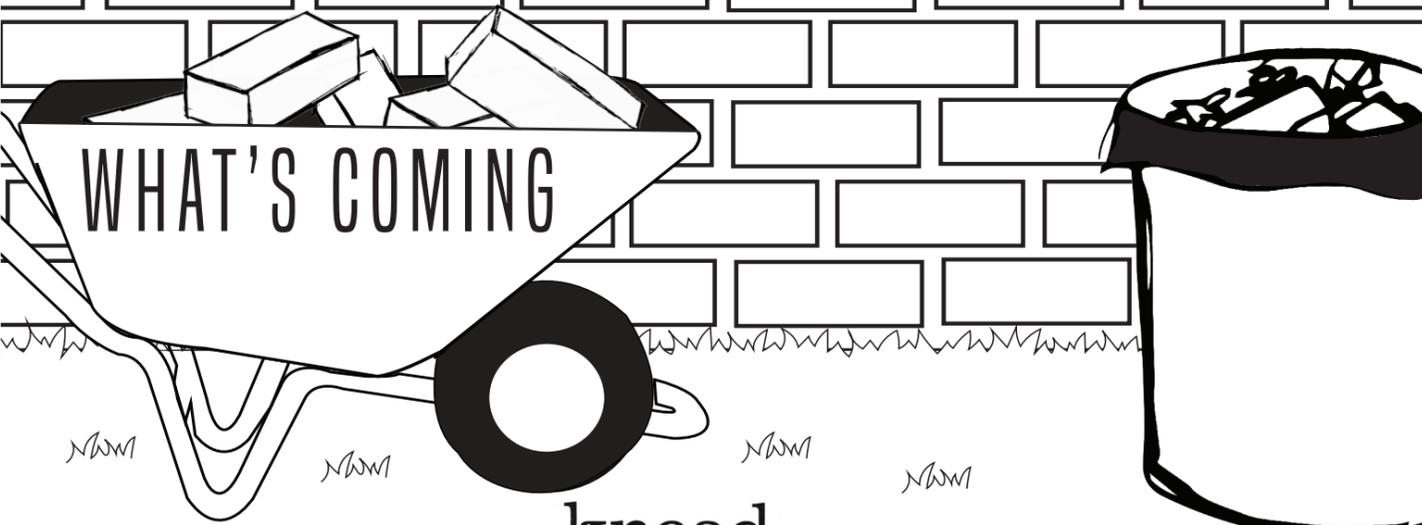


# THE PENDULUM

## THE NEW MCEWEN



### GREENS & GRAINS

**Menu:** Chopped salads and soups  
**Hours:** Daily, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Meal Plan:** All Access Swipes accepted



**Menu:** Chicken sandwiches and nuggets.  
**Hours:** Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Meal Plan:** Meal Exchange accepted



**Menu:** Asian cuisine  
**Hours:** Daily, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Meal Plan:** Meal Exchange accepted

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**Menu:** Breakfast, salads and sandwiches  
**Hours:** Daily, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Meal Plan:** All Access Swipes accepted



**Menu:** Juices and smoothies  
**Hours:** Daily, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Meal Plan:** Meal Exchange accepted

### HOME & AWAY

**Menu:** Pizza, Mediterranean and pasta  
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**Late Night:** Thurs. through Sat. 8 p.m. - 3 a.m.  
**Meal Plan:** All Access Swipes accepted

### Chick-fil-A gone for a year, Varsity closed for good

**Bryan Anderson**  
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Take a walk around Elon University's campus. Step in front of the Alamance Building and amble across campus toward the School of Communications. Walk behind Sloan Hall and enter the brick building to the left of the abandoned basketball hoop.

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### University updates brand

*First changes in more than 15 years*

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For the first time in more than 15 years, Elon University has rebranded, updating its signature, word-mark and the Phoenix logo for athletics.



There are two major additions: a monogram "E" and a leaf shield to go with the signature.

The university formally rolled out the updates Tuesday. The monogram "E" was built with other major universities in mind, including Duke University, Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Each of those schools has a logo of the main letters for each: a blue "D" for Duke, a gold "WF" for Wake Forest and a blue "NC" for UNC-Chapel Hill.

Now, add Elon's maroon and gold "E."

"Those are the best in small formats," said Dan Anderson, vice president for University Communications. "So we decided, if we adopted an E, it would really work well in small formats. And we can use it institution-wide."

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## Former President Bill Clinton visits Elon Law

*Defends Hillary Clinton's record, addresses education*



**Bryan Anderson**  
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Former United States President Bill Clinton visited the Elon University School of Law Monday afternoon, encouraging prospective North Carolina voters to support his wife, Hillary, in the March 15 primaries.

Bill Clinton said voters should cast

ballots for Hillary not because of her gender but because of her record.

"How we break down the barriers that keep people on the sidelines of our economy, especially women, is something we need to address," Bill Clinton said. "I'm not asking to vote for her based on her gender. I'm asking you to vote for her based on her experience."

Throughout the course of his speech, Clinton stuck to addressing policy issues relevant to college students.

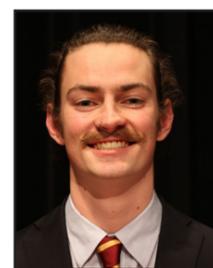
He explained how Sen. Bernie Sanders

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## SGA Executive President announced

*Kyle Porro wins in runoff election*

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Assistant News Editor  
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Kyle Porro

Junior Kyle Porro won the SGA election for Executive President on March 3. Because no candidate garnered 50 percent plus one vote orig-

inally, there was a runoff election, which Porro won 945-752 against junior Steven Armendariz.

Porro, who has been on SGA for his entire college career, said he was ecstatic about the results and looks forward to beginning his term.

"I've got to give it to both Chris [Tarpley] and Steven — they did a good job and didn't make my job easier," Porro said. "My first order of business will be to sit down with the other executive officers and see where we all stand. I think the first step is to see if we have a Senate and a group that is as dedicated and committed as the four executive officers are and then go from there."

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CRIME REPORT

**March 1  
STATION CIRCLE, ELON  
FIRE**

Late last Tuesday night, a university police officer responded to a small kitchen fire located in Building 210 in the Station at Mill Point, according to a Campus Police report. The case had been closed but will be continued with an investigation.

**March 2  
N. ANTIOCH AVENUE,  
ELON  
VANDALISM — TO REAL  
PROPERTY**

According to a campus police report, an officer was called to the Spence Pavilion in reference to damage to property. The vandalism occurred sometime between 8 a.m. March 1 and 2:13 a.m. March 2. The property damaged included

a wooden panel frame and a vinyl window blind.

The case is inactive with an estimated \$50 in reported damages.

**March 5  
MAPLE AVENUE, BURLINGTON — SHOOTING**

A teenager was injured around 12:20 a.m. Saturday after being shot outside of a Quality Inn Burlington motel, according to the Burlington Times-News.

Police responded to shots fired at the Quality Inn at 2444 Maple Ave. and found a 17-year-old shot. Two males were arguing in the front parking lot of the motel when one of them pulled a handgun and began shooting.

The 17-year-old was taken to Alamance Regional Medical Center. The suspect is described as a

young five-and-a-half-foot black male.

**March 6  
LYNN STREET, ELON  
BURGLARY — FORCIBLE  
ENTRY**

Shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday, Town of Elon police arrested senior Nevin Larkin Selman, 21, for breaking and entering in First Baptist Church of Elon to look for coffee. Selman was under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time.

According to the police report, CPI Security Systems alerted Town of Elon police of a suspect they were watching on camera in the top part of the church. The town police officer who responded requested backup from the Elon University Police and Gibsonville Police departments.

While some officers re-

mained outside, two officers checked the perimeter of the church and found the basement door on the back of the church lot. The two officers secured the inside of the church, which was empty.

The officers outside made contact with a man matching the suspect's description and identified him as Selman. He told officers he had gone into the church looking for coffee because he knew there was a Keurig coffee maker inside.

Selman was arrested for felony breaking and entering and transported to the Alamance County Jail under a \$5,000 bond after officers confirmed he was the person in the security footage. There was an estimated \$150 in structural damages, including the doorknob used to enter the church. The case is under further investigation.

GAMES

FOR RELEASE MARCH 9, 2016

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Computer whose 27-inch version has a Retina 5K display
- Down in the mouth
- Rum-soaked cakes
- Part of rock's CSNY
- Midterm, e.g.
- Eel, to a sushi chef
- "Seriously indoctrinate"
- 13-Down actress Normand
- Miracle---
- "Improvised rap"
- Medical screening system
- Tell (on)
- Fiver
- "Risqué"
- Hill-building stinger
- LAX summer setting
- Director Kazan
- "Blue Bloods" actor Will
- "Weight-training exercise"
- Nurse at a bar
- 1956 Mideast crisis site
- Mensa concerns
- Hometown of the Ivy League's Big Red
- "Markdown"
- Chinese menu general
- Nev. neighbor
- Binges
- "Brand created in Toronto in 1904"
- Chow line?
- More than chubby
- Permanent place, and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
- "Black"
- River to the English Channel
- "Don't look at me"
- Brown ermine
- Hard to box in, ironically
- 52 Pickup need

**DOWN**

- Having five sharps, musically
- Scratch, say
- At no cost
- President before Sarkozy
- Digression lead-in, in texts
- Table extension
- Cold War initials
- Early anesthetic
- Foul tip?
- Med. school subject
- Newborn's natural insulator
- Botox target
- Films that usually had live music
- Scrubbed, at NASA
- Word with bud or flap
- Bikini part
- Country mail svc.
- Utility abbr.
- Chihuahua cheers
- Tear to pieces
- ISP option
- Service pro
- Feathery neckwear
- up. r
- Tax time VIPs
- Thing to run
- For this purpose
- Pacific Rim continent
- Avis modifier
- Hip-hop's \_\_\_ Yang Twins
- King of Spain
- Non-Rx
- Neat ending?

By Bruce Haight 3/9/16

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

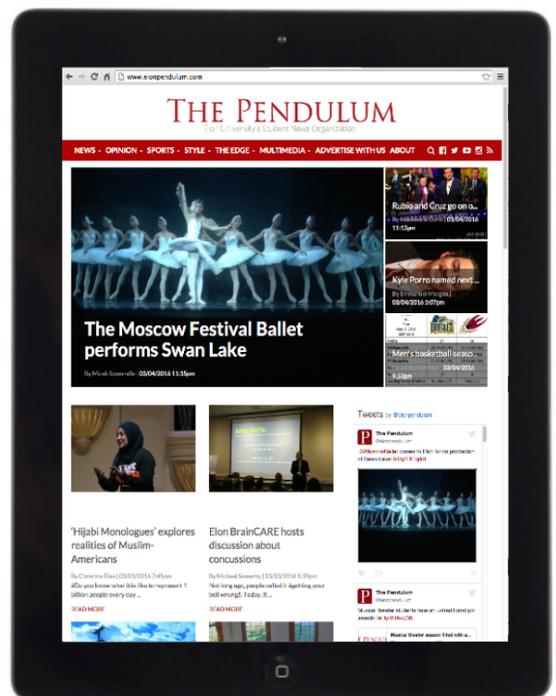
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UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH 9 -15

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**9**

6:30 P.M. |  
H.O.P.E Annual Fundraiser  
**10**

3 P.M. |  
Sustainability Tour — Loy Farm  
**11**

6 P.M. |  
Arduino Adventures — Maker Meetups  
**12**

2 P.M. |  
'PULSE: Spring Dance Concert'  
**13**

5:30 P.M. |  
Lisa Walcott, artist talk & opening discussion  
**14**

9:40 A.M. |  
Elon Votes! to host College Coffee  
**15**

# Last Community Connections forum on race held

*Community Connections forum addresses racial divides in education*

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Elon University and The Burlington Times-News partnered for its final Community Connections installment of the academic year Monday night: "Education, Race and Ethnicity in Alamance County and Beyond."

The event was the final installment in a series focused on race relations in Alamance County and the broader United States.

Sponsored by the Council on Civic Engagement, Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science and policy studies, moderated the panel discussion attended by roughly 70 members of the Elon community.

"We are here to create a thoughtful dialogue," Husser said. "Our panelists are here

to open discussion on issues of race and education."

**Alamance-Burlington School System Board Member Patsy Simpson said education can open doors to success.**

Carrie Theall, executive director of the Alamance Partnership for Children, Patsy Simpson, board member of the Alamance-Burlington School System, Carlos Valera, teacher in the Alamance-Burlington School

System and Randy Williams, presidential fellow, special assistant to the president and dean of multicultural affairs at Elon, comprised the evening's panelists.

Before the discussion began, Husser presented a quote from former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"Until justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact," Husser recited.

Simpson used the quote as a stepping-stone to discuss the current educational climate in Alamance County as it pertains



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

**Panelists Patsy Simpson, Carrie Theall, Carlos Valera and Randy Williams (left to right) discuss racial disparities in Alamance County schools.**

to race.

She said education is one of the strongest tools for substantive reform and social growth.

"Education opens doors," Simpson said. "My parents were very poorly educated and dedicated their lives to making sure me and my siblings got an education they never did. It's unfortunate that today, economics still disallows children from having access to proper education."

Williams added to her point by highlighting race as the No. 1 cause of disparity in education in Alamance County schools.

"The data is consistently overwhelming when it comes to race and education," Williams said. "It is very common that race is the No. 1 director of educational outcome."

Much of the evening's discussion was subsequently centered on diversity in education.

The panelists themselves were a diverse group — Simpson and Williams are African-American, Theall is Caucasian and Valera is Venezuelan.

Valera emphasized the need for diversity not only in racial makeup but also in educa-

tional methodology when dealing with non-white students and non-English speakers.

"One of the biggest challenges we have is in diversity," Valera said. "Our students are living different realities but are expected to achieve the same goals. It takes a person three to five years to achieve social English, and between seven to 10 years to achieve an academic level of English."

"Try to imagine someone coming to this country at nine years old. At minimum they would be 16 before they could be sufficient in academic English, and by that time it may be too late."

Valera suggested potentially testing students in their native tongue but recognized it could be a tremendous strain on the county's educational facilities.

As the discussion progressed, Theall touched upon the roots of educational discrimination and how they begin to form.

She said students can often experience racial disadvantage before starting kindergarten.

"The biggest group of children suspended or kicked out of preschool or child care

centers are black males," Theall said. "By the time they get to kindergarten, they are already lacking confidence required to excel."

Simpson added that the effects of inequality tend to snowball, with the most noticeable differences being in high school students.

"There are a disproportionate amount of whites in our gifted programs," Simpson said. "I don't find this to be a systemic issue that punishes individuals, but it is hard to ignore that certain races are more disadvantaged."

The floor eventually opened to questions from audience members relating to challenges the United States faces today.

Williams said a lack of acknowledgment of the role of race in the country's history is to blame for many issues they see in their work.

"The first Africans were brought here on a Dutch ship in 1619," Williams said. "The Emancipation Proclamation was written in 1863. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that 'separate but equal' laws were unconstitutional ... We need to address the monster of race for what it is in our society, or we will never overcome these issues."

# Elon hosts Core Forum to address migration

*'Stories of Migration' puts human face to immigration issue*

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As part of Elon University's Spring 2016 Core Forums series, two professors organized "Stories of Migration," a faculty-led panel to address politically-charged issues of immigration and migration.

Robin Attas, assistant professor of music, and Carmen Monico, assistant professor of human service studies, organized the panel discussion held from 9:25-10:35 a.m. and 12:15-1:25 p.m. March 7 and 8-9:40 a.m. and 2:20-4 p.m. March 8 in LaRose Theatre.

The event featured Assistant Professor of Anthropology Mussa Idris and Assistant Professor of Theatre Susanne Shawyer. Idris was born in Eritrea while Shawyer was born in Canada.

The two shared their personal experiences in entering the United States and then fielded questions from the audience.

"The day I was sworn in as a U.S. citizen, it made me wonder, 'What am I going to do with this privilege?'" Idris said.

Idris, who first left his hometown of De-

kemhare in 2000 to study at the University of Florida, and then left again in 2006 to finish his PhD, was granted political asylum in 2008 after his country became unsafe.

Idris was a first-generation college student, and education allowed him to safely leave his country.

Shawyer, who is not a U.S. citizen but does have a visa, began her presentation with a slideshow of her family tree. Looking at her immediate family, there was at least one immigrant in every generation.

Shawyer said she left Canada to study performing arts at the University of Texas at Austin and met her future husband while attending.

When her student visa expired, she extended it using the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program. The OPT allowed her to extend her visa for an internship or training program. But because her then-fiance was a U.S. citizen, an extended visa would not be enough. Shawyer said she was fortunate in that her marriage allowed her to remain in the United States.

"It costs a lot of money to apply for a visa," Shawyer said. "Visas aren't free. We were able to go through the process because of various levels of privilege."

Some of the privileges she listed included educational, economic and cultural privilege. She added she and her fiance had the advantage of looking like a U.S. couple.



NADIA NOBREGA | Staff Photographer

**Robin Attas, assistant professor of music, speaks at Monday's Core Forum on migration.-**

Finances aren't the only sacrifice immigrants like Shawyer make. Because leaving without proper documentation voids a visa application, immigrants cannot return home. Shawyer said while she was applying for her visa, her father, who lives in Canada, became ill. She was disappointed that she was unable to leave the country to take care of him.

As for Idris, who is a citizen, leaving is possible but going home is much more difficult because of the current political climate

in Eritrea.

"The hardest part for me is to not be able to go back to my home country," Idris said. "Family separation is one of the most challenging things a migrant person can go through."

The next Core Forum, "Q&A on Climate Change with Eileen Claussen," will be held 9:25-10:35 a.m. and 12:15-1:25 p.m. April 6 and 8-9:40 a.m. and 2:20-4 p.m. April 7 in the Lakeside meeting rooms.

**MCEWEN**  
from cover

Open the front door, turn left and walk up 25 steps. Make another left when you get upstairs, and you've arrived.

You are now in a bleak room with dim lighting, a limited menu and virtually no students. You have entered McEwen Dining Hall — home to just 250 customers a day.

**The new McEwen will start construction in September 2016, and open in August 2017.**

"I almost never eat at McEwen," said sophomore Conner Elliott-Knaggs. "It's just out of my way because I live in the Loy Center. I usually go to Lakeside or Colonnades for simplicity's sake. McEwen's just generic, nothing too exciting."

McEwen Dining Hall, along with its retail counterparts Chick-fil-A and Varsity Sports Grill, has largely been an abandoned part of Elon's campus with dwindling interest over the past several years.

In the wake of low turnout and demands for better dining options, the university and Aramark have made plans for a \$12 million construction project during the 2016-2017 academic year to overhaul McEwen's current dining facilities.

Acorn Coffee Shop will remain on campus next academic year, and Chick-fil-A will return in fall 2017 and be joined by a plethora of new options. Some of the highlights include Pei Wei, a fast-casual division of P.F. Chang's serving authentic Asian cuisine, and Knead, a Panera-style bakery cafe.

Greens & Grains, an expansive salad bar, Clean Juice, a fresh smoothie bar and Home & Away, an Italian, Greek and Mediterranean establishment, will also be located in the reinvented McEwen Dining area.

"McEwen's going to be offline for a year," said Chris Fulkerson,

assistant vice president for administrative services and assistant professor of communications. "It's going to be painful. But what we get out of it is going to be so much better."

Among the difficulties student and faculty diners will face will be the one-year absence of Chick-fil-A and the permanent removal of Varsity.

"Taking Chick-fil-A away my senior year is gonna be a bummer," said junior Chris Edwards. "Chick-fil-A is something that is easy and quick to go ... In terms of Varsity being shut down, I feel like that's just destroying part of the Elon community."

In addition to the closings of

much of a distraction," Fulkerson said. "The actual building addition [for Pei Wei] is on the opposite side [by the basketball court]."

But for students living in Sloan Hall next year on the side facing Williamson Avenue, noise could be a major issue along with a view that is less than ideal. Construction generally starts around 7:30 or 8 a.m. and ends around 5 p.m., according to Fulkerson.

Though construction has its share of obstacles, Fulkerson said he looks forward to seeing students' reactions when they first walk into the new McEwen dining facilities.

The first floor will feature four facilities, while the second

floor will feature two based on floor plans that are still subject to change. and use meal exchanges. Elon has tried negotiating with the Co-Op for a couple years and is finally close to reaching a deal.

If all goes as planned, the new dining facilities will open by August 2017. Because of the absence of Chick-fil-A, Varsity and the McEwen Dining Hall, other residential areas will have to pick up the slack.

Fulkerson said the university is planning on opening a Company Shops Market (Co-Op) facility in Park Place in September 2016. At the Co-Op, customers could buy local produce, order sandwiches

ner on the weekends 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. on weekdays.

Fulkerson recognized there are a handful of students who wake up early on the weekends who have complained about residential options opening late in the day. Though three retail locations — Acorn Coffee Shop, Biscuitville and Einstein Bros. Bagels — open at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, there is no residential option for students who don't have the luxury of using meal exchanges or meal dollars.

He said the university will likely decide not to open residential facilities earlier because there is only about a dozen students an hour who would visit those facilities. Fulkerson said the university is currently exploring ways to address this problem without opening a dining hall.

"What if we open Biscuitville to All-Access for those two hours?" Fulkerson said. "Or what if we do a concierge table to just come and get a breakfast bar or one of those cereal packs? How do we meet that need without opening a big dining hall?"

Fulkerson said he has also heard concerns of Late Night at McEwen closing.

While the location will be closed because of construction, Fulkerson explained there will

**Elon is planning to install two food trucks 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. The university is still weighing options.**

still be a Late Night in place of McEwen.

"It's very popular," Fulkerson said. "Several years ago, there was a Presidential Task Force on alcohol and

they said we need to have food, so we give students an option late at night to have a place to go before drinking or after drinking."

Several of the proposed plans have emerged in response to a survey emailed to all students in October 2015. The survey asked students about campus food needs and brand preferences. Of the 1,609 responses collected, the largest group of respondents were freshmen living in the Historic Neighborhood — this was the target demographic.

Twenty percent of respondents selected Asian cuisine as the No. 1 underserved and/or needed food category on campus. The next two top choices were grocery/convenience store, and coffee/breakfast at 17 percent and 15 percent, respectively. This survey played a factor in the decisions to add Pei Wei and Knead.

**I THINK [THE CO-OP IS] GOING TO GO GANG-BUSTERS HERE AT ELON. THEY'VE GOT A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE OF ALL THE FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS, NOT TO MENTION A LOT OF TOWN FOLKS WHO WANT TO BUY LOCALLY GROWN FOOD.**

**CHRIS FULKERSON**  
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Chick-fil-A and Varsity, there will be ongoing construction and noise around the Historic Neighborhood area.

The expansion of the School of Communications has been underway throughout the academic year and Schar Hall is expected to be completed by fall 2016, according to School of Communications Dean Paul Parsons.

Sloan Hall will also be undergoing construction this summer. Upon completion of Sloan Hall, construction on the new McEwen Dining facilities will begin Sept. 1.

Because Pei Wei will operate where the current basketball court is, Fulkerson said noise should not be an issue for students in classes.

"There aren't any classrooms [on the side of the School of Communications building facing the current McEwen Dining area], so I don't think it's gonna be too

floor will feature two based on floor plans that are still subject to change.

When students walk through the front door, they will have access to two lines at Knead. One line will be for grab-and-go options for customers while another line will allow students access to three all-you-can-eat stations — Knead, Home & Away and Greens & Grains. Pei Wei will be a retail option located on the upper right corner of the first floor.

The second floor will include Clean Juice and Chick-fil-A. Meal exchanges will be allowed at both retail options. Clean Juice will be open daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Chick-fil-A will be open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

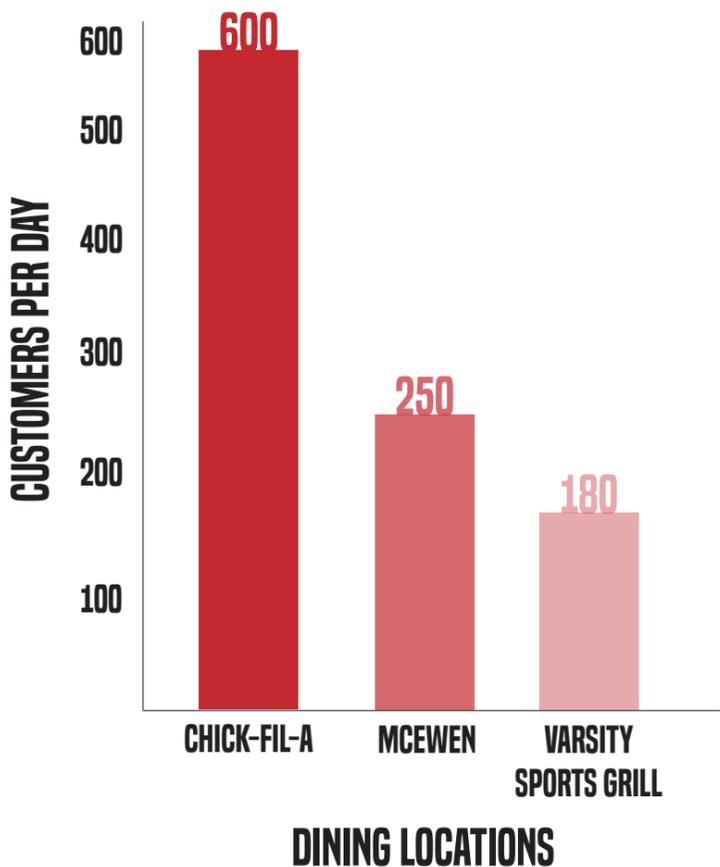
In an effort to open up the building and establish a more communal environment, Fulkerson said there will be an atrium connecting both floors with some sort of representation of an oak tree going from the first floor up to the second floor.

"First, we thought about a live oak tree growing up the middle," Fulkerson said. "But that has maintenance issues. It'll finally go through the roof. So we're going to do some kind of representation."

According to Fulkerson, Elon is planning on quadrupling the first floor capacity from 100 to 400, while cutting the second floor capacity from 225 to 100.

There will also be a wider vari-

**CURRENT CUSTOMER COUNTS**



**AVAILABLE SEATING IN MCEWEN**

	FIRST FLOOR	SECOND FLOOR	TOTAL SEATS
<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>RENOVATION</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>

# THE NEW LOGO: WHAT'S CHANGED



# ELON

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## MAROON-AND-GOLD LEAF SHIELD

A maroon-and-gold leaf shield will be hereafter tied to the signature. The leaf itself has some subtleties. The right side of the shield is a maroon leaf. On the golden left side, the tips of the leaf are actually flames to tie the shield into the athletic identity. By adding the shield, Elon gives itself a logo identity that's intended to feel modern and important.

## THE PHOENIX FLAMES

The flames on the bird now touch its body and don't break apart in the middle.

## THE PHOENIX CHIN

The chin of the bird is gone in an attempt to make the logo more recognizable as a bird, with the beak becoming more pronounced.



## ADDING THE WORD 'ELON'

The word "Elon" has been added to the bottom of the Phoenix to help identify the school with the phoenix bird. The change ties the name to the logo for athletics' primary mark, and even has offshoots with Phoenix or a specific sport beneath the logo.

## A BOLDER FONT

By bolding the font, the Elon in the signature pops and feels more prominent.

# THE OLD LOGOS:



## THE ELON 'E'

The monogram "E" was built with other major universities in mind, including Duke University, Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The "E" works best in small formats and will be used institution-wide.



## REBRAND from cover

Only two of the eight Division I schools to begin with the letter "E" use a monogram "E" as their main logo. Anderson said Elon can become the main school identified with the letter.

"It's a real market opportunity for us," he said.

He identified three main areas the addition of the "E" wanted to cover, with the biggest one concerning the difficulty to see the Phoenix logo in small formats.

"When you're on a mobile device and you have a little scoreboard thing, like on ESPN, you can't tell what it is," Anderson said. "If it's on a score-bug on a broadcast, you can't really tell what the thing is."

The new primary mark adds "Elon" to the bottom of the Phoenix, which helps identify the school with the phoenix bird. Anderson said people wouldn't know what school the bird was supposed to represent without the school's name.

The bird is shaped to look like the letter "E," and theoretically can replace the "E" in Elon, like it does on the top of Rhodes Stadium's press box.

"A lot of people didn't get that," Anderson said. "It didn't really work well."

The change ties the name to the logo for athletics' primary

mark, and there are even other versions with Phoenix or a specific sport beneath the logo — in fact, the golf team's current van has the new logo with "Elon Golf" on it.

"We've been using the Phoenix mark for almost 16 years now," said Dan Wyar, director of communications for athletics. "We felt it was time to make some tweaks to that."

The phoenix bird can still stand alone, separate from the "Elon" script, but it is now just a secondary logo. Anderson said that version will mostly be used for internal audiences that already identify and know of Elon's brand.

Elon is also replacing its current font set, which was custom-made for the university when it changed from the Fighting Christians to the Phoenix in 2000. Wyar said the Phoenix font gave the school unique challenges online, on apparel and on athletic fields.

"It really was time to upgrade it," Anderson said. "It was very difficult to reproduce, and it's got these three layers to it. It didn't really work very well."

The new font is called Tautz, and is the same for the athletic logo as it is with the monogram "E."

There are some changes to the bird, which Anderson called an "evolution," saying the bird has too much brand identity to change drastically. The changes

are rather subtle, though.

They include the flames, which now touch the bird's body and don't break apart in the middle. The chin is also gone in an attempt to make the logo more recognizable as a bird, with the beak becoming more pronounced.

"Some feedback we got for the first time thought [the old bird] was a reptile or a lizard," Anderson said. "So we did some minor modifications to the head to make it a little more bird-like."

Overall, the athletic department feels like the changes to the set will receive positive feedback.

"We think we came away with something our fans are going to like," Wyar said. "We're excited to roll all of this out."

The changes to the athletic logos aren't the only component, though. The university's main signature is getting an update and a brand-new shield to go with it.

"It was time for us to refresh the university identity, too," Anderson said. "We've basically been using just that wordmark, and we've been using the regular font, so it's thinner. We wanted to bold up the 'Elon,' and we wanted to do this mark."

The "Elon University" signature has stood on its own since the switch from Elon College, but a maroon-and-gold leaf shield will be hereafter tied to

the signature.

The leaf itself has some subtleties, too. The right side is maroon and maintains a leaf shield, but on the golden left side, the tips of the leaf are actually flames. Anderson said the two-sided leaf is intended to tie the shield into the athletic identity.

Anderson said the initial meetings to discuss the changes happened in mid-August and were done entirely in-house.

"In both cases, the idea was not that we were going to do brand-new marks," he said. "But rather, 'What can we do to freshen them up?' Most brands don't change — they evolve, because you've got a lot invested in them. If you were to start over, you've lost all the invested equity [from people]."

By bolding the font, the "Elon" in the signature is supposed to pop and feel more prominent. And by adding the shield, Elon gives itself a logo identity that's intended to feel modern and prominent. A version of the new signature was used on the Fellows Weekend name tags this past weekend.

"[Looking] at some peer institutions, many of them have some sort of symbol," Anderson said. "And many of them also have a stronger font mark."

Anderson said the team working on the changes did not realize how thin Elon's signature

script font was until they saw it in the bolder format.

With the shield, Elon got feedback from student and alumni groups along with faculty and staff to avoid creating an overly traditional look.

"The [general] feeling was, we didn't want something that looked like it was old-school," Anderson said. "The shape of the shield is cool, but [the groups wanted to] have a mark that looks up-to-date and modern."

Those groups also liked the simplicity of the mark, avoiding the complexity of some peer institutions' shields.

Elon started working with a design company that talked the school through the process and produced some early examples, but Anderson said they decided to move the project in-house, to be led by Gary Graham, university communications' designer.

Anderson did not disclose a financial cost, but did say the re-design was done "very affordably." The school did not choose to have a major unveiling, feeling as if the changes were just updates. They chose Elon Day as the day to reveal these changes because of the high visibility that the school gets on social media.

"I didn't want make more out of it than what is was," Anderson said. "For people to think that, somehow, this was a brand-new brand, it's really not. It's just an update."

# “WE CAN’T GIVE THE OTHER PARTY... THE CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE SUPREME COURT.”

HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor  
Former President Bill Clinton addresses education issues at the Elon University School of Law on March 7 to garner support for his wife, Hillary, before the North Carolina primaries.



## CLINTON from cover

(I-Vt.) proposal for free tuition is not as strong as his wife’s debt-free ideas.

“If you look at what’s really happening to college tuition, I think Hillary’s plan works better and here’s why: her plan is debt-free degrees for everybody,” Clinton said.

Clinton said college debt is crippling students because loans cannot be refinanced. He explained how his wife would consolidate loans into a mortgage-like instrument for people to have the option of paying over the course of 20 years.

**Bill Clinton explained how his wife would address immigration and education issues affecting students.**

“A college debt is the only loan you cannot refinance,” Clinton said. “Did you know that? If we just allow people to refinance their college loans tomorrow at current interest rates,

25 million of you would save \$2,000 just by doing that.”

Though educational issues were a central talking point, Clinton also discussed healthcare, immigration reform and the overall significance of the 2016 presidential election.

Clinton said it was important to expand Obamacare and make healthcare even more accessible to the general public.

“Drug prices are still too high,” Clinton said. “The insurance market doesn’t work for many small businesses ... Underlying all that, is that we’ve not taken the lessons we’ve learned in the last five years far enough.”

On the issue of immigration, Clinton argued the Republican Party — particularly front-runner Donald

Trump — must stop “demonizing Muslims” and recognize the strength of diversity in the United States.

In Clinton’s speech, he tried to dispel the notion that his wife is an establishment politician. He explained how Hillary has consistently challenged authority since the first time he met her.

“In my lifetime, she’s the best change maker I ever worked with — and I saw it more than 40 years ago,” Clinton said. “We’ve only been married 40 years because she turned me down two times.”

He talked about how Hillary helped lead the fight for Congress to support the passage of Obamacare by convincing members to jeopardize and sacrifice their political careers in order to do what’s best for the country.

“When people lay down their careers, they deserve something better than to be called part of the establishment,” Clinton said.

Toward the end of the speech, Clinton rallied for supporters to cast their ballots in the North Carolina primaries and support his wife for president.

“It’s not too late to early vote and we’ve got to get the vote up,” Clinton said. “This is a big election. If you’re a Democrat or a progressive, we can’t give the other party — given the spirit of their debate — the Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court.”

Clinton’s visit to the law school was arranged late Saturday, according to Elon Law Dean Luke Bierman. Though it was difficult to arrange plans on short notice, Bierman said he was honored to have a former president visit Elon.

“I’m always excited when we do things that are special at the law school,” Bierman said. “One of the reasons that I’m here is to help think

about and develop opportunities for others. Being the dean means doing these kinds of things, so I’m excited that we were able to be a part of it.”

Bierman added he would openly welcome any of the six remaining presidential candidates — including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sanders, Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

One of Bierman’s favorite moments from Clinton’s appearance occurred when he recognized the innovation Elon Law has brought to the field of law through its unique two-and-a-half-year curriculum.

“This is an interesting, innovative law school and I thank Dean Bierman and all the others who are here from Elon,” Clinton said.

After the event, Bierman reflected on Clinton’s words and echoed the former president’s sentiments.

“We want to make sure that the education and the experience that students have is spot on for preparing them to be lawyers,” Bierman said. “We’ve re-designed our curriculum, we’ve re-thought our pricing structure. We really are doing the kinds of things that need to be done to make higher education and legal education relevant and important, and hopefully, more affordable.”

In addition to Bierman, many prominent members of the local community were in attendance. Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan attended the event and offered a brief introduction for Bill Clinton and expressed her support for Hillary Clinton.

“I am proud to support Hillary Clinton for president because she is the only candidate in the race who can break down barriers for North Carolina,” Vaughan said.

Though she addressed the importance of female leadership in politics

and the need to elect the first female president of the United States, she said she supports Hillary Clinton because of her vast experience in elected office.

Vaughan argued Clinton would be a more viable candidate than Sanders because she focuses on more than just one issue.

“Hillary knows, as do I, that we are not a single-issue country,” Vaughan said. “She is not a single-issue president. She knows that we’ve got to work hard and we’ve got to work together.”

When the event ended, Vaughan said she was happy to have had the chance to introduce a former president on such short notice. At 6 p.m. Sunday, the night before the event, she received a call asking her to deliver the introduction speech. Though the mayor had prior commitments to attend to, she was happy to cancel them for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“I had to rearrange my schedule and how often is it that you can say, ‘I’m sorry I’ve got to reschedule because I have to introduce the president,’ Vaughan said. “That’ll probably never happen again.”

While well-known figures like Bierman and Vaughan were in attendance, the event targeted Elon students.

Elon senior A.J. Roshfeld said he remains undecided as to whether or not he will vote for Hillary Clinton for president. Nevertheless, he was thrilled to have heard Bill Clinton deliver a policy-centered speech.

“He gave me the impression that she’s a change maker,” Roshfeld said. “He used that word a lot, but he also gave direct examples of what she wanted to. He really didn’t talk about any other candidate on either side, which I really liked. He talked about what Hillary wanted to do and what her plans were.”

# Looking at Elon's role in political contributions

Examining  
campaign finance  
data from past elections



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The 2016 U.S. presidential election has motivated millions of people from across the United States to contribute to their preferred candidates. Members of the Elon University community have had, and still have, a role in shaping who wins local, state and national elections.

By law, political candidates are required to submit regular filings to the Federal Election Commission (FEC). While there is a bit of a gray area in campaign finance, it is fairly easy to learn which individuals contribute to which candidates.

And since 2016 is an election year, it is worth examining how the Elon community seeks to exert influence in the political system.

Before analyzing which individuals have contributed to which candidates, it is important to note that FEC data available online through individual advanced searches only includes financial activity from 1997 through the most recent filing period. Moreover, it is difficult to obtain and analyze a larger history of campaign contributions.

Additionally, there are certain limits as to how much money individuals can contribute. For the 2016 presidential election, the maximum amount an individual may give to a candidate's campaign committee is \$2,700. The FEC has reported very little activity

from Elon students and faculty this year, but has reported much activity in previous years for non-presidential elections.

Based on this data, it is fair to say contributors who have supported candidates while being employed by Elon College or Elon University have generally leaned toward the Democratic Party. Influential figures like previous presidents have made contributions in the past.

Given the limitations, there are still noteworthy findings about campaign finance through Elon contributors.

Former Elon President James Fred Young contributed more than \$3,000 to John Kerry and the Democratic Party between 2001 and 2006. Young's smallest contribution occurred in 2001 when he contributed \$250 to the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

**While members of the Elon community have made political contributions in the past, no faculty members have donated funds to any 2016 campaigns.**

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When Bush was elected president, Young only made one more political contribution: a \$300 donation to the DNC.

Young wasn't the only Elon president to have contributed.

Young became more economically invested in February 2004 by supporting John Edwards for president when George W. Bush was running for a second term in office. He contributed \$500 to Edwards' campaign, but John Kerry eventually secured the Democratic Party's nomination. In July 2004, Young contributed \$2,000 to Ker-

ry.

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President Emeritus Earl Danieleley's first contribution through the FEC on record occurred in 2008 when he contributed \$200 to North Carolina Republican Elizabeth Dole's senatorial campaign. Dole ran for re-election for a second term but lost by 8.5 percent of the popular vote to Kay Hagan.

In 2013, Danieleley made two contributions one month apart to the North Carolina Republican Party. The combined total was \$460.

When searching through contributions with Elon University as the searched employer, only one result came up for individuals who have contributed a 2016 presidential candidate.

Upon further review, the individual listed was a student who contributed \$2,700 to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Outside of this election, there has been heavy involvement from professors in previous elections. Not surprisingly, a significant portion of professors who have contributed are teaching at Elon Law.

Of the hundreds of professors teaching at Elon's main campus and at Elon Law, only nine professors currently teaching a course have made individual political contributions since 1997. Four professors — Thomas Molony, George Johnson, Catherine Dunham and Peter Hoffman — currently teach at Elon Law.

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Rounding out the pack of Elon Law professors, Molony donated \$500 to 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

The remaining five professors from Elon's main campus come from a variety of majors. Only one of the five professors teaches courses in political science.

Laura Roselle, professor of political science and public policy, is teaching two sections of "POL 161: Comparative Politics" and "POL 358: Media and War" this semester.

Roselle donated \$500 to Obama's 2012 re-election as part of a three-person joint fundraising contribution. Catherine King, associate professor of psychology, contributed \$500 to Obama's 2012 re-election as well.

Professor of Philosophy Anthony Weston donated \$500 to Obama's 2008 campaign and \$400 to MoveOn.Org Political Action. Weston is currently teaching "ENS 350: Environmental Visions." Professor of Physics Pranab Das contributed \$250 to Obama's 2008 campaign as well.

Finally, Rebecca Todd Peters, professor of religious studies, contributed \$3,000 to MoveOn.Org Political Action in 2004 and \$500 to Obama's 2008 election.

While much information has been provided, there is more that is widely available. For example, every contributor's zip code and mailing address is easily accessible through the FEC's campaign finance disclosure portal.

Such accessibility can be both a powerful and a dangerous tool for gaining insight into the political makeup of a population.

Only time will tell how involved members of the Elon community choose to become in the 2016 presidential election.

## News analysis: March 15 primaries

*North Carolina not the only important state up for grabs*

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North Carolina isn't the only state holding its primary March 15. On this day, Ohio, Florida, Illinois and Missouri will also be holding their primaries.

The importance of winning these states varies depending on the candidate.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is aiming to win his home state as a last resort for staying in the race. He currently has a 44 percent chance of winning, according to Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight poll predictions.

Ohio's Republican primary election is a winner-take-all system. Under this system, the candidate with the greatest percentage of popular votes gets all of Ohio's 66 Republican delegates. If Kasich does not beat businessman Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) or Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) for the Ohio Republican Primary, another candidate will automatically win over the entire state.

While Ohio is most important for Kasich, Florida is most important for Rubio. Silver's data shows Rubio is not as likely to win his home state of Florida. Trump is 68 percent likely to win the Sunshine

State, while Rubio is just 31 percent likely to win.

Rubio faces the same winner-take-all system as Kasich does in Ohio. But Florida has 99 Republican delegates, 33 more than Ohio. Florida's closed primary, which closes off voting to those who do not register as Republicans at least one month before the election, is another factor playing against Rubio's slim chances of winning his state.

Trump is the first candidate to win more than 10 states, which hurt Kasich and Rubio. If they can't even win over their home states, where they're more likely to get support, they have slim chances of ever being elected President.

Any registered voter in Florida or Ohio who is against Trump should participate in this year's primaries. If Trump continues his streak of holding a slightly greater percentage of support in comparison to his competitors, he could win these states with the winner-take-all system. By winning such large states, Trump could virtually secure his nomination.

Trump is the leading candidate in polls for Missouri and Illinois as well. In these primaries, there is proportional representation, which means the number of delegates voting for a candidate will be allocated in proportion to their percentage of popular votes. Both states have open primaries, meaning any registered voter can vote in the Democratic or Republican primary.

On the Democratic side of this

election year, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has mainly dominated the South while Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) has won over Northern states.

Clinton is projected to have a 99 percent chance of winning the Illinois and Florida primaries and a 93 percent chance of winning Ohio, according to Silver's research.

Clinton has relied heavily on minority voters in the South, while Sanders has primarily appealed to the white demographic in the Midwest. Clinton earned 73.5 percent of votes in South Carolina, a state with a high African-American population, while Sanders earned 60.4 percent of votes in New Hampshire, a state with a 94 percent Caucasian population.

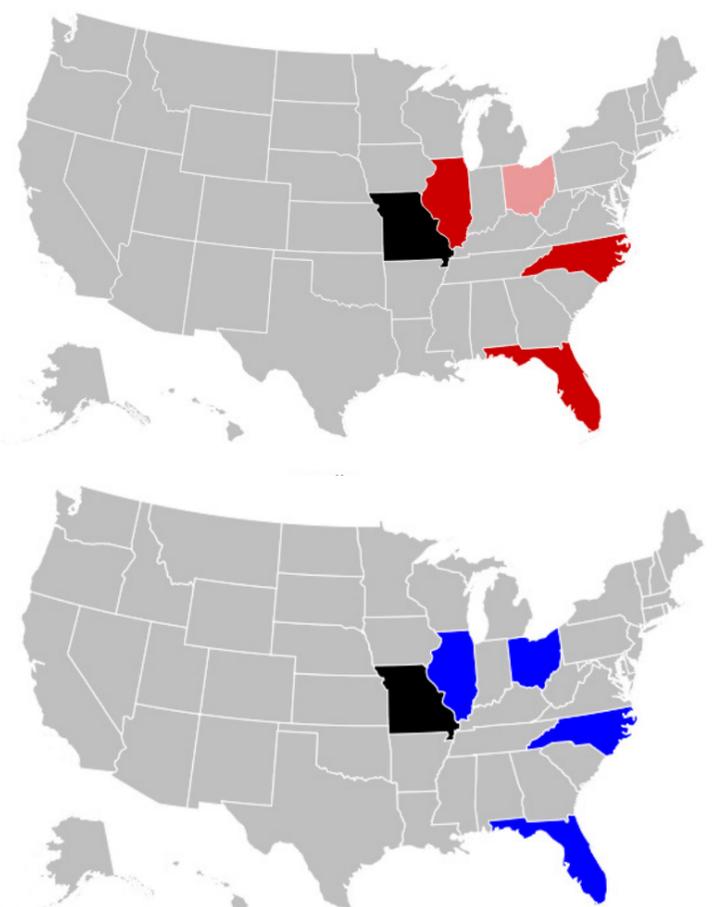
All of the Democratic primaries are proportionally represented, with much larger pools of delegates than the Republican primaries. Because of Clinton's strong leads in states holding primaries March 15 and the lack of opportunity for Sanders to secure a significant delegate shift, Sanders will likely look to recover from these early losses.

March 15 is quickly approaching and all out-of-state students will have to absentee vote well before this time.

For the numerous students who voice concerns about the current field of Republican and Democratic candidates, the March 15 primaries have the potential to effectively predict who will serve as the next president.

### PRIMARY PROJECTIONS

**CLINTON** **TRUMP**  
**NO PROJECTIONS** **KASICH**



# North Carolina primaries: A guide to local candidates



## U.S. SENATORS

## GOVERNOR



### KEVIN GRIFFIN

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Durham  
**Quote:** "As a part of my U.S. Senate Race 2016 platform, I propose that one way to protect the people of the United States, without infringing on their rights, is to have a universal background check system that must be used for all gun sales."



### ERNEST REEVES

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Greenville  
**Quote:** "I believe that the U.S. Congress should intervene to ensure that all citizens in all states have a right to vote in all federal, state and local elections without interference from State Governors and Legislatures."



### ROY COOPER

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Nash County  
**Quote:** "We have to give more pay and respect to teachers, and to treat them as the professionals they are. Among the top priorities are increasing teacher pay, reversing cuts to textbooks and school buses, and stopping teacher assistant lay-offs."



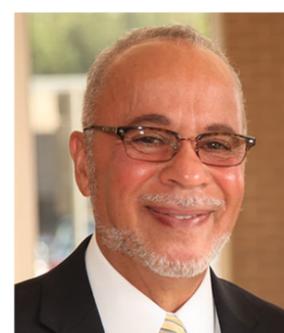
### CHRIS REY

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Spring Lake  
**Quote:** "As a Senator, I would make sure that we would not roll back the current federal legislation that allows a women's right to choose. Additionally, I would make sure I sent data proven programmatic resources back to our state that reduced the number of teen pregnancies."



### DEBORAH ROSS

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Raleigh  
**Quote:** "She is ready to take on the tough issues and work to create a better business environment that enhances economic security, ensure every child in North Carolina has access to quality education and protect the equal opportunity that America was built upon."



### KEN SPAULDING

**Party:** Democrat  
**Hometown:** Durham  
**Quote:** "Healthcare should be available to all North Carolinians without anyone being driven into bankruptcy. The Affordable Care Act has opened the door for more North Carolina citizens in need to have access to decent and affordable health care."



### GREG BRANNON

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Quote:** "For years, activists have tried to force individuals and states to accept same-sex marriage, and just recently the Supreme Court overstepped their authority when they unconstitutionally redefined marriage from the bench."



### RICHARD BURR

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Winston-Salem  
**Quote:** "Unfortunately, the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has been taking our nation in the wrong direction, and we are in need of true health care reform that preserves Americans' control over their own health care decisions."



### ROBERT BRAWLEY

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Raleigh  
**Quote:** "We must improve North Carolina's ethics laws to strengthen the public's confidence in the political process. The citizens of North Carolina deserve to know who is lobbying and paying for the campaigns of our elected officials."



### LARRY HOLMQUIST

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Joliet, IL  
**Quote:** "Unlike the democrats, who defend Planned Parenthood, I will make the defunding of that despicable group a top priority. I will also do all I can as a Senator to advance pro-life legislation and policies in our country. As a devout Christian, this is a moral imperative for me!"



### PAUL WRIGHT

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Buncombe County  
**Quote:** "What has America gained from all these wars except thousands of dead troops, tens of thousands of wounded warriors and veteran suicides, trillions of wasted taxes, millions of refugees, wounded and killed women and children."



### PAT MCCRORY

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Jamestown  
**Quote:** "Providing for the safety and security of our citizens is my number one priority. Asking for a thorough review of the refugee screening process, particularly in light of the Paris terrorist attacks, is prudent and a moral obligation I have to the people of North Carolina."



### SEAN HAUGH

**Party:** Libertarian  
**Hometown:** Tulsa, OK  
**Quote:** "I retired from politics in 2010 and only returned because I saw the need for someone to articulate the libertarian message. I was raised to abhor violence and respect all people regardless of race or gender or anything else ... I've been libertarian all my life."



### MOHAMMAD NASIRI

**Party:** Independent  
**Hometown:** Fayetteville  
**Quote:** "Marriage is almost as old as dirt, and it was defined in the garden between Adam and Eve. One man, one woman for life till death do you part. So I would never attempt to try to redefine marriage. And I don't think anyone else should either."

### ELECTION AND PRIMARY DATES

- **Presidential Primary: March 15, 2016**
- **State Primary: March 15, 2016**
- **Congressional Primary: June 7, 2016**
- **Run-Off: suspended for 2016 only - will not be held for any offices**

## CAN I VOTE IF...

### I'm a student?

Under NC Law, where you vote depends on where you call "home."

You can declare your old address as your home.

OR

You can declare your new address as home.

### I'm unaffiliated?

If you are registered as an unaffiliated voter and want to vote in the primary, you can ask for a republican, democratic, Libertarian or Nonpartisan ballot. Your choice does not change your unaffiliated status.

# Students learn to cast absentee ballots

*Elon Votes! works to increase student participation*

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It was junior Kristen Lilley's first time voting in her state's primary elections last week. She chose to request an absentee ballot for her home state of Virginia. Lilley said she used the online site TurboVote and went through an easy registration process.

Lilley printed and filled out her Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). A ballot was then sent to her Elon University campus box address. She chose to vote in her home state because Virginia has historically been a competitive state.

**Elon Votes! provides out-of-state students the proper resources so they can participate in elections.**

"Virginia can tend to be more of a swing state, but it usually tends to go blue," Lilley said. "Since I was voting in the Democratic primary, I felt like my vote would matter more there."

On a campus where about 27 percent of the student body comes from North Carolina, out-of-state students often have the opportunity to vote in the place they consider "home."

On Elon's campus, Elon Votes! encourages students to vote in their home states. The organization is geared toward providing students with all the necessary resources to register to vote.

Many students like Lilley opt to fill out absentee ballots in an effort to make the most impact in their respective states.



Voters wait in line to cast their ballots in November 2014 during the general election in Lexington, S.C.

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Absentee voting is typically conducted by a mail-in ballot before primary dates. Though the

FPCA acts as both a registration and absentee ballot request form.

**PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT MEN AND WOMEN BEFORE US FOUGHT HARD FOR US TO HAVE THIS RIGHT AND WE SHOULDN'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED.**

**GABRIELLE VANCE**  
WORKER FOR ELON VOTES!

instructions, restrictions and processes of application differ by state, any person who wishes to fill out an absentee ballot begins with a federal postcard application sent to his or her place of residence.

The voter may then return the ballot either in person or by mail. Some select states will let voters apply for an absentee ballot in person before the election and then vote that same day. But since some

students might not be able to present themselves in person on the election day, they are encouraged to apply for absentee rights at least 30 days before the election.

Twenty-one states require voters to provide an excuse for voting by absentee ballot. Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia offer no-excuse absentee voting. But all states allow college students to vote in their respective home state through an absentee ballot.

Sophomore Gabrielle Vance works for Elon Votes! and said her motivation to be student leader in the organization came from her own frustrations regarding absentee voting last fall.

"I was confused on how to do it," Vance said. "I had to print out all these forms and send them to

my state electorate. I didn't have the time."

Elon Votes! decided to take more initiative in providing all students the proper resources for absentee voting because most students live outside of the Tar Heel State.

"We talk about civic engagement a lot on this campus, but when I tried to figure it out and vote on my own, I didn't have the resources," Vance said.

Looking into ways to make the process easier, Elon Votes! started working with TurboVote, an online voter registration system that expedites the process of applying for an absentee ballot by limiting the time and paperwork involved.

"It only takes five minutes," Vance said. "Elon students are so busy. That's why we stress that it only takes a few minutes."

TurboVote also had representatives come to campus in the fall and help more students register.

"People don't understand that men and women before us fought hard for us to have this right and we shouldn't take it for granted," Vance said. "We really do have the opportunity for our voices to be heard."

## ABSENTEE VOTING

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## Recognizing media bias in politics

*Trump's polarizing attitude draws lots of media coverage*

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U.S. voters argue that the media is more biased against Republican frontrunner Donald Trump than against Democratic front runner Hillary Clinton, according to a Rasmussen Reports poll conducted in December 2015.

But any signs of bias against Trump have only proven to help him in the polls.

Through media coverage, Trump's face, name and voice are all U.S. voters seem to be talking about lately. Love it or hate it, many people can't seem to get Trump's name out of their head.

Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science and policy studies and director of the Elon Poll, said the media is not

solely to blame for Trump's rise to fame.

"This phenomenon was very unpredictable," Fernandez said. "When he announced his candidacy not that long ago, people were laughing. Now, he is nothing less than the most serious threat in the party. But a lot of this is because he is certainly the most flamboyant candidate up there."

The flamboyance Fernandez describes is characterized by Trump's now trademark loud voice and offensive statements. The businessman has openly attacked fellow candidates on debate stages, such as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and more recently, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.). Trump has also denounced Muslim and Hispanic communities.

Three months after Rasmussen's findings, Trump shows no signs of slowing down his negative commentary. On Super Tuesday, Trump won seven states while Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) won three and Rubio won one.

Anthony Hatcher, associate

professor of communications, said many U.S. citizens are ready for a candidate like Trump.

"There are major frustrations in general with the politics of the United States," Hatcher said. "Trump is the ultimate outsider in the political realm, and people are responding to that, especially the blue-collar, undereducated white men in this country."

Trump is no stranger to the limelight. He has been at the forefront of news in countless situations and starred in his own reality television show, "The Apprentice."

While Trump may be considered thin-skinned when being attacked, Fernandez said Trump has delegated blame to members of the media because of his seasoned position.

"The thing about Trump is you ask him to repeat or clarify, and he just tells you the same thing again, and he says it enough times so that people start to believe him," Fernandez said.

And in this campaign, Trump has been the inescapable hot topic.



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# Rubio, Cruz go on offensive with Trump

*Ohio Gov. John Kasich sticks to policy during recent Republican debate*

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Down to four candidates — businessman Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Ohio Gov. John Kasich — the quest for securing the Republican nomination continued March 3 in Detroit.

After a dominant performance from Trump on Super Tuesday, the debate took place shortly after 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney made a case against voting for

**Rubio and Cruz mentioned Trump had an off-the-record discussion about immigration with The New York Times editorial board, which Trump refused to release.**

Trump. Romney said earlier Thursday morning in Utah that the prospects for a “safe and prosperous future are greatly diminished” if Trump is nominated.

Trump rebutted these claims early in the debate, calling Romney a “failed candidate” and “an embarrassment to everybody, including the Republican Party.”

Attempting to keep the number of these personal attacks to a minimum, moderators Megyn Kelly, Bret Baier and Chris Wallace delivered policy-driven questions to all candidates concerning the economy, immigration and terrorism.

But it was Trump who received most of the heat regarding claims that he has continually flip-flopped his stances on important issues.

Trump also attempted to clean up a racially-charged controversy in which he refused to disavow former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke during a recent CNN interview.

When confronted on this issue early in the debate he said, “I totally disavow the Ku Klux Klan.”

In the beginning of the debate, Cruz sought to stray away from the personal attacks and appeal to his demographics. He pointed out

that the election shouldn’t be about that insults between candidates but rather, “the people at home who are struggling under seven years of Barack Obama.”

Cruz chose to appeal to working mothers and students who struggle in the current economy under loans and debt. He said the United States should be interested in solutions rather than slogans. He said his plan to repeal Obamacare, abolish the IRS and pass a simple flat tax would boost the economy, support small businesses and increase jobs.

On the topic of job creation, Rubio and Trump squared off. Wallace pointed out Trump has employed thousands of people through his business endeavors and companies. Wallace then asked Rubio how many jobs he has created.

“The private sector creates jobs,” Rubio said. “The jobs of those of us in public service are to put in place policies that allow the economy to grow.”

Trump responded by saying that the government makes it impossible to manufacture goods in the United States because of currency devaluation in foreign countries.

Trump said he would soften his original stance on visas for highly skilled workers.

“I’m changing, I’m changing,” Trump said. “We need highly skilled people in this country.”

The issue of immigration took an aggressive turn when Rubio and Cruz mentioned Trump having an off-the-record discussion about immigration with The New York Times editorial board, which Trump refused to release.

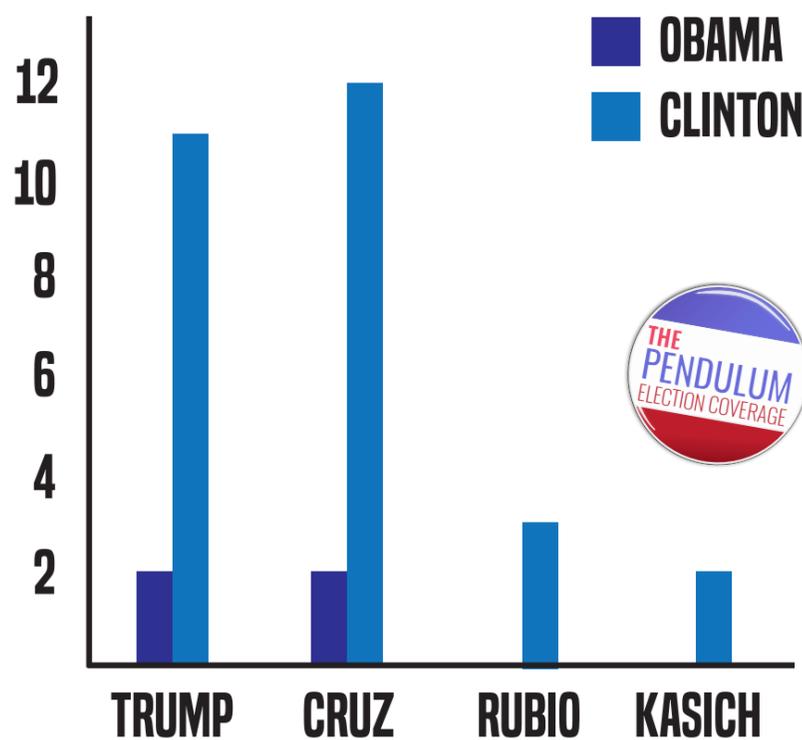
Cruz said the interview with the New York Times is an example of Trump’s flexibility on central issues and run contradictory to Trump’s expressed opinions on his campaign website.

“I’ve never seen a successful person who wasn’t flexible, who didn’t have a certain degree of flexibility,” Trump said.

Cruz said he would be strict on immigration and impose a 180-day moratorium on the H-1B program and implement a comprehensive investigation and audit to reduce the number of U.S. companies replacing existing workers with foreign labor.

Aside from the consistent back-and-forth between Cruz and Trump, Kasich refused to participate in personal attacks. But he did argue he is never given enough time on the de-

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bate stage.

Kasich explained he should receive more speaking time because he has been the most qualified candidate in addressing important issues, including national debt reduction.

“I’m the only person on this stage that actually was a chief architect on balancing the federal budget,” Kasich said.

Kasich made it clear he does not support raising the minimum wage like some Democrats suggest, but he said individual states should have the authority to set their own minimum wage.

Trump called for cutting programs like the Common Core and reducing the funds spent on the Department of Environmental Protection to help balance the budget and reduce the national debt.

When Wallace called him out on his numbers not adding up, Trump had no response.

Cruz blamed a corrupt IRS for such high national debt and vowed to abolish it altogether as soon as he took office.

The candidates also outlined their plans for

defeating ISIS. Rubio and Kasich said they favored more ground troops while Trump said he still supported his original claims of targeting terrorist families and using extensive torture worse than waterboarding.

Cruz said Trump would be unfit to serve as president and encouraged Trump supporters to switch sides.

“I understand the folks who are supporting Donald right now,” Cruz said. “You’re angry. You’re angry at Washington, and he uses angry rhetoric. But for 40 years, Donald has been part of the corruption in Washington that you’re angry about.”

At the end of the debate, all four candidates agreed to keep their pledge to the Republican Party and support whomever became the party’s nominee, even if that means voting for Trump.

Trump said he would vote for the Republican winner even though he wouldn’t necessarily want to.

The next debate will be held Thursday, March 10 in Florida on CNN.

# Clinton, Sanders defend policy records

*Debate highlights experience, first-term proposals*

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Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) faced off in the latest Democratic presidential debate Sunday night in Flint, Michigan, focusing largely on policy differences.

The debate was policy-heavy with each candidate eager to point out their own record on specific pieces of legislation while attacking their rival’s record. Sanders was quick to emphasize Clinton’s connections to Wall Street.

“I stood up to corporate America time and time again,” Sanders said. “I led the fight ... That is one of the major differences that we have.”

Clinton raised a concern that Sanders is too focused on economic issues and lacks experience in other political areas.

“When I talk about Senator Sanders being a one-issue candidate, I mean very clearly that you have to make hard choices when you’re in positions of responsibility,” Clinton said.

Sanders did not deny this in his response and agreed the main topic of his campaign is to uplift middle-class U.S. residents.

“One of the major issues Secretary Clinton says I’m a one-issue person, well, I guess so,” Sanders said. “My one issue is trying to rebuild a disappearing middle class. That’s my one issue.”

One area Sanders and Clinton agreed on was that their experiences being white in the United States were



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vastly different than the experiences of those who are African-American.

“Being a white person in the United States of America, I know

that I have never had the experience that so many people, [including] the people in this audience, have had,” Clinton said.

Sanders echoed Clinton’s sentiments, adding that no white person in the United States has the same roadblocks as many black citizens do.

“As a nation in the year 2016, we must be firm in making it clear we will end institutional racism and reform a broken criminal justice system,” Sanders said.

Toward the end of the debate, both candidates explained why they would be the best nominee for the Democratic Party. Sanders pointed out that in polls between him and Republican front-runner Donald Trump, he consistently comes out on top.

Clinton, who many predict to be the Democratic nominee, said she would knock down people like Trump who would prevent the United States from reaching its full potential.

“I’m asking for your support in the primary here in Michigan on Tuesday,” Clinton said. “I will do whatever I can as the Democratic nominee to run a campaign you will be proud of.”

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## Trump University controversy



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Republican front-runner Donald Trump is facing multiple class action lawsuits for fraud because of his online education venture called The Trump Entrepreneur Initiative, commonly known as Trump University.

#### What is Trump University?

Trump University was first founded by The Trump Organization in early 2005, but the name changed to The Trump Entrepreneur Initiative in June 2010 after critics accused the name of being misleading.

The company, entirely an online entity, offered courses in real estate, asset management, entrepreneurship and wealth creation. Depending on the program, tuition fees ranged from \$1,500 to \$35,000.

The organization was never accredited and participants never received college credit. In 2011, operations were largely halted after several participants called the online courses a scam.

#### When did the lawsuits emerge?

The state of New York filed a \$40 million civil suit against Trump University for alleged illegal business practices and marketing false claims. Trump himself denied the allegations but was found guilty by a New York judge in 2014 for operating the organization without a proper business license.

Despite finding Trump personally liable, the judge said the statute of limitations prevented lawyers from seeking compensation for the victims of the scam. The primary lawyer appealed the decision and won, but it is not yet clear whether the fake university defrauded students and whether Trump will have to pay damages.

A separate suit was filed in early 2014. A federal judge in San Diego allowed accusations by litigants in the states of California, Florida and New York to continue. There are an estimated 5,000 victims of the organization nationwide with claims dating back to 2007.

Former Trump University student Tarla



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**Businessman Donald Trump defends his record during a March 3 debate in Michigan, arguing he will win Trump University class action lawsuits.**

Makaeff spent around \$37,000 on classes and joined one of the class action lawsuits. She used social media to publicize her experiences. Shortly thereafter, Trump filed a defamation lawsuit against Makaeff for \$1 million but was unable to prove malice. In early 2015, he was ordered to pay Makaeff and her lawyers legal fees and costs amounting to \$798,774.

Though Trump has claimed he won all lawsuits against Trump University, three cases were still pending as of last month.

#### How has this affected Trump's campaign?

The topic of the Trump University controversy and lawsuits was brought up at the March 3 Republican debate in Detroit by Fox News reporter Megyn Kelly.

When addressing the lawsuits in court and on the campaign trail, Trump has repeatedly denied the allegations and said the lawsuits have no merit. He continues to assert he has either won the cases or will win them in the

near future.

His rivals in both parties have tried to use the Trump University fraud allegations against him as proof that he is a con artist. But Trump continues to do well in national polls and state primaries. Trump has continued to argue the allegations are ungrounded. Though the Trump University controversy is still underway, it has appeared to have little to no effect on Trump's base of support among Republican voters.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### DEEP to hold Being Male @ Elon event Wednesday

As part of its "Being \_\_\_\_\_ @ Elon: DEEP Conversation Series," Elon University's Diversity Emerging Education Program (DEEP) will host an installment centered on the privilege associated with being male.

Each session focuses on a different type of privilege and allows attendees to have conversations about how their experiences with privilege affect communication and interaction with others.

DEEP is the Center for Race, Ethnicity, & Diversity Education's (CREDE) program aimed to educate the community on various forms of diversity.

The CREDE-sponsored event will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 9 in Moseley Center's McKinnon Hall.

### Elon professor presented with prestigious NC award

North Carolina governors presented Elon University Professor of Political Science and Policy Studies Chalmers Brumbaugh with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award — one of North Carolina's highest honors.

He was presented with the award as a surprise during a meeting of the Department of Political Science and Policy Studies by members of the North Carolina Department of Administration's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office Thursday. Brumbaugh was nominated for the honor by his colleagues in the North Carolina State Internship Council, of which he has been a member for 18 years.

Brumbaugh became part of Elon's Department of Political Science and Public Administration in 1986 and later served 12 years as department chair.

Three other Elon University members have received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in the past, including President Emeritus Earl Danieley '46, Vice President Emerita Jo Watts Williams '55 and former head football coach and current Town of Elon Mayor Jerry Tolley.

### NC Supreme Court justice to deliver Baccalaureate address

The Honorable Henry E. Frye, the first African-American man to serve on North Carolina's Supreme Court, is scheduled to deliver this year's baccalaureate remarks.

Frye serves on the Elon University School of Law's Board of Advisors. The university will

present him with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for his contributions to the law profession.

The retired chief justice was also the first African-American elected to North Carolina's House of Representatives when he was elected in 1968. After serving in the House for 12 years, he served a two-year term in the North Carolina Senate. He was appointed to the state's Supreme Court in 1983 and became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1999 under Gov. Jim Hunt. After retiring from the Supreme Court in 2001, he worked as an attorney and has more than 24 years of experience in private law.

The address will take place at 3 p.m. May 20 in Alumni Gym. Other 2016 Commencement ceremonies will take place at 9:15 a.m. May 21 in front of Alamance Building.

### Annual HOPE fundraiser to take place Thursday

Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) will host various events during its annual fundraiser for local food pantries. HOPE is a nonprofit organization that aims to fight hunger by providing food pantries with financial donations.

The fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 10 at the Elon Community Church. The fundraiser includes dinner, a silent auction,

guest speakers and live entertainment. Burlington Mayor and '08 Elon alumnus Ian Baltutis will be the keynote speaker and various other figures from the local community will speak as well.

HOPE has partnered with multiple restaurants in the area and is currently working to develop an app that allows customers to donate a dollar when purchasing a meal at a partner business through the use of geo-location.

### Maryland professor to speak give presentation on cybersecurity

A professor at the University of Maryland School of Law will deliver a lecture about online harassment and the personal, economic, professional and social costs to its victims and society.

Danielle Keats Citron, author of "Hate Crimes in Cyberspace," will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Whitley Auditorium. Her speech is titled "Hate Crimes in Cyberspace: Charting a New Course for the 21st Century."

The lecture is presented by Elon's Women's, Gender and Sexualities Studies, and is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost for Inclusive Communities, the School of Communications and the Gender and LGBTQIA Center.

 **STAFF EDITORIAL**

# Clinton has policy ideas, experience to win general election

## HOW WE SEE IT

The Pendulum endorses former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In stark contrast to that of the Republican party, the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination



Hillary Clinton

has been focused on the major issues plaguing our country, such as economic reform, education and rights of minorities. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) have proved themselves apt candidates for the Democratic nomination, something that came as a surprise to many political analysts. Both Clinton and Sanders lean far to the left on a majority of issues, causing their debates to focus less on their stance, and more how they choose to fix what they both see as the major problems facing the nation.

Clinton has held the highest office of any candidate in either party. As Secretary of State, she excelled in implementing President Barack Obama's policy ideas and gained crucial experience in foreign policy. Sanders has held 16 years in the House of Representatives and almost 10 years in the Senate. Through this time he has remained true to his ideas, but such ideas are often too idealistic and will likely not be supported by a Republican Congress, causing more deadlock as we have seen throughout the Obama administration.

Because of his push for radically liberal ideas such as tuition-free public colleges and universities and a Medicare-for-all system, many bright-eyed, eager college students have gotten fired up in support of Sanders. Generally speaking though, this support is misguided. Clinton holds many of the same beliefs as Sanders, yet her policy goals lend themselves to reachability, as they are broken down into smaller parts that make them more workable and give them a chance of passing in a government dominated by Republicans.

With all of this and more considered, The Pendulum proudly and

confidently endorses Clinton for the Democratic nomination ahead of the North Carolina primary.

While Sanders has spoken much about providing free tuition for public colleges and universities, Clinton is more reasonable in her approach. A college education is a privilege that all of us at Elon are lucky enough to have, and we should be fighting to ensure all people can have this same privilege.

In the New College Compact, Clinton breaks down her plans to give grants to states promising to work with public institutions to cut costs and increase innovations. She also promises to cut tuition costs completely for community colleges and to work toward cutting interest rates on student loans.

In addition, Clinton has always been an advocate for the rights of minorities, causing her to gain large support from black and Latino voters. She has also proven herself a champion for women's rights, specifically reproductive rights, which has been of great debate in our country during the last few years. She has been a part of this fight for decades, and does not

**CLINTON HOLDS MANY OF THE SAME BELIEFS AS SANDERS, YET HER POLICY GOALS LEND THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVABILITY.**

only recognize the need for a woman's autonomy over her body, but also promises to fight tirelessly for these rights. She plans to reform the Hyde Amendment, ensure equal pay for all women and fight for paid family leave

and child care.

Our generation needs to concern itself with the issues of the future, such as entrepreneurship, global warming and college loans. Clinton is striving to make change in these areas, setting goals for her presidency that are tangible and promising. In each area of political debate, she has a strategic and well-thought-out plan that does not shy away from her ideals.

If Democrats want any chance of beating the Republican nominee, they must support Clinton in the upcoming primary elections. She has been supporting the rights of college students like us for decades and has the political insight and drive necessary to execute policies effectively.

# Kasich has the right experience to move GOP forward

## HOW WE SEE IT

The Pendulum endorses Ohio Gov. John Kasich for the Republican presidential nomination.

The race for the Republican presidential nomination so far has largely been filled with yelling, insults and



John Kasich

even a reference to one of the candidate's genitalia. This is far from what we expect from adults running for the highest office in our country. Businessman Donald Trump, the front-runner in the Republican race, has seen success largely because of his brash attitude, one that turns the debate stage into a playground where adults scream and poke fun at each other as if they're in kindergarten.

It's a disgrace to an age-old party, and a disgrace to the nation.

Trump is ill-equipped to be the party's nominee. His unquestionable, disgusting bigotry toward Muslims and other minorities goes against the basic foundations of equality that this country was built upon, and his lack of policy knowledge has been clear as day in recent debates and speeches.

The Republican party is facing an identity crisis. Should Trump win the nomination, there's probable cause that it could split into multiple parties.

At this point, Republicans need to back the candidate who's best able to stop Trump and most ready to help avoid what would be a nightmarish destruction of the party's identity. For that, The Pendulum endorses Ohio Gov. John Kasich ahead of the North Carolina primary.

Kasich, the second-term governor who served 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, has remained calm and collected during debates, reiterating over the chaos that he's the only adult on the stage.

Not only does he seem the most sensible — Kasich would never refer to a candidate as "Little Marco" or "Lyin' Ted" — but he's the most seasoned candidate in the race by far.

He's the only one in either party with executive experience and experience in Washington, D.C.

As Chairman of the House Budget Committee, Kasich was the person who headed up the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. As governor, Kasich has helped to eliminate a budget shortfall of around \$8 billion.

In terms of beating Trump, Kasich has the best chance for a number of reasons.

First, he can win Ohio. The Republicans have never won the presidency without carrying the Buckeye State, and Kasich has an approval rating of 77 percent among likely

Republican voters in his home state.

For long, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) has been the establishment favorite, but his polling numbers are down and isn't favored to win his home state of Florida, which also

votes March 15.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has had the most success against Trump, winning six states as of March 8. But Cruz is the Tea Party favorite and perhaps the most conservative of all the candidates, leading some party leaders to be more scared of his presidency than Trump's.

Kasich is also more moderate on individual rights and defense and international rights issues than the rest of the Republican candidates. This gives him a better chance of pulling independent voters in the general election, which is a reason to support him in the case of a brokered or contested convention.

And with the current state of things, there surely will be one.

At this point in the race, it'll take a near-miracle for Kasich, who hasn't won a single caucus or primary, to win the nomination. The only logical path is for him to first win Ohio, and perhaps Michigan or another Midwestern state, and then go through a contested contention in July.

But to beat Trump and successfully move this party out of the rut and identity crisis it's currently facing, Kasich is the best choice.

**REPUBLICANS NEED TO BACK THE CANDIDATE WHO'S MOST READY TO HELP AVOID WHAT WOULD BE A DESTRUCTION OF THE PARTY'S IDENTITY.**

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# Civic engagement is more than just going to vote

This year, as a part of the Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows program, I went on a trip



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to study the Civil Rights Movement through the Deep South. On the trip, I learned about the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the fight for voting rights in our country.

It breaks my heart that voter registration is a fight many people in our country struggled to win and many other countries still fight for every day. Despite winning this fight though, so many young people decide not to vote. It is such a privilege to be citizens of a country that wants to hear our voices, yet we decide

not to use them. It really frustrates me, and frankly, drives me a little crazy.

Last spring, I got an email from Steve Mencarini, the director for the Center for Leadership and the Leadership Fellows program, about potentially joining the future team of Elon Votes!.

The position called for being the hands and feet of the new organization. If you are unfamiliar, the Elon Votes! campaign is a nonpartisan initiative created to provide students with the necessary resources to register to vote.

In all honesty, my first thought was, "Wow, how great would that look on a resume for law school!" I quickly applied and during the interview I acted like I knew everything there was to know about civic engagement. My acting paid off and I got the job, but boy, was I wrong. I had so much to learn.

Civic engagement is so much more than voting. It is fostering

community and improving participation within that community. After even a semester and a half of working for Elon Votes!, I never believed I would find the passion I have toward voter registration and civic engagement on our college's campus.

For a little more background information, June Shuler and I were hired as Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassadors last April. In honor of Andrew Goodman, an activist killed during Freedom Summer, the Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassadors serve to inspire young people to get involved and register to vote.

June and I have had the opportunity to hold College Coffee tables, be a part of the Organization Fair, host Moseley tables, speak to classes and organizations and host monthly forums with faculty and staff. We were even invited to attend the North

Carolina Campus Compact conference at Wake Forest University to talk about what we have been doing on Elon's campus with regard to voting.

Much to our surprise, this year has gone overwhelmingly well. Elon Votes! has definitely become a presence on Elon's campus, and students have been having awesome conversations about candidates and voting. We have been able to register several hundred students to vote and in general we feel that Elon is excited for the fall presidential election.

Prior to this experience I would have told you, "Hi, my name is Gabby and this is who

I am voting for, you should vote for him (or her) too, here's why." Now I start conversations with, "Are you registered to vote?" Civic engagement is so important, especially for young people.

I can't say it enough: We need to start voting now so 20 years

from now we will have the habit of voting instilled. I would say that my biggest hope for the future of Elon Votes! is that we draw away from, "Who are you voting for?" and start asking, "Are you even registered

to vote?" I can promise you, you have at least one friend that is not registered. If you simply encourage them to utilize their right, you are already making a difference.

**NOW I START CONVERSATIONS WITH, 'ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?'**

## Negative campaigning has devastated national politics

Anyone familiar with U.S. politics knows the constant presence of negative campaigning, such



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as attack or contrast ads, used by politicians in order to demean their opponents. Such methods are undoubtedly useful in swaying the eyes of the general public as a tool — a singular aspect of a candidate's campaign strategy.

Many political analysts have been growing concerned that mudslinging has become too normative within recent election cycles, becoming the primary way for candidates to market themselves. Nowhere is this transition to primarily negative campaigning more pertinent than the current presidential race, courtesy of businessman and Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

There's not much that I could say about Trump's proposed policies that hasn't already been said several times by professional analysts and commentators, but I do feel that his style of rhetoric (and the implications of its seemingly infectious nature) deserves attention and scrutiny. Since the very beginning of Trump's bid for the White House, he has built his platform by exploiting the weaknesses of not only the United States but also his opponents.

Trump's very presence in this election cycle seems to have set a new standard for how politicians aim to market themselves — a standard that focuses on

being the loudest voice in the room rather than the voice with something constructive to say. I think, though, that the only thing more shocking to the state of this election than Trump himself is the way in which his rivals — most notably, Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) — have sunk to his level of animosity.

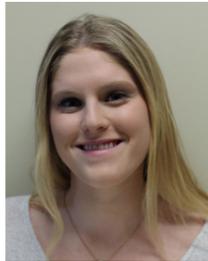
The fact that the highlight of last week's GOP debate was Trump affirming that he is well-endowed after an earlier comment from Rubio should be telling of how far the state of U.S. politics (or at the very least, the state of the Republican party) has fallen into contests of pettiness and pride.

When we see candidates who take more time to target what makes their competition weak rather than focusing on their particular strengths, I like to think they aren't telling us that they are the "best," but rather that they are the "least worst." As students, we are all preparing to enter the broader world, one where the social issues being dropped from discussion in favor of name-calling will become all the more relevant. Moving forward, do we really want the "least worst?"

Since it seems unlikely that the level of negativity in this election cycle will decrease in the upcoming months (if anything, it will continue to intensify as the race becomes more narrow), it falls to us to see past that negativity. We have to consider more carefully what each candidate says about the issues, rather than what they say about each other. We need to come to terms with the stakes of this election, and when the time comes, I hope we can make the right decisions.

## Don't let Trump's kicking and screaming fool you

It was the sixth-grade student government election. I prepared my speech to convince my peers



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that I was the perfect presidential candidate. I wore a professional outfit and implemented big words that I thought would

make me sound smarter.

All my practice in front of the mirror paid off, and I delivered my speech to perfection. I proudly sat back down in my seat and waited to hear the platform of my opponent, Marcus. Instead of proposing longer recess or more class trips, he entertained the crowd with farting noises. He then devolved into impressions of Peter Griffin and closed with more sound effects.

He was a hit, and his antics overwhelmed my well-considered ideas in the race for sixth-grade president.

Toilet humor and childish behavior is enough to win a middle school election, but somehow the same immaturity has fostered the success of presidential candidate Donald Trump.

It is popular opinion that Trump's behavior is driven by narcissism. Taya Cohen, a personality researcher at Carnegie Mellon University, agrees with this diagnosis. She explained to The Huffington Post that, "with the exception of pride, self-conscious emotions do not play a central role in his life."

He has criticized immigrants,



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making false claims such as, "When Mexico sends us its people, they're not sending the best." He has stereotyped Jews and has made clear "the only kind of people I want counting my money are little short guys that wear yarmulkes every day." He has minimized women and insulted the appearance and power of successful females. He hasn't hesitated to call Rosie O'Donnell "disgusting inside and out." Apparently Hillary Clinton cannot "satisfy America" because, according to Trump, she can't "satisfy her husband."

Such behavior would have gotten Marcus removed from office. Schools have no tolerance for these outbursts from children, so how is our nation tolerating this from a grown man?

As cited in an article published by The Daily Beast, Rosalind Wiseman, author of the series of books "Queen Bees and Wannabes" about middle-school girls' cruelty, compares Trump to an eighth-grade girl. "You really wish the adults would be the adults and be able to check the person who's abusing power and being so callous to other people," she said.

Society embraces his inappropriate, offensive behavior. Bullies aren't stopped until someone stands up to them — and though

opponents are trying to defeat him, his backers are resolute in their support of him.

The last thing Trump needs is to feel more powerful. He already feels the ability to debase whomever he chooses. If he cannot make smart personal decisions, why do people want him to make decisions for the nation?

In the long run, Marcus's class presidency had little impact on my peers. He didn't hold enough power or have enough exposure. This doesn't apply to the president of the United States, arguably the most influential person in the world. As CNN's Jonathan Mann notes, "America's most unpredictable candidate could turn into America's most unpredictable commander in chief."

Evaluating Donald Trump is like sizing up a quart of ice cream. Both are so enticing, with delicious toppings that reassure us that they will be really good. Too distracted by our temptation, we don't realize that we've consumed the whole thing until our spoon hits the bottom of the container — leaving us too full to function properly and think clearly. U.S. voters must look beyond the Oreos and sprinkles of his campaign. Let's avoid the immediate regret we will feel if we indulge.

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# Yiddish isn't 'slang' just because it's borrowed

When Sarah Silverman used the word “meshugaas” in her speech at the Oscars Feb. 28, I knew what it meant. But I’m a



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Jewish woman who was raised hearing Yiddish words and phrases scattered throughout conversation, so I thought it was great when I saw Dictionary.com kindly tweet out a link to their definition of the word for everyone following along on Twitter.

I was curious exactly how they defined it, so I clicked on the link. Then I wished I hadn’t.

Listed in italics above the definition, next to “noun,” was the word, “slang.”

That couldn’t be right. “Meshugaas” is not slang, it’s just Yiddish.

I gave them the benefit of the doubt and searched for a few other words borrowed from another language. Smorgasbord: noun. Aloha: noun, interjection. A la mode:

adjective. Not a “slang” to be found. It was the same on the Oxford English Dictionary website.

My cultural heritage is no less important than French-Americans and Hawaiian-Americans. Yet most of the Yiddish words I searched were tagged with “slang,” “colloquial,” or both.

Interestingly, the words that weren’t marked as slang were the most common ones, or really the most assimilated ones: kosher, schmutz, tchotchke.

It seems like Yiddish is considered slang when it’s mostly members of the Jewish community who use it, and full words when everyone else does. But that can’t be. The number of people who use it, and their religious or cultural background, shouldn’t influence how a word is defined. That’s not how slang works.

Slang is defined as “language of a highly colloquial type, considered as below the level of standard educated speech,” but words borrowed from other languages, Yiddish

included, don’t fit this definition. There’s nothing wrong with slang, but using it to inappropriately define words of a marginalized community as part of a less-educated

Jews of Central- and Eastern-European descent. Jewish people living in this area, like many Jewish people around the world, were not fully accepted into the communities and countries they lived in.

In Germany, Jewish people combined the Hebrew they knew with the surrounding German and a few other eastern European languages. This led to the creation of Yiddish, a unique language which spread to other parts of Europe. This process created a variety of Jewish language

in other regions such as Ladino, a mix of Hebrew and Spanish, with influences from Arabic and other languages.

To call words we use in English but borrowed from Yiddish “slang” just because they were borrowed from Yiddish, while not holding borrowed words from other languages to the same rule, perpetuates bias against Jewish people. It is an attitude that reveals that as a nation, we still hold mistaken ideas about which languages and cultures are more desirable and appropriate than others.

That’s not an attitude I want perpetuated, and I hope you agree.

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language is discriminatory. In this case, it is anti-Semitic.

And if you want to argue that Jewish Americans are no longer marginalized, I’d like to point you to the most recent FBI statistics that show that the majority of religious hate crimes in the United States are perpetrated against Jewish people, and also to the Elon academic calendar, which makes Jewish students fill out applications to miss class on Yom Kippur (the holiest day of the Jewish calendar), but gives students an extra day off the Monday after Easter.

Yiddish is a language spoken by many

# A day living (un)exposed

“I’m so scared I want to cry.” Those are the words that I wrote to my best friend just hours before



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I donned the hijab for a day to stand in solidarity against Islamophobia. This year was my fourth year wearing the hijab for a day and

each year was just as nerve-racking as the previous.

I can’t really explain why I get so nervous and scared. Maybe it’s because I’m scared that someone will be offended. Maybe it’s because I’m scared no one will understand. Maybe it’s because I’m scared no one will care. Or maybe it’s because I like to fly under the radar, unnoticed.

With a scarf on my head, that is not an option. With a scarf on my head, people notice.

In her morning talk on Feb. 18, Anna Torres-Zeb explained that wearing the hijab and being Muslim in this country is like being on a news station 24 hours a day — always watched, always analyzed.

Not only is she always analyzed, she also has to assess her own world. She knows the signs to determine whether a restaurant will be friendly or hostile. Personally, I don’t know all the signs, but I like to think that I am one step closer to understanding what it is like to live feeling like an outsider.

People have asked me “Why?” The short answer, I believe, is “Why not?” Why should I not spend a day walking in her shoes, trying to understand what she goes through on a daily basis? But



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Students who participated in World Hijab Day gather to celebrate together.

the longer answer has multiple reasons. Part of it is that I think it is important to raise awareness.

Elon is a very white campus. We don’t see women walking around in hijabs, and we don’t think twice about it. But if you were to see someone covering her head, what would you think? Would you be angry or confused? Would you be uncomfortable? Would you be happy?

By bringing these emotions to the surface, I am forcing the Elon student body to consider their own subconscious conceptions. Another reason that I do this is it goes hand in hand with Elon’s goal to create better global citizens.

As we go out into the world, we are going to encounter people with different ideas, perspectives and beliefs. It is just inevitable. So how are we going to treat those people when we encounter them? I hope that I treat them with respect and strive to understand their different beliefs without condemnation, for condemnation is not in my power. My God teaches me to love others, and I hope that

I can through understanding and support.

Each year I have a different experience wearing the hijab. I notice different things. This year was the first year that I got a whole group of women to wear the hijab instead of just a friend who already wears the garment. So this year I truly felt like I was part of something bigger.

I now understand the support of solidarity. When I saw someone across the lawn wearing a hijab, I smiled to myself. In one class, I noticed that I was the only one wearing the hijab.

I’m not used to being part of the minority, but on Feb. 18 I was. It’s a weird feeling to realize you are the only person like yourself in an entire room of people. In the next class, I was supported by my professor who was wearing the hijab. Just seeing one other person wearing the hijab boosted my confidence. I knew I wasn’t alone.

So thank you to all the women who wore a hijab with me. Thank you for expressing your solidarity. Thank you for supporting my Muslim friends.

# Politics about issues, not entertainment

Here’s my issue with this election cycle. It isn’t that Clinton seems to be surpassing Bernie in the amount



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Student

of delegates she has won, or that Donald Trump now seems to be the leading contender for the Republican nomination. What

truly troubles me is that politicians in this country have finally figured out the secret to American public opinion — as long as we are entertained, it doesn’t matter what things you say, people you belittle or races you disparage.

It doesn’t matter. If you’re belligerently racist (and trust me, there are candidates who are), people will say, “Well, at least he’s interesting! Those other candidates are so boring.”

Guess what, people: Politics aren’t supposed to be interesting because of their entertainment factor. They’re supposed to be interesting because they concern the passing of laws that affect millions of people here in our own country — as well as untold millions abroad.

No, there aren’t as many hot women, witty quips or dramatic scandals. But nowhere else will you see decisions made about environmental change, clean water and public education. If we could unplug from our obsession with being entertained for just a moment, we

would be shocked with the horrific state to which our political process has fallen.

In some ways, I don’t resent Donald Trump. Though he has made himself the poster child for this sham of an election, he has — unwittingly, perhaps — exposed the very problem that I’m talking about.

A businessman — but most importantly an entertainer — with no political experience and no inkling about the vastly diverse and complicated nation he is trying to win over, has garnered significant support among Americans. This only proves my point that we have become so married to entertainment that we have sacrificed the rationality necessary to truly gain the benefits of democracy.

And this doesn’t even delve into the fact that there are hundreds

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of thousands of Americans who aren’t even going to vote. There are even students at Elon who are going to shirk their single most important responsibility as citizens. It is in these

moments that I am both happy and morose to be someone passionate about history — I can see the times where Americans used the power of their vote to win great victories against opponents thought too great to challenge.

But at the same time I mourn the sacrifice that thousands of Americans — and millions more around the world — have made in defense of democracy when we here, in its supposed birthplace, have turned it into a glamorized reality show.

# ELON BFA TO 'BEAUTIFUL! ON BROADWAY



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY NASIA THOMAS  
Nasia Thomas played Dionne in 'Hair' her freshman year at Elon. She'll now preform as Little Eva in 'Beautiful! The Carol King Musical.'

*Alumna lands new role in musical after originally touring as swing*

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A year and two months ago, Nasia Thomas '15 sat in the audience, waiting for "Beautiful! The Carole King Musical" to start. She'd heard about the production from friends who had auditioned for it, though she knew little about the woman whose name was in the title. But when the curtains opened, Thomas was mesmerized.

The doo-wop and "old-school sixties amaz-ingness" stirred something within Thompson. She said this to cast member Gisela Adissa as she was at the stage door last that night. Adissa said to her, "I'll see you soon." She was right.

On Thursday, May 10, Thomas will make her Broadway debut as Little Eva in "Beautiful! The Carole King Musical."

Her former classmates, seniors in the musical theater program Michaela Vine and Ciara Dixon, are in awe of Thomas's fast track to Broadway, but they aren't surprised.

"My first memory of Nasia is 'Ragtime' — she was Sarah Brown and she was gorgeous," Vine said. "I just remember thinking to myself, 'Well, crap, she's gonna make it one day.' That was when she was only a junior."

During her years at Elon, Thomas also starred in "Hair," "Pippin" and "Dreamgirls."

"This isn't the last you'll hear about Nasia Thomas, because she's about to take the world by storm," Dixon said. "Just the fact that seven months after she's graduated, she's already on Broadway in this featured role — this is not her last stop on the Broadway train."

Thomas is even more in awe about the role than her peers.

"I still can't believe it," she said. "I am in utter shock that it's happening so soon. I am so thankful at what the universe has brought me. I'm floating."

**Living the dream**

"The dream is to move to New York and find your musical," Vine said. "If you try hard enough and pound the pavement enough, you can get into a musical on Broadway, but it's not necessarily the one you've been dreaming about since you were little. Somehow the universe and the world puts you where you're supposed to be at the right time."

Thomas' trajectory has been largely about timing. Though her Broadway debut is this week, she has been touring since last summer

with "Beautiful!" throughout North America as a swing — meaning she has to be able to fill in for any of the other roles with similar body types. In this case, Thomas learned six different parts — in the event of sudden injury, illness or other unforeseen circumstance, Thomas had to be ready to go on stage in the place of those cast members.

Thomas was tapped for the swing role just before graduation, on the way to one of her final performances at Elon. Now she has moved to Manhattan full-time to perform at the Stephen Sondheim Theater.

Settling in the city is a major lifestyle change in comparison to nearly half a year of touring. Performing night after night in the same theater in the same city is quite different.

"Being on tours, sometimes you can kind of

**WHEN YOU WALK ACROSS THAT STAGE, YOU'RE GOING TO LAUGH AND THANK GOD FOR ALL THE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES.**

**NASIA THOMAS**  
ALUMNA '15

feel like you don't have a personal life because you go to a show and you go to a hotel," Thomas said. "The whole world doesn't revolve around the show. There's a life to be lived here."

But within that, some changes had to be made. Thomas has had to slow down her social life to take care of her voice and body during a much more hectic schedule.

"On Broadway you do eight shows a week and you have five show weekends. I'm not used to anything like that," she said. "I'm eating right — at least, I'm trying to — exercising, just a lifestyle change. Just making some good habits, breaking some bad ones. I'm getting as much sleep as I can."

Even though she's always been overprotective of her voice, this time, taking care of herself is about something bigger than her body.

"Just to really try to deliver in the best way. There shouldn't be any reason why I shouldn't be able to do a really good performance," Thomas said.

**A lasting impression at Elon**

On Feb. 17, Dixon and Vine sat in their senior seminar course with all of the other se-

nior musical theater majors as well as their two professors. One of them, Cathy McNeela, the program coordinator, got a call from Thomas during class. She stood up to take it and immediately started crying — Thomas was breaking the news about her Broadway debut.

"It was an awesome moment that our class collectively got to experience her telling us all at the same time as we are about to embark on this huge journey for us professionally, where Nasia was sitting just a year ago," Dixon said.

Dixon maintains a strong relationship with Thomas, not just because she was a former classmate, but also because she is like a big sister to her. In fact, she was a mentor to many African-American musical theatre students.

"She would hold 'Amen Corner' dinners for all the African-American people in our department," Dixon remembered. "We would get together and we would listen to gospel music and we would make all of those foods that are innate to our culture and our expression. And we would just get reminded that we do have a family."

Thomas saw this as an essential part of being a student of color at Elon, a predominately white institution.

"It can feel hard to be a minority. I had issues with identity growing up — I hated being black growing up," Thomas said. "But my mom really made me love the skin that I was in. I was lucky to be able to go [to Elon] with confidence, but what if someone didn't have that? It's so important to have people in your corner with an unspoken vibe."

But Thomas was a guiding force even for musical theater students outside of that group.

"She's like that to everyone," Vine said. "Every opening night I've had this year — personal text from Nasia Thomas, 'Happy opening, break a leg, you're gonna do phenomenal.' Everyone else's success is her success, and I think that's what's made her so successful. She took in all the positive energy of everyone and just propelled it forward to be this, not only amazing human, but amazing performer."

Both Dixon and Vine plan to see the show during Spring Break, when Thomas will be in her second week on Broadway. Just a few months from graduation, they sit with the same uncertainty Thomas had a year ago — but Thomas has found

blessings even in the waiting and rejection and unglamorous parts of the business.

"You're not going to always get the job. You're not going to always be in a certain place at a certain time. It's not always going to happen the way you want it to happen, but it's going to happen the way it's supposed to happen," she said. "This job is just an example. I didn't get all those other things because two months later, I'd be making my Broadway debut."

When she was a senior, Thomas was overwhelmed and stressed all the time. She was taking 20 credits of coursework and auditioning regularly. But just months later, she has made it — not over or under, but through that trying time. She recalls a quote that was shared with her recently: "What is meant for me will never pass me up, and what passes me up was never meant for me."

For all the graduating seniors, she has a final piece of wisdom.

"When you walk across that stage, you're going to laugh and thank God for all the missed opportunities," Thomas said.



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# Spring dance concert gets hearts pulsing

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“Pulse” is usually used to describe heart-beat — but to Elon University’s dance majors and faculty it’s much more. The jittery beats of the heart have become the overarching theme of the emotions of the dance concert, “Pulse.”

This year’s annual spring dance concert, to be performed March 11-13 in McCrary Theatre, will be an evening of original, innovative dance production. There will be six dance pieces performed and choreographed by faculty members and guest artist Trent Williams, dance professor at the University of Florida.

Elon’s dance program hosts two main stage concerts, one in the fall and one in the spring. The fall concert features both faculty and student work, while the spring show features only faculty and guest work. Kearns brought Williams to campus during Winter Term to choreograph and rehearse a dance, hoping Williams would challenge and inspire current students pursuing dance.

“The whole evening is geared around a question that I posed to the choreographers: ‘What makes your pulse race?’” said Lauren Kearns, artistic director and associate professor of dance. “Is it excitement, laughter, fear, anger, seeking justice? I’m also one of the choreographers, so it’s also been fun to watch all the dance pieces.”

Each of the five faculty choreographers and Williams have taken creative approaches to answering this question through body movement and dance.



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**Elon dance majors embody the theme of hearts racing in their performance on ‘Pulse Spring Dance Concert.’**

After posing her question, Kearns saw how engaging a snappy, quick title would capture the event.

“Every year for the spring dance concert, I pick a particular theme,” she said. “The theme this year was obviously, ‘What makes your pulse run?’ and I just thought that would be a great title, a short, to-the-point title.”

Each piece has a modern aesthetic, including contemporary ballet pieces, contemporary modern pieces and a humorous theatrical piece, all performed by Elon BFA dance majors and including three male musical theater majors.

Kearns is looking forward to audiences reacting to the eccentric costumes, lighting,

music and heart-inspired pieces.

“I hope the audience really enjoy themselves,” Kearns said. “I hope that they are opened to all of the creative possibilities that dance offers. I hope that they get excited by what they see. That they get intellectually stimulated by what they see and that they get moved by what they see.”

Junior Lucas Melfi is performing in three different pieces, each varying in terms of style. After working with Williams on a contemporary modern piece, Melfi said the theme is “salt” and dancers are tasked with portraying how it is used, how it affects society and what it represents.

When the dancers symbolize objects, each piece becomes drastically different in

## PULSE DANCE CONCERT

**When:** March 11 -13

**Where:** McCrary Theatre

terms of genre and perspective of emotion.

“I think it will be fun for the audience to know that and then to see these six very different pieces,” Kearns said. “Fear gets my pulse racing, and I actually created a very large piece, and the German film ‘Nosferatu’ is a very big influence in the piece. There’s a lot of athleticism, driving and sinister forces at work in the piece.”

To create the diverse production, more than 50 student dances and production crew worked together, allowing for several groups of students the opportunity to collaborate on an original dance production. Senior Kayla McGrath has been rehearsing since October on her two contemporary and theatrical pieces with other dance majors and faculty choreographers.

“[Audiences] can expect a very eclectic show,” McGrath said. “There are a lot of large group numbers, which is very entertaining, and one duet. There are six total pieces, one by a guest choreographer, but most are contemporary or modern. There’s definitely something for everyone, especially with the theatrical piece at the end.”

The variation of style aims to show the versatility of the dance department and its ability to capture and display emotion.

“I think it’s a dynamic concert,” Melfi said. “Every piece I’m a part of, I love to do. Each piece brings something different shows off different aspects of what we do as a dance department.”

# From Hip-Hop to EDM: ADzMAN finds his sound

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Junior Adam Freudenstein — or as his fans know him, ADzMAN — has performed all across the United States, from Miami to New York City, in front of thousands of people, and his EP “Irreplaceable” has appeared on the front page of the iTunes dance page.

At age 13, Freudenstein discovered his love for rap music and began producing hip-hop instrumentals. He would receive emails and calls from rappers asking him to make beats for them, which is when it clicked that this was something he wanted to do on a more consistent basis.

“2012, around the time of junior year of high school, is when electronic music really started blowing up,” Freudenstein said. “I realized that I’m not really a rapper. I don’t really know how to write stuff. But I certainly know how to make beats, so why don’t I try to make electronic music?”

Creating beats became a way for Freudenstein to creatively express how he was feeling, despite criticism from his peers.

“When I was in high school I was teased for making beats. No one knew or understood what I was trying to do,” Freudenstein said.

Freudenstein grew up in Hoboken, New Jersey — 30 minutes outside of New York City. He describes his music as a mix between hip-hop and progressive house music.

His unique stage-name, ADzMAN, is based on his AIM username.

“My twin brother used to always

call me Adz, and I added the man because I felt like I could be older, and I just sort of stuck with it,” he said.

Freudenstein, who has another EP in the works and is set to release it sometime in the next few months, has more than 2,000 followers on his SoundCloud profile. His newest song “Top Notch” has more than 55,000 plays on the music-sharing site.

Freudenstein finds inspiration in music he hears online and on the Top 100. He said it can take up to a month for a song to be fully produced and ready for release.

“I do everything by myself,” Freudenstein said. “I put my headphones on and mix it that way. I’ve used some of the Elon studios to master some of the tracks [on my new album], which has made a huge difference.”

Freudenstein said what makes his music different is that it’s real and authentic to who he is, though often times he will sample from other artists.

“Sampling is really important,” he said. “Sometimes, I don’t know how to make a sound sound a certain way, so sampling is the greatest medium to find the thing that you’re looking for.”

At the start of his freshmen year, Freudenstein started working with Limelight, a student-run promotional group for up-and-coming student musicians at Elon University. The group has artists and repertoire (A&R) people, managers for all of their artists and a social media team to help students start their music career.

Freudenstein credits Limelight for a lot of his success as an artist.

As a freshman, he created an EP with the staff. They helped him craft emails and send his EP to record companies in hopes of signing his inaugural record.

“I sent [my EP] to Carra Records, and they said they were going to sign it,” he said. “Then it comes out, and next thing I know I see it on the front page of iTunes. I was like, ‘How did they find this?’ [iTunes] re-tweeted my status and stuff, and that was awesome. That was through Limelight.”

Limelight also booked Freudenstein’s first gig at Phi Mu’s Philanthropy event, Bonnamu, in November 2013.

Since then, Freudenstein has performed at clubs in Miami and New York City, and his favorite gig to date, Glow Fest in Fayetteville, North Carolina, this past September, where he performed in front of more than a thousand people.

“I have always played at clubs, but festivals are different,” he said. “At a club, you want to get everyone dancing and make it more intimate. At a festival, you want to make everyone jump up and down and go as crazy as you can. At clubs, I focus it on the crowd more, but the festival was cool because I could make my own set.”

Freudenstein has two managers, one through Limelight who books all of his gigs around Elon, and one back home who coordinates his gigs everywhere else.

As a marketing major, Freudenstein isn’t sure what he wants to do after graduation.

“I definitely want to give music a chance when I graduate, and explore it further, but right now it’s a really great hobby, and I just have

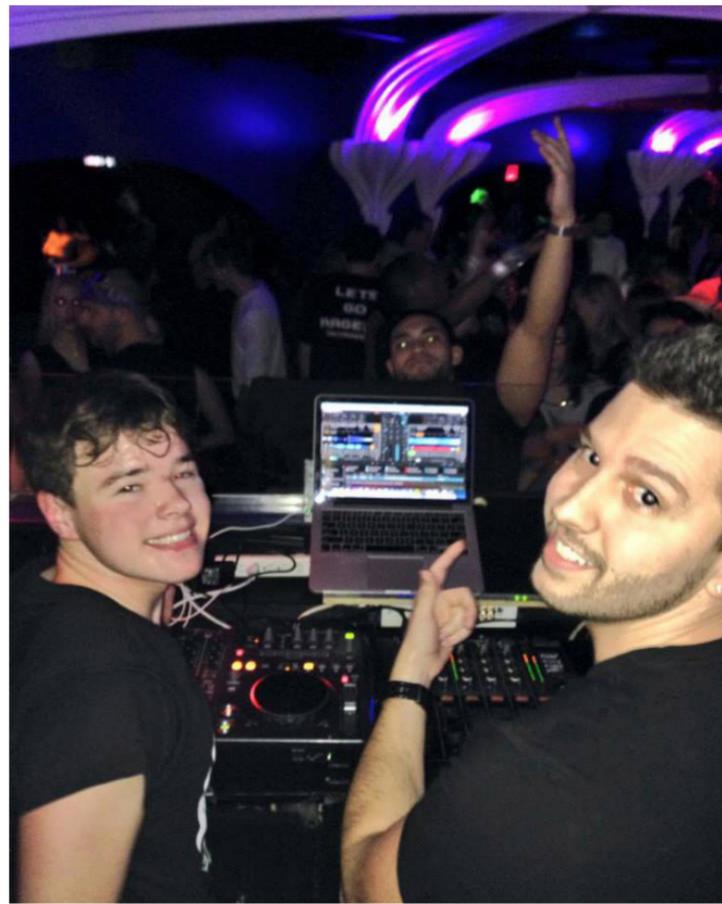


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**After creating his own beats, ADzMAN (left) recently DJed at the Fayetteville Cumberland Glow Festival. His EP ‘Irreplaceable’ was featured on the front page of iTunes dance music.**

to see where it takes me,” he said.

Vice President of A&R at Limelight, Valerie Reich, said even as a freshman, Freudenstein exhibited a lot of talent and has continued to develop his sound.

“His music is more about dope self expression set to incredible beats and less about what other people want,” she said.

As Freudenstein still tries to find his niche as an artist, he looks up to artists like Swedish House

Mafia and North Carolina native Porter Robinson.

“I compare EDM to Legos,” Freudenstein said. “Everyone is given the same Legos. The best producers in the world can make the best house with the Legos. It’s all about making the best house so everyone can have access to the same stuff. But it’s really about working hard and making a Lego that has never been seen more. That is what I am trying to do, and that’s what all of the producers are trying to do.”



# Elon Eats: San Marcos competes in food debate

*Mexican restaurant challenges 'La Fa,' 'La Co' for best food*

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Elon University students tend to be on one side of a never-ending battle between which of Burlington's Mexican restaurant is better: La Cocina or La Fiesta. Students stick with their unshakable beliefs, vehemently defending one's guacamole and chips versus the other's.

A Mexican restaurant that never comes up is San Marcos Restaurant. Having only opened in September 2015, San Marcos isn't as well known to Elon students as its more established competition. The small chain has only six restaurants between Virginia and North Carolina, with its newest being in Burlington and Raleigh.

Tucked behind the Barnes & Noble in Alamance Crossing, replacing Mimi's Cafe, San Marcos is unnoticeable, but is definitely worth a try from the Elon community.

San Marcos has a large menu with more traditional Mexican dishes, such as arroz con pollo and enchiladas, but also American dishes, such as a burger with fries or a garden salad. The menu also features quesadillas, seafood, fajitas, burritos and tacos.

The lunch specials are well-priced: most are under \$10, usually between \$6 and \$7, and the portions are extremely large,

leaving leftovers for the next day.

A lot of the dishes, like the arroz con pollo, which translates simply to "rice with chicken," come on a bed of flavorful Spanish rice and a queso sauce that is thick and creamy, but not too spicy or overpowering in order to complement the rice. The chicken is also grilled thoroughly, leaving it nice and juicy.

The food at San Marcos is very filling and a bit richer and heavier than your average fast food or large chain Mexican restaurant, like Taco Bell and even Qdoba.

The staff and atmosphere has more of an authentic Spanish charm compared to these chains as well.

"The atmosphere is really nice and there are always a lot of people when I go," said junior Megan Graves. "It seems like it's pretty popular with the new hype."

The decor of the restaurant transports the customer to an ancient Aztec city. It has a fun and casual feel with a Mexican flair. The environment is definitely family-friendly — it's the type of place where the whole family can get together and sing "Feliz Cumpleanos" for a birthday celebration while wearing a sombrero, courtesy of the establishment.

"I really liked the environment," said sophomore Jessie Boak. "I thought it was very authentic and an aesthetically pleasing ambiance. The service was also good and they dealt with my gluten allergy well."

For any gluten-intolerant or allergic student, it can be difficult to find good options on and off campus. Most food either con-



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**San Marcos offers a wide variety of Mexican cuisine including arroz con pollo as well as more typical American dishes.**

tains gluten or is contaminated by a gluten product.

"Even though they didn't have a gluten-free menu, San Marcos switched a wheat tortilla to a corn tortilla to accommodate me with no other questions asked," Boak said.

For those celebrating their 21st birthday or have already celebrated it, San Marcos' drink menu is also extensive and colorful. There are margaritas and sangria specials that look as good as they taste and are Instagram-worthy when put next to the delicious food.

Next time a Spanish cuisine craving hits, instead of turning toward the more well-known Burlington favorites, consider



LEA SILVERMAN | Senior Reporter

**Patrons can enjoy a side of refried beans topped with cheese with their main entree.**

San Marcos. There might be a new contender in Elon's great Mexican food debate.

"I love all the Mexican restaurants in the area, but San Marcos by far has the best food and the

service was great and very professional," Graves said.

It's located at 3111 Waltham Blvd. in Burlington and is open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. weekdays and until 11 p.m. weekends.

# Research studies struggles of keeping an exercise routine

*Elon student compares affect-based versus intensity-based workouts*

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After spending hours each day working out and bettering her own body, senior Nicole Doolen found a way to combine her passion for exercise science with her academic work by conducting research on affect based exercise on exercise adherence.

The beginning steps of this extensive research involved finding ways to motivate people to keep engaging in an exercise routine on a long-term basis. Associate Professor of Exercise Science Wally Bixby has previous research experience in exercise routines and has become Doolen's research mentor.

"For the last few years, exercise has been a passion of mine," Doolen said. "It was great to be able to find a way of combining my personal passions with my intellectual journey. It's been really great getting to apply something that is part of my personal life and look at it from a more academic and scholarly standpoint."

In Doolen's research, the participants, who

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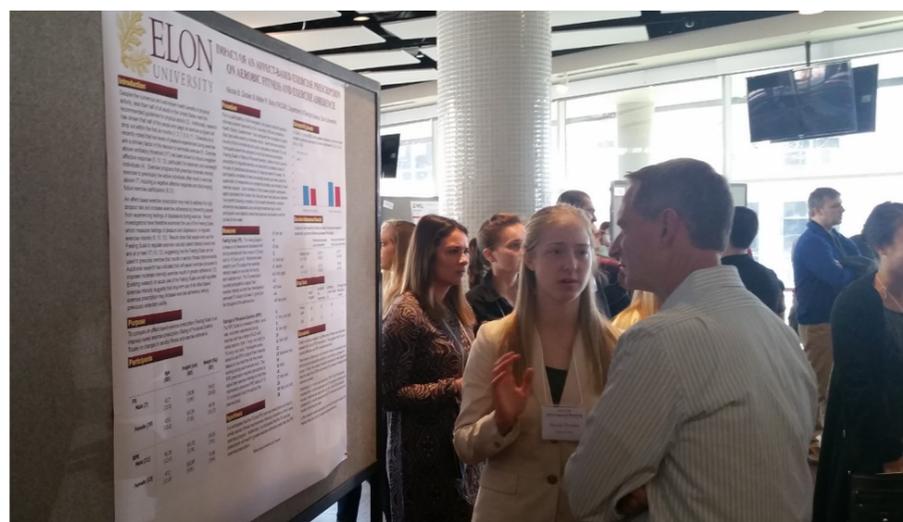


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**Nicole Doolen presented her research on exercise adherence at the SEACSM conference Feb. 16.**

are mainly Elon University faculty and staff members, are separated into two different groups: the people who will exercise and focus on how they feel as they are exercising, and the people who will exercise at different levels of intensity.

"Essentially, I'm looking at the effects of having people focus on how they feel during exercise rather than just how hard they are working," Doolen said. "Typical exercise prescriptions have people exercise at a certain intensity level, but often times, especially for people who were previously sedentary, this results in feelings of

displeasure during exercise which discourages them from participating in exercise in the future."

While conducting these tests, Doolen met with her participants during the first, third and sixth month of research, measuring their level of fitness each time. Additionally, she gave them a Fitbit for a week so she could see how many steps they walked and how much exercise they completed.

One of the biggest indicators in the study is the change in aerobic fitness, found by having the participants record any exercise they do.

"We'll be looking at the total number of minutes of exercise they do within that week and just comparing between the people that are focusing on how they feel during exercise — the affect-based exercise prescription — and the people that are focusing on how hard they are working during exercise — the intensity-based exercise prescription," Doolen said.

Doolen began conducting research this past summer, when she had a six-week exercise intervention with faculty and staff. But she still does not have all the necessary information to finalize her research.

"I'm still in the process of my research," she said. "I actually ended up doing a second round of exercising intervention during the fall because we wanted to get more participants to help get more data, and then we are following up with all participants over the next six months, so it is sort of a longer-term project."

A major challenge that Doolen faced while conducting her research was people dropping out, altering the data. Participants have left the research project for a number of different reasons — some don't have enough time, others are injured and a few have moved away from Elon.

But Doolen decided to give this challenge a positive twist.

"We have had quite a few people drop out, but that has been interesting too because that's a lot of what my project is about — getting people to continue to exercise long-term," she said. "But obviously, people are always going to drop out from an exercise program, so it has really been interesting looking at who is dropping out and why they are dropping out."

Looking forward, Doolen plans to use the skills and knowledge from this project for physical therapy school or graduate school. She also wants to create a similar but smaller-scale project with her current research.

"For me, exercise and rehabilitation is really just about helping people to find ways to help themselves and giving people the tools they need to be successful to be healthy, and I think this research will really provide me with knowledge to do that," Doolen said.

*Student's fashion influenced by her Spanish hometown***Katy Bellotte**Fashion Editor  
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In terms of her interests, sophomore Iria Garcia seems like the typical Elon University student — an active member of the Love School of Business, the house captain of her sorority house for Zeta Tau Alpha and a lover of Cook Out hot dogs. Though she spends her days roaming around campus and being heavily involved in her sorority, Garcia has a unique, hidden talent.

She happens to be proficient in five languages: Spanish, English, French, Chinese and fashion.

Born in the small town of La Coruna, Spain, Garcia is no stranger to European fashion influences and incorporates it into her daily style.

She found her “look” was different from her peers’ after learning the English language at a very young age and attended boarding school in the United States.

The quirky business major can often be spotted donning fashions the average Elon student might label too “risky” or “out there” without even a second thought.

In the following Q&A, Garcia explains the do’s and don’t of her own European style.

**How would you define your personal style?**

“In one word, I’d say baggy — both for my everyday fashion and nighttime style. Loose fashion cuts are very popular back in Europe, and the trend is finally making its way to the states — thank God. Tight clothing hasn’t really been in style overseas since the nineties.

“Not only is it incredibly comfortable, but baggy fashion also gives a very laid-back vibe no matter what the occasion.”

**What does a typical outfit look like for you?**

“I’m a big advocate of jogger pants and cropped tops, paired with a unique-looking coat. I love leather, fur and menswear influences. Also, about 90 percent of the clothing I own is black or gray.

“I prefer muted colors for my clothing with maybe a bright pop of color in my makeup if I’m feeling like being a bit more risky.”

**What is your favorite item of clothing in your wardrobe?**

“Definitely my Adidas Stan Smith shoes. I got them back in December and I swear I haven’t taken them off since. These shoes are my clothing staple because of how clean they look.

“I can wear them in a very casual setting, and can also throw them into a more dressed up outfit to make it less intense. They can be worn in any season and really in any atmosphere.

“In the ‘60s to the ‘80s, Stan Smith was a popular American tennis player. In ‘71, Adidas asked him to make his own shoe design. He created a very simplistic design that I appreciate a lot. People are always asking me where I got them.

**Who inspires your personal fashion?**

“I take a lot of my inspiration from the Jenner sisters, along with Gigi Hadid and her entire posse. I’m also a huge fan of Zara, which is a Spanish clothing brand based in Galicia.

“It’s funny because back in Spain I can get Zara brand clothing for a fraction of what I need to pay for it here.

“Simplicity is my thing, and I feel like it is very on-trend these days, which helps. I wear a lot of simple colors and cuts — lots of grays, navy hues and cottons — which seem to be very popular in young Hollywood.”

**What would we find in your handbag?**

“Two pairs of sunglasses — because I can never decide. A bottle of my favorite perfume of the moment, called ‘LOEWE.’ It’s a European brand that I don’t think you can get around here. Also, probably a Kit-Kat or two — or three.”

**The worst fashion faux pas according to you?**

“Lily Pulitzer.

“This will probably offend a lot of my classmates, seeing as though Elon has a lot of people interested in Southern prep brands, but I don’t see the hype. It looks like a coloring book exploded.”



# EUROPEAN-INSPIRED LOOK AT ELON



# SEEKING REVENGE

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Junior forward Jenifer Rhodes (11) jumps for a layup against James Madison University Jan. 10. Elon has lost all five games to the Dukes since joining the CAA.

# Women's basketball runs its way to better rebounding

6 a.m. runs lead Elon into CAA Tournament, potential matchup with JMU

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Throughout the Elon University women's basketball season, head coach Charlotte Smith tried to emphasize the importance of rebounding to her team.

Her methodology to encourage the team to rebound was simple: If you don't win the rebounding battle, be ready to run.

"They know that we're expecting it, and they know that if they don't win, there's consequences in place now," Smith said. "I think those consequences of having to get up early in the morning and run for not boxing out has sharpened our mentality a little bit more."

The runs take place at 6 a.m. Tuesday mornings after Elon has a game in which it struggles on the boards.

"Not fun, ever. It's the worst," said sophomore guard Shay Burnett. "We know if we don't rebound, it's going to happen."

Just mentioning the topic led junior forward Jenifer Rhodes to drip sarcasm into each word she spoke.

"Yes, those are really great," Rhodes said. "I just enjoy so much setting my alarm for 5:20 a.m., and waking up, blasting music in my car to actually peel my eyelids back to be ready and alert for those 6 a.m. runs. They're really awesome."

But the runs have worked for the Phoenix, as the team's rebounding has improved to second in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Avoiding the runs — and the extra work at practice that comes with it — has been a major motivating factor to the team as it heads to the CAA Tournament.

"Nobody wants to set their alarm for that time," Rhodes said. "And also, at the practices following the 6 a.m. runs, all that we focus on is boxing out, if that's something we didn't take care of in the game."

Elon has been on a good run of rebounding recently, averaging 45.6 rebounds per game in its last five games. It won the rebounding battle by double-digits in four of those games, with the lone exception being a 41-41 tie at James



Sophomore guard Shay Burnett (5) jumps into a University of Delaware defender Feb. 26. Elon faces Delaware in the first round of the CAA Tournament Thursday.

Madison University Feb. 28, the league leader in rebounding.

"We've done a good job on the boards, and that's kept us in a lot of games," Smith said. "We tied with James Madison on the boards, and in order to be in the game like that, with that caliber of a team, you have to rebound the ball really well. Last time [March 2 at the College of William & Mary], we were pretty dominant on the boards and did a good job of

boxing out."

The tie on the boards against James Madison was a stark contrast to the game played Jan. 10 at Alumni Gym, where the Dukes grabbed 57 rebounds — 30 of them on the offensive glass — compared to just 34 for Elon.

The struggles in that game still befuddle Smith.

"It wasn't a matter of making an effort to go to the boards. It was just a matter of boxing them out to secure rebounds," she said. "We had good inside positioning, because you're on defense, but we just refused to put a body on people. You would think, after seeing them get rebounds over and over and over again, that something would click. It just never clicked that day. I just can't even wrap my head around it."

Yet Elon still nearly won that game, losing 81-76 in overtime after a late foul gave the Dukes three free throws to tie the game in regulation. That close loss and the 73-72 loss Feb. 28 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on James Madison's Senior Day show the heightened level of confidence Elon has this season compared to last, its first in the CAA.

"When you sit here and watch hours and hours of game film, and you look at what you have and what stacks up against your opponents, I have a lot of confidence in the fact that we can beat anybody in the league," Smith said. "The hardest thing was trying to convince them. I think they were intimidated by JMU. Especially when we played at their place [in 2015]. It was an intimidating environment, something different that they've never seen."

"This year, totally different. It took having played them so well in the tournament to elevate them to the next level. They went into this season knowing that we can compete with them. Now, it's just a matter of getting the job done. We've been there both times, and both times, in late game situations, we've been up and we've shot ourselves in the foot."

That tournament game — a 63-60 loss in the semifinals March 14, 2015 — has been a focal point for Elon ever since the game ended a year ago, especially after seeing James

Madison win the tournament. And the intimidation factor dissipated in the tournament.

"When we were going into the CAA Tournament last year, everyone was saying, 'JMU is one of the top mid-major schools out there,'" Rhodes said. "So yeah, it intimidated us a bit. But we weren't even thinking about what rank JMU was. We were just thinking, 'We're going to win this game.' I think that's why that game was so close."

Now, heading into this season's tournament, Rhodes has heard James Madison head coach Kenny Brooks mention the similarities between the teams as the reason why Elon has played the Dukes so evenly. And, should the teams meet up in the semifinals, Smith is anxious to finally get to a conference title game.

"The biggest thing that sticks out in my mind is that we've been to the semifinals three years in a row, and I'm ready to advance to that next level," Smith said. "In order to advance to that next level, you have to be a different you. I'm going to do my part to have the team prepared and ready. They have to do their part, because I can't get out there and do it on the floor for them."

But Rhodes knows that Elon isn't going to be gifted the quarterfinal game, where the Phoenix faces the University of Delaware at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. In fact, Rhodes is aware of the opposite momentum Elon has going into the tournament.

"One thing that's different is that we lost to [the University of North Carolina at Wilmington] twice, and our first game in the tournament was against UNCW, and we were really excited and ready to beat them," Rhodes said. "This year, we beat Delaware twice, and now, we're going in and have to play them for a third time. In basketball, no matter who you are, it's hard to beat a team three times. I know we're going to have to come out with the fire under our belt and come out crazy, because I know they're not going to want to lose another game, especially in the CAA Tournament, to us one more time."

"The target is now on our back a little bit more."



Senior forward Autumn Carter (32) shoots in a Feb. 26 game for Elon. Essence Baucom looks on.

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# Previewing the CAA Tournament, team by team

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As all 10 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) women's basketball teams make their way to Upper Marlboro, Maryland, the second year in the conference for Elon University feels all too familiar to the first.

Just like the men's basketball team, Elon is in the exact same position as last season, playing as the fourth seed and needing to go through conference powerhouse James Madison University in the semifinals to get to the championship.

The teams are seeded as follows:

**6**  
**N** Northeastern University  
14-15 overall (9-9 CAA)

The Huskies failed to live up to higher expectations this season, with one of the conference's weaker defenses and a lack of reliable scoring outside of senior forward Samantha DeFreese. Their conference hopes look bleak, but Northeastern was a bizarrely inconsistent team all season that found the bulk of its success on the road in conference play (8-4). And stranger things have happened in conference tournaments.

**4**  
**ELON** Phoenix  
18-11 overall (11-7 CAA)

The Phoenix had a stronger regular season than the Dragons, but they began to stumble late in conference play and finished as a fourth seed. Nonetheless, with junior forward Jennifer Rhodes battling inside and sophomore guard Shay Burnett attack relentlessly outside, Elon features a real and potent inside-out attack. And, if Elon advances to the semifinals, the Phoenix nearly beat presumed opponent James Madison in both regular season games.

**2**  
**HOFSTRA** Pride  
22-7 overall (14-4 CAA)

The Pride is led by the two-headed back-court attack featuring junior guard Kelly Loftus and sophomore guard Ashunae Durant, featured the conference's second-strongest two-way attack this season. They can shore up the middle on defense and put the ball in the basket from anywhere on the floor. But again, with a powerhouse like James Madison in their way, they're very much second in command, and there's far more separating them from the top than is separating them from the middle pack of the conference.

**10**  
**TOWSON** Tigers  
6-23 overall (3-15 CAA)

The Tigers were an incredibly young team this season, playing three freshmen and eight sophomores, and their defense was the worst in the CAA, letting up 70.9 points per game — about eight full points more than the next-worst team. But their youth leaves lots of room to grow and time to buy, especially with the Bankston twins — junior Raven and redshirt sophomore Raine — leading the way.

**5**  
**UD** University of Delaware  
15-14 overall (10-8 CAA)

The Blue Hens have struggled to score the ball all season (58.7 points per game). Even with a strong defense to boot, it's tough to imagine a squad that lacks multiple outside scoring threats making noise in the conference tournament. But they lost to Elon both times in round-robin conference play — including one that had Elon make three buzzer-beaters to win in double overtime — so expect Delaware to give Elon a battle and try to avoid losing to the Phoenix for a third time this season.

**3**  
**DREXEL** Dragons  
17-12 overall (13-5 CAA)

The Dragons finished the regular season well below Hofstra in overall record, but tied the Pride with a strong showing in conference play. With one of the best defensive units in the conference — allowing 55.4 points per game, just less than the Dukes — and solid play on the wings from senior guard Rachel Pearson and junior forward Sarah Curran, they're a threat to win the tournament, especially by avoiding James Madison until the final, if they can get there.

**1**  
**JMU** James Madison University  
24-5 overall (17-1 CAA)

The Dukes are unquestionably the team to beat in the CAA. They're riding a 17-game winning streak, and senior guard Jazmon Gwathmey is riding a hot streak, scoring 21 points per game this season. They're undefeated at home, and tout the conference's highest-power offense (70.4 points per game) and staunchest defense (54.7 points allowed per game). But the Dukes have been vulnerable at times this season, losing at William & Mary to open the season and escaping with two wins over potential semifinal opponent Elon. Reigning CAA Player of the Year senior guard Precious Hall's knee injury that ended her season before it began could spell trouble for James Madison in the tournament, when they would need her presence the most.

**9**  
**UNCW** University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
7-22 overall (3-15 CAA)

The Seahawks trotted out the CAA's weakest offense this season, scoring a mere 52.7 points per game and shooting 34 percent on the year. But, like Towson, this is another young team, with only one senior on the roster. After a solid season last year, expect UNCW to bounce back and perform well next season.

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**8**  
**C** College of Charleston  
10-19 overall (5-13 CAA)

The Cougars struggled mightily to score this season, shooting a collective 36 percent from the field and 28 percent from behind the 3-point line. Their middle-of-the-pack defense kept them in games, but it's tough to envision many paths to immediate success in the tournament, especially with a possible quarterfinal game against the Dukes.

**7**  
**Tribe** College of William & Mary  
15-14 overall (6-12 CAA)

The Tribe followed up a strong nonconference performance with a win over James Madison, the only loss for the Dukes in the CAA. On paper, they've got quite a bit of firepower, but a stretch of 10 losses in 12 conference games highlights their inconsistency. They were the No. 4 offense in the conference at 62 points per game, and can really bomb it from long range on some days. The talent is there, but it is tough to peg William & Mary's potential heading to Upper Marlboro.

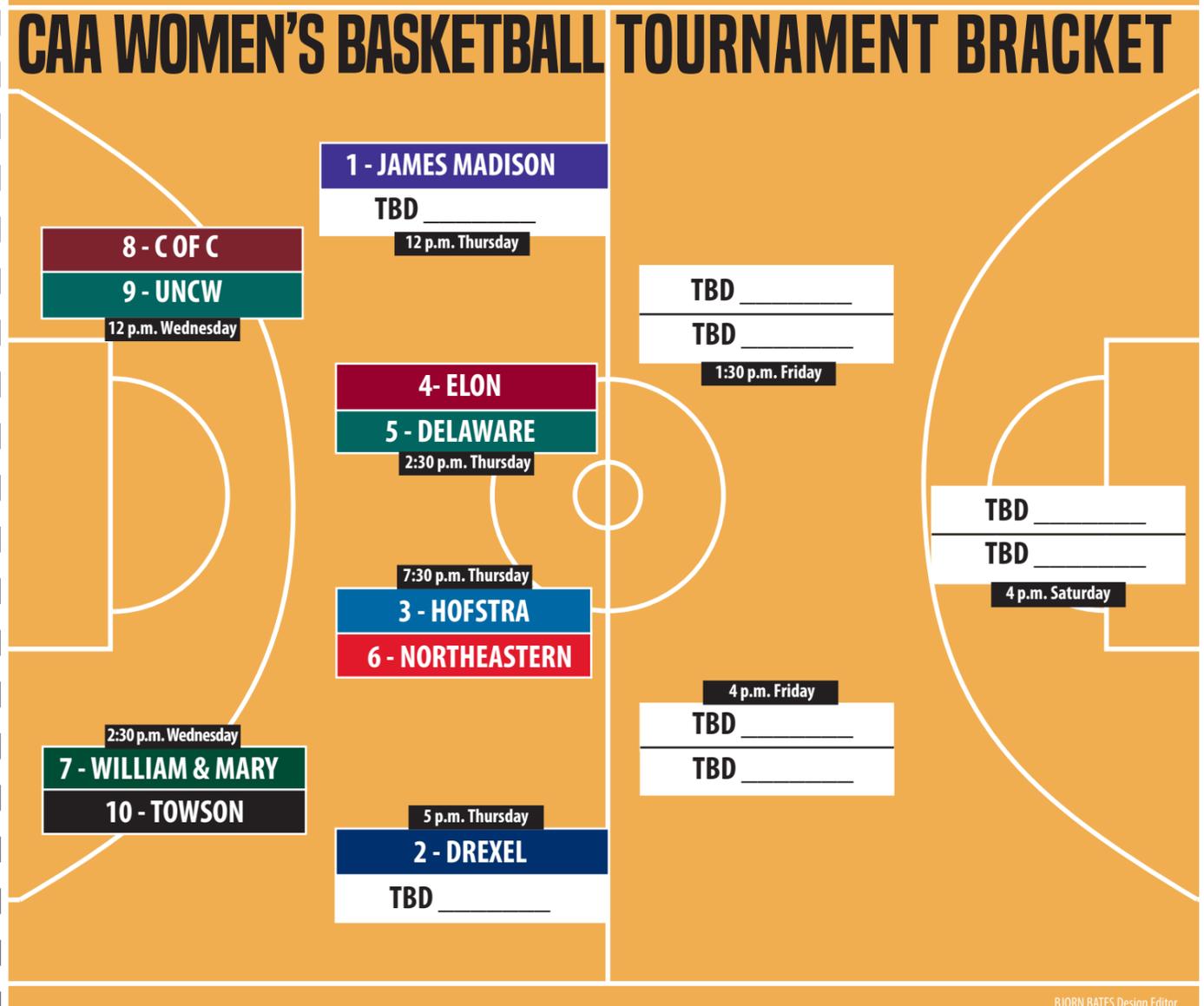




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## QUESTIONS LINGER AFTER MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON CRASHES TO ENDING

The Elon University men's basketball team walks off the court after losing to Drexel University 57-56 in the first round of the CAA Tournament March 4. The loss ended the season for the men's basketball team.

### *57-56 loss to 5-win Drexel brings out issues for Elon going forward*

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One point in the final five minutes, 51 seconds.

Despite the terrible first half and the wild comeback to take the lead, the Elon University men's basketball team scored just one point in the last 5:51 against Drexel University, losing 57-56 in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Tournament Friday night.

"[There were] so many plays that, if they would have gone a different way, we'd come out victorious," said head coach Matt Matheny. "But we came up short."

It's a familiar feeling for the Phoenix, who failed to score a point in the final 4:13 of Feb. 25's loss to the College of William & Mary at home.

It also closes the book on a season that started with uncertainty, raised hope in nonconference play and ultimately faded into the offseason with more questions than answers.

#### **The game goes awry**

The worst half of Elon's season came at the most inopportune time possible.

Elon scored 21 points, its lowest output at the halftime mark all season, against a Drexel team that entered the night with five wins.

The five wins Drexel had tied for the third-worst record in the country, and lost to Division II-University of Alaska at Anchorage in November. Only Central Connecticut State University and Chicago State University have less, with four wins on the season.

But Drexel's level of play was increasing heading into the tournament, starting with its 81-76 loss to Elon Feb. 18. The Dragons won at William & Mary 74-69 Feb. 20 and beat the University of Delaware 74-64 Feb. 25. In its last regular season game, Drexel lost on a late shot to Northeastern

University 61-59.

"Drexel's been playing well," Matheny said. "It was a great victory up in Philly when we beat them. But they were a different team in our game up there than they had been during the season ... We knew they had been playing well."

The Dragons stormed out on Elon, leading 18-2 through seven minutes of the game. Drexel held a 17-point lead twice in the game, matching its season-high for a lead. Matheny said he was "surprised" at how poorly Elon played to start the game.

Drexel's game plan, according to head coach Bruiser Flint, was simple enough.

"We talked a lot about keeping them off of the 3-point line," Flint said. "Our big thing all year was, 'They were the only team to score 80 against us. And they killed us from the 3-point line.' So that was one of our big [emphases] before the game."

The defense executed that plan to near-perfection in the first half, as Elon went 1-for-7 from behind the arc and committed five turnovers.

"I think they did a great job defensively just pressuring the ball, trying to take away some of our options," said junior guard/forward Christian Hairston. "I personally think that they were more aggressive this game than they were the last two times we've played them."

Matheny added, "They did a tremendous job of taking away some of our strengths."

In Drexel's previous game with a 17-point lead, the Dragons lost to Pennsylvania State University 63-57 Dec. 19. The Dragons blew the biggest lead they had this season once, and for a stretch in the second half, it looked like it was going to happen again.

The Phoenix displayed its finest qualities from the season in an offensive onslaught during the second half. The team drilled shots from deep, making three 3-pointers, and drove to the basket with tenacity and authority, finding easy layups and drawing fouls.

"I felt like if we could play well in the first few minutes of the half, it'd be a great game, and we did," Matheny said.

Freshman forward Tyler Seibring drilled a 3-pointer, and junior guard Luke Eddy made a driving layup to give Elon a 55-51 lead with 5:51 to go.

The back-to-back baskets were the climax

of Elon's long fight back in the second half, cutting away at the 13-point halftime deficit in little bursts and spurts.

Elon even made 9 of 10 free throws, something that the Phoenix has struggled with during this season. Through 14:09 of the second half, Elon had outscored Drexel 34-17.

"When we were chipping away in the second half and eventually took the lead, I think we as a team, we thought that we could finish the game," Hairston said. "Obviously they didn't quit, they made a run to start the game, we made a run and eventually it just came to blows at the end of the game."

But down the stretch, the problems at the free-throw line reemerged, as Hairston missed both free throws with 2:38 to go, and Eddy made 1 of 2 with 56 seconds left.

For a team that shoots so well from the outside, Elon only shot 66 percent from the free-throw line all season, and went 10-for-16 Friday night.

"We want to shoot, as a team, 70-percent from the foul line consistently, and we didn't do that this year," Matheny. "It's an area that we definitely can improve on, and it reared its ugly head tonight."

Elon also didn't score from the field, missing its last six shots after Eddy's layup.

"We missed a lot of free throws, [and] we just have to do better on both ends towards the end of the game," Hairston said. "[After] those last two media [timeouts], those are the big time moments in the game, and we as a team have to do a better job executing."

Eddy missed the potential go-ahead shot with seven seconds left, and Drexel sophomore guard Sammy Mojica collected the rebound.

Mojica bounced the ball past Eddy to Drexel freshman guard Terrell Allen, who dribbled the ball into the corner and away from Elon defenders.

Then, with Mojica yelling at him, Allen threw the ball up to the sky, with the ball falling to the floor as the buzzer sounded.

The Dragons ended Elon's season with Allen's heave, putting a disappointing bow on a stumble down the stretch for Elon.

#### **Looking to the future**

With such a young team coming into the season, taking into account the loss of 2015

CAA Rookie of the Year Elijah Bryant, it was tough to figure how Elon would do in 2015-16. The preseason poll picked Elon last in the conference.

But the immediate results — a win at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a close loss at Syracuse University, a six-game winning streak — had the Phoenix expecting a lot entering CAA play.

But a theme emerged during conference play: Elon was close to its strong conference brethren but it couldn't figure out how to beat them.

A seven-point loss to Northeastern Dec. 31. A four-point loss to Hofstra University Jan. 9, and then a two-point loss at Hofstra Jan. 28. Three-straight four-point losses in February, to Towson University, at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and to the College of Charleston.

With seven of its eight players that averaged 10 or more minutes returning, learning how to finish close games becomes priority number one.

"What an incredible season to learn from," Matheny said. "We encouraged our players returning to remember this feeling, and remember this season and all of the close games, and remember how it feels, and why we came up short."

Elon went 2-7 in conference play at home, and held a lead in the second half of six of those home losses. And all season long, Matheny preached how close Elon was to some of the CAA's best teams.

But after losing six of its last eight games, with the final loss in the first round to one of the conference's worst teams, where does Elon go from here? Matheny says that the progress he's seen from Elon before Friday night will be the focal point.

"No delay, let's keep going with our returners," Matheny said. "It's very clear to me, [and] I think it'll be very clear to them, all the work that we have to do to be successful in this league."

The future appears bright for Elon going forward, but the conclusion to the season — and especially the final game — raised concerns about slow starts, poor shooting at the free-throw line, and the ability to finish close games.

And the Phoenix will have to wait until November to try to quell those concerns.

# THE PHOENIX FOCUS

## BASEBALL

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

March 2  
8-7 

Tournament  
March 4-6  
1 W, 2 L 

March 8  
late 

March 11-13  
Home 3 games 

## MEN'S TENNIS

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

March 2  
7-0 

March 5  
3-4 

March 11  
Away 2 p.m. 

March 14  
Home 2:30 p.m. 

March 15  
Home 3 p.m. 

## WOMEN'S LAX

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

March 4  
4-12 

March 12  
Home 11 a.m. 

March 15  
Home 7 p.m. 



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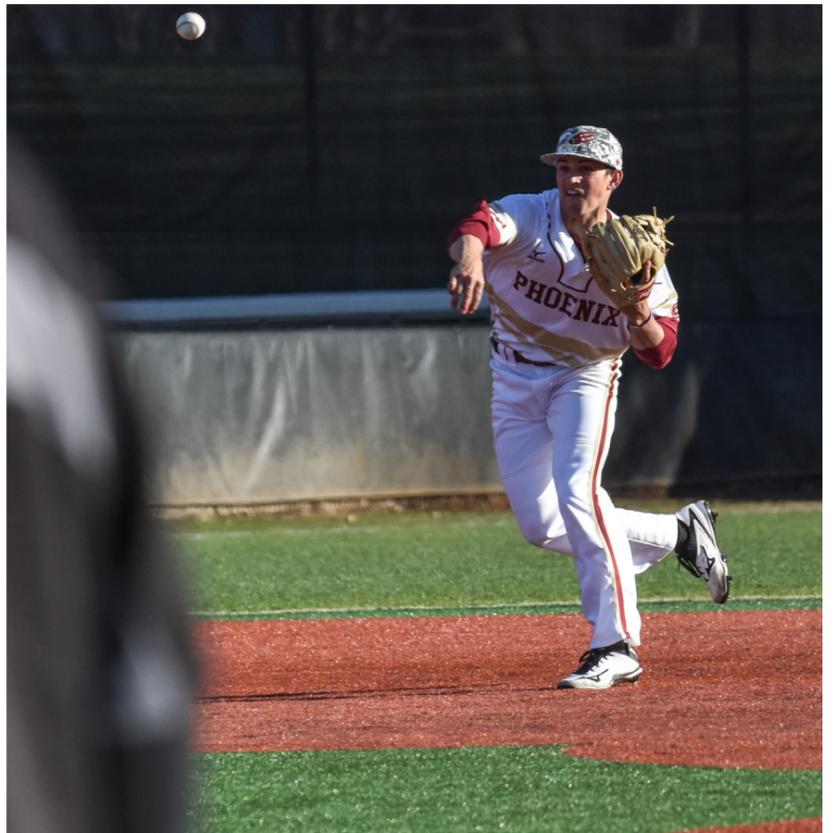
## SOFTBALL

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Tournament  
March 5-6  
1 W, 3 L 

March 9  
Home 5 p.m. 

Tournament  
March 11-13  
4 games 



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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

March 3  
4-3 

March 5  
7-0 

March 5  
4-0 

March 12  
Away 1 p.m. 

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### RESULTS

March 4  
56-57 

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### RESULTS & SCHEDULE

March 2  
74-64 

March 10  
Away 2:30 p.m. 

### STANDINGS

	Overall	CAA
James Madison	24-5	17-1
Hofstra	22-7	13-5
Drexel	17-12	13-5
Elon	18-11	11-7
Delaware	15-14	10-8
Northeastern	14-15	9-9
William & Mary	15-14	6-12
C. of Charleston	10-19	5-13
UNCW	7-22	3-15
Towson	6-23	3-15

# SPORTS BRIEFS

### Elon AD Blank named a 2016 Athletic Director of the Year

Elon University Director of Athletics Dave Blank will be recognized in June by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) during their annual convention.

He will receive a 2015-2016 Football Championship Subdivision Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award from NACDA. He will be honored alongside three other collegiate athletic directors in Dallas.

Blank is in his 10th year at Elon, and led the July 1, 2014 move from the Southern Conference to the Colonial Athletic Association.

### Women's track & field completes indoor season

The Elon University women's track & field team finished its indoor season tied for 11th at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Track and Field Championships March 4-6.

Elon finished with 23 points, improving its standing by 10 spots compared to 2015.

The 4x400-relay team of Desiree Ross, Lauren Brzozowski, Lydia Laws and Jen Esposito set a school record with a time of 3:43.91, finishing sixth in the race.

Sophomore Brigid Brennan ran a personal-best 4:56.04 in the one-mile race, and junior Carrie Abraham set a personal-best mark in the triple jump with a 19.10m leap.

### Women's tennis wins 3 straight matches at home

The Elon University women's tennis team won three straight matches at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center last week.

Elon beat the University of North Carolina at Wilmington 4-3 Thursday, then shut out both North Carolina A&T State University 7-0 and North Carolina Central University 4-0 Saturday.

After losing the doubles point to UNCW Thursday, the Phoenix tried some new doubles lineups Saturday to much success, as freshman Maria Paraja and junior Natalia Janowicz picked up two doubles victories on the day. Sophomores Erica Braschi and Kamilia Beisenova won at No. 3 doubles against N.C. Central.

### Smith named assistant on USA U18 team

Elon University women's basketball head coach Charlotte Smith was named an assistant coach on the 2016 USA Basketball women's Under-18 national team Tuesday.

The head coach is Suzie McConall-Serio of the University of Pittsburgh, with Smith and Kamie Ethrude of the University of Northern Colorado as assistants.

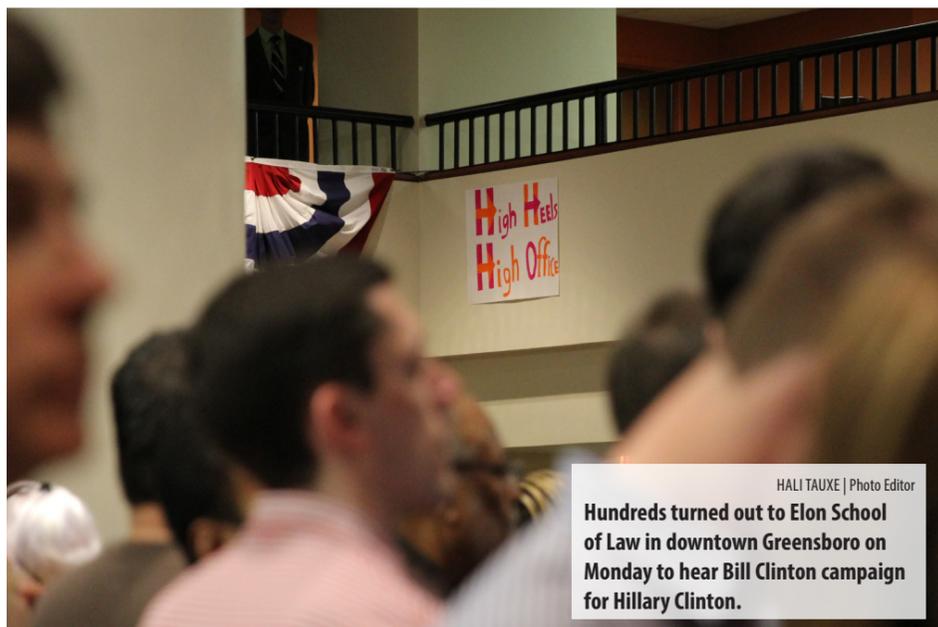
The Women's Under-18 team will play in the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship July 13-17 in Valdivia, Chile.

Smith played for Team USA from 1992 to 1997, winning gold at three events, including 1992 FIBA Americas U18 Championship as a member of the Under-18 team.

# TOP PHOTOS



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer  
Sophomore midfielder Abby Godfrey (11) chases after the ball against The University of Albany SUNY March 4. The Phoenix lost 12-4.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor  
Hundreds turned out to Elon School of Law in downtown Greensboro on Monday to hear Bill Clinton campaign for Hillary Clinton.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer  
Senior Robert Lindgren swings for a serve against Old Dominion University March 5. Elon lost 4-3.



MEGAN KOTTKAMP | Staff Photographer  
Dance students rehearse for their spring recital, "Pulse," which opens March 11.