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THE PENDULUM



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Schar Center construction continues with clear weather Sept. 25.

'Let's get it built'

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

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

GROWING IN SIZE

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

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

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

The new arena

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

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

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

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'WE NEED YOUR HELP'

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

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WHAT IS DACA?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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