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Davis renovations to extend into fall semester
Fifteen suites and halls will be left unusable until January as a result of the construction this summer

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University efforts to improve on-campus living with renovations to Davis that begin in May could affect students' upcoming registration for housing, according to Residence Life and Housing officials. The plan is for much of the construction to take place throughout this summer, with 15 suites and halls unusable until January. This will cover an auxiliary building that contains 116 beds normally available to students.

The cause for this, according to Director of Housing Frank Shelton, is that Residence Life and Housing will only have from the first week of May to the first week of August to work while students are away. "It's a one-year-to-a-year-and-a-half project that's being condensed," Shelton said. "We do not have enough days in the summer.

The university hopes that with the Davis project, the short term complications involved with housing registration this year will pay off in the long run after all construction is complete. The renovated Davis Hall will be similar to Kitchin and Poteat, which were completed in 2016 and received well by students.

Lars Keeley, a junior, lived in Poteat prior to renovation in his sophomore year. "The tile was ugly," Keeley said. "It smelled like an old dorm. He's since spent the last year in the updated Kitchin Hall.

"The difference now is huge," Keeley said about his time this year in Kitchin. That difference, according to Residence Life and Housing, is well worth the short term inconvenience resulting from the construction.

The ongoing renovation project is the largest of its kind since Wake Forest's move to Winston-Salem in 1956, according to the spring 2016 annual financial update on behalf of executive vice president Hof Milam.

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The overall standard of living of Davis is expected to improve in a similar fashion to Kitchin. Construction workers this summer will strip away the tile in favor of hard wood floors and the anticipated result is a fresh, modern looking living space for students. However, this will put additional stress on an already cumbersome housing registration process.

Recreation center will be lasting legacy
A long-term dream for Wake Forest campus recreation will soon become a reality

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Over 20 years ago, Max Floyd issued students a challenge.

"The ball is in the students' court," Floyd wrote in an op-ed featured in the Old Gold & Black in the 90s. "If they take this challenge, this facility can be a wonderful legacy handed down for all students to enjoy."

He dreamed of a transformative space that would foster wellbeing between students, faculty and staff alike: a campus recreation facility.

"I think Max probably started talking about it the second day he started on the job," said Ron Wellman, director of athletics, who hired Floyd as the director of intramural and club sports in 1994.

In the coming 2017-2018 school year, this hope for a legacy will become a reality for the Wake Forest community. The final phases of the campus recreation renovation and transformation project are set to be complete.

Since January of 2016, with the grand opening of the Sutton Center, renovations and improvements to campus recreation facilities have become tangible examples of the university's investment in wellbeing. Phase two of the renovation and transformation project is projected to be completed in August of 2017, followed by phase three in March of 2018.

The project is arguably the most complicated of its kind since Wake Forest's move to Winston-Salem in 1956, according to the spring 2016 annual financial update on behalf of executive vice president Hof Milam.

Phase two will unveil 18,500 square feet of cardio and strength training space and brand new equipment providing five separate fitness areas, a climbing wall, two additional gymnasiums, the Student Health Center and the Office of Wellbeing. Phase three will boast a swimming pool, a whirlpool, club sports practice spaces, fitness studios, a varsity volleyball gym, locker-rooms and professional staff offices.

But the impact of these improvements, Floyd believes, goes beyond state-of-the-art facilities.

"Facilities can only take you so far," Floyd said. "It is the people I've worked shoulder to shoulder with that have made all the difference. It is the people who greet you at the door, send you to your court for your game, instructors who welcome you to the fitness class or trip leader showing you how to set up the tent which makes the difference."

This difference, many believe, is equally influenced by Floyd's tireless passion for his job and authentic drive to be an outstanding supervisor to all those put under his care as director of campus recreation.

"He's infectious in his desire to make something better all the time," said senior Matt Avara, a student who has worked with campus recreation and Floyd since his freshman year. Students aren't the only ones who see this characteristic shine through Floyd's persona. Fellow staff members echo this sentiment as well.

"The great thing about working with Max is that he's a 'yes' guy," said T.J. Peck, who worked alongside Floyd for nearly 10 years, first as the coordinator of intramural and club sports and then as the assistant director of campus recreation. "If you propose a reasonable request, he won't turn
No matter how one feels about the current populist president, the reality of the situation is that his term will be limited to a maximum of eight years — and hopefully only four. Yet on Friday, the Senate made a decision that will shape the future of America for the next several decades.

By a nine-vote margin, the Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch as the 113th justice of the Supreme Court after an almost 14-month long vacancy following Antonin Scalia’s death. As a 49-year-old, Gorsuch is now the youngest member on the Supreme Court and will have the power to mold the future of America policy, and thus the future of America until his death — if he so chooses.

As we have stated in previous editorials, the members of Old Gold & Black Editorial Board represent a large spectrum of political views. As Gorsuch is known for leaning to the right, being an originalist and strong supporter of religious freedoms in his opinions, several members of our staff believe he is the perfect nomination to fill the shoes of Scalia, as the two share many similarities in both their opinions and writing styles. On the other hand, for these same reasons some of our staff would have preferred to see another person appointed for the position. However, even though we do not all ideologically agree with Gorsuch, we all agree that we would rather have the vacancy filled than a Democrat-led filibuster resulting in a Republican-supported nuclear option.

The Senate refusing to hold a hearing for President Obama’s appointment Merrick Garland was not only a severe injustice to him, but also the people of the United States. To not even offer him the opportunity to appear before the Senate was a ruthless and vindictive example of party politics, which we all believe directly juxtaposes democracy. Even despite this, we were happy to see the Democrats not reciprocate this behavior and choosing not to filibuster Trump’s nomination. If we ever want to fix the antagonistic partisan divide that has plagued our country, we must make more steps in this direction.

As a country, we must realize that there are going to be issues and problems that we are going to disagree with simply because of the differences in conservative and liberal principles. Those problems are not endemic to any particular president or any particular party, they are true of the two-party system that we have created. This us-versus-them mentality is created by this division, but within this structure our parties must learn when to pick their battles.

Our representatives should prioritize fighting the battles for the issues that level threats against democracy, national security and human rights. Reciprocal the immature stunt the Republican party pulled in 2016 did not fall into any of these categories. For this reason, we salute the Democratic Senators for picking their battle wisely.

As Gorsuch has previously served on the Tenth Circuit on the U.S. Court of Appeals, served as a clerk for previous Supreme Court Justices and worked in numerous firms, he has the experience and credentials that make him suitable for this job. As a qualified candidate, we respect the Senators for looking beyond party lines and commend them for doing their job. Ultimately, despite our ideological differences, we welcome the idea that we have re-established a nine justice court.
Deacon Profile: Cazandra Rebollar

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Senior Cazandra Rebollar, a Magnolia Scholar and first-generation college student, has made her mark on Wake Forest and the Winston-Salem community through her engagement with the Latino community. She has served as a mentor for local schoolchildren, organized themed dorm housing for Latin American students, engaged with Latino alumni and coordinated Wake Alternative Break trips. She has been a major change agent during her four years on campus and will continue her advocacy next year as a University fellow in the Pro Humanitate Institute.

Eighteen years old and a senior in high school, Cazandra Rebollar already had ambition. Growing up one street away from her elementary school and Elon University, Rebollar could have stayed close to home. Instead, she received the Magnolia scholarship, a merit scholarship given to first generation students, and came to Wake Forest.

That was four years ago.

Now, Rebollar, a first-generation college student, has proven how truly expansive her thinking is. As an activist, she has worked to expand resources for Latino students on campus, including winning approval for the first Latino-themed housing.

Additionally, she has consistently contributed to the broader Winston-Salem community, including tutoring children at the El Buen Pastor community center since her first year.

As a result, she has won multiple awards for her volunteer work and engagement with immigrants in the community.

"Rebollar is a true inspiration for anyone who knows her on a personal level," said Tania Montalvo, a friend of Rebollar.

By arriving early at Wake Forest for a Magnolia Scholar summer preparation program in 2013, Rebollar said she "met a lot of her friends right away. Because of these connections, she decided not to join a sorority. That allowed her to focus her energies on joining other organizations directly engaged in creating change. Rebollar gets her inspiration from a range of people who love to serve the community — her mentors in the Magnolia Scholars office and faculty she has met at Wake Forest. She has mirrored this passion through her involvement with El Buen Pastor where she has mentored the same cohort of students since they were in first grade. Continuing her interest with the Latino communities, she joined the Organization for Latin American and Latino Students on campus (OLAS), later becoming president during her sophomore and junior years.

While OLAS president, Rebollar started the first ever Casa Latina, a student-themed dorm housing designed to foster relationships among Latin American students. In its second year, Casa Latina currently houses 12 students.

"Rebollar is always inventing ways to bring us together, involve the community, and share our cultures with one another," said Natalia Mendoza, a current resident.

Rebollar also started the first Hispanic/Latino Alumni Association.

"It was hard because it had never been done before, so you just didn't know where to look," Rebollar said. However, her efforts were successful after she consistently pressed the administration, because "somebody just had to know."

"For as long as I have known Rebollar, she has been a stellar student leader on this campus," said Celina Alexander, faculty advisor for OLAS.

After participating in Wake Alternative breaks, trips where students volunteer during their spring break, she decided to coordinate the Wake Alternative trips during her junior year.

Rebollar not only is inspired by the organizations she joins, but also inspires others to get out and help create change.

She influenced Alyvia Williams to get involved in the Wake Alternative trips and to volunteer at El Buen Pastor during her freshman year, which helped Williams find and develop her own interests, and define her involvement in the community.

"Cazandra has been a compassionate and dedicated advocate for underrepresented groups on and off Wake Forest's campus," Williams said.

Despite all the positive impact Rebollar has had in college, she regrets not serving as a freshman resident advisor because she "would have wanted to show her residents the different paths one could take at Wake Forest," Rebollar said. Rebollar is eager to continue teaching and encouraging others once she leaves Wake Forest. Next year, she will serve as a university fellow in the Pro Humanitate Institute, before leaving to continue her studies at the University of Maryland.

"In the next few years, I hope I can continue to make an impact in my community through sustainable and meaningful personal interactions," Rebollar said.

WAKE IN A WEEK

10th Annual Lenten Preaching Series with First Baptist Church
Time: March 3 - April 14 from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Location: First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue
Wake Forest School of Divinity joins First Baptist Church for a Lent Friday preaching series.
Communion will be served and preachers will include the Winston-Salem Baptist College faculty. This series will offer instruction in the basic philosophy and conversation and the format is appropriate for all levels, from first-timers to the more experienced.

PREPARE's 25th Annual Speak Out
Time: April 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Location: Reynolds Auditorium
Listen to stories from survivors in our community and honor all those affected by sexual assault and partner violence.

Jewish Bible Study
Time: April 17 from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Reynolds 172
Read and discuss the Hebrew Bible in English alongside your peers. No experience is necessary and participants of all backgrounds are welcome. Feel free to use one of the Hillel bibles or bring your own.

Wake Forest Meditation Group
Time: April 17 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Reynolds 213
The group will offer instruction in the basic philosophy and practice of meditation, including how to begin and maintain a regular practice. Each session will conclude with tea and conversation and the format is appropriate for all levels, from first-timers to the more experienced.

TechXploration 2017
Time: April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Benson 401
This event allows faculty, staff and students to see how technologies are being leveraged in teaching, learning, research, engagement and creative endeavors.

Eighth Annual Senior Showcase
Time: April 18 at 3 p.m.
Location: ZSR 404
The Eighth Annual Senior Showcase will honor the exemplary research endeavors of undergraduate students in their final year at Wake Forest. Join the campus community to hear these student scholars share their research.

Lt. Gen. Charles Luckey: Professionalism and Readiness
Time: April 18 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Reynolds Auditorium
Lieutenant General Charles Luckey leads a force of more than 200,000 professionals with an organizational footprint that spans 50 states, 5 U.S. territories, and 30 foreign countries. He has made stewardship of the soldier's profession a hallmark of his leadership.

New Research in Gender and Romance Languages
Time: April 18 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Annenburg Auditorium, Carwell
This panel discussion will be moderated by Professor Sally Barbour and open to the general public. It is also sponsored by the WGS department.

Tomato Plant Sale
Time: April 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Reynolds Gardens Greenhouses
Many spring vegetables will be available for sale, including heirloom tomato varieties selected for old-fashioned flavor, a few selected modern tomato hybrids and a few interesting eggplant and pepper plants.
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ing to find a way to help you. He instilled that in me — the idea that we needed to be 'yes' people."
This commitment to simply saying "yes" has resulted in significant milestones for the campus recreation de­partment.
Since the late 90s, club sports organizations have grown in number from 10 to nearly 40. The budget for intramural and club sports that once hovered around $25,000 per year now reaches over one million dollars for the campus recreation department.
"I was given a lump of clay and asked to build some­thing special," Floyd said. "No, Wake Forest campus recreation is no Michelangelo’s David, but during this almost quarter-century, we have made great gains."
In fact, when Floyd arrived, there was no campus recreation. The program itself was known as intramu­ral and club sports.
Where carpet squares once served as improvised bas­es for a game of softball, there are now solid plates. No longer are soccer games played in the darkness of night on Water Tower field or at Kentner Stadium. Bright stadium lights illuminate the all-weather sports field beneath players’ feet. Waterfall field, which now lies on the brink of Reynolda Village, once did not exist.
Each of those improvements materialized over the last two decades under the watchful care of an admin­istrator who makes it part of his personal mission to connect with students.
Whether it be searching for help coordinating an intramural team or looking for a mentor to confide in, Floyd has been a consistent presence in many stu­dents’ college experience.
"My sophomore year I had to leave for a bunch of surgeries," said Mitchell Loll, a senior who met Floyd by coincidence during his first visit to campus. "I didn’t get a word of it. He just offered to listen and be there for me and I really appreciated that."
Though his résumé includes time spent on the pitcher’s mound for the Philadelphia Phillies and fishing on the deadliest catch ships in his home state of Alaska, Floyd is characterized by his humble spirit, tireless passion and encouraging smile for every person.
"He really cares about us," Loll said. "He’s not do­ing this for money. He’s not doing it for himself. He’s truly doing this for the people at Wake Forest — es­pecially for the students."
Beyond his supervising role as director of campus recreation, Floyd has hosted students and their own home for bible studies, welcomed first-year students at the beloved Pros vs. Joes event and given motivational presentations at a variety of leadership conferences.
Floyd delivered one of his many presentations at the NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation region two conference.
"He got up there to speak, and he probably recited 20 quotes, five poems, eight or 10 stories," Peele said, reflecting on how he felt as a member of the audi­ence. "His ability to articulate all of this information is amazing — it’s like he’s an encyclopedi.a. It’s so in­spiring to see."
This inspiration has played a role in Peele’s career as well, encouraging him to accept a position as the di­rector of campus recreation at the University of West Georgia.
"As a professional, on a daily basis it’s about that prior and passion," Peele said. "At the end of the day, working with Max, you walk away feeling that way too. I mean, talk about a ‘salt of the earth’ kind of person. For him, it’s about doing good for others. If we could all be like that, wouldn’t it be wonderful?"
As the bricks for Reynolds gym continued to be laid and the future of Wake Forest campus recreation be­gan to crystallize, Floyd’s vision was clearly first and foremost.
"We’ve seen a gradual increase in users, es­pecially pulling the U.S. out of the Paris agree­ment to reduce the effects of climate change," Floyd said. "He really cares about us. He would do anything to help you. He instilled that in me — the idea that we needed to be ‘yes’ people."
This is why awareness is imperative.
"Our Greeks Go Green representa­tive, carried out our research on the creation of this ride-sharing system. In terms of Zimride, only 2.59 percent of those who responded used it or another carpooling app,” she said. "We found that the biggest barrier to carpooling was that 85.71 percent felt it was inconvenient to coordinate with other people."
In addition to this, Cecere said that only 2.59 percent of students reported that they believed carpooling reduces carbon dioxide emissions.
"The information illustrates the discour­aging fact that most people on campus are uninformed about the impact that humans have on our surroundings. In reality, every ride-share works to take away four cars from the road, which is equal to planting about 4,000 trees, according to the Mother Nature Network."
A once-a-week switch to carpooling can decrease a driver’s carbon footprint by 20 percent.
Considering today’s political climate, our understanding of this data is more impor­tant than ever.
On March 28, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to roll back for­mer President Barack Obama’s six-year ef­fort to reduce the effects of climate change by imposing restrictions on power plants and coal mines. The order also eliminates many government regu­lations on environmental protection.
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Students discuss Muslim identities, women’s rights

A talk sponsored by Her Campus and the WGS department allowed students to discuss flaws in popular narratives through personal stories

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On Wednesday, April 5, Wake Forest’s chapter of Her Campus hosted the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS) Studies Department’s S.P.E.A.K. (Student Presentations on Experiences, Art, and Knowledge) series in DeTamble Auditorium. This iteration of the series focused on Islam and Muslim feminist voices.

Sophomore Jacquelyn Hsiao, president of Her Campus, introduced a short documentary titled Voices of Muslim Students at Wake Forest University, which has been recognized for meeting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards.

In addition to shutting over 100 students out of the western side of Davis, the renovations will also close the lounge spaces occupied by Lambda Chi Alpha and Theta Chi fraternities. Residence Life and Housing has offered these organizations access to temporary lounge spaces for use during the renovation process.

With a projected completion in January, it’s hard to say exactly how long it will take to complete the full renovation to Davis. Students next semester will have to endure some temporary difficulty in order to benefit from living in a nicer, more sustainable space.

Part of the reason I chose this topic is that a lot of popular conceptions of Islamism or political Islam—and even popular conceptions of feminism—have led people to believe that Islam is inherently opposed to women’s rights,” Liloia said. “But if you actually look at the history of feminism in the Middle East we can see how popular Islam and Islamist movements led to the development of new feminist discourses and feminist strategies to advance gender equality while remaining in an Islamic context.”

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Fifth annual Holi arrives with flying colors

The festival, which brought together students and professors, included performances by Deacon Dhamaal and a variety of authentic Indian foods

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There was an anticipatory 10-second countdown to kick off the colorful festival on April 8.

The festivities kicked off with performances by Deacon Dhamaal, a Bollywood-fusion dance team, who threw colored powder as they danced. SASA then explained the event's history. While professors, students and children threw water balloons, dumped powdered color and sprayed one another with water guns, "I felt like a kid again as we all got slapped, chased and smeared with color," said senior Chizoba Ukairo, who attended the event for the first time this year.

After chasing and splattering one another with color, participants cooled off with refreshing mango lassi, a blend of yogurt, spices and fruit. Museum Anthropology Professor Andrew Guestelle added, "Holi is not only a great festival because it brings different social groups together, but is also a wonderful day because I got to hit one of my students in the face with color."

The next day, Rangwali Holi, is a time for forgiveness and marks a new beginning, as friends, families, strangers, foes, children and elders all smear and drench each other in powdered color. Doused in rainbow powder, the community dances down the street, as they visit homes of friends and families.

The festival has also gained popularity among non-Hindus around the world, as people in South Asia, Europe and North America now join in the celebration of color, love and happiness. Over the past five years, SASA has worked to increase the community's awareness of Wake Forest's Holi celebration.

"We did a lot of marketing this year," said SASA President Aarav Bharti, who grew up celebrating Holi with his family in India. "We had a countdown on Facebook and Instagram leading up to the festival. Friday was 'Get Hype for Holi' and we created a separate Snapchat filter to spread the word."

The club's efforts have certainly been successful as last year 300 people attended the event, compared to the 25 who attended the first year in 2012.

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III. Committee Reports

The Academic Committee reminded the Senate that faculty appreciation day is next Thursday, April 20. Campus Grounds is offering discounts to faculty all of next week.

Associate Dean of Students Mike Clifford will attend Senate next week to discuss his changes to the Student Handbook.

IV. New Business

The bill for Senate to co-sponsor the upcoming Global Youth Day on April 23 was passed.

Bill #20, to move student elections to the week after spring break was passed.

Bill #21 was passed, ensuring that the senate president will be required to meet with the presidents from peer institutions throughout the year.
LGBTQ Center dedicates quilt in memory of Pulse shooting

The quilt's 49 squares were decorated by students to memorialize each of the Pulse massacre's 49 victims

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The LGBTQ Center held a dedication ceremony for its Pulse 49 memorial and remembrance space on April 4 from 1-2 p.m.

The space consists of two community art projects that students contributed in the fall. The first is a pair of wooden numbers, painted with rainbow colored stripes. The second is a quilt with 49 squares, each one representing an individual of the shooting that took place on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at an Orlando, Florida gay bar.

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The Pulse Memorial Quilt, like the AIDS Quilt, is simultaneously a way to remember the victims of violence and discrimination and a call to action," Gupta said. "I am grateful to the LGBTQ Center for allowing our students to participate in this important project."

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The LGBTQ Center provided students with a binder of short biographies of the victims. students in our class to learn more about contemporary violence against LGBTQ+ communities and about the individuals who were killed in the massacre," Gupta said. "At the same time, by participating in the project, students were able to concretely express their support for LGBTQ+ members of our Wake Forest community."
Reducing K-3 class sizes may not be as beneficial as NC legislators think

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Public education in North Carolina is at a crossroads. While it has become fashionable to always paint a negative picture of the public school system's hopes in this state, now seems like an especially difficult time.

Last year, the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation which mandated that school districts must significantly reduce their K-3 class sizes. Lawmakers cited research from the Center for Public Education, which provided substantial support for this move.

While the legislature's intentions were noble, the bill did little to solve the long-standing problem of how to ensure that all children receive the quality education that they deserve.

As districts endeavor to reallocate resources in order to comply with the mandate, at least 3,500 teaching jobs statewide are in jeopardy. According to Katherine Joyce, the executive director of the N.C. Association of School Administrators, the next few weeks are "crunch time" for school districts who are deciding on what their budgets will look like for next year.

"It's a difficult position our districts are in," Joyce remarked. "They don't want to initiate the pink slip process, but I think they're coming to that time where it's going to become a reality." As Joyce explains, time is running out for school districts all across the state. It is not too late for a change.

Welborn and many others have spent the past few days imploring the General Assembly to change course and all those who are concerned about the well-being of North Carolina's school districts should do the same.

"To continue going down this road is not helping children," Welborn warned. Everyone in North Carolina wants to receive the best education that they can, but it is not too late for a change.

Women in politics

A more gender-neutral government is necessary to ensure equal representation

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At its core, a proportionally representative system is one that should naturally represent an entire population democratically. In parliaments around the world, women collectively hold 23.02 percent of legislative seats with outliers on both ends. However, women constitute for 50 percent of the world's population. So the question arises of why representative systems continue to exclude a large portion of the population from legislative systems.

"If a country decides to promote women to government roles, the importance of equal gender representation is crucial." Women should hold equal roles in politics as their male counterparts. Whether reached through mandatory quotas, constitutional amendments or voluntary party platforms, promoting gender parity in the government is crucial to furthering gender equality and introducing gender-neutral platforms into politics.

Taking Sweden — a country that continues to uphold its role as a leader in women in governmental positions — as an example, it becomes clear that promoting gender equality in politics is both achievable and rewarding. The country with the sixth-most women participating in government as of 2017, 44 percent of the parliament is made up of women, while 12 of the 24 ministers in the executive branch are women. Contrary to popular belief, however, Sweden, along with the other Nordic countries, does not have a mandatory quota system. Instead, major Swedish parties have enacted voluntary quota systems. The first two, introduced in 1987, were the Green and the Left parties. Both still require a minimum of 50 percent of the party lists to include women during elections.

The Swedish Social Democrats followed this trend towards gender equality by developing the zipper system — requiring women and men to alternate on ballots — and internal voluntary quotas in 1993.

Results of more gender-focused parliaments are undeniable beneficial to all members of society. According to the Swedish government's official website, "the Swedish government has declared itself a feminist government, devoted to a feminist foreign policy." Although gender-neutral policies are achievable without women necessarily in the government, female politicians undeniably turn some of the policies on the agenda to more gender-based ones. For example, in 2009 the parliament passed the Swedish Discrimination Act, "to combat discrimination of all kinds regardless of sex, transgender identity, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or age." Another example is the generous paid family leave system in Sweden, which is neutral for both genders.

However, a country decides to promote women to government roles, the importance of equal gender representation is crucial. A more gender-neutral government is necessary to ensure equal representation.
The recent advertisement undermined the struggles of Civil Rights activists

When you start to consider actual protesters whose experiences with confronting policemen have ended violently you should understand."

The Pepsi commercial featuring Kendell Jenner was insensitive

The biggest issue is the face of the commercial. Jenner may have graced the runways during Fashion Week and have appeared on the front pages of magazines, but she hasn't been a vocal advocate for anything. Ever. She hasn't advocated for the rights of the LGBTQ community, Muslims, women, the Black Lives Matter movement or any other social movement. With that said, why was she the face of the commercial — of all people?"

Disparities among candidates for Virginia's governorship represent the current political atmosphere

The election will be a test case for other state-level candidates who hope to determine the future of the Democratic Party."

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Governor race in Virginia will be indicative of Trump-era politics

That's not the case. When you start to consider actual protesters whose experiences with confronting policemen have ended violently you should understand."

If you think about the numerous unarmed black men who have been shot because an item in their hand was confused with a weapon and think of one being shot because he approached an officer with a Pepsi that's "mistaken" for a gun, then it will make sense.

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"A' rating from the NRA when he ran for Congress. Many Virginia Democrats — particularly those in ultra-liberal Northern Virginia — are crazy with rage at the current state of politics and Perriello's campaign might be unexpectedly successful by tapping into that fervor. However, I don't necessarily believe that channeling Democratic discontent will make Perriello the best governor. I fear that a single-minded focus on anti-Trumpism will obscure pragmatism and meaningful progressive policy progress.

Virginia Democrats should openly make the case for their candidates on the issues that matter. Perriello and Northam agree that key issues be forgiven if they promise to advance legislation forbidding discrimination in state hiring on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. He has also secured endorsements from critical Virginia Democrats including McAuliffe and Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. Furthermore, his liberal voting record is more secure than Perriello's and may appeal to Democrats who aren't as influenced by Perriello's populist fervor.

I have never been one, despite being from a very conservative area of Virginia, that puts up my finger to see which way the political winds are blowing," he said. However, his candidacy may be damaged by the fact that he voted for George W. Bush not once but twice and has been courted by the Republican Party.

Despite their differences in strategic calculations, Perriello and Northam agree far more than they disagree, and I haven't yet fully decided for whom I will cast my vote. Regardless, though, the election will be a test case for other state-level candidates who hope to determine the future of the Democratic Party. Can someone who's gone against party orthodoxy on key issues be forgiven if they promise to support a powerful populist message? Can the emerging culture war across the political spectrum be bridged by a more moderate candidate? Virginia is the canary in the coal mine for the new political era.
Professor addresses response to Eudaimonia

To the Editor:

One might have thought that the 181 signatures of faculty members on a petition requesting that Wake Forest separate itself from the Koch Foundation would have been enough.

One might have thought that the careful, thorough analysis of the Wake Forest Senate subcommittee studying our relationship to the Koch Foundation — urging us to sever all ties to it, giving them back their funds — would have been enough.

One might have assumed that the subcommittee's report — even if it was driven by "neo-Marxists" whose main goal is to undermine the quality of education at Wake Forest — demonstrated the ways in which Koch money compromises our ideals.

To get students more involved with Campus Rec.

One might have assumed that the subcommittee's report ... demonstrated the ways in which Koch money compromises our ideals and does little more than allow the Koch Foundation to add Wake Forest to the list of institutions that will sell their souls for a mess of pottage.

One might have thought that the onslaught of heavily biased attacks on the attempt to separate Wake Forest from the Koch Foundation (in an editorial by John Hood in the Winston-Salem Journal, in the Chronicle of Higher Education, in the Wall Street Journal and in various other journals and papers whose comments were invariably written by individuals whose funding came from extreme-right sources) would have demonstrated the pitfalls of being in hock to an organization whose main goal is to seed the world with its "open markets" viewpoint.

One might have thought that the various false narratives that have been provided in an attempt to demonstrate the ways in which the Eudaimonia Institute existed well before any connections to the Koch Foundation would have alerted the administration to the ruses to which it was exposing the university.

One might have thought that the year-long inclination on the part of the administration to provide irrelevant assurances about the integrity of the Eudaimonia Institute — when the question concerns the funding of the Institute rather than its stated purpose — might have led it to realize that its evasion of the main problem — that the Koch money pollutes the university and degrades our mission — would have led it to realize the mistake that has been made. But no.

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On-campus housing requirement should be amended

Living on campus for three years can be inconvenient and frustrating for some students

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The renovations and innovations around the Wake Forest campuses are putting Wake Forest at the forefront of universities around the country. From new residence halls to new majors and an entirely new part of campus in the heart of downtown Winston-Salem, it's amazing to witness how quickly and how much Wake Forest is updating its resources. So many new opportunities are becoming available to students and many of the resources we already have are getting new coats of wax to truly make them shine.

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But despite the groundbreaking progress and rapid changes made on Wake Forest campuses, one thing that has stood firm is the three-year on-campus living requirement. There are obviously many benefits for undergraduates who live on campus, but the three-year requirement is counterproductive to the developments that Wake Forest is trying to pursue, especially its investments in Wake Downtown.

One problem with Wake Downtown is its distance from campus. To get students more involved with Wake Downtown, students need some proximity to generate interest. For students with busy weekday schedules and equally busy weekends, dedicating the time towards commuting and staying at Innovation Quarter for a prolonged amount of time can be too much of a hassle.

And although the shuttle that goes downtown is timely and runs fairly frequently, missing a shuttle that only comes every 15 minutes also becomes something to plan around.

To make use of the resources downtown, students need to portion off significant parts of their days to accommodate for travel and spending time away from the Reynolds campus, which is inconvenient and sometimes frustrating. Simply trying to fit in the time needed to be at Innovation Quarter drives many students away from even going.

One solution for having more students at the Innovation Quarter would be to amend the three-year on-campus living requirement. The amendment wouldn't completely abolish the on-campus living requirement though because I believe that the requirement does have merit, especially for freshmen students who are new to the Wake Forest community and campus. Living on campus is an integral part of forming community, making memories and setting the foundation for your Wake Forest experience.

But for third-year students and some second-years, the necessity for living on-campus is creating more problems than solving them, especially for science majors that will take many classes downtown.

Having to live on the Reynolds campus but spend most of the day downtown away from your own room is a serious inconvenience. This forces students to carry all the day's supplies with them without the ability to quickly grab something they forgot or need. I believe Wake Forest should look into possibly changing the on-campus living requirement if they want students to take advantage of all the new resources the university is offering them downtown.

Word on the Quad | Campus Rec

What improvements to Campus Rec are you most excited about?

"Sutton Center." Taniq Shanks ("20)

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"Rock climbing wall." Conner Song ("19)

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Sergio Garcia wins a dramatic Masters

After 19 years in his career, Sergio Garcia finally won his first major at Augusta National

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With the famous green jacket firmly in his hands, Sergio Garcia finally felt the emotions of a major champion after he defeated Justin Rose in a playoff at the 2017 Masters. The final round was basically a two-player race, especially on the back nine. Overall, the traditional tournament in Augusta, Georgia finished with an ultra-exiting Sunday afternoon.

Garcia and Rose entered the day tied atop the leaderboard at six-under par. Garcia started with two birdies in the first three holes, while rose remained at six-under for the tournament. With Garcia starring to take control, Rose answered with birdies on three of the final four holes of the front nine. The two would enter the back nine again tied at eight-under par.

Garcia started off with back-to-back bogeys on 10 and 11 and seemed poised to allow the demons of his past failures at major championships to ruin his chance at a green jacket. However, behind a surprising pro-Garcia crowd, he was able to rally with a birdie on 14 and an eagle on 15. Rose gained only one stroke on the 15th, and they two continued their duel tied now at Garcia nine-under with one to play.

On the famous par-three 16th, Rose took advantage of beautiful tee shot and converted for a birdie. Garcia could find the cup in two-shots and finished with a par. Rose could not maintain the stroke advantage for a hole, as he bogeyed the 17th. The two would enter the 73rd hole of the tournament still tied at nine-under.

Both players hit gorgeous tee shots as the fans flocked to the final hole to see who would prevail. The players would tip their caps at each other in a sign of respect. Sportsmanship was actually a major theme of the Masters tournament as Garcia and Rose were constantly congratulating one another. Again, Garcia and Rose hit great second shots with Garcia only few inches closer, but both with makeable putts. Rose would miss his putt slightly to the left as he was asking the golf ball to break right. Garcia then sunk one putt to win the tournament, but would barely miss.

The players would have to go back to the 18th tee box for a playoff and the 73rd hole of the Masters. Garcia was able to replicate his perfect drive from the previous hole, but Rose hit his tee shot into the pines. Rose would then have to lay-up onto the fairway, while Garcia was on the green after two shots. Rose would then miss a par putt, basically giving Garcia the trophy. Garcia was able to make his birdie, and after years of heartbreak and scrutiny, he secured the victory.

Charles Schwartzel finished in third in a three-way, while Matt Kuchar and Thomas Pieters tied for fourth. Rory McIlroy tied for seventh as his quest for a Masters to complete his career grand slam will have to wait another year. Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler finished at one-under, good enough for tied for eleventh.

The 37-year-old Sergio Garcia won his first major championship at the Masters last Sunday, April 9, finally relieving himself of the title “Best golfer to never win a major.”

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson withdrew on Thursday after he fell down the stairs at the home he was renting.

Garcia is the third Spanish golfer to win the green jacket. The accomplishment was made even more special with it being the 60th birthday of the late Seve Ballesteros, Garcia’s childhood hero. Finally with a major championship in his trophy cabinet, the 37-year-old will have the knowledge and confidence to be in serious contention at this year’s summer majors.

NBA Recap: Westbrook deserves the NBA MVP

As the NBA season comes to a close, the picks for the post season awards are solidifying themselves

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With the end of the NBA regular season finally here, it is time to look on to the playoffs and who will win the league’s biggest awards. All the positions are set in the Western Conference, with the Portland Trail Blazers locking up the eighth seed in the West over the Denver Nuggets. The final playoff spot in the East, however, is coming down to the very final game. Three teams, the Indiana Pacers, the Chicago Bulls and the Miami Heat are all within one game of each other for the final two playoff spots. With a win in their final game, the Pacers could clinch the No. 7 seed, and the Bulls would clinch at least the No. 8 seed over the Heat as they have the tie-breaker over Miami.

With a win in their final matchup against the Milwaukee Bucks, the Boston Celtics will clinch the top seed in the East, but if they lose and the Cavaliers win, the Cavs will lock down the top seed.

Now, with the end of the regular season here, we must decide on who will win the league’s awards. Before the season, in my NBA Preview, I projected Russell Westbrook would win MVP, Kris Dunn would win Rookie of the Year, Kawhi Leonard would win Defensive Player of the Year and Steve Kerr would win Coach of the Year. Now, here are my predictions for who will win the awards with the regular season reaching its finale.

MVP: Russell Westbrook, OKC Thunder

This year’s battle for the MVP award is the most contentious it has been in years. There is a very legitimate case for four different players to take home the award — Russell Westbrook, James Harden, Kawhi Leonard and LeBron James.

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There is another tightly contested race for the Sixth Man of the Year award. There are three players with legitimate cases for the award: Igoudala, Eric Gordon of the Rockets and Lou Williams of the Lakers.

Igoudala gets the slight edge here because of his tremendous defensive value he adds off the bench, leading players with under 20 starts in Win Shares and filling in phenomenally for the Warriors when Durant missed time due to injury.

Defensive Player of the Year: Rudy Gobert, Utah Jazz

For me, this award comes down to Gobert, Kawhi Leonard and Draymond Green. Gobert edges them out for his phenomenal rim protection and for being the anchor of the league’s third best defense. Because of Gobert’s defensive ability, teams are often afraid to attack the rim against Utah.

Coach of the Year: Mike D’Antoni, Houston Rockets

D’Antoni’s idea to move Harden to point guard from shooting guard was one of the smartest moves in his coaching career. D’Antoni took a team that sunk into the playoffs a year ago and made them a legitimate title contender by building the league’s most dangerous offense around MVP candidate James Harden.
No. 20 Deacons continue strong season

The Wake Forest baseball team lost a tough series at Louisville but then beat the reigning champs.

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The Wake Forest baseball team recently dropped in the rankings from No. 17 to 20 after losing a series to No. 2 Louisville. The Demon Deacons faced their toughest challenge of this season this past weekend in Louisville, Kentucky against the No. 2 Louisville Cardinals. The Cardinals have been dominant at home this year with an 18-0 record and 37-0 dating back to last year.

The Deacs faced MLB first-round draft prospect Brendan McKay on Friday night. The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead early in the game, but a double by Stuart Fairchild followed by a two-run hit by Gavin Sheets would give the Deacs the lead for good.

Parker Danzelle was stellar, throwing seven innings and allowing just one run on five hits and one walk while striking out six. Griffin Roberts closed the door in the last two innings to earn the save while striking out four.

Unfortunately, the Deacs dropped the second game of the series. Donnie Sellers had a strong start, pitching six innings, but the bullpen could not hold strong as Louisville took the game 7-6. Sunday featured the rubber game with the Deacs starting last weeks ACC Pitcher of the Week Connor Johnston. The Deacs battled throughout the whole game and overcame a four-run deficit to tie the game at 5-5 going in the eighth inning. Louisville used a walk, a hit batter and a double to take the lead for good 7-5.

The Demon Deacons are a consensus top 25 team for the first time in more than a decade. Wake Forest is ranked by Baseball America (20), Collegiate Baseball (22), USA Today Coaches (22), D1Baseball (24), NCBWA (24) and Perfect Game (25).

The team is off to its best start since opening the 2006 season 23-7. The Demon Deacons also won the first four ACC series of the season for the first time since 2002, which was also the last time they hosted a regional.

MLB: The season’s first week brings excitement

The Angels were down 9-3 entering the final inning against the Mariners, but managed an incredible comeback win

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The first week of the MLB season is in the books. So now is therefore the year's prime period for speculation and overreaction. When a season is 162 games long, hot take based on roughly seven games are incredibly misleading, but due to the irrational overexitation or, in some cases, sort of masochistic negativity that a young season cultivates among fan bases, such knee-jerk or, in some cases, sort of masochistic negativity that a young season cultivates among fan bases, such knee-jerk reactions are part of baseball's natural progression each young season cultivates among fan bases, such knee-jerk or, in some cases, sort of masochistic negativity that a young season cultivates among fan bases, such knee-jerk reactions are part of baseball's natural progression each

One of the Mariners' most frustrating losses this season came during their division rivalry, the Los Angeles Angels. The Mariners held a 9-3 lead at the start of the bottom of the ninth inning and the game's result appeared to be a foregone conclusion as teams down by six or more runs to start the ninth inning were 1-2529 since 2011. The Angels lineup did not blink at the task that beset them and veteran Albert Pujols started their rally with a 405-foot homer to center field. Following his blast, the floodgates opened and the Seattle bullpen collapsed.

The comeback was completed by Cliff Pennington, who drove in Mike Trout to give the Angels a 10-9 walk-off victory.

The next four games will be played on the Deacs' home field. First, the Demon Deacons welcome Notre Dame to Winston-Salem for an ACC series, then Charlotte will travel here for one of the final games of the regular season.

The Wake Forest baseball team's first baseman and captain Gavin Sheets has been one of the team's most consistent forces offensively this season with his 10 home runs.

Five Deacons have already had at least seven homers: Johnny Aiello (11), Sheets (10), Bruce Steel (eight), Fairchild (10) and Keegan Maronpot (seven). The last time the Deacs had more than five players with at least seven homeruns was 2002.

The Cardinals have been dominant at home this year with an 18-0 record and 37-0 dating back to last year. The Angels made the season's first formidable no-hitter attempt as he had a perfect game to begin the seventh inning of his start against the Rays. Pineda will likely continue to be one of baseball's most perplexing and frustrating players. While he at times showcases an unhittable slider and a fastball that touches the high 90s, he more often struggles with pitch location and gets shelled by opposing lineups. Many of baseball's usual suspects on the pitching side are starting to predictably impress those of us who have been watching them for a long time.

On the injury front, a few of baseball's big names have already made their way onto the disabled list. On Tuesday, Giants catcher Buster Posey took a 94 mph fastball to the helmet while facing Diamondbacks pitcher Taijuan Walker and though Posey did not suffer a severe injury, he has been placed on the seven-day concussion DL. Nationals shortstop Trea Turner has been placed on the 10-day DL after breaking his hamstring while running the bases against the Phillies and the Nationals will now have to alter their lineup to replace their speedy leadoff hitter. The Yankees lost Gary Sanchez for at least one month on Saturday after he suffered a Grade 1 muscle strain in his right biceps during an awkward swing. Sanchez hit 20 home runs in just 53 games last season as a rookie.

The 2017 MLB season is still very young, so putting too much value in these early results would be foolish; however thus far, there is no reason to doubt that this baseball season will be as exciting as the last.
Spotlight: Robert Heppenstall

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Standout sophomore Robert Heppenstall has proven himself to be a rising star on the track for both Wake Forest and his home country of Canada.

When did you start running track?

I started running track in ninth grade. Before that, I played a lot of sports like football and basketball, and I kept playing other sports until 11th grade. In 12th grade, I really much focused on track my whole senior year and took it seriously.

When did you know that you could run at an elite level?

Pretty much after 11th grade. The summer after 11th grade, I qualified for the World Junior Championships and at that point, I realized that doing well at state meets and doing well at nationals was one level. But once I transcended into the next level, which is the World Junior level, I kind of decided that this is what I want to do and pursue, especially in college.

That helped me with the decision to focus my whole 12th grade year on trying to run fast for my senior season, junior Pan-Am Championship and trying to pick a college.

When did you start receiving college offers?

Wake Forest was actually the first school to contact me going into my 11th grade year. I was contacted by schools like Kentucky and Michigan, but nothing really followed through. I actually wasn't offered any sort of scholarship by any school other than Wake Forest. So it all worked out really well. I'm obviously really happy to be here and just the fact that Wake Forest offered me a scholarship is an opportunity that you can't put a price on.

Why Wake Forest?

I was considering going to other schools and working for a scholarship, but I liked Wake Forest due to the fact that I really liked the people on the team and I heard the team had a really good culture combining in. On my visit, I really enjoyed the guys that around.

Academically, it really helps to have a school that places as academics so highly with every thing that they're known for. Also, I've heard good things about Wake Forest from other people.

When I visited the campus, I really liked it. It's something that's hard to explain; You just have a feel for the right place you want to be, and that's what I got when I came to Wake Forest.

Since you've been at Wake Forest, how have you improved on the track?

Definitely coming into college, I didn't really have that much background in a sense of mileage. I came from a very low-mileage background doing 400 meter and things like that. Coming into Wake Forest my freshman year, I knew that I had to bump up my training and get a lot more mileage and a lot more intense training.

I had to mentally prepare for that. After my last year, getting in really good races, learning tactics and learning how the NCAA really works over the season, you learn a lot about how everything works, when you're supposed to run fast and things like that.

My freshman year really worked out in a sense that all the pieces fell together at the right time. My personal best went down by a little more than a second in the 800 M from a 1:47.9 to a 1:46.7, which I ran later in the fall.

It definitely helped to get mileage in and run in the right races, and not even running significantly faster, but learning how to run in the NCAA finals and ACC finals and things like that.

Hopefully I can try to replicate that this year and learn from my NCAA experience.

How do you approach each race differently?

Each race is more important than another given race. For example, a NCAA final is more important than a really local meet in which you're just trying to go for a time.

I think in high school I used to get really nervous for races and over think the race, but racing so much in the NCAA has just taught me to relax and that at the end of the race, I'll be hurting and it'll suck a little bit, but you get through it. The mindset last year was just to take every race as an opportunity rather than a requirement, try to keep a positive mindset and make sure that the last thought before you step to the line is a positive one.

For an NCAA final or an ACC final, you want to race smart rather than hard and put yourself in a good position, which is something I'm still learning even as a sophomore.

I'm still learning how to put myself in good positions, which is like 50 percent of the race, not even running as hard as you can but putting yourself in good position. To answer the question, I try to keep everything even when warming up, treating every race like it's just another race and always respect the competition no matter who I'm racing against, but realize that you're there for a reason, you have a lane on the track and you have just as good a chance as anyone else.

What's it like to run for your country?

It's definitely a different experience. Growing up with a big hockey background and in a big hockey town, everybody talked about being on Team Canada and how important that is and what it means to wear the Maple Leaf on your chest. To actually go out and run not just for yourself, but to run for your country, it's one of those things that you just can't really explain.

When you're up on the starting line and they say Robert Heppenstall, from Canada, not just from Ontario, it puts a whole different perspective on it. Being able to represent your country, you just think that I'm one in 35 million people that got to have this opportunity. International experience is definitely one of the things I value in the sport. There are so many talented people in the world that are hard to get exposed to if you're not on the international stage, but once you reach that stage, you realize that this is another level and another dimension of the sport that a lot of people don't experience.

I'm just lucky to experience it.

Visit wfuogb.com for the full interview.

Deac Notes

Four-star French center signs with Demon Deacons as fourth recruit in 2017-18 class

On Wednesday, April 12, Wake Forest head coach Dany Manning announced the signing of the four-star center from France, Olivier Sarr. Sarr rounds out Wake Forest's strongest recruiting class for 2017-2018 which includes Chaundee Brown and Melo Eggleston. Coach Manning told reporters "Olivier brings a level of athleticism and shot-blocking that will open some eyes."

Sophomore power forward John Collins signs with agent ahead of NBA draft

On Wednesday evening, April 12, Wake Forest forward and First Team All-ACC player John Collins announced on his Instagram account (@jc_20_) that he intends to sign with an agent and will not return to Wake Forest in the Fall.

He concluded his post by saying "I will always bleed black and gold, and do my best to represent the university in the most positive way possible."
Men's golf: Deacs runners-up at Irish Creek

The Demon Deacons finish regular season play on a high note headed into the ACC Tournament.

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The Wake Forest men's golf team has ended their regular season on an upswing headed into ACC Tournament play starting April 21. Coming out as a top-three finisher in the last five regular season appearances, the Deacs have winning momentum going into the tournament at Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, South Carolina. At the end of regular season play, Wake Forest holds the No. 8 national team ranking while junior standout Will Zalatoris holds the No. 4 individual ranking spot.

On April 1 and April 2, the Demon Deacons travelled down to Augusta, Georgia where they earned the runner-up title at the 3M Augusta Invitational. ACC Player of the month, Zalatoris, finished in the individual runner-up spot shooting 10-under overall at the par-72 course to secure this position. Another notable performance included a top-10 finish by junior Paul McBride who shot five-under overall.

Wake Forest fell to an unranked University of Central Florida squad who was seeded to finish in third place after the first two rounds of play in Augusta. However, the Knights proved they had stamina going into the final round after four out of five players finished under par during the third round, securing them a tournament victory.

Virginia Tech was the only other ACC team to compete in the tournament, finishing in the eleventh spot. On April 8 and April 9, Wake Forest men's golf continued their strong performance streak in Kannapolis, North Carolina at the Irish Creek Intercollegiate Classic. As a team, the Deacons finished in the runner-up spot at 12-under and on the individual side, three players finished in the top-10. Ending the season with one of his best performances, McBride shot the low round of the day and tying for fourth place overall, Zalatoris tied for eighth, and sophomore Lee Detmer tied for 10th.

A major highlight of the tournament included sophomore Kyle Sterbinsky's hole-in-one from 198 yards. Eerily similar to the week before, Wake Forest was edged out of a victory by North Florida, a third place seed after two rounds of play. Other ACC team results include a third place finish by Florida State at 10-under overall and UNC with a fifth place finish with two-under overall.

The Deacs' last two regular season opportunities have illustrated the team's ability to consistently stay in the zone headed into the ACC Tournament at the end of this month. On a national level, Wake Forest is the highest ranking ACC team in the NCAA National Standings finished by 11th ranked Virginia, 15th ranked Clemson, 21st ranked Georgia Tech and 25th ranked Duke. North Carolina and Florida State have also received a few votes for a national ranking. Additionally, on Wednesday, April 11, Zalatoris was one of 10 golfers in the NCAA named as a national semifinalist for the 2017 Bob Hogan Award. This award recognizes the top overall golfer in NCAA Division I golf. On May 3, the list will be narrowed down to three finalists.

NHL: Stanley Cup playoffs first round preview

Six teams emerge as NHL Championship material headed into the first round.

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There's nothing quite like playoff hockey. For some reason, as soon as the calendar hits mid-April, the action on the ice just hits a new level that surpasses even the best games of the regular season. Let's take a look at some of the first round matchups and storylines heading into the beginning of the chase for Lord Stanley's cup.

Ottawa Senators vs. Boston Bruins

Looking to put the demons of the late regular season collapse of 2014 and 2015 behind them, the Bruins will try to win their first playoff series in three years against Ottawa. The early storyline in this first round matchup appears to be injuries as the Bruins are without defenseman Torey Krug and Zdeno Chara for at least one game and potentially forwards Noel Acciari and David Krejci as well.

On Ottawa's side,Marc Methot is questionable to play after his finger injury caused by Sidney Crosby's skate blade and star defenseman Erik Karlsson is also struggling with an undisclosed injury. Keys to this first round series will be how effective Karlsson plays with his injury (if he plays at all) and the goaltending of Tuukka Rask, which has been up and down over the last month of the season.

San Jose Sharks vs. Edmonton Oilers

The defending Western Conference champions take on the Oilers, who are in the postseason for the first time in a decade. Leading the Oilers is a familiar face to San Jose players and fans, as Edmonton head coach Todd McLellan coached the Sharks for over five seasons before leaving after the 2015 season. Edmonton is the hot team coming into the series, undefeated in their home building since mid-march.

San Jose, by far the older team in the series, (with an average age of 28.33 as compared to the Oilers average age of around 25.88) is also struggling with injuries. Key players Joe Thornton and Logan Couture both missed at least the last week of the regular season with knee and upper body injuries respectively. The key to this series depends on your perspective.

Will the Sharks veteran leadership and playoff experience lead them to victory? Or will the Oilers, led by young superstar Connor McDavid, take down the Sharks?

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Pittsburgh Penguins

Sidney Crosby, like he does nearly every year, dazzled in the NHL over the 75 games that he played. Scoring 89 points and winning the Rocket Richard trophy for scoring the most goals in the league with 44, there's no doubting who the best player in this series is. But there certainly is room for doubt in who the best team is.

Led by 2013 Vezina trophy winning goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky (who may well win it again this season, leading the NHL in save percentage and goals against average and also finishing top three in wins) and top 10 goal scorer Cam Atkinson, the Blue Jackets finished only three points behind Pittsburgh with 108 points, which was good enough for third place in the Eastern Conference and fourth overall throughout the entire league.

The Blue Jackets can also catch fire quite quickly, winning 16 games in a row at one point this season. This stands as the second-longest winning streak in NHL history. This should be a very tight series, but if Bobrovsky can play as well as he has all season, look for Columbus to pull off the slight upset and beat the Penguins in six or seven games.
2018 recruiting class looks like Clawson’s best

Football coach Dave Clawson, with a bowl victory under his belt, is recruiting top talent

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Dave Clawson and his staff are off to a hot start on the recruiting trail for the class of 2018. As BloggerSoDear said, this class is composed of 250 Sink’saban’s Alabama Crimson Tide, with Wake Forest ranking 20th in the nation per 247Sports.

Not bad for the Demon Deacons, a program that last year that brought in a 6th ranked class in the eyes of the same recruiting website. Although there is still plenty of time for many elite recruits to commit and decommit to programs, Wake Forest is poised to make a strong case to make this one its best in program history. Recruiting metrics are helpful, but, as the famous coaching saying goes, “the film doesn’t lie.” These are some of the Wake Forest commits that look great on film.

Sam Hartman, Quarterback: The Davidson Day pipeline is the gift that just keeps giving. Each of Wake Forest football, as this is an athlete that proves to be ideal for Clawson’s spread offensive attack. This is the 2018 class’ earliest commit, and it might be the biggest commit so far. Hartman separates himself from other Clawson quarterbacks through his ability to scramble out of the pocket and deliver accurate darts to receivers downfield. Many quarterbacks on Hudl, the most widely-used football highlight website, can boast long completions by making intermediate passes and benefiting from long runs after the catch by wide outs. Hartman is unique in comparison due to his ability to throw for 40-45 yards in the air to hit a receiver in stride down the sidelines. If Hartman were two inches taller, he would likely have offers from many of the bigger programs in the country. Instead, he’s Clawson’s hidden jewel that Wake Forest should enjoy for years to come. You can find his highlight tape on Rivals, and it is well worth the watch.

The elusiveness to escape a collapsing pocket, combined with above-average arm strength and accuracy could give the Demon Deacons the athlete behind the center that has not been there in the early years of the Clawson era. Despite a modest height of 6’1″, Hartman offers the complete package quarterback that can allow Wake Forest to thrive in the ACC.

Peyton Woulard, Safety: Offers from Duke, Minnesota, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt amongst the 18 the Georgia native has received. Measuring in at 6’1”, Woulard compliments his good size for the safety position with great football instincts. His high school program, Collins Hill, plays him at receiver in addition to safety, and the speedy Woulard has catching ability to read the quarterback and break for the ball and disrupt plays. These instincts translate to his open field tackling ability as well. Woulard can contain running backs who are trying to beat him to the sideline and turn up-field. There are instances where his instincts, speed and tackling ability allow him to make touchdown-saving tackles, an essential quality for success at the college level for a safety. A recruiting side note: Peyton has a good relationship with fellow Georgian and 4-star cornerb back Jaycee Horn, who recently included Wake Forest in his top-7 list.

Zion Keith, Safety: Keith, like Woulard, plays both receiver and safety for his high school program. Wilson. Keith is a recruit that has flown under the radar in comparison to some other 2018 Wake Forest recruits, but he’s a talent that should not go unacknowledged due to his potential. The 6’1” Keith runs a 4.49 40-yard dash, per 247Sports, and is an athlete that can make plays. On the day Zion committed to Wake Forest, Jay Sawvel, the newly hired Defensive Coordinator, tweeted, “Happy Defensive Coordinator tonight — excited about our newest commit!”

There’s no doubt in my mind why, as this is the type of project that Sawvel has had success in developing throughout his career. An example would be Jaylen Myrick, a player he coached at Minnesota who is shorter than Keith (5-10), but shares similar explosive athletic ability and is now a mid-round NFL draft prospect. Fans should keep Zion on their radars because he can make plays and has the athletic ability to benefit under Sawvel’s tutelage.

Demon Deacon LoL team finishes season

The team, ranked in the top 30 percentile of all university teams, reached new heights this season

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Last week was the end of the road for the Wake Forest League of Legends Team A—their playoff run ended with a loss to Washington State University. Wake Forest Team A is in Division II of the Collegiate Starleague, which is an organizer for university e-sport regular seasons, playoffs and tournaments.

With the end of this spring season, the League team will have a long summer of practice to prepare for the fall season. The team ended the regular season with six wins and one loss, with each win or loss coming from a three game series. Wake Forest’s team was first place in their group and got a spot in playoffs with 128 of the top teams from Division 2.

The Dining room was full of team members, and the lights were dimmed to make it more like a movie theater. The team gathered around a large television screen to watch the final match between Wake Forest and Washington State University. The team was excited and hopeful, but also nervous as they were facing one of the best teams in the division.

The match was intense and competitive, with both teams giving it their all. In the end, Washington State University came out on top, winning the match 3-2.

The team members were disappointed with the loss, but they were proud of themselves for making it to the playoffs. They knew that they had done everything they could to prepare for the match, and that they had given it their all. They were looking forward to the opportunity to learn from their experience and use it to improve in the future.

The team members were also excited about the prospect of playing against other strong teams in the future. They knew that they had the skills and dedication to succeed, and they were ready to take on the challenge.

The team was proud to represent Wake Forest in the college Esports scene. They were grateful for the support of their coach and the university, and they were committed to continuing to grow and improve in the field of Esports.

The team was looking forward to the opportunity to compete in the Collegiate Starleague next year, and they were excited to see where their journey would take them. They knew that they had the talent and determination to succeed, and they were ready to take on the challenge.
Arnold Palmer Day

By Sarah Boyce

On Thursday, April 9, Wake Forest Traditions Council held their sixth annual Arnold Palmer Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Magnolia Quad.

Arnold Palmer Day was created to honor one of the most esteemed golfers who attended Wake Forest College in the late 1940s and early 1950s. To this day, Wake Forest University celebrates Arnold Palmer for the support and love that he had for Wake Forest. "Arnold Palmer Day embodies most everything that Traditions Council stands for," said Traditions Council co-chair Mary Augusta Slawson. "Each year, on this day, we celebrate the life and legacy of one of Wake Forest's most accomplished golfers."

On Sept. 25, 2016, Arnold Palmer passed away 15 days after his 87th birthday. Because of this, Traditions council wanted to make this year's event the biggest one yet.

"He truly embodied what it meant to be a Demon Deacon," said Traditions Council member Carl McPhail. "The day turned out better than any of us could have imagined."

The entire golf team also attended in support of Arnold Palmer Day and joined the community in celebrating one of the greatest players in golf's history, according to sophomore golfer Lee Detmer.

"Arnold Palmer Day allowed Demon Deacons everywhere to recognize the achievements of Mr. Palmer and appreciate all that he meant to Wake Forest and the world of golf," said Traditions Council Advisor Anthony Tang. After Palmer's death, the Wake Forest golf team placed AP badges on their golf bags to show their respect and remembrance of "The King."

"We play for him week in and week out," Detmer said. "Arnold Palmer's continued support of Wake Forest golf is unmatched and we thank him for paving the way for us."

Within 10 minutes of the event, the Traditions Council sold all 250 Arnold Palmer T-shirts and generated an online order as well. McPhail also sold Smathers and Branson products on sale for students.

"It's a blend of school spirit and team pride that brings people together on AP Day," Slawson said. "Just getting people to think about that for a moment is important to Traditions Council."

At 12:20 p.m., Wake Forest Head Golf Coach, Jerry Haas, who graduated from Wake Forest in 1985, led a toast honoring Arnold Palmer.

"It's great to have an Arnold Palmer Day here at Wake Forest," Haas said during his toast. "He was known as 'The King,' he made golf cool, here it is on Masters Thursday and we are celebrating him here on campus."

About 300 people gathered around the tent for the toast, including the whole golf team, Traditions Council, students and faculty.

"One thing about Mr. Palmer is that he loved his Demon Deacons and I think we know that," Haas said. "There is only one statue on this campus and that is of Arnold Palmer. So here's to 'The King' — let's drink up."

The Traditions Council was amazed to see the transformation from just passing out canned drinks in 2006 to this year having a tent, printed banners, a six-foot cutout of Arnie, flowers and cakes.

"Without a doubt, this was the Traditions Council's most successful AP Day yet," Slawson said. "My co-chairs were incredible, from Ben Weekley knowing every single person at Wake Forest to Elizabeth King's amazing memory for detail. We complemented each other and I think the results were indicative of that."

The Traditions Council hopes that Arnold Palmer Day remains to be a favorite tradition among Wake Forest students that it connects them to Wake Forest's rich heritage.

"Our goal for future Arnold Palmer days is to continue to create excitement and increase awareness for one of the best days of the school year," said Andrews Kennedy, a Traditions Council member. "We are already looking forward to next year's event."

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Asheville mixes quirky and cool

Known for its mountain views and ecclectic people, Asheville is a great travel destination

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After a grueling week of exams, group projects and pop quizzes, nothing serves as a better weekend escape than a trip to Asheville — a unique haven tucked into the mountains of Western North Carolina. It welcomes all visitors with its expansive dining options, hip breweries, beautiful hikes and lively downtown shopping.

The first thing to do is to park your car downtown, get out and explore. Most of the shops worth visiting lie along Biltmore Ave and Lexington Ave. Although only a few short blocks, the stores lining the streets take hours to explore. From high-end boutiques to backpacking stores and hole-in-the-wall trinket shops, taking the time to walk in and out of the shops will reap all sorts of different treasures.

One shop in particular, Lofi: - Lost & Found Treasures — is quintessential Asheville, as every nook of the store is lined with goofy books, paintings, mugs, lamps or other special trinkets. Its quirky yellow front adorned with colorful pinwheels blowing in the wind sets the eccentric tone for the rest of the shop.

It is especially important to stop in on different coffee shops and restaurants to recharge. The most unique coffee shop in the city is Double D's Coffee, a bright red double decker bus where customers purchase their goodies on the first floor and bring them to the second level to sit in the vintage upholstered seats of the bus.

Mixed into the unique downtown are seemingly endless options for dining — ranging from high-end restaurants to walk up shops. For average college students, affordable but delicious food options completely exist, particularly cheap taco and noodle places. Some of the best are Baracoa, White Duck Taco and Doc Chey's Noodle Soup — all options that will fill you up but also leave you wanting more.

For students 21 and older, stopping at the independent breweries unique to the city are a good way to spend a Friday night. Wicked Weed, Asheville Brewing and HiWine are some of the highest ranked, most popular spots. For underage students, seeing live music at Orange Peel, hearing street performers or stopping for ice cream after dinner are also ideal ways to spend a night.

Asheville also has plenty of options outside of the downtown circle, such as hiking, museums and historic mansions. The Blue Ridge Parkway, an almost 500-mile-long National Parkway weaving through various national parks and forests, runs directly through Asheville. A drive along the parkway offers unforgettable views of mountains, rivers and wildlife, while also allowing visitors to park their cars along the road and hike various trails.

Asheville is the perfect weekend escape. Shopping around downtown, eating at some of the best restaurants around, brewery-hopping and hiking make it out to be a truly unique, relaxing and affordable trip.

Video Game Review | Persona 5

First impressions of P5 are positive

Newest installment of the video game series, Persona 5, arrives to rave reviews for its

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I've had Persona 5 for about a week now and I've already logged about 17 hours of gameplay. I still have a ways to go based on my simple Google search, which revealed that a completionist style playthrough of the game should take about 172 hours. Given that the last game was released in 2008 and this game was initially scheduled for release in 2014, but was delayed for quality reasons, you can be sure that a lot of care went into every minute of this game, and so far, that seems to be the case.

The first few hours of the game are slowed paced with a lot of tutorial content to get through, but they space it out in such a way as to make it doesn't feel like a tutorial. The interesting dialogue, anime-styled cutscenes, boppin' background music and talented voice actors make it not only bearable, but enjoyable. And even 17 hours in, I am still being taught new things about the game. All too often, games will throw you in and teach you every mechanic in 20 minutes, which is easily forgettable and an unnecessarily overwhelming experience for a first impression. Persona 5 drops you into intense (but easy) gameplay for a few minutes, then backtracks to begin teaching you how to play the game over a very long period of time so as to keep things interesting and allow you to commit the instructions to memory.

In Persona 5, the player can go to school, study, hang out with friends and explore the city, including shops, bookstores, batting cages and more. This pushes the player to feel like a part of the world and the downtown allows you to do different activities to boost different stats that may come in handly later. It sounds boring, but the world is fascinating and they keep the more mundane aspects fairly fast-paced so half the game doesn't feel like going on chores.

The plot of the game revolves around the concept of "Phantom Thieves," your character's group of rebellious teenagers that can enter into a "palace" that exists within the distorted desires of a corrupted person, the first target being an abusive volleyball coach. The goal of infiltrating a palace is to cause the person to have a change of heart and stop their heinous behavior. The infiltration of palaces in this "metaverse" is where most of the game takes place when not in between missions.

When inside a palace, you must sneak around to reach the treasure at the core of their distorted desires. Unmasking enemies to enter complex turn-based combat that feels incredibly satisfying. You utilize melee attacks, magic attacks and gunfire - all with satisfying animations - to destroy enemies or knock them down to enter a hold-up and rob them or have a lovely chat to convince them to join your team as a Persona. With many different enemies, a variety of combat options and multiple ways to end a battle, the combat never feels dull and I have never once found myself wanting to skip a battle just to get through it faster, which is rare for me in turn-based combat style games.

The game is heavily stylized and every character feels so cool. The outfits, the attacks, the animation, the individualized "all-out attacks" all work together to create a "heck yeah" feeling with each moment.

The characters all feel unique and each have their own well-developed backstories that explain a lot about their actions and emotions and make them all very lovable for different reasons. All-in-all, Persona 5 is a wonderful game that a lot of evidence come into it. It stands currently as my favorite game to come out in a long time. Persona 5 acts as a stand-alone game too, so no previous Persona experience is required.

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Give yourself some extra credit because your professors sure won't

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Wake Forest's main man himself
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Persona 5 flawlessly blends anime with an interesting plot and immersive worlds.

Arnold Palmer
New Marvel movie relies on special effects

Dr. Strange, the newest installment of the Marvel movie franchise, got a little carried away with the CGI graphics and green screens.

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While "strange" is definitely a word you could use to describe the most recent Marvel movie, other words could include "enticing," "dramatic" and "entertaining.

Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Dr. Stephen Strange, an extremely egotistical surgeon who finds his calling in the mystic arts after injuring his hands in a car crash. After doctors in the developed world of New York City tell him that continuing his surgical career with his injuries is essentially impossible, he travels to Nepal in search of a 10th, or 11th, medical opinion.

There, he finds a cultish compound called Kamar-Taj. Through a montage similar to that of The Karate Kid, Strange learns how to conjure a circle of sparks using the mystic arts and his hands begin to heal. It's soon discovered that he's naturally inclined to be a great sorcerer. Now, he must choose between returning to his surgical career or protecting the earth from the Dark Dimension.

Whoever was in charge of special effects for the movie went a little bit overboard, and by that, I mean they jumped ship. There was one scene in particular during which I couldn't help but crack up laughing at the ridiculousness of it, despite it being somewhat serious part of the plot. Strange was caught in some kind of weird hand dimension, where his fingers were growing miniature hands and those hands' fingers were growing more hands and then, all of a sudden, he jumped into the center of a giant eyeball and I lost it.

The movie continued to make me feel as if I may have accidentally eaten the wrong brownie in a twisted, glitchy Alice in Marvel-land spoof. Gravity was going sideways, people were jumping on the sides of buildings, cars were coming out of literally thin air and people had ghosts without being dead. There was just a lot going on.

After the "Ancient One," Strange's mystic arts mentor, dies, Strange takes it upon himself to protect Earth from being engulfed by Dormammu, leader of the Dark Dimension, where time does not exist. He creates an infinite time loop in which he and Dormammu are stuck in the same moment over and over again. Similar to a toddler not getting what he wanted, Strange's strategy for bargaining was to be as annoying as possible for as long as possible until he finally got his way. However, instead of "his way" being more T.V. time or a popsicle, Strange freed the Earth from the grasp of the Dark Dimension.

Despite the trippy special effects, I'm glad that the movie brought a new character into the Marvel Universe, complete with a personality complex and a subplot love interest. There were lots of plot holes, but I expect that the majority of them will be explained away by magic, as is typical of "magic" movies.

Overall, I enjoyed the movie and am looking forward to seeing Strange's story continue. I guess I'll forgive Cumberbatch for taking so dang long with the Sherlock series if he's spending his time starting in a Dr. Strange sequel—or better yet, the next Avengers movie.

Music Column | Bob Dylan

Bob Dylan awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature

While some note the differences between music and poetry, others recognize and laud the poetic nature of Dylan's lyricism and musical styling.

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Bob Dylan, a songwriter who gained fame in the 1960's, was awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature—the first musician to receive such an award. Dylan now joins writers such as Toni Morrison, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Pablo Neruda, John Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway as Nobel laureates in literature.

As stated by Swedish Academy representatives, Dylan "created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

Known for his reclusiveness, Dylan was quiet for years and in reading his lyrics with any detail, it became apparent that the Swedish Academy was justifiably right to have Bob Dylan to thank for his innovativeness. His songs are stripped of music, excellent poetry still remains.

"Not once have I ever had the time to ask myself, 'Are my songs literature?'

'Never could I have imagined,' that he is 'in very rare company,' and ended with a statement of gratitude.

Dylan's lyrical contributions to the literary world have been recognized recently—comes apparent that the Swedish Academy was justified in their decision. Musicians and writers alike will forever have Bob Dylan to thank for his innovativeness.
Humor Column | Campus Day

Campus Day misleads first-year students

While accepted students eagerly tour the campus, current Wake Forest students must pretend to have their lives in working order.

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Campus day: the day where eager students who were accepted to Wake Forest tour the campus, visit current students, and get it drilled into their minds how great Wake Forest is.

Campus day: the day where exhausted students who currently attend Wake Forest drag their way to and from class while being looked at like zoo animals.

Yet, I have nothing against campus day. When I visited Wake Forest for campus day last year, I felt even more in love with what my family calls my "wedding dress school."

That being said, when you experience a campus day from the flip side, things are... well, very different.

"Step right up to see the exhausted college student in her natural habitat," I swear I heard Nathan O. Hatch say. "See how she wipes the sleep from her baggy eyes. Smell the scent of espresso in her Starbucks coffee. Listen to her internal screaming."

That's right, kiddos. College is not some happy-go-lucky play land where you don't actually do work, like you may have seen in one of those Pitch Perfect movies.

"You're at Wake Forest. If you wanna be the best, work harder than the rest. "If you mess with the bull, you're gonna get the horns." When opportunity knocks, answer the door. And all that mumbo-jumbo, whatever the heck that means.

As many of the service dogs would say, Wake Forest is RUFF. You're going to be worn out. You're probably not going to have a 4.89 GPA.

You are not, no matter how early you think you wake up for school now, going to be able to survive an 8 a.m.

Now, I'm not trying to be a Debby Downer. There are many great things about college too. So many great things, in fact, that I'm having a hard time coming up with things. We will revisit that later.

I'm just trying to be a realist. Everyone's all, "Woohoo, go college. Finally away from my parents. I'm gonna go to the ragers I see on TV. I'm gonna nap all day."

This is somewhat true, but in many aspects, these are just the things you see on the social media of every college student. Don't let that fool you.

Every day, we're going to classes that are harder than a Guns N' Roses rock concert, trying to maintain a social life in the means of any human contact and putting way, way too many things on our plates — both in the Pit and out. To top it all off, we're doing this on minimal sleep.

What I'm trying to say is that college is by no means peaches and cream. Get prepared for the most stress you've ever been under in your life, that way you know what to expect.

In doing so, you'll be prepared to be a real college student — that way, when you're a student at Wake Forest, you'll know what the real deal is on campus day.

Television Review | Big Little Lies

Funny new TV series is based on best-selling novel

HBO premieres new series starring Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman hitting audiences hard with secrets and drama.

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First a best-selling novel by Liane Moriarty, Big Little Lies continues its success on the television screen.

The comedy-drama, which stars Reese Witherspoon, Nicole Kidman and Shailene Woodley, premiered in February on HBO and has kept viewers on their toes ever since.

While there are some minor changes from the book, Big Little Lies holds tight to the general storyline and certainly does not disappoint fans of Moriarty's original novel.

The harrowing story truly comes to life on screen, and its transition is certainly not something you want to miss.

Set in the quaint town of Monterey, California, the show focuses on the lives of three mothers who all have children in the same kindergarten class.

Madeline Mackenzie (Reese Witherspoon) is the loud, opinionated mom of the group.

Divorced and re-married, she is always at the center of town drama.

Celeste (Nicole Kidman), a former lawyer and Madeline's best friend, tries to stay out of the petty squabbling that Madeline is so often involved in. Although her home life with her rich, attractive husband seems perfect, she has secrets that are far from enviable. Jane (Shailene Woodley), a young mom with a violent past, is taken under the wings of Madeline and Celeste after her son is accused of bullying on the first day of school.

These three women form a solid support system, and while they pretend to tell each other everything, many things are often left unsaid.

Their lives appear to be the definition of perfection: perfect families, perfect schools, perfect houses.

Yet, like the title of the mini-series alludes to, this perfection is a lie. Madeline, Celeste, and Jane, along with many of the other moms of Monterey, harbor secrets of their own — secrets so dark they often don't believe them themselves.

Big Little Lies is funny, thrilling, and even a little disturbing at times. It twists and turns constantly, leaving the audience in awe of its incredible complexity.

The writers of the show are able to take seemingly insignificant conflict and create an underlying problem — one that has to do the little lies we tell everyday.
Cool Classes Fall 2017
(That you can still take)

We know that finding classes to fill out your schedule is difficult — especially for rising sophomores. But don’t worry, the Old Gold & Black has got you covered with interesting classes that are still available.

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African Studies 150 - Introduction to African Studies (95091)
Professor Lina Benabdallah

Classics 252 - Women, Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity (94951)
Professors T.H.M Gellar-Goad and Amy Lather

Dance 130 - Movement for Men (87388)
Professor Jessie Laurita-Spanglet

History 112 - Big History (94582)
Professor Alan J. Williams

Journalism 276 - Niche Reporting: Audio and Podcasting (90320)
Professor Ivan Jay Weiss

Writing 320 - Writing in and About Science: Scientists as Writers and Writers as Scientists (94657)
Professor Laura Giovanelli

Classics 252
This course is a study of primary sources, both literary and non-literary, that examine representations of women in Greek and Roman societies. “Studying classic plays is interesting and important not only because of the way they incorporate the mythology of the time, but also because of the way the plot and characters are representative of the social atmosphere during a time of intense political construction,” said freshman Chyanne Thompson-Quarrey.

African Studies 150
This course studies notions of the African continent through history, economics, politics and literature. It also fulfills the entry-level requirements for a minor in African Studies.

Dance 130
An eight-week course that teaches the fundamentals of jazz, modern and ballet dance to men. It also helps men develop greater flexibility and agility.

Journalism 276
This course surveys a special interest in the field of journalism. Students will work in different media, including audio, podcasting and writing. “This class has been one of the most unique classes I’ve taken so far at Wake Forest. Having the ability to learn how to make a powerful piece of audio and edit sound rather than writing has given me a set of abilities no other class can give me,” said senior Melissa Libutti.

Writing 320
This course looks at the writing of grant proposals, lab notebooks, journal articles, posters and presentations — all types of writing that scientists do every day. But not just a class about writing in the sciences, this class explores writing about the sciences for a broader audience. “Professor Giovannelli is one of those people that is genuinely interested in students and their backgrounds,” junior Aditya Mudigonda said.

History 112
This course surveys the history of the universe, up through human existence to the present day. Multiple disciplines will be considered, including physics, biology, anthropology and history, all taught in Dr. William’s unique style.