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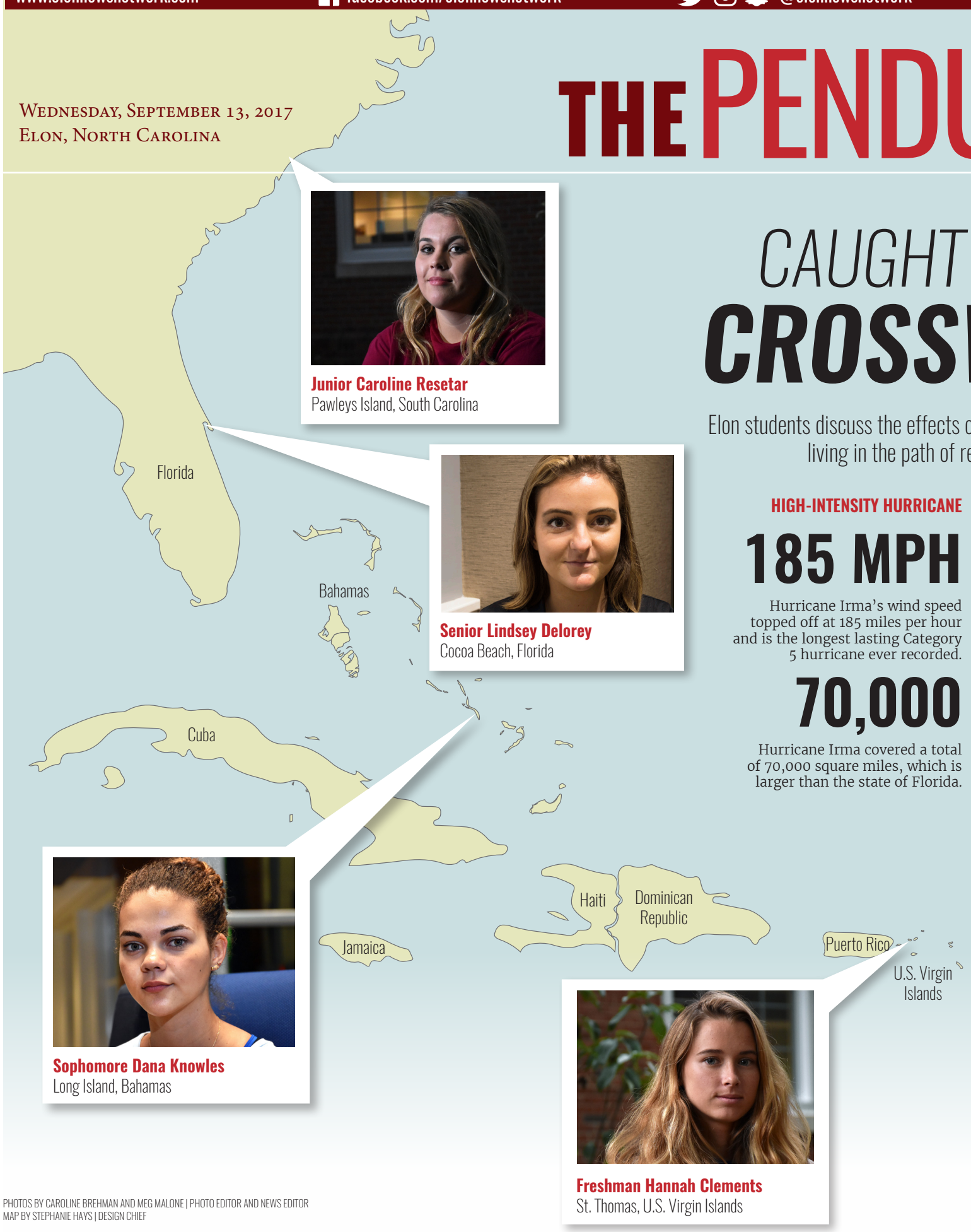
CAUGHT IN IRMA'S CROSSWINDS

Elon students discuss the effects of their families and loved ones living in the path of record-breaking Hurricane Irma



Junior Caroline Resetar
Pawleys Island, South Carolina

Senior Lindsey Delorey
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Sophomore Dana Knowles
Long Island, Bahamas

Freshman Hannah Clements
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

HIGH-INTENSITY HURRICANE

185 MPH

Hurricane Irma's wind speed topped off at 185 miles per hour and is the longest lasting Category 5 hurricane ever recorded.

70,000

Hurricane Irma covered a total of 70,000 square miles, which is larger than the state of Florida.

Anton L. Delgado
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FOR ALMOST 12 HOURS, Elon University freshman Hannah Clements lost all forms of communication with her family after Hurricane Irma tore through her hometown of St. Thomas, the gateway isle of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As one would expect, she was nervous. But the phone conversation she had with her parents after the storm did not help her fears.

"It looks like a bomb's gone off," Clements recalled her father said the day after the hurricane battered her home.

Hurricane Irma is the longest lasting Category 5 hurricane ever recorded. Its wind speed topped off at 185 miles per hour, while Irma itself covered 70,000 square miles, which is larger than the state of Florida.

Its path of destruction steered through the Caribbean and made landfall in Florida earlier this week.

Clements is part of the 4 percent of students with permanent addresses in Irma's path.

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'Why am I here?'

Nontraditional students navigate Elon's traditional campus

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In August Elon University welcomed 1,553 freshmen onto campus to begin the four years of their undergraduate career. While the majority of students on campus are between the ages of 18-22, among them are "nontraditional" students hoping to obtain a degree and better their lives. Nontraditional students — students over the age of 25 — only make up 1 percent of the Elon student body, though exact numbers were not available through Elon University admissions.

These are students who often have their own families and responsibilities, but have made the decision to come back to school in hopes of reaching a brighter future. But despite their best efforts, some of these students are finding it hard to feel welcomed as part of the Elon community.

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ALEXANDRA SCHONFELD | LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Harris, who has her own phsyical disability, hopes a degree in Human Services will allow her to be a resource for parents and care-takers in Alamance County who are caring for loved ones with disabilites.

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

Active Citizen Series: Listening Across the Aisle
7 P.M.
Moseley 215

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

Call to Honor Ceremony
9:40 A.M.
Alumni Gym

Elon Common Reading hosts author Jennine Capo Crucet
5 P.M.
Alumni Gym

The Founder showing
7 P.M.
Turner Theatre

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Baby Driver showing
8 P.M.
Turner Theatre

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Fiesta de Independencia
3 P.M.
Outside Lakeside

Baby Driver showing
8 P.M. & 10:30 P.M.
Turner Theatre

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Spider Man: Homecoming showing
4 P.M.
Turner Theatre

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Sales Meet and Greet
5 P.M.
McKinnon Hall

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

Job and Internship Expo
2 P.M.
Alumni Gym

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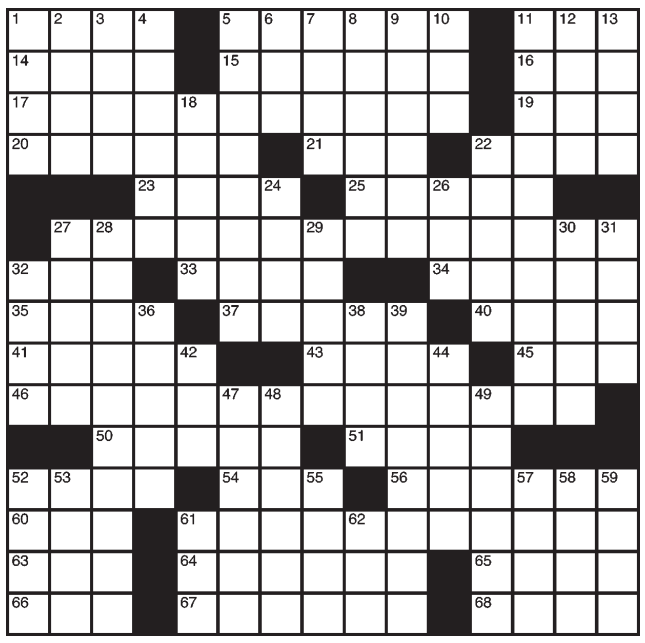
CORRECTION

In Page 10 of the Sept.6 edition of The Pendulum, the headline implied that Paulie's Pub and Grill had opened that week. It had actually opened the week before. ENN regrets the error.

GAMES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



ACROSS
1 Drains
5 Takes from page to screen, say
11 One of Beethoven's nine: Abbr.
14 Party with tiki torches
15 Flashy Chevy
16 With 36-Down, Dr. Seuss classic with the subtitle "The Simplest Seuss for Youngest Use"
17 Cowardly Snoopy nemesis?
19 Seagoing "I see"
20 French film icon Brigitte
21 "The Racer's Edge"
22 Urban air concern
23 Much
25 Curriculum __
27 Gloomy route to Oz?
32 Actress Vardalos
33 Butte relative
34 RadioShack predecessor
35 Automaker Ferrari
37 Watched closely
40 Fictional London alter ego
41 United
43 Halt
45 Belonging to us
46 Embarrassed three-person Vegas act?
50 Kentucky pioneer
51 Divided sea
52 Applaud
54 Old PC monitor
56 "Altogether ooky" family name
60 Rocker Ocasek
61 Primary mixes that affect 17-, 27- and 46-Across
63 Query
64 Fire up
65 Attract pigeons for, say
66 Bluster
67 Colorful fish
68 2016 N.L. East champs

DOWN
1 Untidy type
2 Certain something
3 Early late-night host
4 Ice cream treat
5 Polish removers
6 Apply carefully
7 Latin I verb
8 "Friday the 13th: Jason Lives," sequentially
9 Torrid Zone parallel
10 Junior
11 Words of reproach
12 Up-and-down toy
13 Downloaded video format
18 Jewish folklore figure
22 Mother of Isaac
24 Recipe amt.
26 B'way buy
27 Many of its knives have a limited lifetime warranty
28 Arkansas team
29 Mrs. Gorbachev
30 Compute
31 Salon worker
32 Twice-monthly tide
36 See 16-Across
38 Sicilian high point
39 Track events with mechanical lures
42 "Strange Magic" gp.
44 Museum with Goyas and El Grecos
47 Recital bonus
48 Red wine option
49 Gary who played Beethoven in "Immortal Beloved"
52 Outcropping
53 Songwriter Loeb
55 __ de force
57 "Dancing Queen" quartet
58 Bubbly maker
59 Old fast fliers
61 Player in an indoor tree
62 Soweto's country: Abbr.

By Kurt Mengel and Jan-Michele Gianette 9/7/17

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - COLLEGE RANKINGS RELEASED

U.S. News and World Report

TOP 10 SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH

2010	2018
1. Rollins College	1. Elon University
2. Elon University	2. Rollins College
3. James Madison University	3. Samford University
4. Stetson University	4. The Citadel
5. Belmont University	5. Belmont University
6. The Citadel	6. Stetson University
7. Loyola University New Orleans	7. James Madison University
8. Mercer University	8. Berry College
9. Appalachian State University	9. Appalachian State University
10. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	10. Loyola University New Orleans

ALEX TOMA | ASSISTANT DESIGN CHIEF

Seven years ago, the U.S. News and World Report released their annual college rankings — Elon University was ranked the No. 2 school in the South.

Elon was listed as having outstanding programs in seven of the eight catagories schools were judge on: first-year experience, internships, learning communities, senior capstone, service learning, study abroad and undergraduate research.

Vice President of University Communications Dan Anderson said, "A lot of people like to see Elon as just a liberal arts school, but it's not."

On U.S. News and World Report college rankings 2018, released Sept. 12, Elon was ranked as the No. 1 school in the South.

Elon is the only college or university in the nation recognized for excellence in all eight program categories: writing in the disciplines in addition to the previous seven catagories it was recognized for in 2010.

Additionally, Elon was recognized for it 91 percent first-year student retention rate, 82 percent four-year graduation rate, 12-to-1 student faculty ratio, strong student qualifications and alumni giving rate.

RISING IN THE RANKS

In 2010, Elon University was ranked No. 2 by the U.S. News and World Report. This week, it was ranked No. 1.

NEWS BRIEFS

The School of Education welcomes three new staff

Elon University welcomed three new faculty members to the Education department this year.

Katie Baker is an assistant professor of education and Anne Roycroft is the accreditation director for the School of Education.

Abby Ampuja, an instructor in education, said in an email, "I came to the school of Education because of the great match and my unique skill set. My first few weeks at Elon have been fantastic."

Anne Roycroft said, "I find the faculty to be very much interested in the lives of their students. I'm just all the way impressed with the campus and the work we are doing."

Assistant economics professor publishes Twitter research

Assistant Professor of Economics, Brandon Sheridan, published his research in the Journal of Economic Education. Sheridan's research focused on the impact Twitter has on student learning.

Students involved in the study were enrolled in economics courses and given direction for the class through Twitter. Sheridan said, "The idea was if you meet students where they are then they are more likely to consume it and contain it."

The study lasted three years.

9/11 memorial finds home in Greensboro

Jeff Gallucci, a local artist, has decided to place a permanent 9/11 monument in Downtown Greensboro. Braving the fiery ashes, he brought back with him pounds of scrap metal from New York that day. He said, "It was honestly whatever you could do, you know. To help with this tragedy, I will do what I do best. I will make art."

Gallucci featured a gate in the sculpture. He explained the significance of this decision.

"9/11 was like a gateway in our lives. Before we were pretty much an open society, now everything has changed."

The piece has been moved around to all different parts of the country, and has even been displayed temporarily at Elon University in Young Commons. Now, the sculpture is in its permanent home on Martin Luther King Drive.

Senior arrested in drunk driving incident

Elon University senior Haley Muratore was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of driving while impaired.

According to the Elon Police Department, Muratore was driving on East Trollinger Avenue when her vehicle ran off the right side of the roadway striking a utility pole. The vehicle then bounced off from the impact and spun into another vehicle in the opposing lane, causing an estimated $10,000 worth of damage.

A drug analysis revealed Muratore had a blood alcohol content of .17. She was charged with one count of driving while impaired and released on a $500 bond.

Elon News Network reached out to Muratore, but she declined to comment.

OLIVER FISCHER | PHOTOGRAPHER

More than 250 organizations and clubs exist on campus. Students were able to interact with them in front of Moseley Campus Center during the annual Org Fair Sept. 9.

CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tori Baliatico (15) rushes to reclaim possession of the ball after a blocked kick during a game against High Point Sept. 10.

A.J. MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Men's Soccer celebrates after junior Amir Berkane scores in their 3-0 victory against High Point University Sept. 8.

CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sam Berry sorts through students' mail during her shift working in the mailroom Sept. 7. Due to an influx of packages during the week of Sept. 4, the mailroom was operating up to 24-48 hours behind.

CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rakel Jonsdottir (34) breaks through High Point defense to keep an Elon ball in play Sept. 10.

Sixteen years have passed since the Sept.11,2001 terrorist attacks. People of Alamance County and the Elon Community came together this past week to honor those who lost their lives. The Baptist Temple of Alamance County hosted a meal for police, fire and emergency medical personnel on Thursday, Sept. 7. Elon marked the 9/11 anniversary with prayers and a flag display. Hundreds of flags were placed around the walkways of Young Commons on Monday, Sept. 11. Midday members of the Elon community gathered in the Sacred Space in Numen Lumen Pavilion. The event was a time to remember the lives lost, pray for those affected and share readings from multiple religious traditions to remember the 9/11 victims and its lasting impact.

Photos by Caroline Brehman | Photo Editor

Top left: American flags line the walkways of Young Commons to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 on Monday, Sept. 11.

Top right: Thomas Mowbray bows his head in a moment of silence to remember the victims of 9/11 during a First Responders' Appreciation Day luncheon held at the First Baptist Church of Alamance on Sept. 7.

Middle left: Cameron Bohannon hands out mints to Joey Holmes and other first responders during a First Responders' Appreciation Day luncheon held at the First Baptist Church of Alamance on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Middle right: A member of the community lights a candle in remembrance of the victims of 9/11 in the Sacred Space in the Numen Lumen Pavillion on Monday, Sept. 11.

Bottom: Members of the community gathered in the Sacred Space in the Numen Lumen Pavillion to remember the victims of 9/11 on Monday, Sept. 11.

COURTESY OF THE DELOREY FAMILY

COURTESY OF HANNAH CLEMENTS

COURTESY OF A RESETAR FAMILY FRIEND

Top left: Coastal devastation after the landfall of Hurricane Irma in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Top right: An aerial view of Hurricane Irma's destructive path through St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Bottom right: Heavy flooding following the intense rains from Hurricane Irma on Atlantic Avenue in Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

IRMA | from cover

According to an email from Jon Dooley, vice president for Student Life, there are 269 students with those addresses, ranging from Florida to Puerto Rico to the Caribbean islands.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency Sept. 4 in preparation for Irma. Originally, the storm's trajectory had North Carolina in its path, but it veered east as the week progressed.

AccuWeather.com says Elon shouldn't receive more than two inches of rain. But while this isn't directly affecting the majority of students, Clements said she is doing everything she can to bring awareness to Irma's damage.

And she wants other students to follow suit.

"Not everyone here is directly affected by Hurricane Irma, but everyone should be mindful that people are really affected," Clements said. "And that these hurricanes are a serious threat and not a reason to throw a party."

The last message Clements received from her mother was telling her to, "Pray we don't lose our roof."

Clements tried to use her classes as a coping mechanism to deal with the emotions she felt from the lack of contact with her family. When she finally heard from her father, she was overwhelmed.

"I forced myself to go to class just so that I wouldn't have to sit in my room and wonder what had happened," Clements said. "When my dad finally called to tell me my family was okay, it was just instant relief — I couldn't stop myself from crying."

Elon is more than 1,500 miles from St. Thomas, but Clements refused to do nothing after hearing about the devastation Irma had caused. She started a GoFundMe page to raise support for the Red Cross aiding in St. Thomas.

"It was the hardest thing to see pictures of St. Thomas after the hurricane, and to think that was home. That was where I had grown up and now there is nothing left," Clements said.

The GoFundMe page titled, "St. Thomas Hurricane Irma Relief" is attempting to raise $10,000 for the relief effort, and on its first day raised $2,025.

And while donating is one way of helping, sophomore Dana Knowles, Long Island, Bahamas, resident, asks for more than just financial aid.

"Be considerate," Knowles said. "Celebrating Irma because class might get canceled is just really inconsiderate. By saying those things you are making the people that have actually been affected feel like no one is taking their situation seriously."

While the U.S. Virgin Islands were previously the focus of media coverage, attention is now turning to Florida, where Irma made landfall just this week.

Clements hopes the change in coverage will not leave the U.S. Virgin Islands and other places in the Caribbean isolated.

"People from the Virgin Islands are making such a big deal of the news not covering Irma there anymore because once it hits Florida it's kind of like we are all forgotten about," Clements said. "Even though we are U.S. citizens and a U.S. territory."

Both Clements and Knowles were safely at Elon when Irma passed through their homes, but Knowles wished she could have been with her family.

"People keep saying, 'You should be happy you were not there,' but at the same time all the people that I love are there," Knowles said. "Not being there is just awful. You can't really understand what that feels like unless you have gone through it."

It's a stressful experience now being passed onto students with family and loved ones in Florida, a state expected to suffer extreme damage from Irma.

With her phone constantly buzzing with updates and messages from home, senior Lindsey Delorey, resident of Cocoa Beach, Florida, has been in distress as Irma made its way to Florida.

"I feel very helpless being at Elon, and not being able to handle it with my family," Delorey said.

Gov. Rick Scott has had all 67 counties of Florida under a state of emergency for more than a month in preparation for Irma.

"Hurricane Irma is a major and life-threatening storm and Florida must be prepared," Scott said in an official news release from the Floridian Government. "In Florida, we know that the best way to protect our families in severe weather is to have a plan."

The government has been preparing for Irma's landfall, while most residents are more concerned about the hurricane's aftermath.

"The biggest worry is not the wind, it's not the rain — it's the flooding," Delorey said. "My town is really old. It's not designed to handle flooding well and neither are our houses."

And though Irma is disastrous for Florida, residents have been trying to keep their sense of humor.

"The running joke in my town is that Florida sent all of its supplies to Texas," Delorey said. "So we are out of everything — it's all in Houston."

Florida has been taking the brunt of Irma's damage, but South Carolina has been feeling the tropical storm's effects, too.

"We didn't know what was going to happen. First it seemed like the whole state of South Carolina was going to be hit," said junior Caroline Resetar, Pawleys Island, South Carolina, resident. "Even though it turned west, the storm surges were a lot more than anyone expected."

Resetar's home survived the intense flooding caused by Irma's rains, but she said the roads leading into Pawleys Island were closed for up to five hours because of the water build up.

With Irma continuing to touch the lives of more students as its heavy rains result in flooding, Delorey encourages all students with family in harm's way to be transparent with students and professors at Elon.

"Let your friends know you are from Florida, let your friends know that your family might be in danger," Delorey said. "It is so much better to tell people what you are going through instead of trying to do it alone."

IRMA BY THE NUMBERS

4%

of Elon students have permanent addresses in Irma's direct path.

67

counties in Florida were under a state of emergency for more than a month in preparation for Irma.

2 inches

Elon shouldn't receive more than 2 inches according to AccuWeather.com.

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> **HANNAH CLEMENTS**
> RESIDENT OF ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

College dropouts: alternative paths to success

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Traditional four-year colleges were once a must for anyone desiring career success, but the digital information age has given way to exciting new career paths that don't require a college degree; such as media content creators, YouTube stars and web developers.

Entrepreneurship seems to be a word best known by those who quit. Not in life, but in school — specifically college. Some of the most well-known and successful college dropouts include Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg. But even non-technological industries have been dominated by college dropouts at one point or another, including pro-golfer Tiger Woods, professional singer Lady Gaga and professional actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks.

Traditionally, four-year colleges are seen as the route to success with many willingly dishing away $30,000 plus a year on tuition. According to a 2016 report by USA Today, a college education is now the second-largest expense an individual is anticipated to make in his or her lifetime. But it's also an expense that takes a lifetime to pay off.

"The value of a degree is eroding — while the premium has remained stable, the cost to attain a degree has risen and earnings for college graduates and non-graduates alike have fallen," wrote Jennifer Barrett, former personal finance editor for CNBC. "While students can up their odds of success, college remains a risky and expensive investment for families — and one whose value diminishes if costs increase faster than wages."

But with the digital information age steadily on the rise, doors to exciting new careers are opening that don't require a college degree. And though many still choose to follow the path of education — as many as an expected 20.5 million students attending American colleges and universities in 2016, according to the National Center for Education Statistics — it is proving to be simply an option in modern times.

Popular social-sharing platforms such as Instagram and YouTube have aided in the development of one of the most common free-lancing jobs for young people: social influencers.

By definition, the job title includes anyone with a large enough social media following that has established credibility within an industry and can effectively promote and market a brand's products. Social influencers typically get sent products for free and get paid large amounts of money for their promotional posts.

Essentially, it's the job everyone wants to have.

"I don't think that anyone on the Internet who has attained significant success ever anticipated that they would," senior Katy Bellotte said. "Quite frankly, if you have the attitude that you're going to make it online, you most likely won't."

When Bellotte started her YouTube channel in 2010, she had no idea of the fame or success she would reach in under a decade. She had only been 14-years-old, and "very, very shy." In just seven years, she has accumulated more than 450,000 subscribers on the video-sharing platform and more than 213,000 followers on Twitter and Instagram combined.

Bellotte has gotten the opportunity to work with huge brands such as Keds and L'Oréal, travel out of the country several times, and has even participated in international events such as the 2016 Golden Globes. Now reigning in an estimated $113,000 to $1.8 thousand a month from her YouTube channel alone, the young internet star views her multiple platforms as a small business.

Instead of choosing to pursue her success completely independent of college, Bellotte remains a committed student at Elon University, but admits that balancing her fast-paced life with college has become a challenge.

"It has gotten increasingly difficult for me to focus on my courses here at Elon that don't have a thing to do with my career path," she said. "As a small business owner with interest in graphic design and PR, I do not see why I have to sit through endless grueling hours of Biology. When I'm forced to endure classes and activities that I find pointless, I get incredibly frustrated simply because I've received a lot of success from doing things organically and my own way."

Bloomberg Technology in a 2016 article reported that major brands — on Instagram alone — are already spending more than an estimated $255 million on "influencer marketing" per month. With the rise of ad-block technology as well as a shift in trust toward influencers over traditional ads, the market — though heavily saturated — has proven to pay off on both ends.

But for the individual, the market itself remains a shaky one to enter. Though it has proven successful for hundreds of brands, ultimately it's the consumer who holds the power in the relationship. Once a consumer decides he or she no longer trusts or cares for a particular influencer, an "unfollow" button is all the difference between a successful and struggling social influencing career.

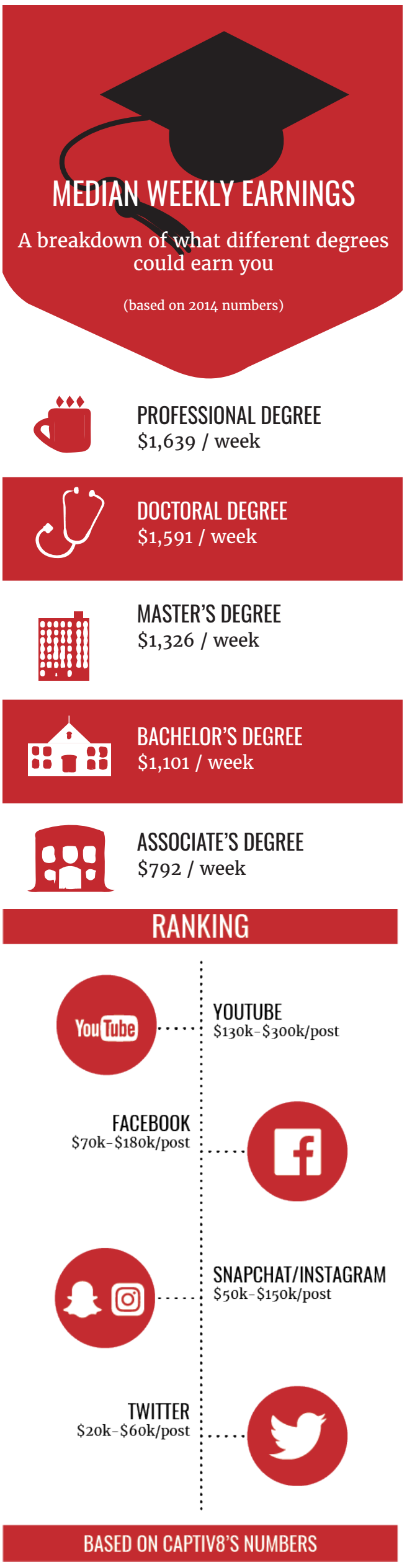
Two words that command both the current and future job-market are "digital literacy." That means that skills that fall under the tech savvy umbrella can determine whether a person will continue to be employable, with or without a college degree.

Just last year, LinkedIn released a top 10 list of skills that can get someone hired in 2017. In it, they listed "Statistical Analysis and Data Mining" and "User Interface Design" among the top five. Essentially, employers need employees who can help them stay competitive as technology continues to lead the job market. Therefore, employees who can make sense of large amounts of data as well as create user-friendly interface will be in high demand.

But those that follow the traditional route of attending a four-year college also have valuable skills to offer — specifically ones that can't be replaced by artificial intelligence such as creative-based careers. While trades such as engineering and science majors continue to top the earnings charts, careers that rely on human thought processes such as art and design will also remain relevant.

When businessman Peter Thiel established his fellowship in 2011 offering current college students $100,000 to drop out and begin a start-up company in Silicon Valley, he saw a discrepancy in the connection between college and real-world businesses.

"Whenever something is overvalued and intensely believed — that's a sign of a bubble," Thiel said.



HANNA SICHERMAN | DESIGNER

The fellowship was a success with only eight of the 84 students who originally started in the program returning back to school, according to Business Insider. Aside from the successful start-up companies it forged, Thiel's fellowship showed that ambition and access were two major keys in forming business success. And a person doesn't necessarily have to accumulate thousands in debt in the midst of pursuing that.

Drive will continue to be an employable skill because it's often unteachable. And with that, flexibility. A traditional four-year college education can aid in developing marketable skills, but with modern career routes, it is only one option among many.

FRESHMAN SGA OFFICERS

Freshman president won with 60 percent of the vote, wants to bring class together

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ELON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GATHERED in downstairs Moseley to hear the results of the 2017 SGA elections. Candidates crowded around Executive President Morgan Bodenarain as she announced the winners.

For the Class of 2021, Cam Waddell won the president position, earning 320 votes, which was 60 percent of the 539 students who cast ballots.The closest runner up was Jonathan Stettler, who earned 131 votes. In his campaign statement, Waddell said he wants to bring the Class of 2021 together to combat central issues.

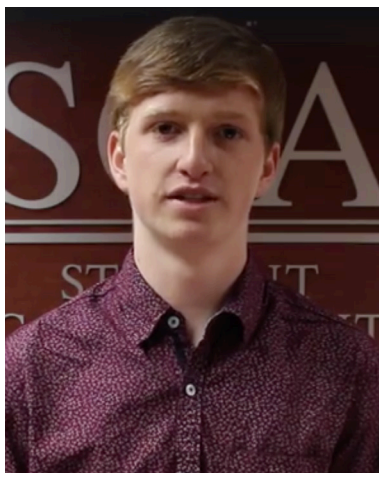
"Let's bring together this diverse class of 1,553 students and create a community that doesn't settle for mediocre. Together we can maximize our opportunities at Elon, combat sexual assault, push for better late night food, and overall have the best college experience possible," Waddell said.

Lauren Kottcamp and Ellie Cook won the senator positions, Jessica Flacksenburg won the secretary position, Claire Babey won the treasurer position and Kaitlin O'Donnell won the vice president decision.

For the Honor Board, Taylor Cruz, Mackenzie Martinez and Caroline McGimsey were elected as its newest members.

There is one vacant position for Class of 2021 senator, and Bodenarain said she'll appoint someone for that slot.

PRESIDENT



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Rent spike will not effect off-campus prices

Alamance County's rising rent costs and its effects on Elon students.

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Currently, students pay $773 a month to live in the Mill Point appartments

AVERAGE RENT IN ALAMANCE COUNTY

$834

The average rent in Alamance County has increased by 7.7 percent since 2016.

The increase in Elon University's student body may be the cause of the increase in prices for surrounding off-campus apartments.

"The student market is a very volatile one," said Jon Lowder, executive director of Piedmont Triad Apartment Association (PTAA). "So many different things affect it — graduation, school housing policies and, most significantly, larger student bodies."

While the increase in rent prices is not guaranteed, Elon is expecting to continue to grow in class sizes.

According to the Enrollment Comparison Report on the Office of the University Registrar page, Elon's fall and spring full-time enrollment has been on a steady incline since the 1991-1992 school year.

On campus, this growth has already been planned for — more students means more housing is necessary. A brand new neighborhood has been under construction for the last several months and is expected to open fall 2018. It will consist of three buildings and 309 double rooms located at the former site of East Gym and Historic Neighborhood parking lot.

Construction of living options has not just been happening within Elon's campus. According to the Times-News, Alamance County is currently planning the construction of hundreds of new units; a strategy that has caused the Alamance County apartment market to surpass those of Guilford and Forsyth County.

Alamance County's new housing options has triggered an increase in rent prices. According to the PTAA, the average rent in Alamance County now stands at $834, which shows a 7.7 percent increase in prices since 2016.

The rent increase for off-campus housing in Alamance County is a situation making some Elon students nervous about their future costs.

"The main reason I wanted to live off campus was because it was cheaper," said Abhinav Nitesh, a resident of Oak Hill Village. "If Alamance County's rent goes up and that makes our rent go up, at some point it might eventually become cheaper to just live on campus."

The possibility of a rent increase for off-campus housing is not guaranteed, but changes are possible.

"We want to make sure that we are keeping up with the competition around us, and the market is always making us make changes," said Tara Gilbert, Property Manager for Oak Hill Village and several units in Sheridan Place.

While the thought of higher rent is worrisome, Gilbert reassures students both living off campus and thinking about living off campus that they will be taken care of.

"We believe in taking care of all of our students living off campus," Gilbert said. "We will not overcharge anyone, based on what someone else in Alamance County is charging."

With the year only just starting, future housing is not the largest concern for many of the students at Elon, but Lowder believes the earlier a student begins the search, the more likely they will get an apartment they are happy with.

"Start the search early, don't wait till the last minute," Lowder said. "Be flexible about your search and don't be afraid to look around, keep your eyes peeled for new opportunities."

CHEAT SHEET

‘ It gets lost with eveyone ... these are real people’

Carrie Eaves, assistant professor of politcal science, discusses the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration policy

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration policy was established by former president Barack Obama in June 2012. President Donald Trump rescinded the policy Sept. 5.

Two days later, Trump tweeted, “For all of those (DACA) that are concerned about your status during the 6 month period, you have nothing to worry about - No action!”

Now, the future is unclear for the thousands of people enrolled in this program.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

People gathered to protest the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy repeal in Los Angeles Sept. 5

Q: What is DACA?

A: It is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. It was done through executive action by the Obama administration. It is not a law, but ... it allows for people who arrived in the United States as a child — so their parents came here illegally and brought them without their own volition — to get a work visa, to attend college and serve in the military. They have to meet a lot of requirements: they couldn’t have been in any trouble with the law, they on average, were 6-ish years old when brought to the U.S., and most right now average to be 26 years old. They have to re-apply every couple of years and pay $500 to get the benefits.

Q: Is it limited?

A: Yes, it is limited through an application process. There are about 7-8 hundred thousand applicants that are accepted. It is not a guarantee for these people. They have to update their application every couple of years.

Q: Where are the DACA applicants from?

A: They can be from anywhere. Primarily they are from Central American countries.

Q: Are these applicants the “Dreamers”?

A: Yes. The language that you hear comes from the original act ... the DREAM act.

This is why you hear those dual terms “DACA” and “Dreamer.” “Dreamer” was the term they used in congress when they tried to get a bill passed, and DACA was what it was called when the president passed it.

To complicate matters more, some of these DACA recipients have married each other, and some of these recipients have had children. The question now is, are their children U.S. Citizens? What will their kids do? Will their kids go to their origin country with them or what? Sometimes it gets lost with everything that these are real people. They have built up a life here. They have homes and cars, and what do they do if they get deported? Do they lose their property? The logistics of ending this program will put a lot of people in a lot of uncertainty.

Q: Why was DACA created?

A: We have all these people who live here and came here illegally, and it’s this huge problem, right? And there are a lot of conflicting ideas to whether or not we should provide this path to citizenship for them. Trump talked about sending them all back which, feasibly, is a really hard problem too. Again, they came here not on their own choice, but were brought here by their parents. Many of them speak English as their first language. They don’t remember where they came from.The idea of deporting them to a country that they don’t remember is really hard.

Q: Why is Donald Trump repealing it?

A: The Republican argument is sort of two-fold. This sort of “hard-line” immigration argument is that it doesn’t matter; they came here illegally, they shouldn’t be here, there is a process, and their family didn’t follow it.

For the Republican and far-right extreme, the argument is they are here illegally, broke the law, and we shouldn’t help them. The other argument you hear made is that this should have been done through congress. President Obama didn’t have the authority to act this way. You are hearing this through President Trump, where he says that President Obama never had that authority in the first place and so it should be on congress to act, and it’s up to them.

In a lot of ways, Trump kicked the can back over the fence and said, “Okay it’s up to you now, congress, you need to figure this out.”

Q: What do you think is in store for the future?

A: I think there is hope for congress to fix this and to pass something like a DREAM act. Enough republicans have signaled that they would like a fix. It’s sort of bad politics. It looks callous to take a ton of tax-paying, non-criminal, 20-year olds and send them back to their country of origin.

I think there is room for congress, certainly in the Senate that they could pass something. The House is a little tougher because it required bipartisan work because there is a clump of those far-right republicans who are never going to bend on this.

You would need republicans and democrats to work together on this. You have to raise the debt ceiling, otherwise it has bad economic impact, and so, in three months, they may try to tie some DREAMer/DACA-style act into the debt ceiling again and combine that. Right now, the debt ceiling got tied up with Harvey Relief, which was also something that was hard to vote against.

People did vote against it, but they do this because they know it will pass. They have that space to say no because they know it’s going to pass and get through and get done. Maybe in 3 months that will give democrats the chance to reintroduce this.

PERRY ELYADERANI | CONTRIBUTOR

The new barrier seperates the Colonnades and Danieley Neighborhoods

New gate deters drivers

The Danieley barrier caused traffic jams for students the first day

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When students returned to campus, they found the Colonnades and Danieley residential neighborhoods divided by a gate.

Located next to the Violet Hoffman Daniel Commons Building, this gate has been a roadblock for students driving to their classes.

“I sat in front of it for a minute, but it did not open. Someone was waiting behind me, so I had to tell them to move so I could turn around,” said sophomore Megan Tower.

Danieley resident freshman Lundy Fine said, “When I try to drive to lift in the morning, it takes me extra time because I can’t cut through campus to the athletic center.”

Though inconvenient for students, Bio Bus driver James Harrelson said he thinks the gate is a helpful addition to the community.

“The gate is serving a good purpose because students used to not stop at the stop sign. It’s a good benefit for buses, now there is less traffic. It’s a lot safer for me because now there are no cars,” Harrelson said. “On the other hand, it’s another stop I have to make,” he said.

Harrelson sympathized with students who were late arriving to class because of the new installation. “They’ve got ‘No Thru’ signs now, but I think those signs were put up later. So kids didn’t know about it at first.”

As Harrelson said, many students were thrown off by the arrival of the gate, unsure of its purpose. Jon Dooley, Vice President for Student Life, sent out a campus-wide email Sept. 7 addressing the gate with the hope of clearing some confusion.

“When the gate arm is fully operational, the only vehicle traffic that will be able to pass between the Colonnades Lot and the Danieley Neighborhood will be university or emergency vehicles,” Dooley said. “This is by design, for important pedestrian safety reasons.”

Dooley explained that if any car could pass through, it would have quickly become a safety hazard for the student pedestrians crossing the parking lot for class.

Job & Internship Expo
| TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 |
2:00-5:30
Alumni Gym
FOR ALL MAJORS AND YEARS
DOWNLOAD THE "ELON EXPO" APP!
Sales Meet & Greet
| MONDAY, SEPT. 18 |
5:00-7:00

OPINIONS

AJ MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The view from outside the "Reflections on Charlottesville" panel on Sept. 5 where Elon News Network reporters were barred from taking photos and video.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Students' right to free press must be protected

HOW WE SEE IT

Elon University students should not be kept from reporting on public panels and events on campus.

Freedom of speech and of the press are foundational rights that must be protected in order to uphold a democratic society. While Elon University is a private institution, those protections should still be applied to students.

Last week, a reporter and a photographer for Elon News Network arrived at Whitley Auditorium to cover a panel discussion on the protests and violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Once there, the reporter was told that she would not be permitted to film any part of the discussion, and the photographer was told not to take pictures.

Later, ENN published a web article about the panel, including the names of the panelists and quotes from the discussion. The reporter was then asked to take down the names of the panelists and replace the photo used.

But a few notable faculty and staff members and academic departments tweeted quotes and photos from the panel. It was also promoted via email by the university, including the names of the panelists and some of their headshots.

So why was student media barred when the university itself was promoting the event?

The protests in Charlottesville are relevant to our campus and Elon students should be able to learn more about what happened from this panel. The panel itself discussed free speech and the difficulties journalists face while reporting. To bar student journalists from covering that event directly conflicts with the overall message.

If administrators begin keeping student media from events such as the panel, who's to say what other events or stories the university can try to censor?

The students, faculty and staff at Elon need student media to inform the public. The university is doing a disservice to the community by trying to keep students from informing their peers about issues and events on campus.

Keeping students from covering events such as the one last week goes against our university's commitment to experiential learning and free speech. The real-life experience of reporting on a controversial panel is invaluable to students interested in journalism.

Free press on our campus is equally as important as free speech. If the university tries to impose on this right, it will hurt our campus. Students should not be kept from reporting on public panels and events on campus.

Whatever you are doing on campus, do it outside

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Columnist
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Go outside. Whatever it is you do, there's a way to do it outside.

Walking across campus, even on the nicest of days, you'd have no idea that there are more than six thousand students at Elon University. You don't see any of them. Where they are, I don't know, but they sure aren't taking advantage of Elon's many inviting outdoor spaces.

What comes to mind when you think of a college campus? Students sitting under trees doing their homework? A group of friends tossing around a frisbee on the lawn? Elon is a school where trees are abundant and lawns plentiful, yet you would be hard pressed to find a lot of students under those trees and on those lawns.

Elon often grapples with the idea of community. As student organizations and Elon's administration scratch their heads trying to find ways to bring students together, the answer could be as easy as just going outside.

If every time you walked across campus you saw people you knew hanging out on the quad, you'd get a visible reminder that the people you go to class with, the people you live with, are part of the same campus and community as you. With people enjoying common spaces such as Young Commons, filling the air with conversation, music and whatever else they'd bring, there could be a new energy on campus.

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Given the fact that such a large percentage of Elon's student body lives off campus, the community is already at a bit of a disadvantage. On-campus energy and unity is pushed away from campus by so many people living in apartments ten or fifteen minutes away, but if spending free time outdoors on campus became the norm, that would be much less of an issue.

In fact, you don't even need to go outside to be part of bringing that sense of energy and unity back toward campus. Not everyone is an outdoors person. Fortunately, Elon has plenty of great indoor common areas.

For a student center, Moseley often seems to be lacking students. You'd expect the campus' student hub to be bustling with people hanging out or doing work, especially around lunchtime or in the evenings. But even around those peak times during the day, Moseley can feel totally dead. Between the comfortable sitting areas, ping-pong and pool tables and proximity to food, it's a surprise more students don't hang out in the one space that is literally designed for hanging out.

That all comes back to setting a norm for where students spend their time. It's not like Elon has any shortage of great common areas. The only reason you don't see students on the quad or in Moseley is because they just don't think of those spaces as a place where students spend their time.

We can change that.

Next time you're sitting around with your friends looking for a way to kill a few hours, remember that you can spend quality time with those same people out around campus instead of in your apartment. Next time you're feeling the pressure of homework and due dates, remember that you can get work done in the library with a few hundred other people who feel your pain.

Elon's community is all around us, and all we have to do to see that is as easy as just going outside.

LIFESTYLE

SUBMITTED BY JERLENE HARRIS

ALEXANDRA SCHONFELD | LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Top left: Harris' son was diagnosed with Autisim before his fourth birthday, inspiring her to pursue a career in Human Services.

Top right: Menyongai moved to The United States five years ago after a succesful, yet troublesome, career in journalism.

NONTRADITIONAL | from cover

Jerlene Harris, 34, is a single mother living in east Burlington. After taking classes down the road at Alamance Community College and receiving her associates degree, she was encouraged to consider enrolling at Elon and working toward a bachelor's degree. Harris questioned if she could picture herself as an Elon student.

"First of all, I couldn't afford it," she said. "Second, I wouldn't mesh and third, I couldn't afford it."

Like many Elon students, Harris applied for Financial Aid, scholarships and, inevitably, loans after being accepted and deciding it was worth a shot. Elon's campus is minutes away from Harris' home and her son's school, making the choice a no-brainer for the sake of convenience.

Harris is pursuing a Human Services degree in hopes of becoming a source and advocate for parents and care-takers in the Alamance area taking care of loved ones with disabilities. Harris' son, who is now 12 was diagnosed with Autism shortly before turning 4, making Harris acutely aware of the lack of services available for children with disabilities.

"I was very mindful of if the financial implications of going back to school would outweigh the benefits of me getting to something that is going to be an amazing career opportunity to not only help others who've been in my shoes, but also do something that I know I am going to enjoy doing on a day-to-day basis," she said. "Realizing it is not something I am going to get rich off of, but I have a joy for."

Harris was told there would be support for students "like her" once she arrived on campus, but was taken aback to find that wasn't the case.

"Once that happened I had to start figuring out my own way, and it became very difficult to navigate through a lot of the unknown stuff," she said. "Because anytime I tried to reach out to different departments around campus no one knew how to help me because they had never dealt with a student like me."

Harris wishes there was more flexibility available such as more online courses, which she has suggested since enrolling last fall.

"But I understand they have their whole philosophy of how they want everyone to have this 'Elon experience,'" she said. "But what is that? What does that mean? Who is that supposed to be geared toward, because apparently it's not geared toward me. If that was the case, I would feel more welcomed, but I don't."

Harris has felt singled out by both students and professors in her class for both her age and differing life experience. She remembers a time when a professor suggested she could add something to a conversation based on where she lived — Harris was shocked.

"When I get a comment of, 'Hey Jerlene would know because she lives over in east Burlington, she would know all about that,'" she said. "I'm like, 'Excuse me? Why would you feel the need to say that?' Just because I live in a predominately black and Hispanic area I should know what the people are dealing with over in that area I should know all of that because I live there."

Despite her perseverance, Harris can't escape one reoccurring question in her mind: "Why am I here?"

Isaac Monyongai has also made the decision to join Elon's predominately younger student body as a student to revisit a subject that was once his career. The Liberian-native moved to the United States more than five years ago. He spent his adult life working for various newspapers as an investigative journalist. He started at the Liberian Observer, which was eventually shut down by the government because of their political reporting.

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> **JERLENE HARRIS**
> NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT

"Journalists do not have fixed salaries in Liberia," he said. "When I was working, my monthly salary was about $10, which is about 500 Liberian dollars. That gave rise to ethical issues, and independent journalists were drifting into doing public relations for companies just to live, just to survive. I didn't do that though, I stood my ground."

He arrived in the United States in 2012, after receiving a visa through the U.S. Government's lottery system that provides Africans with visas to enter the country as legal immigrants.

"By September, I got into the labor sectors of the country," he said. "I began to work. That was not what I was thinking of, but to live here is to work for yourself and be able to sustain yourself."

After a few months working jobs that didn't spark any interest past a paycheck, a friend suggested he search Elon's website for any job openings. He applied to work for Environmental Services and was accepted and assigned to the Danieley neighborhood. Once he was given a full-time position, Menyongai was able to take advantage of Elon's tuition revision program which allows full time employees to take two classes a semester for free.

For Menyongai, who wants to work toward a full degree, two classes a semester means it will take more than four years to get his Bachelor's degree.

"It takes a long time, you have to be patient. That is my dream, I have to go to school to advance myself."

Menyongai hopes to graduate with a degree in journalism, despite his initial hesitance to step back into the field that caused him much strife in years past.

"I suffered so much in journalism, I felt like there was nothing good in journalism," he said. "I wanted to erase that, so I wanted to do environmental studies — that was my first thought."

When Menyongai first arrived in North Carolina, he was taking classes at Guilford Technical Community College in Greensboro, which he found to be too difficult. After getting the job at Elon he looked into transferring his credits and continuing his studies closer to work. Since starting as a student at Elon, he has been enjoying his classes and is excited to eventually graduate and hopefully work for a media company.

"I love being with the young people in the class," he said. "I'm the oldest in the class but I'm not bothered by that."

Sandra Reid, lecturer in Human Service studies and former professor to Harris thinks having nontraditional students in the classroom helps students gain a larger perspective.

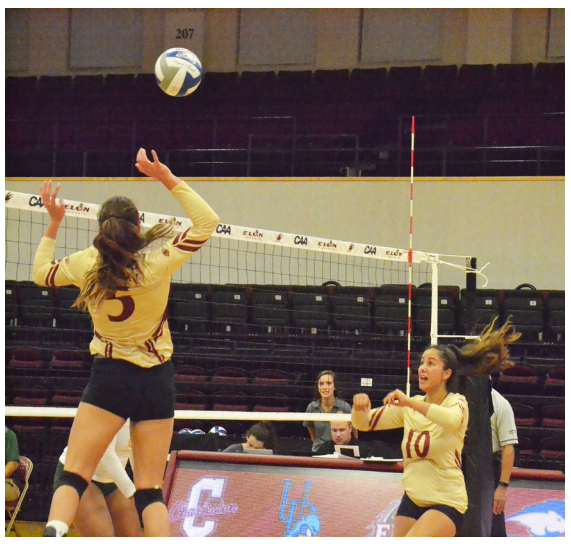
"They have life experience and they're able to integrate those experiences in with the materials that we're learning and hopefully it helps with application," Reid said.

Harris says she has had good experiences in classes, and has found professors she truly bonds with and relates to.

But with her continuous struggle to feel supported academically the same question consumes her own Elon experience: "Why am I here?"

SPORTS

Head coach Mary Tendler discusses strategy during a team timeout.



MRITZA GONZALEZ PHOTOS | PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior middle blocker Alexa Pavlick prepares to spike the ball over the net.

Pair of milestones help Elon maintain win streak

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For upperclassmen and Elon University volleyball teammates, senior Sydney Busa and junior Maddie Jaudon, stepping onto the home court in Alumni Gym is something they are used to.

What they are not used to is hitting career milestones. Both Busa and Jaudon reached a milestone in September. Jaudon recorded her 1,000th career dig during a match against the University of Maryland Sept. 2, while Busa recorded her 1,000th career kill during this weekend's Phoenix Classic.

"It felt good," Busa said. "I've had that on my mind for a while. My dad, every game for like the past four games, has been like, 'How many away are you? 37...23.' I've been very aware of it. When it happened they were all really excited so it was a good feeling."

Jaudon says she feels the same way after reaching her milestone.

"It was nice getting it, and I couldn't do it without everyone else on the team," Jaudon said. "We've had exceptional blocking ever since I've been here, so they make it easy around them ... that's all I could ask for."

"Both of them read the ball so well, and they are quick to the ball," head coach Mary Tendler said praising the two. "They are just so aggressive."

After the Phoenix classic this weekend, Jaudon sits at 1,076 digs in her career, just four away from 10th place in all-time program history. Busa will have some work to do in order to reach 10th place in kills, as that record sits at 1,100.

Busa agrees that between the offensive killing from herself and the defending digs by Jaudon, the Elon volleyball team works as a cohesive unit.

"It shows that we're well-rounded offensively and defensively," she said. "We have Maddie [Jaudon] who can pick up whatever in the back row, and I'm up there with two other really strong hitters when I'm up in the front row, so I think it shows that we're well-rounded this year and have a complete team."

The team is off to a hot start, beginning the season well over .500 with a record of 8-3 after winning the home Phoenix Classic tournament this past weekend. Elon took home the trophy after beating Charleston Southern University 3-0 (25-13, 25-22, 25-19) Friday night, defeating North Carolina Central University 3-1 (25-14, 25-23, 20-25, 25-14) Saturday afternoon and closing the deal Saturday evening by shutting out Norfolk State University 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-20).

"Right now we're just working on playing consistently," Jaudon said. "We always come out with a bang and making sure that we end with a bang, too. We have this momentum ... the better we do now, the better we will be in conference."

"We absolutely want to continue that," Busa said. "We've been practicing really hard to make a statement in the CAA this year, so ... we're working toward our goal and we're getting better every match and we're figuring out what we need to work on. I think come conference we'll be pretty strong."

Based on the numbers, the team is off to a great start this season. In addition to the record, the Phoenix has won 26 sets to the opponents' 14. The team is averaging more kills, aces, digs and points won than their opponents.

The Phoenix will have another nonconference weekend coming up, as Elon welcomes the Midshipman of the Naval Academy to Alumni Gym on Friday evening and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Spartans Saturday morning.

As Elon continues to welcome opponents to Alumni Gym, one thing remains on the minds of the players and the coaches; next year, the volleyball team, as well as men's and women's basketball, will relocate to a new venue ... the Schar Convocation Center.

"It's pretty surreal," Busa said. "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."

At her 15th year at the helm of the Elon volleyball team, Tendler says that she, like Busa, wants to leave her mark on the arena that has been a central part of the success that the team has accomplished.

"We talk about that a lot ... to do something special here in Alumni Gym in the last year," Tendler said. "And the players are into it. 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."

The Phoenix looks to continue their streak in Alumni Gym as they welcome opponents to Elon in six of their next seven games. Conference games begin next weekend as Colonial Athletic Association rivals Towson and Delaware come to town.

"We're hoping to get a good crowd cheering us on," Tendler said. "They are going to be really good matches next week."

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

FOOTBALL (1-1)

RESULTS — SEPT. 9
ELON **34 - 31** FURMAN

SCHEDULE — SEPT. 16
6 P.M. @ELON | CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

MEN'S SOCCER (3-0-1)

RESULTS — SEPT. 8
ELON **3 - 0** HIGH POINT

SCHEDULE
SEPT. 12
7 P.M. @CHARLOTTE | UNCC
SEPT. 16
7 P.M. @HEMPSTEAD, NY | HOFSTRA

WOMEN'S SOCCER (5-2-1)

RESULTS — SEPT. 10
ELON **5 - 1** HIGH POINT

SCHEDULE
SEPT. 14
7 P.M. @ASHEVILLE | UNC ASHEVILLE
SEPT. 17
2 P.M. @DAVIDSON | DAVIDSON

VOLLEYBALL (8-3)

RESULTS – WINNER PHOENIX CLASSIC (3-0) — SEPT. 9
ELON **3 - 0** CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
ELON **3 - 1** N.C. CENTRAL
ELON **3 - 0** NORFOLK STATE

SCHEDULE – TUSSLE IN THE TRIAD
SEPT. 15
7 P.M. @ELON | NAVY
SEPT. 16
11 A.M. @ELON | UNC GREENSBORO
SEPT. 16
7 P.M. @HIGH POINT | HIGH POINT

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football gets first win of Cignetti era

In his second game as new head coach for Elon University football, Curt Cignetti has led the Phoenix to victory.

A game-winning field goal by freshman kicker Owen Johnson with five seconds left lifted the Phoenix over the Paladins of Furman University by a score of 34-31. True freshman quarterback Davis Cheek was 26-35 on pass attempts, threw for 301 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The win puts the Phoenix at .500 after a loss to Toledo last week. Elon will look to have their first winning record at any point during a season since 2011 when it faces Charleston Southern University for its home opener at Rhodes Stadium Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Soccer teams face off against Triad Rival

Both the Elon University men and women's soccer teams faced off against Triad rival High Point University this weekend at Rudd Field.

The men took to the turf Friday night looking to maintain their shutout and unbeaten streaks. After a pair of second-half goals, the Phoenix did just that, crusing to a 3-0 victory.

The women faced off against High Point Sunday night. Led by five different scorers, the Phoenix had no trouble defeating the Panthers, winning 5-1. Freshman midfielder Reena Wichmann earned Colonial Athletic Association Women's soccer Co-Rookie of the Week honors after scoring her first-career goal during the match.

Both teams will be back in out-of-conference action this week before beginning their CAA schedules shortly.

Men's tennis travels to first tournament

Sending only three athletes, the men's tennis team played this weekend at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Fall Invitational.

Freshman Camilo Ponce led the Phoenix after winning two matches in the consolation bracket and making a trip to the consolation final in his first collegiate event. Both sophomore Jacob Bicknell and junior Louis Rico picked up a win during their matches in Singles - Flight B.

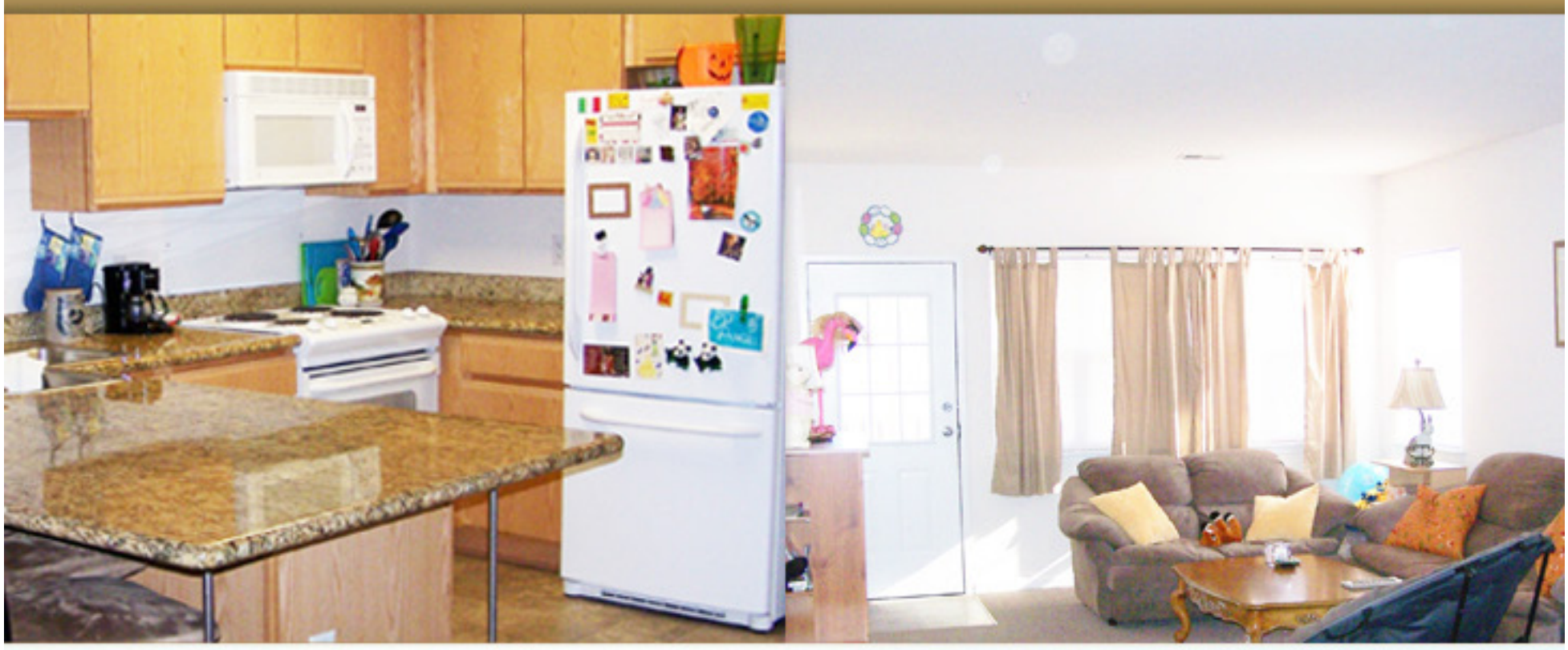
Elon will compete in the Duke James Bonk Invite this weekend, the second of six fall tournaments ahead for the team.

Women's golf struggles in first tournament

Placing 15th of 17 teams, the Elon University women's golf team struggled at their first tournament of the season last week.

Shooting a team score of 947 (71-over-par), the Phoenix was led by a true freshman at the Ocean Course Invitational hosted by College of Charleston. Adel Vadkerti shot an even-par 73 in the final round to finish the tournament +8, good enough for a tie for 22nd place. Seniors Heather Munro and Hilda Kristjansdottir finished 60th and 61st place, respectively, at +18 and +19.

On the men's side, the Invitational at the Ocean Course, the men's tournament also hosted by College of Charleston in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, was canceled because of Hurricane Irma.



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