s just making sure that they don’t make anyone else uncomfortable by spreading their views” Murray said.

Jaffe expressed similar concerns primarily focused on the issue of her inability to fully relate to students of color who are dealing with issues of microaggressions.

“During the past election I went back to West where I was the RA, and I had two of my residents who were black come up to me and we were just sobbing together ... I wanted to be there for them,” Jaffe said. “I don’t ever want to overstep my empathizing.”

Annaliese Jaffe is the current RA for the International LLC located on the second floor of Global D.

Prospective tour guides face competition, high stakes

A rigorous application process required to become the face of Elon University

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Though more than 200 people apply, only 20 get accepted. A 10 percent acceptance rate indicates the students most fit to represent the school as a tour guide.

Elon University junior and tour guide Andrew McGann admits that the application process can be challenging. “It’s somewhat of an intensive process,” he said. “There were a lot of different curveballs that went with it that I wasn’t expecting.”

A tour guide is responsible for introducing themselves to families and, according to McGann, giving them a 60-90 minute walking tour around campus after their initial information session. “A lot of people consider us kind of the first face that students and their families see when they come to visit campus,” he said.

Students applying to be tour guides must attend at least one of three interest meetings and provide their contact information. They then receive a Google form to fill out. Based on these, someone from the hiring staff in the admissions department picks a number of students to participate in a group interview pro-



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Senior Sophie Bellemare speaks to a prospective family about Elon’s campus in the Historic Neighborhood Monday Sept. 25.

cess. Applicants who pass the group interview round must hold a mock tour in front of the group at a randomly assigned location on campus.

Important qualities of tour guides include a passion for Elon, a sense of responsibility and ethics and the willingness to constantly learn.

“We seek students who can passionately convey accurate Elon information in the context of their personal Elon experience,” Gsaid reg Zaiser, vice president for enrollment, in an e-mail.

To McGann, tour guides must be personable, knowledgeable and adaptable to make the best impression.

“We throw so much at students and families because there’s so much to talk about on campus,” McGann said. “There are some days where you are taking five, six, seven families on tour, so you have to be able to cater to all interests of students and families.”

Tour guides can personalize their tours to a certain extent because they are not required to give any specific knowledge. General knowledge about buildings and traditions is enough, though specific facts are still helpful.

“There’s not necessarily a checklist you have to cover on every tour,”

McGann said. “You can give as many statistics as you think are important.”

According to the tour guide interest meeting, tour guides start as a guide event staff members and are required to work at all event weekends, though they may miss one Saturday event. They receive paid training in January or February and are required to participate in continued training and attend meetings on a monthly basis. Tour guides also need to be flexible and be available during busy seasons, such as spring break.

Only after a successful spring semester will a guide event staff member be offered a promotion to be a university guide, who have more control over their working hours and may work regular Monday to Saturday tours.

The online application is due Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. The final decisions will be released Nov. 14. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is expected, as well as a clean student conduct record.

For students interested in becoming tour guides, McGann recommends to be ready for uncomfortable questions.

“Political climate is a really big one that I’ve gotten a lot on tour,” he said. “Sometimes also questions about parties, drug use, sexual assault.”

“You don’t really talk about them as much on tour, and so when a parent asks you sometimes it can throw you off a little bit,” McGann said. “You have to figure out how to give them the information they’re looking for and be honest.”

TOUR GUIDES BY THE NUMBERS

88

tour guides currently active

200

students typically apply for every hiring round

20-25

Available spots this semester



VYING FOR ATTENTION

COREY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

At the Student Organization Fair, students perused the brightly decorated tables of more than 240 clubs and organizations Sept. 8 on Young Commons.

At the Student Organization Fair, organizations, clubs and teams recruit new members

Maggie Brown
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Imanol Yepez-Frias was eager to arrive at her first Student Organization Fair Sept. 8. Passing more than 240 club tables lined up with glittery posters, passionate students and tasty treats, Yepez-Frias found six organizations he was interested in.

The student org fair showcases the wide variety of organizations that Elon University offers its students. Any recognized club or organization has the opportunity to have a table at the fair, while all students have the chance to sign up.

CLUB RECRUITMENT

The 2017 Student Organizational Fair had more than 240 clubs present recruiting new members on Sept. 8. SUB, A capella groups and EV! had the most signups.

Before the organization fair, Yepez-Frias had a good idea of what clubs and organizations he wanted to sign up for.

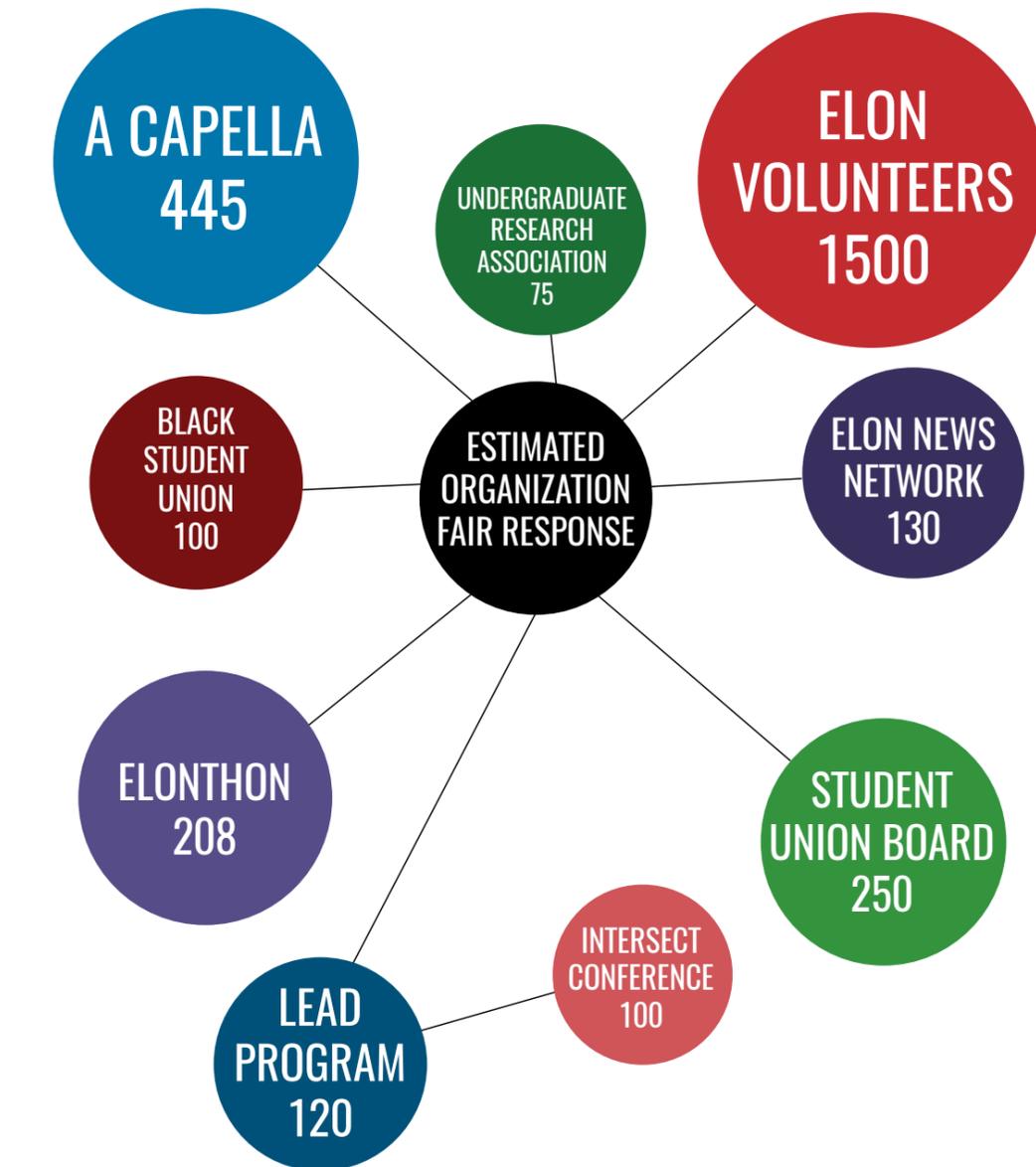
He arrived at Young Commons 10 minutes early to avoid the frenzy of freshmen and signed up for all of the organizations he planned to and more.

"I looked around and saw sports near the gym, then on my way saw A capella was right there," Yepez-Frias said. "I knew I wanted to do something with that organization, so I went there."

Each of Elon's six A cappella groups held signups and had tables during the org fair. In total, A capella received 445 signups.

A capella groups are some of the most competitive clubs on campus. The Shirley Tempos had 76 signups, taking in only five new members.

After signing up for club soc-



cer and A capella, Yepez-Frias found himself at the Circus club table, where he wrote his name down.

"I didn't expect to, but I just signed up," Yepez-Frias said.

Yepez-Frias finished his first org fair by heading to Elon Volunteers! (EV!). Out of all the many opportunities offered, Yepez-Frias chose to do Teaching English as a second language.

With English being Yepez-

Frias' second language, he wanted to help others he could easily relate to. Yepez-Frias was one of the 1500 students who signed up to be an Elon Volunteer! at the org fair.

EV! had 13 tables set up at the org fair, which showed possible new members the 30 different programs offered on and off campus.

Organizations such as Undergraduate Research Association

have a chance to share more information with students on how to get involved. Seventy-five students signed up to do undergraduate research at the organization fair, eager to get involved in mentorship and research meaningful topics.

The Center for Leadership had 120 students that said they were interested in being a part of their LEAD program, and 100 students who said they wanted to attend

the Intersect conference in November. LEAD offers students the chance to gain access to mentors, workshops, retreats and more.

Throughout the years, Elonthon and Student Union Board catch the eye of most freshmen. Elonthon, one of the most participated events of the entire year, had 208 signups at the fair and SUB had 250 signups.

Freshman Alex Piros, who has a passion for dancing and serving her community, was impressed with the Elonthon table at the org fair.

"Elonthon was one of the last tables I went to," Piros said. "They were so inviting. They were giving out brightly colored t-shirts and were so happy when I signed up."

Freshman Ashley Billie was also eager to get involved in student life. Wanting to get involved in clubs focused around social life, social justice and self improvement, she signed up for Iron Tree Blooming, Future Educators of America, Black Student Union and the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CRE-DE). Though Billie was overwhelmed, she felt as if she made the right decision by signing up for these clubs and organizations.

"It was insane," Billie said. "I was with a mentor and she was pointing out organizations she liked and people she knew in them while I was eyeballing tables."

Billie's favorite part about the clubs' tables were all the snacks. A variety of candies, brownies and cookies were handed out at almost every table.

The student org fair is traditionally seen as successful for organizations, students and the Student Involvement Center.

Jenny Ciesiulka, assistant director of Student Involvement said, "We have pretty good attendance at fall Org fair, and students see it as a good opportunity to advertise and get new members."

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CHEAT SHEET

German Chancellor Angela Merkel re-elected

Andrea Sinn, assistant professor of history, unpacks the results of Germany's recent elections



Andrea Sinn

On Sept. 24, the Federal Republic of Germany voted on their next chancellor. The two largest parties, were the Christian Democratic Union of Germany represented by Angela Merkel, and the Social Democratic Party of Germany represented by Martin Schulz.

Q: What is the significance of this election?

A: It cannot be stressed enough that the citizens' right to choose their leaders in free, fair and regular elections is the most essential one within a democracy. Every walk to the polls serves as a reminder that voting in elections is not only a civic duty, but a great privilege which should not be taken for granted.

Q: What are the key differences between the recent German and American elections?

A: In the USA, the electorate votes



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks on March 16, 2017, at the demography Summit of the German Federal Government in Berlin.

directly, for the president, who is head of government and head of state at the same time. German citizens do not elect the chancellor directly but vote for the Bundestag, and the parliament votes for the chancellor.

Q: What is essential for Americans to understand about the elections?

A: By using a mixed-member pro-

portional representation system, a system of proportional representation combined with elements of first-past-the-post voting, Germany ensures that the seats in the Bundestag are distributed between the sixteen German states in proportion to the states' population eligible to vote. This electoral system was installed by the victorious Allies after the second world war, to ensure that no single party had overwhelming power in

the newly established German democratic state.

Q: What is the significance of the result to Germany?

A: One of the things that [was] expected, and actually materialized, is the election of representatives of the new right-wing populist party in Germany, the Alternative für Deutschland. That really demonstrates a shift that we've seen in so many European countries, and in the United States, pretty much in all democratic states recently, that is now also a reality in Germany.

Q: Will the Alternative for Germany party continue to rise in popularity?

A: It's too early to really make a clear prognosis of what will happen. It is going to be interesting to see how they function as a formal opposition party within the federal parliament.

And, as far as interviews that had been conducted right after the polling with individuals who went to vote imply, it looks like many of those who voted for the Alternative for Germany are actually protestors that do not agree with the current mainstream politics of the Christian Democrats, or do not feel themselves completely represented, but do not necessarily fully engage

with all the agenda of the Alternative for Germany.

The party needs to obey to rules within a parliament and how they can actually voice their promoted ideas in a parliament setting. That will very much determine whether the popularity of this party will increase or not.

Q: What is the result's significance to Europe and the world?

A: One thing that is going to be a continuity is Angela Merkel being the Chancellor. And that, for sure, is an entity that over the last twelve years, many have become very comfortable with, or at least familiar. So, there is continuity that is going to also exist in the next four years, and it's not only looking at Angela Merkel, but also the Christian Democrats being the largest party representing German interests in the federal parliament. It looks that the Christian Democrats are going to govern together with the Liberals and the Green party, but that is not yet concealed. The Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats might have been a little stronger, or more interested in strengthening the European connections than some of the parties now might emphasize this, but we'll see.

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Elon's updated alcohol policy leaves room for improvement

HOW WE SEE IT

Elon's new alcohol policy needs to find balance between education and punishment

For this academic school year, Elon University updated its honor code, specifically changing some sanctions for alcohol consumption with the help of input from students.

One of the new policies states that students who come forward seeking treatment or resources will not be charged with a code of conduct violation. This is an expansion on the previous policy, commonly known as the "Innocent Bystander Policy," which protected students who help a friend in need of medical attention from being charged with a code of conduct violation. This decision was made in hopes of encouraging students to come forward when they are in need of help.

The university also lessened the impact on leadership and study abroad opportunities for students charged with their first offense of underage drinking. Community service was also removed or reduced as a sanction for many policy violations.

The decision to no longer use community service as a sanction for underage drinking was based on feedback from students and university or community partners who do not want students seeing community service as a form of punishment.

The university is taking a step in the right direction by placing priority on the physical, mental and emotional safety of students. But the policy as it stands right now may not deter

students from making similar mistakes in the future.

Students in college drink — there is no denying that and it's likely not changing. It is unfair and redundant to take away opportunities that can enrich a student's learning and development, such as leadership opportunities and study abroad, based on their decision to drink underage. But there must be some repercussions for binge drinking so students are discouraged from making the same mistakes again.

The new policy focuses consequences of the first offense for underage drinking on educational and developmental experiences, as opposed to punishment. Now, students charged with a first-time offense will have to complete a new, longer online education course as well as an in-person educational experience.

In theory, this idea of focusing on education is an admirable way of tackling the problem. But students are already required to complete an online

drinking education course before coming to campus and many are taught about the dangers of drinking in their Elon 101 classes. If students are still binge drinking after these educational experiences, what difference will these subsequent classes make?

Some form of community service requirement should still be in place for students charged with underage drinking. Community service allows students to reflect on their decisions and makes a positive impact on the community.

Or, if the university wants to make consequences for a first offense more like a warning, the sanctions used for the second offense should be more severe. But as it stands right now, students only receive a slap on the wrist for their first offense. If Elon wants to change the culture of college drinking on campus, it needs to find a balance between educating offenders while also levying a punishment that discourages them from doing it again.

Dream on: Immediate results not guaranteed



Stephanie Ntim
Columnist

If I had to choose one mantra to describe the mindset of contemporary American society, the 1970's rock band Aerosmith's "Dream On" would top the list. The power ballad features a forceful beat of a drum, offset by a string of recognizable guitar chords and the electro sound of a mellotron.

It starts slow then builds to a crescendo. "Dream On," the band sings, describing a wanting to be somebody. Its lyrics mimic Steven Tyler's journey to writing the song: there are lapses of intense music — or progress — forcing a fist pump into the air, and a lull follows before the pattern restarts.

Dreaming to become somebody is not an action

that results in immediate rapturous applause. Tears may be involved and several doubts, too. But even on our most difficult days, there's still a tomorrow we crave.

When acclaimed author of "Make Your Home Among Strangers," Jennine Capó Crucet, spoke at the 2017 Elon University Common Reading & Conversation lecture earlier this month, she evoked a similar sense of wanting to dream on. Her colloquial delivery helped lessen the apparent difficulty she faced in navigating the waters of being a first generation college student.

She had mixed feelings about college at first. It's something we all can understand. In the lecture, she described the second when you realize

you're finally on your own and you simultaneously feel fear and relief.

But her experiences as a first-generation college student were uniquely challenging. Access to certain vocabularies, for example, was a privilege she had not yet recognized. We aren't always so forthright about these shortcomings of institutions of learning, some of which are growing pains of acclimating to a new environment.

In those first days, her Cuban parents escorted her to class, unfamiliar with the good old know-how of orientation weekend. The Miami native also struggled to find her niche, until she met a professor she could relate to.

Crucet's development as a

writer was met with challenges and moments of discomfort. But in the cruces of surviving undergrad, she learned valuable life lessons on how to challenge herself when uncomfortable. Her personal story is loosely tied to her novel, in which the main character, Lizet, is a first generation college student who applies and is accepted to a liberal arts college. In the midst of her journey through her first year, Lizet has an epiphany in her science lab, courtesy of her lab instructor.

"Mistakes are vital to every scientist's problem," Crucet read from her novel, "You must look at it, put a line through it and keep going."

As the character, Lizet, distinguishes herself with

the title, "scientist," Crucet does the same, calling herself "writer." To the audience, whom she addressed as budding scholars, Crucet emphasized a wanting to belong somewhere that is predicated on the ability to move on from our mistakes, and a willingness to adapt when life is unpredictable.

Envisioning a dream is easy, but carrying it out can be tough. As budding scholars, either facing an internal struggle of identity or belonging in this specific chapter of our lives, let's encourage each other to dream on.

It took Steven Tyler six years to dream Aerosmith's massive hit into existence. How long will it take you to actualize your dreams?

CAMPUS VOICES

Statehood doesn't matter: Puerto Rico is America



PHOTO BY OLIVIA RYAN

The Puerto Rican flag (right) flies in the wind. The country is struggling after hurricane Maria swept through earlier this month.



Olivia Ryan
Columnist

It is very likely that my grandparents and other extended family members are now homeless, but my family and I have no way of knowing for sure.

This summer, my parents and I had the privilege of traveling back to Puerto Rico for the first time in 14 years. We traveled across the island quite a bit during our short stay there, revisiting cities and landmarks I barely remembered seeing as a kid, but that my mother had seen throughout her whole childhood.

I remember the distraught look on my mother's face as we walked through downtown Ponce, a city on the southwest part of the island. Many of the stores we walked passed were empty, some with faded "for rent" signs in the window. The once beautiful plaza, home to the historic firehouse Las Bombas, was worn down, with only one of the two picturesque fountains still running. My mother remembered taking photos of my siblings and I at those fountains when we visited in the early 2000s. She remembered playing in them herself decades earlier.

The reality of Puerto Rico's debt crisis settled even more as we traveled to Villalba, the village my grandparents live in. My mother stared out the window silently as we drove through town. Some things in the village had changed since our last visit — there was a new Burger King, some stores had changed — but the more shocking part was how much had not changed.

Though we all read the headlines and understood the reality of poverty on the island, it didn't feel real until we walked the streets ourselves. Puerto Rico is not the island it once was, but now, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, its future is even more uncertain.

On Friday, the mayor of Villalba shared that around 70 percent of the houses in the village have been destroyed. The bridges in the area were torn down by the storm and there is no way in or out. The residents were told to evacuate before the storm, but we don't know where they were evacuated to.

At this point, we still have not been able to get in touch directly with my

grandparents and don't know where they are, but we know from extended family that everyone in my family is OK.

Many people have taken it upon themselves to turn this tragedy into an opportunity to debate Puerto Rico's status as a U.S. territory. While this is an important topic to discuss, that is not what the island needs right now. What is important right now is supporting Puerto Rico in whatever ways we can.

Puerto Ricans are American citizens. My mother and her parents, though born in Puerto Rico, still should be granted every right and privilege as other Americans. In this time of unfathomable need, we must support our people and come together as one nation. We must respond the same way we did in light of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

Puerto Rico and its people are strong and resilient, but they cannot take this hit on their own. We need to come together in support of those affected by this tragedy — not only those in United States territory, but also the other islands such as Dominica ravaged by

this storm.

The repair needed in the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma is immense, but the money and resources here in the United States are incomparable to those in Puerto Rico and islands similar. The entire island is without power and could remain that way for several months, there is barely any cell phone service, houses were demolished and a dam keeping water out is likely to overflow or break, which would essentially destroy that area.

I am lucky that my family is OK. We are lucky that my grandparents have five children and dozens of grandchildren in the United States whom they can stay with if necessary. But not every family on the island is as lucky as ours.

Look for ways to support Puerto Rico during this time. Donate to vetted organizations such as UNICEF, United for Puerto Rico or Students With Puerto Rico. Check in on any friends from Puerto Rico and ask about their families. Start conversations about this tragedy with friends or family members. Give any help you can.

How do we move forward in wake of natural disasters?



Hannah Benson
Columnist

In under a month, three hurricanes have been making devastating landfall, threatening lives, displacing individuals and destroying infrastructure and economies. But, this is just the beginning. The West is burning, glaciers are melting and an iceberg broke off from Antarctica. Due to climate change, these natural events will increase in frequency and intensity.

It is time to start dealing with it.

Asthma rates are increasing among children. Disease is spreading rapidly. Crops are dying due to drought and hot temperatures. Famine is widespread.

According to the report "The Price Tag of Being Young" by Nextgen Climate and Demos, the millennial generation will lose \$8.8 trillion in income, due to climate change. Climate change has a greater economic impact than any other economic challenge previous generations have faced.

This is more than an environmental problem. It's a public health and human rights issue. Individuals are already having to migrate because of food scarcity and water insecurity. This is exasperated by our rapid population growth, which adds stress to the already limited resources.

According to a BBC article, if everyone lived like the average American, it would require 3.9 earths to sustain the population. As a country, we are living far beyond our means, contributing greatly to greenhouse gas emissions, the increase in global temperature and the waste that is collecting in the oceans, and on shore.

We must become part of the solution to this catastrophic issue. Avoiding the problem is not an option. Climate change is happening and it will affect every individual in some way. Therefore it is our duty to fight against temperature rise and the increase of greenhouse gas emissions.

So how do we move forward?

First, we must recognize the problem and become educated about environmental issues. Elon offers many events on campus from speakers to classes focused in environmental studies. And you do not have to be an environmental studies major to learn more and get involved with the department at Elon University.

Second, we must recognize the things that we can change and can control. Do you drive further than you should? Do you air dry your clothes? Do you leave your lights on in your dorm? Everyone can reduce their energy consumption or greenhouse gas emission in one way. Eat less meat or carpool with someone home for Winter Break. Buy local food and turn off your lights when not in use. All simple steps that can be taken to reduce your overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Third, we must advocate for fair policies regarding carbon. Lobby for your hometown to sign onto Climate Mayors to show support in upholding the Paris Agreement efforts in their own city. Campaign for carbon pricing on a state and federal level. Show your representatives that you believe that a tax on carbon is the only fair way for companies to pay for the emissions they are creating and the dangerous living circumstances they are making for future generations.

We live in a climate that is changing. We live in a time where humans are causing that change. It's time for us to start taking responsibility for our actions. Future generations deserve an earth where they can go explore National Parks, walk to school without asthma attacks and live a life without fearing the next natural disaster. Become involved in whatever way you find appropriate, but remember the next generation is depending on us to leave the world better than we found it.

WASTEFULNESS

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If everyone lived like the average American, it would require 3.9 Earths to sustain the population



Miss Teen to Elon scene

Michaela Jacobs began entering pageants at the age of 17. Now, the Elon University Freshman is continuing to pursue her dreams as a member of the Music Theatre class of 2021.

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Michaela Jacobs is reigning Miss Florida 2017, a past Miss Teen USA 2016 and as of this year is a member of Elon University's class of 2021.

With such major accomplishments in the pageantry world, it may seem like Jacobs is experienced in participating in beauty pageants. But that isn't the case.

NATIONAL WIN

Freshman Michaela Jacobs became Miss Teen USA 2016 after competing in her first pageant and is the reigning Miss Florida 2017.

Jacobs first entered a beauty pageant on a whim at 17 and proceeded to win on a national level.

Jacobs still describes the event as a surreal moment.

"There is that initial moment where you are like, 'OMG, is this me?'" Jacobs said. "Did this really just happen?" Just utter elation. And sheer joy. I still can't believe it."

At her first pageant, when Jacobs became Miss Teen USA 2016, her career as a beauty pageant queen took off. She traveled across the United States where she met other important figures in the pageantry world. From there Jacobs added to her growing resume the title of Miss Florida 2017, which she still holds.

Jacobs said the pageantry world changed her life for the better.

"I was so pleasantly surprised," Jacobs said. "It really has shaped my path, who I am and the choices that I've made. I am just so honored to be involved in a community of women who are so driven, so passionate and so committed to their platform topics — whatever they may be."

Jacobs acts as an ambassador for beauty pageant queens across the United States, and platform topics is one of the requirements of being a contestant. Platform topics are causes that



Michaela Jacobs holds the title of Miss Florida 2017, after winning Miss Teen USA last year.

contestants choose to stand for and represent while competing. Throughout her years competing, Jacobs has represented two causes, one of which being The Crown Cares.

The Crown Cares, or otherwise known as Creating A Respectful Environment in School, is specifically designed to promote awareness about bullying in schools in students of every grade. Through social clubs, anti-bullying books, and various craft activities, Jacobs says there is so much more to being a beau-



I LIKE TO SAY THERE ARE 'TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS' AND I KNOW THAT DEFINES MY STORY.

MICHAELA JACOBS
FRESHMAN

ty queen than meets the eye. It's about being a role model.

"I like to say there are 'trials and triumphs,' and I know that defines my story. I've had so many trials in my life leading up to this point," Jacobs said. "That the triumph that I have to now hold the title of Miss Florida and to encourage young girls who are going through trials of their own, that there's hope for them."

Jacobs has faced many trials throughout her life including scoliosis. She was first diagnosed during her freshman year of high school, and was told to not dance

during the talent competitions.

"When I was diagnosed, I was initially told that I shouldn't dance. That it wasn't healthy for me. That it wasn't recommended," Jacobs said. "But it was my passion, and how could I walk away from that?"

Instead, Jacobs uses her scoliosis as her strength, using it to connect with children who also live with the condition. She is an ambassador of Scoliosis Awareness and uses her position as a beauty pageant queen to gain more awareness for the cause.

For Jacobs, the point of being a beauty pageant queen is so she can help encourage younger girls all over the country.

"Now I can encourage other girls who are facing issues of their own whether it is with a health issue like scoliosis, a mental issue that they are facing, or whatever it might be. That there is hope for them, and that they can overcome it," Jacobs said. "They can be the best versions of themselves, too."

But being a beauty pageant queen isn't just about bettering others, but also herself. Jacobs suffered from insecurity all throughout her middle school and high school years, and being a beauty pageant queen gave her the confidence boost she needed to hold her head up high.

"It really just taught me that the only thing holding me back is myself. That my fears can't stifle my passions," Jacobs said. "And once I was able to overcome those and then win that national title, the sky was truly the limit."

For now, Jacobs has decided to take a short break from the pageant world to focus on her education in Musical Theatre at Elon, which currently has one of the most prestigious Musical Theatre programs in the country with more than 800 applicants applying and only 20 accepted. As a member of this elite group, Jacobs said she is happy to be here, but will not forget her pageant roots as it is a part of her now.

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ELON EATS

Local sweet spot offers dozens of Mexican treats

Hidden ice cream shop brings Guadalajara to Alamance County.

Diego Pineda
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When a student drives by Fruty Loca Ice Cream Shop on the corner of Harden Street and Maple Avenue, they might see a shop that appears to sell various types of traditional ice cream. But inside they'll find a more unexpected variety of about 75 Mexican desserts and appetizers.

The vibrant pink walls of the shop complement orange seats and purple accents that together create a fun and young aesthetic. Fruty Loca opened in January 2016 and has been extending its client base and menu since.

Mauricio Barrera and Martha Oliva, owners of the shop, wanted to create a place meant to cater to families and people of all ages in the Burlington and surrounding areas.

"My brother has one [ice cream shop] in California," Oliva said. "He always told me to make one in North Carolina and my kids motivated us, telling us, 'Yes, do it.' Because a lot of teenagers don't have places to go, espe-

FRUTY LOCA ICE CREAM SHOP

Location: 409 Harden Street
Hours: Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday-Sunday: 11 a.m.-last customer leaves
Price Range: \$5-\$15
Food Type: Mexican desserts and appetizers

cially in Burlington."

Barrera and Oliva decided to open the shop to offer people a bit of food from the duo's hometown of Guadalajara, Mexico. They wanted to provide people with products containing chamoy, chile and other ingredients or spices that commonly make up Latino food.

"We knew of people that would travel to other cities looking for these types of plates — including ourselves," Barrera said. "So, when we opened this business we were surprised at the people that came from Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem, Durham and even Virginia."

The Fruty Loca menu is full of sweet and savory treats. They have a variety of ice cream, fruit cocktails, smoothies, fruit-flavored raspados (also known as snow cones), desserts, fresh juices, milkshakes and special appetizers. To cater to different clients, they offer both



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Mango dressed with chile powder is a traditional customer favorite.

spicy and not spicy treats such as smoothies.

"When we originally opened the business, we thought about the Latinos and Hispanics and what they like," Oliva said. "But as Latino teenagers came from Elon with their American friends, we opened the concept of making stuff that isn't generally spicy."

Barrera said Fruty Loca prides itself in having fresh, natural ingredients and being one of the few local smoothie makers in the area.

"You only see natural fruit smoothies in chains and not local independent businesses," Barrera said. "We have the fresh fruit and all we need to make the smoothie."

Their most popular order would be a chamoyada — a sweet and spicy raspado pre-

pared with chamoy, a Mexican condiment. Fruty Loca's version is a mango smoothie consisting of chopped mango, chamoy, powdered chile and "banderia de tamarindo," or tamarind jelly.

Other popular orders are chamopepinos, which are similar to the chamoyadas but with cucumbers; chamorchatas, a horchata smoothie/frappe; and chamopaletas, which are frozen fruit smoothies of different flavors.

The desserts with the chamo root were invented by Barrera and Oliva.

"We invented them and they are a success," Barrera said. "For example, the chamorchata. Latino teenagers love it because horchata is a drink that is known in Latin America."

Besides the desserts and



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Fruty Loca's take on a refreshing treat: horchata.

sweet treats, Fruty Loca also offers special Mexican treats such as chicharrón preparado, tosti locos, Mexican street corn and hot dogs in Mexican or American style, among others.

With the colder weather approaching, Oliva said they will begin selling tamales and other seasonal desserts.

Next week they are

hosting an event where they will be releasing a set of new desserts. The first 40 people that show up at Fruty Loca from 1 - 2 p.m. will receive a sample of the dessert of their choice. A percentage of the proceeds will go to those effected by the recent earthquakes in Mexico through the Mexican Red Cross.

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Better Than Nude offers organic skincare products that are hand-made by Junior Victoria Rodriguez.

CLEAR SKIN, from scratch

Junior creates skincare line that provides organic solutions to troubled skin.

**Delaney DeAvila
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There was a time when junior Victoria Jasmine Rodriguez didn't know if she would survive the next 24 hours. Now, the dance science major, minoring in entrepreneurship, owns her own skincare company, Better Than Nude. As an involved college student, Rodriguez balances the ups and downs of owning her own business with the struggles of living with an autoimmune disease.

Not many students choose to start a business while still in school because, as Rodriguez admits, comes with a lot of responsibility.

"If I'm being completely honest," Rodriguez said, "there are a lot of mental breakdowns."

As a dance science major, Rodriguez knows the importance of clear skin because a large part of the dance industry is based on physical appearance. Rodriguez has maintained the appearance of her skin by making and using her own line of organic skincare products — even before she turned this passion into a business.

After giving her face scrubs and masks free of charge to her friends for years, one of them suggested that she turn her hobby into a business. In February of last year, that's exactly what she did.

Rodriguez grew up surrounded by entrepreneurial influence. Her father ran his own business that helped people achieve financial freedom which influenced Rodri-

quez to start her own business, and know she would be able to achieve a level of financial independence.

Everything sold by Better Than Nude is handmade by Rodriguez, 100 percent organic, edible and nontoxic. She is working on getting organic certifications for her line to further benefit the company. Though she is not a chemistry major, Rodriguez learned how to conduct research and create unique formulas for her products throughout her time at Elon.

Aside from the four products currently available on her site, Rodriguez is very flexible in the things that she's willing to create. She recently created a papaya face mask as a gift for a wedding. She knew the bride wanted something "citrusy," so Rodriguez created a special edition papaya face mask.

To make this mask, she started by walking into Harris Teeter and purchasing organic papayas. Rodriguez either sources her products from an online wholesale website or shops at local stores and vendors.

"The beauty of natural things is that they often benefit us in many ways," Rodriguez said.

Her products each aim to achieve a specific skincare goal, but through the use of organic ingredients, they work together to create many desirable outcomes.

She says her own skincare routine has even shortened since she began exclusively using her own products. She soon began to notice the beneficial results of eliminating chemicals and started removing chemicals from other aspects of her life as well.

"Yes I have beautiful, clear skin," Rodriguez said. "But I didn't get this overnight."

Her friends have also noted a difference in their skin's tone and

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texture. "I have really acne-prone skin, but it dries out with harsh chemicals," said Elon sophomore Paola Kalb, long-time friend and customer. "I found that Better Than Nude's products really helped to soothe, hydrate and soften my skin."

Rodriguez was inspired to start the business by her friends successful makeup company, but was discouraged when her business did not blow up as quickly as her friends'.

"It's a lot easier to sell makeup than it is to sell skincare," Rodriguez said. "Because selling skincare, you're selling more of a lifestyle change."

Though it took some time to get the ball rolling, she has now expanded her business to include a public relations and product testing team spread throughout the entire country.

It is important that Rodriguez surrounds herself with a capable and supportive staff because sometimes it takes all she has just to get through the day.

"I suffer from a chronic illness that made me really sick, and it has defined a lot of my college experience. Sometimes going to all of my classes is not an option, and I hate feeling that way," Rodriguez said. "I tend to be a very ambitious go-getter and getting that diagnosis right before coming to school



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After years of giving away products to her friends, they encouraged Rodriguez to expand.

did a lot to my psyche."

Rodriguez was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis, an inflammatory bowel disease that causes ulcers to form in the colon.

She arrived to Elon three days after being discharged from a stay at the hospital because of her ulcerative colitis; she still had staples in her from surgery.

"Getting my diagnosis right before college kind of changed everything, but also put things into perspective for me because I literally almost died," Rodriguez said. "When you go through an experience like that you realize that life is so short. Good health is so undervalued. Success, prosperity, truly enjoying yourself and doing the things you want to do is so important. I'm going to do all the things I want to do — and if I can't I'll find a way."

That's why Better than Nude is so important to the young business owner.

"I'm not here to play ... you don't go through [stuff] like that for nothing."

Though not affiliated with any clubs at Elon, Rodriguez was contacted by "The Art of Makeup" club, and has agreed to sponsor some events with them. She also looks forward to hosting spa nights with different groups on campus, doing some events with sororities and possibly organizing a showcase for the whole school and community where anyone who wants to come can come, test and buy products.

Better Than Nude skincare products can be purchased on Rodriguez's website, betterthannudellc.bigcartel.com, and Elon students can email her directly concerning purchases.

"The word is getting out there, and the word is getting out there that the products work," she said. "I like helping people become healthier and happier."



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Construction continues on Schar Center as workers put finishing touches on the exterior while the weather is nice. The new center will seat 5,400 people and will be the future home for Elon athletics.

SCHAR | from cover

large-scale events for Elon University. The 5,400 seats are about three times more than the number of seats in Alumni Gym, but Director of Athletics, Dave Blank, doesn't believe that 5,400 is too many.

"When you think about it going from a 1,600 [seat arena] to a 5,400 [seat arena], that's intimidating," Blank said. "There are going to be a lot of empty seats ... You have to look at it as an opportunity for growth, and we have to look at it as an opportunity for expansion of Elon University and Elon Athletics. It's a multipurpose facility so we're also thinking there are going to be other events in there like commencement ... So 5,400 seats becomes a good number to kind of meet both of those standards."

Going to any Phoenix home game in Alumni Gym, you're bound to look around and find a bunch of empty seats. The gym was almost empty as the Phoenix opened up in-conference play this past weekend. Though Blank knows there are going to be a lot of empty seats in the new arena that is triple the size, he believes it won't be long until all the seats are filled.

"As we continue to grow in our athletic stature, moving to the Colonial Athletic Association, for example, we hope that the support will be there and that size of an arena won't see too long before we're looking for more seats," Blank said. "That would be an amazing thing."

The new arena will not only affect current Elon students, faculty and community members, but Blank also believes that it will help Elon raise the standards in recruiting for

Phoenix athletics.

"When a recruit walks on campus, there are several questions that are on their mind and the one that is most on their mind is, 'Where do I play?'" Blank said. "You walk in [Schar Center] and it's an arena feel and that's what we need to compete in the Colonial [Athletic Association] and to get ourselves nationally involved and recruits will see that right away."

Scheduling the move

The move into the new Schar Center could happen sooner rather than later.

"The project is going very well," Blank said. "We've had great weather throughout the project, so I'd say that we're a little ahead of schedule."

Blank and Moore both say that there have been no problems or issues, which helps the project move along smoothly. According to Blank, there were no extended periods of rain from the beginning of the project until the roof was put up, meaning that any work from now on will be blocked from rain.

"The contractor is finishing enclosing the building," Moore said. "At that point, the contractor will be able to turn on the building heating and air systems so that they can continue with the installation of the finishes."

According to Moore, there is a long list of things that still need to be accomplished before any events can be held in the arena.

For the building shell, the last piece of storefront at the main entry needs to be installed.

For the site, crews need to finish paving the parking lot, finish pouring the sidewalks, put in irrigation and landscape the lot.

For the building systems, crews need to get heating and air systems operational and controlled.

For the interiors, crews inside need to put up drywall, paint, lay flooring, tile, casework, doors, etc.

When it comes to the owner provided items, furniture needs to be installed, as well as artwork, branding and AV equipment.

Though the list is long, if you ask Blank, he's still optimistic.

"We were hoping [occupancy] would be the beginning of the 2018 school year, but I think we will be able to do a little better than that," he said.

Goodbye, Alumni

Alumni Gym has been the primary host of Phoenix athletics since the building opened in 1949.

For long-time coaches and upperclassmen players on the volleyball team that call it home, the move to the new building won't be as easy as packing up the locker room inside Alumni Gym.

"It's pretty surreal," said Sydney Busa, a senior outside hitter on the volleyball team. "It hasn't really hit me that this will be the end. But it's been an honor to play for Elon and to have this opportunity, so it will be fun to shut this gym down."

"It's going to be sad, but it's going to be really fun being in the Schar Center," said junior defensive specialist Maddie Jaudon. "New change is always scary. This gym has been good to us, but we're ready to get over by all the other sports and make it easy to be where everybody else plays."

Head coach Mary Tandler has been at the helm of the program for the past 15 years, every year playing

inside the sacred walls of Alumni Gym. But she wants to finish with a bang.

"We talk about that a lot ... to do something special here in Alumni Gym in the last year ... and the players are into it," Tandler said. "We're so excited to move to the Schar Center, but we're also excited to make it a great last season here in Alumni Gym."

As for the man who oversees Phoenix athletics:

"It's nostalgic. There is a lot of history in that building," Blank said. "We're going to pay attention to that this year. There are going to be some markers that we place like, 'This is the last, first game,' things that are going to celebrate the building a little as we make our exit."

The future

Though the teams might not still be there, the gym isn't going anywhere. According to Blank, Campus Rec and intramural sports will use the space. Elon will also still use the space for medium-sized events on campus — ones in which McCrary theater will be too small to hold and the Schar Center will be too big to hold.

"It gives us a lot more flexibility and a lot more creativity that we can use on campus to provide programming for the students, so it's going to be exciting from that standpoint and Alumni is going to continue to be a part of that," Blank said.

Though Blank said he feels nostalgic about leaving the atmosphere of Alumni Gym, he still seems pretty excited to get the Schar Center up and running.

The last thing he said during the interview was, "Let's get it built."



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SOCCER IN SPANISH

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Susannah Anderson, number 25, heads the ball back toward the James Madison side of the field during their match on Sept. 24.

Students, faculty gathered for the third annual Latin Night at Rudd Field

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The Elon University women's soccer team lined the field with 20 flags representing Spanish-speaking countries as it hosted its third annual Latin Night celebration at Rudd Field versus Colonial Athletic Association rivals University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

In light of September being National Hispanic Heritage Month, this yearly festivity is hosted in conjunction with

Elon's El Centro de Español — located on the first floor of the Carlton building — to pay tribute to the Latin-American population on campus, and acknowledge their shared love of soccer.

Before kickoff, a table was set up pitchside with an array of typical Hispanic dishes — including platanos maduros and arroz con frijoles — to compliment the Spanish music played during the team's warmups. During the game, a Spanish-speaking public announcer called out substitutions. Members of El Centro were there in full support, including sophomore Maris Rivera who spoke to the significance of Latin Night in the Elon community.

"It's important to have a night like this because it brings all the Latinx students together," Rivera said. "[It's important] to teach people about the culture, give them an opportunity to come and talk to us and ask us questions and to let them know that we're fun."

Diana Prieto Viñas, assistant director of El Centro, was also in attendance for this year's Latin Night celebration and shared her views about the evening and the effect Latin Night has had on El Centro.

"Bringing food and music represents our culture," Viñas said. "Each year [popularity] is increasing, and we have more people coming [to El Centro]."

On the field, the women's

soccer team drew with UNCW after a hard-fought 110 minutes, bringing its record to 7-2-2. After the match, head coach Chris Neal was in high praise of the celebration, especially since his team has never lost on Latin night.

"I think it's awesome — Elon's a very global-minded university," Neal said. "It brings different culture, different electricity to the game ... We're undefeated on Hispanic Heritage night, we haven't lost a game in three years."

Elon's Latin Night was a success for the third consecutive year, and members of the Phoenix community will be looking forward to the fourth annual Latin Night celebration slotted for 2018.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Elon football ranked No. 23 in national poll

After capturing its second-straight win over a ranked team, the Elon University football team is starting to gain recognition.

Elon was listed as No. 23 in this week's STATS FCS poll and named the Football Championship Subdivision team of the week after the Phoenix topped No. 6 Richmond University on Saturday evening 36-33, moving the team to 3-1 (1-0) on the year. The win was set up by a fourth-quarter interception by junior linebacker Warren Messer, which allowed freshman kicker Owen Johnson to put the game winner through the uprights. This is the first time since 2011 that Elon has been able to capture a victory three weeks in a row.

Junior running back Malcolm Summers led the Phoenix offense again this week, bettering his career high in rushing yards that he set last week against Charleston Southern University. Summers had 294 yards on 40 carries against Richmond, earning him CAA Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. The 294 yards by Summers was 15 short of the Elon program record for rushing yards in a game, but good enough to be the 10th most by a running back in CAA football history.

True-freshman quarterback Davis Cheek earned CAA-Rookie of the Week honors after going 13-19, throwing for 134 yards and three TD for Elon.

The maroon and gold's next test comes this Saturday afternoon as the Phoenix welcomes the Great Danes of the State University of New York at Albany to Rhodes Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Men's soccer remains unbeaten

Through the first eight games, the Elon University men's soccer team remains unbeaten.

Over the past week, the Phoenix battled No. 21 North Carolina State University and James Madison University to scoreless draws. Those ties bump Elon's record up to 3-0-5. Goaltender Matthew Jegier is now also tied for second place all-time in career shutouts after capturing number 22 during the matchup against James Madison.

Elon will welcome Colonial Athletic Association foes University of North Carolina at Wilmington on Wednesday and College of Charleston on Saturday. Both games are slated to start at 7 p.m.

Port earns singles title at Elon Invitational

The Elon University men's tennis team hosted the Elon Invitational this weekend at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

Redshirt senior Neal Port captured the title in the Powell Singles draw of the Elon Invitational after beating sophomore asWill Bissett of East Carolina University in straight sets. Juniors Louis Rico and Salvador Mijares had solid weekends for the Phoenix. Rico reached the final of the Phoenix Singles draw, while Mijares topped the consolation bracket.

The team will not play in competition until the middle of October when the Phoenix will travel to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regionals in Cary.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS 7-2-1

SEPT. 21 UNC WILMINGTON/ELON 1-1
SEPT. 24 JAMES MADISON/ELON 0-1

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 28 TOWSON/TOWSON, MD 7 P.M.
OCT. 1 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/
MT. PLEASANT, SC 1 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS 3-0-5

SEPT. 19 NC STATE/ELON 0-0
SEPT. 23 JAMES MADISON/ELON 0-0

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 27 UNCW /WILMINGTON 7 P.M.
SEPT. 30 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/
ELON 7 P.M.

FOOTBALL

RESULTS 3-1

SEPT. 23 RICHMOND/RICHMOND, VA 36-33

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 30 ALBANY/ELON 2 P.M.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS 11-6

SEPT. 22 TOWSON/ELON 1-3
SEPT. 23 DELAWARE/ELON 3-2
SEPT. 25 JAMES MADISON/ELON 0-3

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 28 WILLIAM & MARY/ELON 7 P.M.
OCT. 3 NC CENTRAL/ DURHAM 6 P.M.



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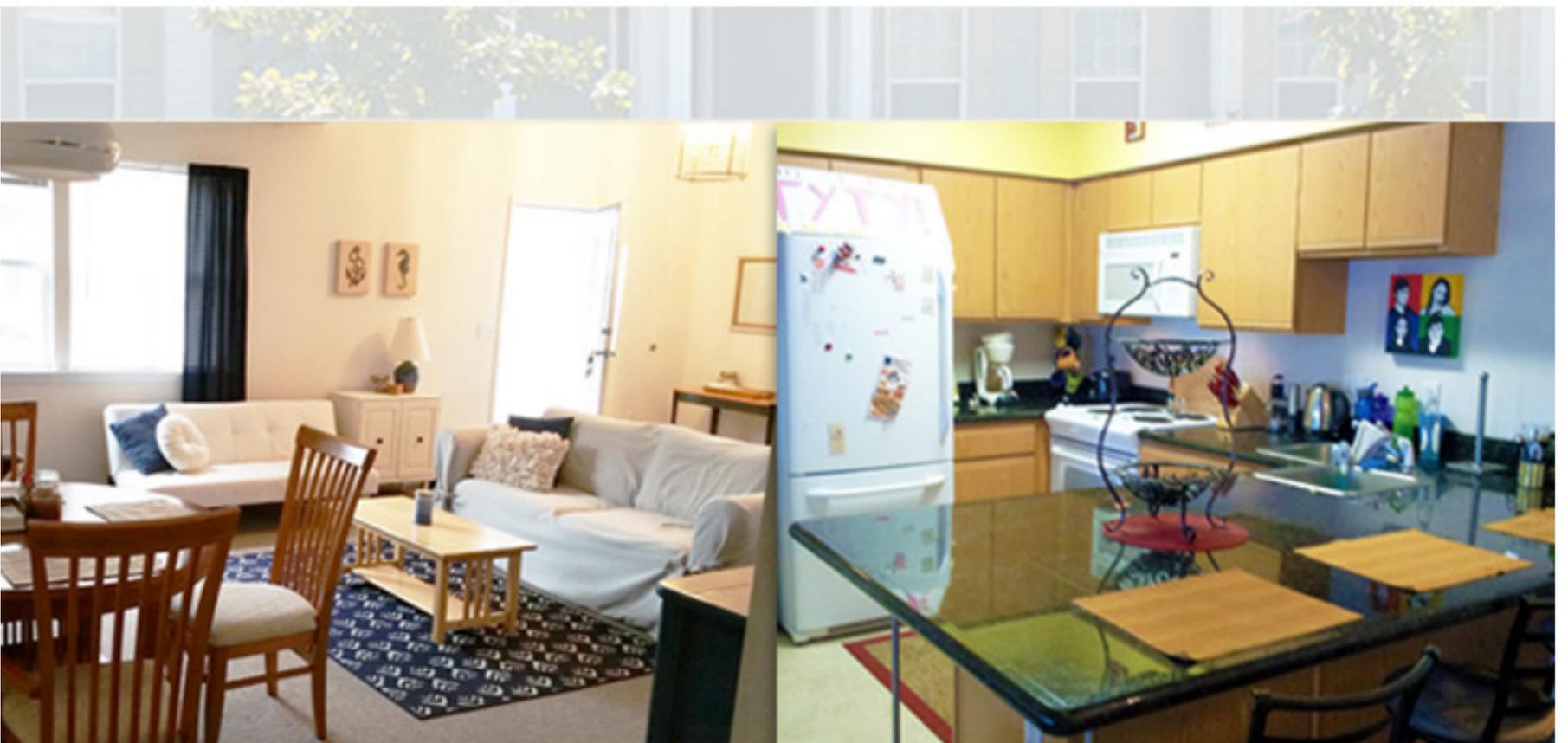
Sophomore Carner Snover prepares to throw in the ball during a game against James Madison on Saturday.



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