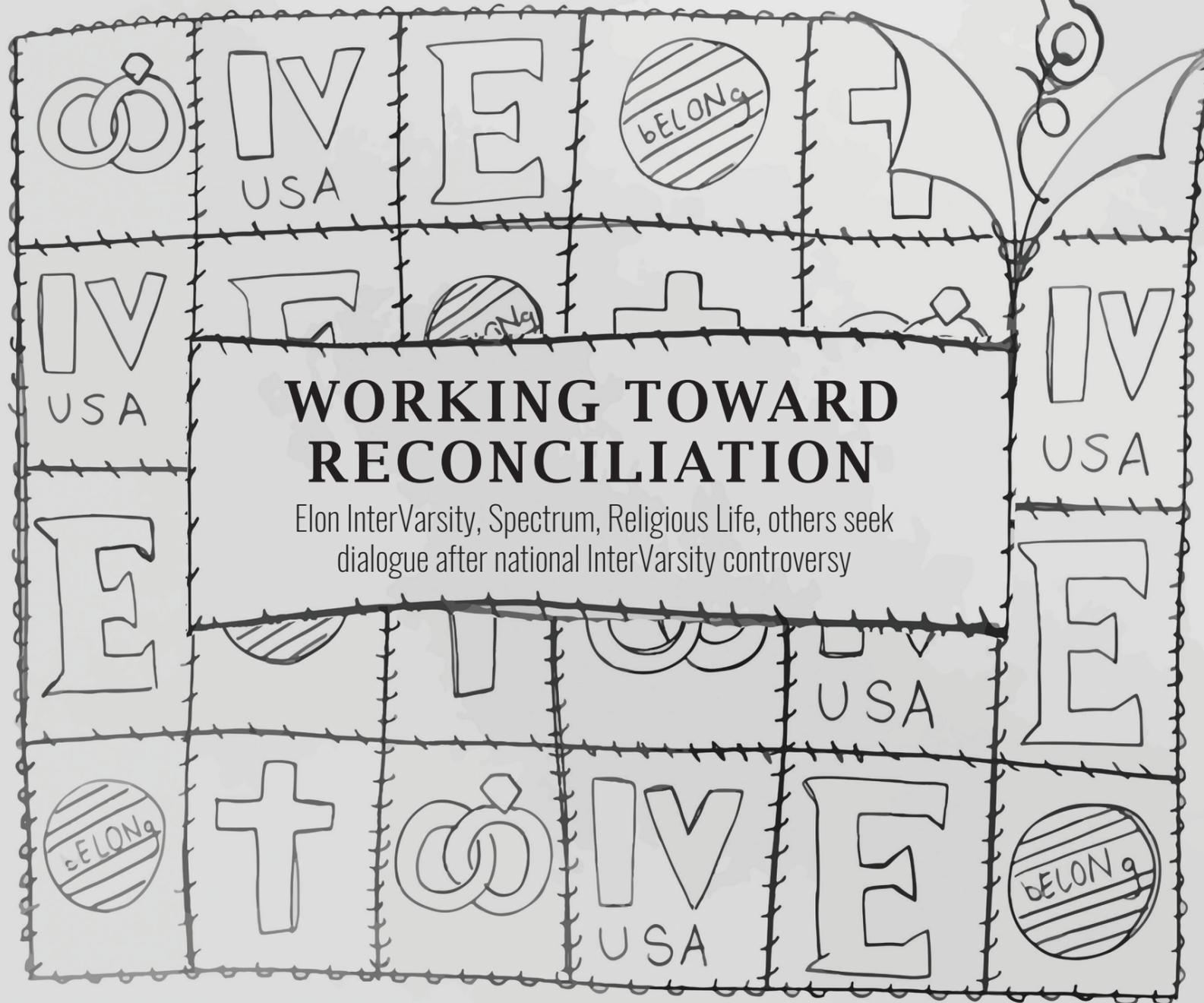


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This month marks the deadline for staff members of national InterVarsity to leave the organization if they disagree with its recently reiterated theological stance against same-sex

relationships, premarital sex, divorce and masturbation.

The move by the national collegiate evangelical Christian ministry, which has a chapter on Elon University's campus, created outcry in the LGBTQIA community after it was reported by Time Magazine in October.

While the edict applies only to staff

members — not student leaders or members — it has caused many students at Elon to try to distance itself from the national organization's position and has prompted questions about the role of

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Too close to call

Elon Poll shows tight race for president and governor

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Results from the latest Elon University Poll show competitive races in North Carolina for president and governor are too close to call.

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton polled at 42 percent, while Republican Donald Trump polled

at 41.2 percent. Libertarian Gary Johnson only got 2.6 percent of votes from respondents, while Green Party candidate Jill Stein garnered only 0.5 percent among those polled. About 9 percent of respondents said they were undecided, and more undecided voters leaned in Trump's favor than in Clinton's.

On Friday, FBI Director James Comey sent a letter to Congress saying the bureau is investigating more Clinton-related emails. Because the Elon Poll

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Schar Hall still far from finished

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Though Schar Hall is now officially open, anyone walking through the McEwen building will notice construction within the School of Communications is far from done. Two rooms in McEwen are undergoing major renovations. On the first floor, interior renovations are underway for the newsroom, the future home of Elon News Network. In McEwen's basement, crews are constructing new studios for WSOE student radio.

According to Paul Parsons, dean of

the School of Communications, these renovations were originally scheduled to be completed much earlier, but delays in the construction of Schar Hall pushed the entire timetable back.

"We had to do McEwen in two phases," Parsons said. "The first phase was when almost all of McEwen was renovated over the summer. But then we had to wait for the newsroom and the radio station until we could shift the classes into Schar Hall."

In the days since Schar Hall opened

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CRIME REPORT

Oct. 28
OLSON AVENUE, ELON
Fraud, impersonation

On Oct. 28 at 4:10 p.m., a Town of Elon Police officer spoke with a woman by telephone that wanted to file a report in reference to her identity being stolen and used to apply for a credit card. An investigation will be conducted in reference to a possible identity theft.

Oct. 25
EAST HAGGARD
AVENUE, ELON
Burglary – non-forced entry

On Oct. 25 at 3:47 a.m., a woman came to the Town of Elon Police Department to report a breaking and entering that had already occurred. The woman stated that her phone, credit cards, driver's license, cash and a bag of prescription medication were taken from her residence on E. Haggard Avenue, after she had been transported to the hospital because of a medical emergency.

Oct. 31
BURLINGTON
Car break-ins

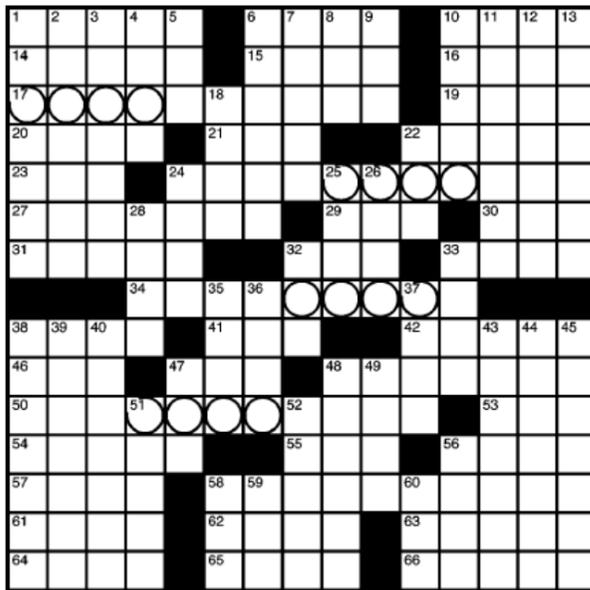
The Burlington Police Department has had a series of reported car break-ins down the Interstate I-40 corridor, specifically at exits 140 and 141. These crimes occurred Oct. 28, 29, 30 during the night. The suspect(s) are targeting vehicles at hotels/motels along the corridor of the interstate, and entering cars that are both locked and unlocked. Anyone with information should contact the Burlington Police Department at 336-229-3500 or Crimestoppers at 336-229-7100.

GAMES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Less-played song, usually
 - 6 Big name in big projections
 - 10 Skips, as TiVoed ads
 - 14 Like Andean pyramids
 - 15 Bumpkin
 - 16 Touched down
 - 17 "Gotta go!"
 - 19 Without serious thought
 - 20 Cuts down
 - 21 Single
 - 22 Garson of Hollywood
 - 23 "Do it, ___ will!"
 - 24 Peter Parker's alarm system
 - 27 Bed blossoms
 - 29 Hyundai rival
 - 30 Vineyard cask
 - 31 Stainless ___
 - 32 Agent
 - 33 "Looney Tunes" stinker, familiarly
 - 34 Kaiser roll
 - 38 Hide from a hunter?
 - 41 "Yet cease your ___, you angry stars of heaven!": "Pericles"
 - 42 E-cigarette output
 - 46 Firefighter's tool
 - 47 Lanai music maker
 - 48 Has a connoption
 - 50 Henry VIII's third wife
 - 53 "Noah kept bees in the ark hive," e.g.
 - 54 ___ acid
 - 55 Capp and Capone
 - 56 Poet Whitman
 - 57 Manner
 - 58 Sign of deceit, and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
 - 61 Years, to Livy
 - 62 Navigation hazard
 - 63 ___-garde
 - 64 Establishes
 - 65 Fancy jug
 - 66 Nutty green sauce



By Craig Stowe

11/2/16

- DOWN**
- 1 Vatican personnel
 - 2 Show disdain for
 - 3 Dessert drink made from frozen grapes
 - 4 Weekly septet
 - 5 Disney doe
 - 6 Modern Persians
 - 7 Subdued
 - 8 Civil War nickname
 - 9 Boomer's kid
 - 10 '70s-'90s African state
 - 11 Pasta preference
 - 12 Forms a big stack
 - 13 Compound in many disposable coffee cups
 - 18 Easy pace
 - 22 Govt. property overseer
 - 24 Corn Belt sight
 - 25 Barely makes, with "out"
 - 26 "Geez!"
 - 28 When the NFL's regular season begins
 - 32 Canadian whisky
 - 33 BlackBerries, e.g.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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10/27/16

- 35 Seattle's ___ Place Market
- 36 Antelopes, to lions
- 37 At any point
- 38 Sleepover need
- 39 Check out
- 40 Lax
- 43 Tropical fruits
- 44 Rich
- 45 Charges for use of, as an apartment
- 47 GI hangout
- 48 Club owner?
- 49 Toss from office
- 51 County seat of County Clare
- 52 Thanksgiving decoration
- 56 "___ Only Just Begun": Carpenters hit
- 58 Ship, to its crew
- 59 "Hee ___"
- 60 Go on and on

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7:30 P.M. |
Percussion
Ensemble Fall
Concert
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4:30 P.M. |
Prudential Info
Session
3

1:40 P.M. |
Campus
Conversation
4

7:30 P.M. |
Department of
Performing Arts
presents
'Parade'
5

All Day |
National French
Week
6

9 A.M. |
AWSome
Analytics
Workshop
7

7 P.M. |
Election Night
Watch Event
8



GINGER LOONEY | Staff Photographer
Students gathered at the pumpkin festival hosted by the Garden club at the community garden Oct. 28.



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Freshman Valerie Sampson smashes a pie on sophomore Jack Hamilton at Global Graveyard Oct. 28.



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Seniors Matt Kerr (left) and Grace Johnson (right) finish the TriathELON event hosted by Colleges Against Cancer Oct. 30.

TOP PHOTOS



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Elon senior guard Lenaira Ruffin attempts a layup against Wingate forward Zasha Barrett at Alumni Gym Oct. 29.

INTERVARSITY
from cover

inclusivity and theological debate within the fellowship organization.

Senior Monique Swirsky, — president of Spectrum, Elon’s queer-straight-alliance — said, faced with such a nuanced situation, dialogue between and among groups is important even if students disagree with InterVarsity’s national stance.

“As one of the largest religious organizations on campus, student members in InterVarsity have very diverse views, so it’s not fair to write off the organization as a whole based on a national policy that applies to staff members,” Swirsky said. “The best way to move forward is not to cut InterVarsity out of the conversation but to engage students more meaningfully.”

A national reiteration

InterVarsity’s reiteration reflects the ministry’s 18-month, nine-part curricula that encouraged employees to study relevant Biblical texts as well as a position paper it published in May 2015, “A Theological Summary of Human Sexuality.” In the 20-page paper, InterVarsity’s corporate leadership concludes “that God’s loving intention ... restricts sexual expression to a committed marriage relationship between a husband and wife.”

In a letter sent in mid-July, InterVarsity leadership encouraged staff who disagree with its position to “alert their supervisors and conclude their work” by Nov. 11.

Katie Arms ’14 and her husband, Doug Arms, Elon InterVarsity chapter staff mem-

bers who primarily work with the student leaders who make up their Coordinating Team, stressed that the process of coming forward isn’t “forced on staff members.”

“There’s nobody going around and saying, ‘You need to sign yes or no if you agree with this,’” Katie said. “It’s allowing those to voluntarily come forward if they disagree with the statement.”

Neither Katie nor Doug said they plan to come forward in disagreement with the statement by InterVarsity.

Doug added that in this process, InterVarsity national is trying to offer clarity and it in no way “changes their intent to foster inclusive communities on college campuses.”

But Joel Harter, associate chaplain for Protestant Life, said he thinks the national reiteration puts InterVarsity staff in a complicated position when it comes to ministering to students who are forming their identities.

“I don’t think IV’s staff has always had the right training to

asks them to change.

According to both Doug and Katie Arms, the chapter at Elon, a student-led organization with more than 200 members — 60 of whom regularly attend large group meetings — is funded by SGA. But the two staff members are employed and solely funded by InterVarsity national. SGA declined requests from Elon News Network to review the ministry’s \$9,000 allocation from student activity fees — funds collected alongside students’ tuition bills and distributed by SGA to support student organizations.

Katie Arms said InterVarsity staff have minimal say in where the funds are allocated on campus and their role is “simply to advise student leadership.”

For Katie Arms, that means coming to campus on a weekly basis and advising, mentoring and supporting student leaders and members to help them define their roles as “leaders at Elon and leaders under God.”

“The reiteration doesn’t change

that there are other perspectives,” Arms said. “We are still creating room for disagreement and conversation among students.”

Dan Sheehan ’15, who was involved with the chapter, said he fears that by reaffirming its stance, InterVarsity is perpetuating the

leadership positions was revised for fall 2015.

One of these revisions was the omission of a section that asked students to specify their positions on abortion, homosexuality, alcohol, pornography and premarital sex.

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DAN SHEEHAN
ALUMNUS CLASS OF 2015

divide between LGBTQIA and Christian youth.

“We can create a world where LGBTQIA communities and those of Christian faiths are not mutually exclusive,” he said. “College students can be an accelerative force in this regard, but not if the discourse we create discourages them from engaging this dialogue.”

A nuanced history at Elon

In fall 2014, Christine Fortner, ’15, left an unsigned leadership agreement in the hands of Elon InterVarsity staff members and told them, “No, I do not feel comfortable signing this.”

After serving as a small group leader for three years, she had been asked to review the leadership agreement, which specified behavioral expectations from student leaders — including abstaining from premarital sex, avoiding alcohol and drugs. In her third year, she said she was “confronted by an Elon InterVarsity staff member who was concerned” about her “beliefs and practices as a Christian.” She said she was subsequently “dismissed from leadership.”

She approached Joel Harter and Chaplain Jan Fuller and discussed her experiences. Following these discussions, the application for

Harter said staff recognized that the original language was problematic.

“To me, it seemed like a sort of fishing — meaning we want to see what you believe and if it does not line up, we’re going to talk to you about it,” he said. “I know of a couple of students where that did become an issue for them.”

In fall 2013, Cameron McIntyre ’15 was also confronted with a similar question. But his situation prompted a “voluntary dismissal” that he said was grounded not only in his theological stance but also in his sexual orientation.

After he came out as gay in summer 2013, he said he had several conversations with Doug that concluded in a “voluntary dismissal” of his position in InterVarsity student leadership.

While he said it could be concluded that he was dismissed from leadership for his sexual orientation, he stressed that the conversations were civil and that they were a product of a gray area between a dismissal and a resignation.

“I was not completely happy about it, but this is the rule,” he said. “I don’t get to change the rules.”

As an organization funded by SGA, InterVarsity at Elon must abide by Section 2 of Elon University’s “Core Principles

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MONICA SWIRSKY
PRESIDENT OF SPECTRUM

know how to work with students who are struggling with sexuality,” he said. “In any large group of people, there are queer Christians — many of whom are not out of the closet.”

Harter said he is concerned whether students struggling to come out will hear a message knowing that they’re loved and that they’re valued or a one that

anything in terms of what is expected of students or what they have to support at Elon,” Doug Arms said. “It is a student-led organization, and we have minimal say on how we function.”

But he added that the national reiteration may change the way he teaches.

“We are able to say, ‘Here’s our thinking’ while recognizing

INTERVARSITY TIMELINE

This timeline follows InterVarsity controversies at Elon University, at other universities and at a national level.

2010

Christian Legal Society v. Martinez

After a 5-4 ruling by the Supreme Court, Hastings School of Law was allowed to refuse recognition to a campus Christian group who excluded students if they refused to sign statement of faith. The Hastings policy stated that all campus organizations must be open to all students at all levels.

FALL 2013

Cameron McIntyre ’15 dismissed from Elon IV leadership

After he came out as gay to Doug Arms, McIntyre and Arms agreed that McIntyre should be dismissed from his leadership position. McIntyre continue to participate in InterVarsity in a non-leadership capacity.

FALL 2014

Christine Fortner ’15 dismissed from Elon IV leadership

After serving as a small group leader for three years, Christine Fortner was asked by Doug Arms to reaffirm her stances on human sexuality. Fortner said she was unable to do so, and was dismissed.

**FALL 2014
Elon IV leadership application revised**

After Fortner’s dismissal, she met with Jan Fuller and Joel Harter to discuss her experience. As a result of that meeting, the leadership application was revised.

for Student Organizations and Clubs,” which states, “Student organizations and clubs must comply fully with the university’s non discrimination policy ... which does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran’s status in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff or the operation of any of its programs.”

InterVarsity at Elon is funded by SGA and must, therefore, abide by Section 2 of Elon University’s non-discrimination policy.

“I would say that I believe that the situation I was in probably meant that Elon InterVarsity was violating that particular SGA code in terms of my sexual orientation,” McIntyre said. “It’s a gray area but because, say, other lives are not politicized in this way that forces them to make a theological decision on being themselves — I was probably discriminated against in that sense.”

Harter and University Chaplain Jan Fuller both said they continually work with Doug and Katie Arms to ensure that student leaders in Elon InterVarsity are recruited, selected and treated in accordance to Elon’s non-discrimination policy.

A student-led organization

“There are some deeply faithful Biblical scholars who have

thought about this for a very long time who have come to different conclusions and who have read scripture differently,” Harter said.

As a Christian minister who has had to leave a position based on his progressive views on sexuality in the past, Harter stressed the importance of recognizing disagreement and diverse views in Christianity.

“The Christian world is much broader than InterVarsity,” Harter said. “If you’re wrestling with this, I would say Doug and Katie might not be the best people to help you unless you want that particular point of view.”

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JAN FULLER
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

Harter pointed to other groups on campus that “can offer more resources that provide different Biblical perspectives on sexuality,” including Elon Progressives United Under God.

But he encouraged students in Elon InterVarsity to work toward fostering more room for disagreement.

“I don’t think all Elon students know that InterVarsity is an organization that is not just run by Doug and Katie,” he said. “Their job is to encourage leadership but at the end of the day, it is a student

group.”

Fuller added that the Truitt Center and SGA would support students even if they wanted to disassociate with the national chapter.

“At some point, the student group gets to say, ‘This is the kind of group we want to be,’” Fuller said. “The power is with the students and not with the staff.”

Striving for unity

A cursory glance through Elon InterVarsity’s public Facebook group offers an alternate perspective to the heavy theological

Doug and Katie Arms would work to help students grapple with conclusions made in the piece.

“I was hurt because I knew there would be a lot of pain and brokenness from this,” she said. “I know they are working as hard as they can to make sure that the stance is followed with love and outstretched arms and not by building walls.”

Doug and Katie organized a town hall the evening the Time article was published to provide students with more information and context.

They added that they hope to work with the organization’s small group leaders to help equip them with resources to navigate more productive discussions on the issue.

Monique Swirsky reached out to Allen shortly after the Time piece gained national attention, and the two have organized an InterVarsity-Spectrum joint service event at Woofstock, the Humane Society of Alamance County’s animal adoption day, Nov. 5.

“I disagree with that kind of reading of the Bible and the Old Testament, and I certainly understand how it can be harmful to LGBT communities knowing that this is the national view of an organization that participates in college campuses,” Swirsky said.

She acknowledged the various efforts InterVarsity at Elon have made to address and sup-

drama and anti-inclusive rhetoric InterVarsity has been associated with nationally in recent media.

From live stream videos of pet goldfish to photo evidence of birthday surprise parties, the posts are indicative of the close-knit community that many Elon students say they have found in the organization.

So when large group coordinator and senior Chloe Allen read the original Time article on InterVarsity’s stance, she said she was heartbroken. What she said helped, though, was knowing that

WOOFSTOCK

What: An IV-Spectrum joint service event for an animal adoption day

Where: Humane Society of Alamance County

When: Nov. 5

port diversity-related movements, including racial reconciliation, Black Lives Matter and advancing opportunities for women in ministry.

“It’s not a horrible, hateful organization,” Swirsky said. “But I think everything it can do for its members, it should, and I think distancing itself from a harmful national position would be one of those things.”

Allen said these conversations will help acknowledge “years of hurt and pain inflicted on the LGBTQIA community by many religious groups.”

“There’s ways that we’ve failed Elon’s campus in the past, and I’ll be the first to admit that,” Allen said. “I would apologize to anybody who feels like they aren’t welcome within our doors — we are trying really hard to love people well.”

Ashley Bohle, News Director, and Jackie Pascale, Lead Assignment Manager, contributed reporting.

JANUARY, 2015

Fortner’s “Sexy and Genderful God” series begins

As part of Fortner’s LEAD program legacy project, she planned a series that allowed students to explore different interpretations of sexuality in Christianity.

MARCH 2015

InterVarsity issues position paper on human sexuality

After a 4-year internal study, InterVarsity released a 20-page document reaffirming its stances on human sexuality. Staff were given 18 months to examine and participate in conversations about the paper.

MAY 12, 2015

Middlebury’s IV chapter adopts new amendments

Prompted by the January 2015 forced resignation of two openly gay student leaders of the Middlebury University chapter of InterVarsity and the ensuing conversation about non-discrimination, the Middlebury chapter of InterVarsity voted in favor of adopting amendments that allow the entire membership to call majority vote re-elections.

FALL 2015

New Elon IV application used for the first time

The new form, revised after conversations between Fortner, Elon chaplains and others, was first used in fall 2015.

JULY, 2016

National InterVarsity staff informed of “voluntary terminations”

The interim president and president-elect of InterVarsity sent a letter to all InterVarsity staff, informing them of the “voluntary terminations” process.

OCT. 6, 2016

Time article released

An article detailing the release of the InterVarsity position paper on human sexuality and the new “involuntary terminations” process was published in Time magazine, sparking nationwide controversy.

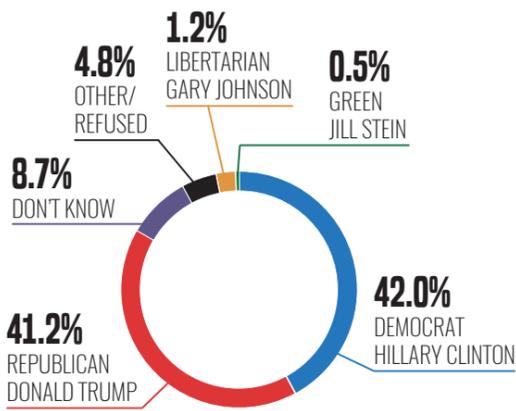
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InterVarsity responds to Time article

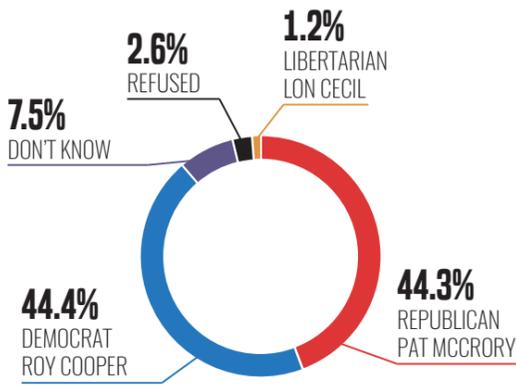
InterVarsity released a statement refuting alleged implications in the Time magazine article that InterVarsity would fire employees who support gay marriage. InterVarsity stated that employees who disagreed with the reaffirmed position would be allowed to leave employment on their own accord.

ELON POLL RESULTS

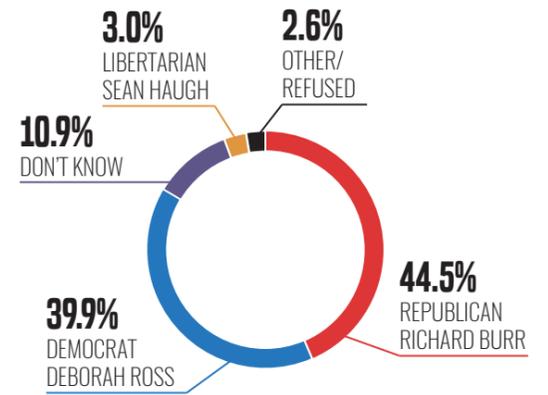
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SENATORIAL RACE



ELON POLL from cover

finished conducting its survey on Thursday, it does not reflect any swings in public opinion since the FBI announcement.

“North Carolina is still very much in play for both Trump and Clinton,” said Jason Husser, director of the Elon University Poll and assistant professor of political science and policy studies, in a statement. “The Old North State is continuing its tradition as a source of true toss-up electoral votes.”

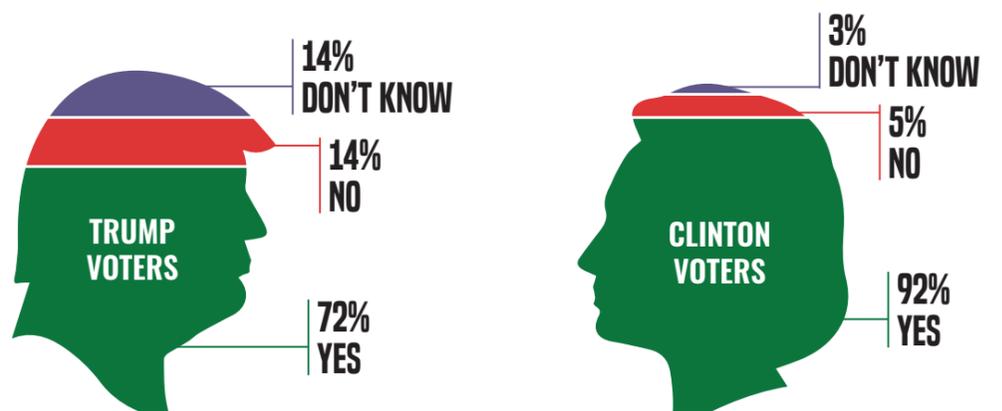
The gubernatorial race is even closer. Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper received just one percent greater in the Elon Poll than incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. Of the 710 total respondents, 44.4 percent said they plan to vote for Cooper, while 44.3 percent said they’d vote for McCrory. There are still a lot of undecided voters up for grabs. More undecided voters surveyed

said they lean toward Cooper than McCrory.

The U.S. Senate race is looking better for Republican incumbent Richard Burr. According to the poll, 43.5 percent of respondents said they’d vote for Burr compared to 39.9 percent who said they plan to support Democratic challenger Deborah Ross. Though the results fall within the margin of error of 3.7 percent, they reflect growing support for Burr within the past month. In the previous Elon Poll conducted in late September, Democratic challenger Deborah Ross led by 0.2 percent. In this Elon Poll, she trails by 3.6 percent.

“Most analysts’ early expectations were for Burr to have a comfortable lead on Ross in the U.S. Senate election in North Carolina,” Husser said. “Late September polls indicated those predictions may have been premature. However, our recent results suggest that North Carolina is leaning towards the Republican incumbent as Election Day fast approaches.”

ACCEPTING ELECTION RESULTS AS VALID



STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

There are still some encouraging signs for Ross, though. She polled better with undecided voters, and more than 10 percent of respondents said they don’t know who they plan to vote for. Discussions to bring Ross to Elon’s campus have taken place, but there has been no set time, date or location for a campaign appearance. Ross was initially scheduled to visit

Elon on Saturday, but the campaign cancelled the trip.

The poll also gathered public opinion from likely North Carolina voters about the electoral system, media bias, and allegations Trump has sexually assaulted women.

A majority of respondents, 82.6 percent, said they would accept the results of the election regardless of who wins and who loses. A major-

ity of respondents, 55.6 percent, said they believed the media is biased against Trump, while less than 20 percent said they believed the media is biased against Clinton.

In light of multiple women accusing Trump of sexual assault, 45.2 percent of respondents believe the accusations are mostly true while 36.1 percent believe they are mostly false.

SCHAR HALL from cover

on October 20, 31 classes have moved into the new facility clearing the McEwen rooms in need of renovation.

While the new construction in McEwen will provide students and faculty, with state-of-the-art facilities when finished, some complained that noise from power tools was disrupting classes in other parts of the building.

“We’ve had drilling going on in McEwen that has disrupted classes for at least two or three days,” Parsons said. “They have changed their schedule now so they’ll be doing the drilling on Friday afternoons and on the weekends from here on.”

Students have also voiced their displeasure about the prolonged construction, saying it is hard to focus in class with all the banging and noise.

“[Construction] has been a bit distracting, especially when you are taking a test and hear loud noises or someone in the window on a lift,” said sophomore and strategic communications major Jack Hamilton. “But in the end, it will be worth it.”

In the months leading up to Schar Hall’s opening, the timetable for completion was not widely publicized as the construction extended later than originally planned. The School of Communications identified



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor

Schar Hall opened after Fall Break Oct. 19. As renovations to the building continue, noise from power tools have disrupted classes in other parts of the building.

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JACK HAMILTON
SOPHOMORE

weather delays as the cause, but the delays have left many—including Parsons—skeptical about the construction schedule for McEwen’s interior renovations. “We were told this week that construction will finish on the newsroom and the radio station space before Thanksgiving,” Parsons said. “We’ll have to allow a couple of weeks probably for technology to come in and do the technology, the data points, et cetera. But certainly, by the end of the semester, these two spaces in McEwen will be ready for move-in.”

Crews are still putting finishing touches on the outside of Schar Hall too, completing sidewalks and landscaping in front of

the building. Next door, heavy machinery is still being used to build Steers Pavilion, another new School of Communications building.

Parsons said the current construction, inside and out, will be fully complete by the end of the semester. He added that next spring will bring more renovations to the historic neighborhood. Interior renovations to the Long Building will begin in the spring. Additionally, the recently announced LaRose Student Commons building construction will most likely begin in the spring, as Elon has announced plans for the building, but has yet to release a timetable for the project.



CHEAT SHEET: CLINTON EMAIL DEBATE RETURNS

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FBI Director James Comey testifies before Congress July 7 during the first investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails.

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton became entangled in another controversy surrounding her emails Friday when FBI Director James Comey sent a letter to Congress about reopening the bureau's investigation of the former Secretary of State.

Comey said investigators found new emails that attested to Clinton's alleged mishandling of classified information during her tenure as head of the State Department. Comey had originally recommended no charges be brought against Clinton during the first investigation in July. New Clinton

emails were found in a separate investigation of congressman Anthony Weiner's sexually charged communications with a 15-year-old girl. In an impromptu press conference Friday — less than two weeks before the election — Clinton urged the FBI to complete the new investigation thoroughly and rapidly.

"You know, we've heard these rumors, we don't know what to believe, and I'm sure there will even be more rumors," she said. "That's why it is incumbent upon the FBI to tell us what they are talking about ... because

right now your guess is as good as mine."

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump quickly seized the opportunity to use Clinton's situation against her. The real estate mogul has insisted for months that the FBI is corrupt. He applauded Comey for reopening the investigation.

"Hillary Clinton's corruption is on a scale we have never seen before," Trump said. "As you know, I've had plenty of words about the FBI lately, but I give them great credit for having the courage to right this horrible wrong. Justice will prevail."

Balancing the cost of unpaid internships

Students weigh experience, practicality when taking unpaid internships

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According to Elon University's website, 92 percent of Elon's Class of 2016 completed an internship during their time at Elon. This is an incredibly high number considering only 65 percent of bachelor's degree graduates from the Class of 2015 nationwide graduated having completed an internship, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

Unpaid internships are the most common in the social services industry, according to NACE — and almost 82 percent of internships in the social services industry are unpaid.

Students use these internships to advance their careers and get real world experience, but sometimes this experience comes at a cost.

Resume vs wallet

Senior Zoe Ross-Nash interned this past summer at the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) in New York City, an internship that she said she loved.

Ross-Nash worked at NEDA Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. after spending more than two hours commuting into the city. She spent her days working telephones and counseling women and men dealing with devastating eating disorders. She said this was grueling on her body and on her mind.

But when she got back to Elon, she didn't have anything tangible to show for it.

"This semester, I had to take a job. I'm teaching yoga at a local studio just because I have no money," Ross-Nash said. "I worked all

the time. I loved it and it was great to work in an awesome environment, but I was definitely doing work that deserved to be paid."

Overall, 60 percent of interns are paid, according to national statistics from NACE. Private businesses typically use their interns as actual employees, which means they are required to be paid. According to the Department of Labor (DOL), there are six criteria that companies need to meet for them to consider an intern a "no employment relationship," which would allow them to not pay for labor.

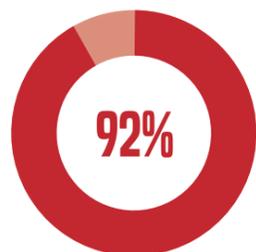
SPDC tries to help

On Elon's campus, more than half of students doing their internship for school credit are paid, according to the Student Professional Development Center (SPDC).

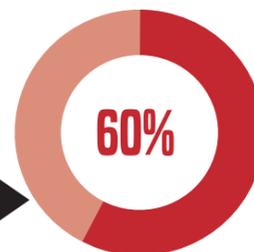
"[Elon students] seem to understand the value of internships and the real positive gain of doing not one, but multiple internships," said Tom Brinkley, executive director of the SPDC.

Brinkley works with students and employers to make sure all Elon internships are rewarding and meet the criteria. Brinkley says his main goal is to, "help [Elon students] prepare for the internship, and then how does that internship transfer to preparing you better for the full-time job you're going to get."

Brinkley and his team of staff work to rep-



Percent of Elon's class of 2016 who completed an internship



Percent of interns who are paid, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers



NEWS BRIEFS

Elon alumna endows 2 scholarships

Elon University alumnus Mike Driskill '89 and his wife, Robin Driskill, have endowed two scholarships to support Elon students. One of them will provide assistance for a member of Elon's men's or women's soccer team, and the second will aid a student studying in the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business. Driskill said he chose to support those two causes because they were monumental in helping him during his tenure as an Elon student.

Elon Law announces 2016-2017 keynote speakers

Elon University School of Law has announced its keynote speakers for the coming year as part of the Distinguished Leadership Lecture series.

Ronan Farrow, an NBC "Today Show" contributor who has written for the Los Angeles Times and the Wall Street Journal, will speak at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the law school. Retired United States senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson will speak at the school April 13. A time has not yet been confirmed. Hutchinson was the highest-ranking Republican female prior to her retirement.

Admission is free but an RSVP is required by calling 336-278-9275 or emailing lawreservations@elon.edu with a name and contact information.

Nominations open for Elon's Top 10 Under 10 Alumni

Sponsored by the Young Alumni Council, the annual Top 10 Under 10 Alumni Award is now accepting nominations. The award recognizes alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years that have experienced professional success, made an exceptional difference in his or her community and has been a loyal partner, advocate and investor in Elon. Nominations will be accepted through Nov. 10 and can be submitted by contacting Senior Alumni Engagement Officer Tricia Teter '13 at pteter@elon.edu.

Aramark responds to student petition

Elon University senior Marissa Costner has been working alongside The Humane League, a nonprofit organization that aims to protect farm animals, to invoke a change in Aramark's treatment of animals, particularly chickens. Their petition has garnered more than 90,000 signatures.

"I'm involved in this because I'm passionate about this issue, and it affects me as a consumer who doesn't want to fund this," Costner said.

Karen Cutler, media contact for Aramark, said Aramark is currently working on a plan to address these concerns, which will be released when it is finalized.

"Just 1 to 2 percent of all the broiler chickens grown in the [United States] are raised in a manner that meets the new farming conditions," Cutler said. "We are currently figuring out how Aramark's large purchasing volumes can be met and developing a realistic timeline for large-scale implementation."


STAFF EDITORIAL

Elon InterVarsity student leaders should offer a statement

HOW WE SEE IT

In light of current national conversation and past events at Elon, the student leaders of Elon IV should provide a statement to clarify their stance.

The situation is undeniably complicated. Between InterVarsity (IV) nationally reaffirming its stance on gay marriage in no uncertain terms and Elon University's campus-wide push for inclusivity, Elon IV is in a tough place.

But so are the Elon students in IV who look to the organization for spiritual guidance, and the students in the greater Elon community committed to their own views of inclusivity. These students have read national conversation, stories of past

events at Elon and verbal assurances from current Elon IV leaders and other religious figures at Elon saying that these practices will not continue.

What they have not read is an official statement from the IV student leaders themselves. This piece is absent, yet it is the most important one.

The current Coordinating Team of the Elon chapter of IV has a responsibility to those students both involved and not involved in IV to make clear in writing its stance

on human sexuality and whether student leaders are contractually required to uphold it.

When Elon News Network reached out to Doug Arms and Katie Arms on Oct. 7 for such a statement in response to the controversial Oct. 6 *Time* Magazine article, they replied on Oct. 10 with IV's national press release, saying they, "felt this would be the best way to clearly present IV's heart, both nationally and with regards to Elon's chapter."

It is a disservice to the students of Elon IV to have a national statement — which does not reflect their individual, nuanced thoughts on the situation — submitted on their behalf.

What is clear to students already is that Elon IV does not require its

general student members to ascribe to any particular set of beliefs or attitudes. The leadership application states they "feel it is important to note that all are welcomed and accepted as they are in our community," and many students involved repeated this idea in their interviews with Elon News Network.

What is also clear is that Elon IV has in the past dismissed — with varying degrees of fall out — student leaders for their stances on human sexuality or their own sexual orientation.

Just because these instances happened in years past does not mean their legacy at Elon has disappeared — in fact, they are actively made. relevant today given current national conversation.

Religion, politics and this election — a complicated, important relationship



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Religion is intrinsic to our country as a means of building relationships and determining truths of human existence. It has been politicized throughout U.S. history to illuminate issues of social injustice in areas such as healthcare disparities and economic inequalities.

While it was easy to identify the religious backgrounds of prior presidential candidates, this election has not been so obvious.

At Elon University, students and faculty gathered Oct. 27 to discuss their views on the intersection of religion

and politics, especially in the 2016 presidential election. There were noticeably no religious conservatives on the panel. The general consensus among the group was that a relationship with Christ is personal and informs individual participation in the political process without interfering with political laws established to separate the Church as an institution from the State.

After listening to their interesting and well-informed dialogue, I have formulated my own opinion on the matter. Christianity is intrinsic to my nature.

I cannot separate my political participation from my religious beliefs. Even though Elon is in the traditionally conservative South, it is obvious that the institution upholds the values of a progressive society.

But it is important to acknowledge and respect the spectrum of opinions that exist on our campus.

While conservatism is generally viewed negatively in popular news media, there are different levels of religious conservatism that respect and love all people regardless of the race, gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

As a Christian, I have struggled to grapple with some progressive ideologies — but let me be clear that I will not hurl racial or discriminatory epithets at anyone.

As a first-time voter, I have sat through this election full of trepidation for my future. Clinton, a Methodist, has occasionally discussed her religious background this election season. Trump has indicated his Presbyterian affiliation, but has not made it a staple of his presidential campaign.

This contrasts the candidacies of George W. Bush, a born-again Christian and compassionate conservative, and Mitt Romney, the first Mormon to attain his party's nomination.

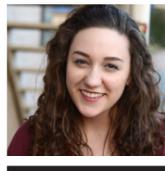
Does this reversal of trends signal to the U.S. public that the religious views of a candidate are not crucial to political campaigns, or does the uniqueness of this election elude the prevalence of religion in presidential elections?

This election is monumental as it raises larger concerns on the polarizing views held by people in this country and even at Elon.

Being a member of the Christian faith, we are taught to love people regardless of what they believe because none of us are inherently good. No matter the outcome of this 2016 election, we need to allow people of different religious beliefs respectfully voice their opinions without being ridiculed and ostracized. In this dialogue, faith can be used as a tool to ameliorate problems we see on and off campus.

By doing so, religion and politics can complement and unite rather than contradict and divide.

The importance of civil discourse and putting my bias into my pocket



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I voted early last week with two of my friends. We went during a three-hour gap between classes and work, and the line was so long that I didn't even get to eat lunch before my seven-hour shift.

When we arrived at the early voting station at Holly Hill Mall (inside a vacant Victoria's Secret), Republican and Democratic electioneers handed us little slips of colored paper: a yellow sheet with the suggested candidates on the Republican ticket, and a blue sheet with the suggested candidates on the Democratic ticket.

My friends declined to take a yellow sheet, so the electioneer didn't even hand me one.

I looked down the line of a hundred or so people and didn't see a single other blue sheet.

It was a physical token of my liberal political leaning, something that I haven't

really ever held before. I felt like the token college Democrat in a sea of Southern conservative voters.

Then a couple behind me with yellow bulletins made a joke about how odd it was that the polling place was in a vacant Victoria's Secret, and I laughed and joined in the conversation.

We talked about the way that Burlington has changed in the last 20 years and the way that Elon has played a part in it.

We talked about the importance of

local government, and the importance of being involved in local politics and not just national politics.

And while we were talking, without realizing it, we all slipped our little colored pieces of paper into our pockets.

For the last 35 minutes before we voted, we put our political leanings aside and just had a conversation, person to person. Civil discourse. It's not always that easy, and a lot of politically-charged conversations carry a lot of nuance.

But our conversation continually came back to the community that we all live in, the growth it's experienced and our love for the place that we call home. Putting partisanship aside, I was able to see that at the end of the day, all sides truly just want what is

best for their community.

This election and the discourse surrounding it have been exhausting.

McClatchy recently published an article titled "People are too tired of the election to fight about it on social media," and Pew Research Center recently reported that 83 percent of social media users

try to ignore political posts with which they disagree.

It's hard to grapple with ideas that don't fit your worldview, but slipping your bias into your back pocket and speaking on a person-to-person level may be the start of a kinder, more productive kind of conversation.

With my little slip of paper in my pocket, I was able to hear their words and ideas without the implicit bias that I bring to most conversations.

Hopefully, they were able to hear mine, too.

WHILE CONSERVATISM IS GENERALLY VIEWED NEGATIVELY IN POPULAR NEWS MEDIA, THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF RELIGIOUS CONSERVATISM THAT RESPECT AND LOVE ALL PEOPLE.

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Annual pumpkin
festival brings in
autumn

LIFESTYLE



Creative contest with various art

Student Exhibition
features student work,
coordination

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Sarah Luther is the only junior in a class of seniors taking, “Professional Practices,” but that didn’t stop her from claiming third place in this year’s Student Juried Art Exhibition (SJE). The exhibition hosted its opening reception Oct. 27 and will run through Dec. 8 in the Isabella Cannon Room.

Luther’s submission, “Transience of Mood and Choice,” is an example of her skill in nonrepresentational art.

“This one was focused on how you experience and make choices when you’re in separate moods that are predominate in your life,” Luther said. “Each canvas represented a state of mood.”

A myriad of shapes travel across the panels of Luther’s piece, expanding the possible interpretations offered to the audience. It represents, “how the darkest place in your life will cause effects in the others” according to Luther.

Luther took part in the exhibition as part of “Professional Practices.” The course aims to strengthen students’ studio practices, resume building, exhibition creation and professional writing skills. SJE is facilitate entirely by the students of the class.

Michael Fels, associate professor of art and chair of the department of art and art history, continues the 20-year tradition of the SJE in association with “Professional Practices” to prepare his

students for both their academic lives and the professional field of art study.

“The SJE offers a format where they can learn about each step required in coordinating an exhibition — something they each will have to do for their thesis exhibition in the spring,” Fels said.

While an external juror — a University of North Carolina at Greensboro graduate — ultimately decides which pieces are displayed, Fels’ students are wholly responsible for the coordination of the exhibition. They write the prospectus, procure the juror, raise finances, solicit submissions and advertise the program.

A juried exhibition — by definition — is a platform in which artists are judged based on a set of certain criteria. The creation of artwork for submission by Elon University students is key to the overall exhibition success.

According to senior Hannah Fernandes-Martin, who painted “This was made with the intention of being political but now it’s just pretty” students were involved in every step of curation.

After the pieces were chosen by the juror and brought to the Isabella Cannon Room, the students decided how and where to put each piece.

“We arranged them in the way that we thought would be best,” Fernandes-Martin said. “It was a collective process, but since so many of us in the class did have work that was in the show, the artist had a say in how their art is displayed.”

The room was organized to showcase each piece and allowed the viewer to float through each. Senior Morgan Dagata’s work, titled “Self Portrait” sits across the room from the Isabella Cannon entry.

The concept of perception and the

STUDENT JURIED ART EXHIBITION

When: Running Oct. 28-Dec. 8

Where: Isabella Cannon Room, Performing Arts Center

eye acted as an inspiration for Dagata’s piece.

“I’ve always been inspired by eyes for, well, forever,” she said. “I think they say a lot about a person’s identity.”

She used her drawing background to create a piece that she said might later become a full collection. Dagata is proud of her piece, and also emphasized the collective talent of her peers.

“There are so many talented people,” she said. “I got to see some submissions when I worked at the table, but when I saw them together, I was so impressed.”

She feels the Elon art department isn’t recognized enough but is happy that SJE offers a chance for the Elon community to see a portion of student artwork.

Thursday night at the opening reception, Dagata received recognition as “Self Portrait” was named first-place winner.

As artists and students, Luther and Dagata appreciate what SJE has done for their work. Luther plans to further develop her piece next semester into her thesis. She submitted last year, placed this year and plans on submitting again.

“I create, and it comes from a place inside of me. I guess it just gives me a sense of self-pride to have Elon and professors see and recognize my work,” Dagata said.



1 DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
“Transience of Mood and Choice” by 3rd-place winner junior Sarah Luther.

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“Self Portrait,” by senior Morgan Dagata.

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SPORTS

BACK -TO- BACK



Ciolkowski repeats as CAA XC champion

13-second win less
stressful than 2015;
Both teams finish 3rd

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For the second time in as many years, Elon University cross country sophomore Nick Ciolkowski went to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championships and emerged victorious, defending his CAA individual title in Newark, Delaware Saturday morning.

But Ciolkowski said he preferred this year's method — a comfortable pace for five kilometers, a burst with roughly three kilometers to go, and then cruise control to a 13-second victory — over last season's seven-tenths-of-a-second sprint to the tape.

"It felt great — it was a little less stressful than last year," Ciolkowski said. "I felt better and much more controlled. I had a little time to enjoy it this time running down the straightaway. It was great — I'm looking forward to keeping the ball rolling the next two weeks and the next three years."

Ciolkowski finished with a time of 25:08.10 in the eight-kilometer

race, running just a few seconds more than a five-minute-mile. He admitted that he wasn't pushing as hard as he could, thinking his time could have been "in the 24:40s" on the White Clay Creek State Park course had he gone all out.

But in head coach Nick Polk's mind, going all out wouldn't have been right. Not when Ciolkowski has more races to run.

"There was no point for him to push any harder than he did, and he was able to show that he could win and still leave some left in the tank," Polk said. "That was the big thing — to win and come out healthy ahead of one of his biggest races of the year in under two weeks. I thought he ran a great strategy to minimize the effort he had to use to win. He came out of it feeling really good and ready to move on."

Ciolkowski agreed, calling the successful execution of the strategy a "big confidence booster."

"Everything went perfectly," Ciolkowski said. "There was no hiccup at all, there was no point where I felt, 'Oh no, things might be going wrong.' It was smooth sailing the entire way. It definitely put a lot more faith into my own work ethic and the coach's training."

Despite Ciolkowski's individual

performance, the Elon men finished third, with 84 points. The College of William & Mary won its 17th consecutive CAA men's title with 26 points and Northeastern University finished with 46 for second place. It's the third straight finish in third place for the Elon in its third year in the CAA.

For the women's team, Elon also finished in third place for the second year in a row, getting 66 points. William & Mary won its fifth straight CAA women's crown with 34 points and James Madison University came in second with 47 points. Polk called the women's race a "mixed bag" for Elon.

"We had a few run really well and we had a few with average to bad days," Polk said. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to put it all together. Hats off to William & Mary and James Madison, they had really good days. We didn't step up and rise to the occasion like we could have."

Elon still had three all-CAA runners, as senior Kimberly Johansen took third place individually in the six-kilometer race with a time of 21:26.42. Sophomore Coralea Geraniotis finished eighth at 22:04.19 and freshman Melissa Anastakis ended 12th at 22:18.35, earning Rookie of the Year honors.

"Each one of the [all-confer-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Cross country sophomore Nick Ciolkowski defended his CAA Championship crown Oct. 29.

ence] women had great races, and probably the best one of the day was Melissa Anastakis," Polk said. "It was a big race, and probably the best race she'd ever run. She came through, and we just needed a couple of others to come through and they didn't. I was pleased on their three individual performances."

Elon will move on to compete at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championship, which will be run Friday, Nov. 11 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Polk is hopeful that the CAA race has

helped prepare Ciolkowski for a big race at the regional and that he keeps an eye toward the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. eight days later.

If Ciolkowski is able to do so, he can expect to get more people to send him messages like one email he got after keeping his CAA title.

"I just got an email from an old chemistry professor congratulating me," Ciolkowski said. "It's cool to see someone who's not necessarily involved in the sport or Elon athletics keeping up on what you're doing."

Men's soccer gears up for CAA tournament

Phoenix looks to bounce back
from recent slump with deep
run in CAA tournament

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The Elon University men's soccer team found out that it had clinched a spot in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) conference tournament Saturday night despite losing its third straight match, all on its home pitch at Rudd Field.

The Phoenix lost home matches against the University of Delaware, Duke University

and Hofstra University in an eight-day span, a spiral that would shake most teams confidence. But for head coach Chris Little, the level of play Elon has had does not match what the results have been.

"If we keep playing like that [in the three losses] we're going to start beating teams," Little said. "In a normal year, you think you'd win all three [matches]. In a bad year you'd maybe lose one [of the three matches]. We just can't seem to catch a break."

Sophomore midfielder Amir Berkane shares a similar opinion as that of his head coach, saying that, "We've got to keep trying hard, working hard, and I guess eventually, one day, we'll have that chance when everything just falls in the back of the net for us. It's just a matter of time."

The Phoenix has seen that the road through the CAA is not easy and is expecting the competition to get tougher in its following matches. There's even a possibility Elon will have a rematch against Delaware or Hofstra, if the Phoenix can win its quarterfinal match on Nov. 5.

And while the losing stretch can be discouraging for a team, Berkane still carries all the faith in his team that he can, even as he sees a few ways the team can improve heading into the tournament.

"We just need to have a bit more grit as a team and just sort of try to see out the wins and stick together a bit more — I guess right the wrongs in a way," Berkane said. "We've been brilliant all season and it's a credit to the lads because we've stuck together and

grinded out results."

But unlike last year, where Elon received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament without winning the conference tournament, the Phoenix knows its only shot at an NCAA trip is through the CAA. But Little thinks there's a little luck coming Elon's way.

"I honestly believe, over the course of a year, things even themselves out," Little said. "Sometimes, you'll steal a game you shouldn't have won, and then you'll lose one you should have. It balances out."

"For me, it's about being positive, concentrating on moving forward, and then we'll get the little intangibles — some breaks and bits of luck. It'll start coming our way. For us, as a team, we need to keep concentrating on doing the right things."

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Oct. 25 0-1	
	Oct. 29 1-3	
	Nov. 1 Late	
TBD	Nov. 5 TBD	



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VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Oct. 28 1-3	
	Oct. 30 1-3	
	Nov. 1 Late	
Away	Nov. 5 1 p.m.	
Away	Nov. 7 7 p.m.	



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FOOTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Oct. 29 3-27	
Away	Nov. 5 2 p.m.	

WOMEN'S XC

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	CAA Championships 3rd place	
Away	Three Stripe Invitational Nov. 5	

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5 student-athletes reprimanded after paintball incident

Players suspended from athletic events, Office of the President declines comment

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Five Elon University freshman student-athletes were reprimanded by their respective athletic teams after shooting paintballs at the house of President Leo

Lambert before Homecoming weekend, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the situation.

Three of the athletes were football players — wide receiver Jeremiah Bridges, defensive back Khalil Moore and defensive lineman Marcus Willoughby — and two were women's basketball players — guards Jada Graves and Madison Wilder.

The athletic department said in a statement that, "The student-athletes in question were suspended for a violation of team rules. Suspension lengths are at the discretion of the respective coaches."

The university declined to comment

on the matter, citing federal student privacy laws. The Office of the President also declined comment, and no police records were filed with the Burlington Police Department or with Elon University Campus Police. As of Monday, Oct. 24, the Maynard House on 2423 Pineway Drive did not have any noticeable damage on the exterior of the building.

Graves and Wilder were held out of the women's basketball team's Late Night with the Phoenix scrimmage Friday Oct. 21. Both were seen watching from the corner by the locker room in Alumni Gym as the other 10 players were introduced and

played in the eight-minute scrimmage. They did not play in the Oct. 29 exhibition game against Division II Wingate University.

Bridges, Moore and Willoughby were suspended from the Oct. 22 football game against the University of Richmond after all three were listed as starters in the depth chart. Head coach Rich Skrosky didn't clarify whether the suspension was for just one game after the Richmond game, but all three players returned to practice Tuesday, Oct. 25. They also all played in Elon's Saturday, Oct. 29 road game, a 27-3 loss to the State University of New York at Albany.



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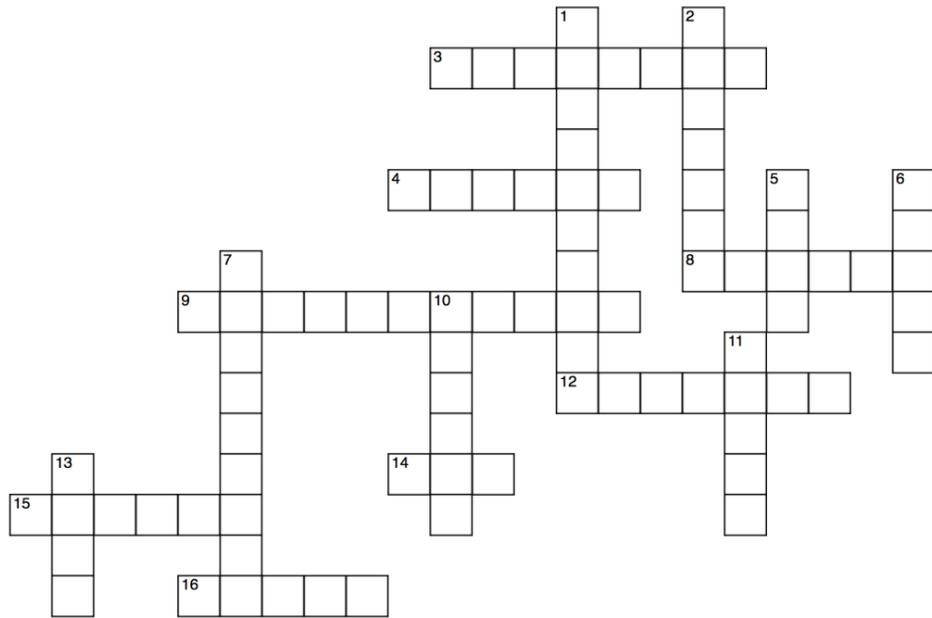
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Trump, Clinton scramble for North Carolina's 15

Key issues in swing state highlight national importance of NC voters

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North Carolina's 15 Electoral College votes may seem trivial compared to the 270 total needed to win the United States presidency, but the votes placed in the state Nov. 8 will have a significant impact in deciding the next Commander-in-Chief.

Since July, campaigns for both Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump have reflected the state's high value, as each has made regular appearances. Clinton has even sent surrogates, including President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and former President Bill Clinton, to energize voters.

Current polls show that North Carolina is an active and fluid battleground, with the two major party candidates ranging within a 2- to 8-percent difference of each other. A recent New York Times Poll shows Clinton currently edging Trump out 49-39 percent.

North Carolina has historically voted Republican, but Barack Obama ended that nearly 32-year trend when he won North Carolina in 2008. Current polls show that the state is an active and fluid battleground, with the two major party candidates ranging within a 2- to 8-percent difference of each other. A recent The New York Times poll shows Clinton currently edging Trump out 49 percent to 39 percent.

"The road to the White House runs through North Carolina," said North Carolina Democratic Chairwoman Patsy Kever at a July rally with Clinton and Barack Obama.

National spotlight has shifted to North Carolina over a myriad of issues this year, many of which outline some of the biggest problems facing the United States as a whole.

Race debate invades Charlotte

The September police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte drew responses from both candidates, and each of them vis-

ited the city in the weeks following the tragedy. Protests ravaged Charlotte for three days after the shooting and, at a press conference in Pittsburgh Sept. 22, Trump voiced his displeasure at the country's current situation regarding race relations.

Trump dubbed himself the "law and order" candidate during his nomination acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in July, so his response to the Charlotte shooting fell in line with the way he said civilians and police should not interact with each other.

"Our job is not to make life more comfortable for the violent disruptor, but to make life more comfortable for the African-American parent trying to raise their kids in peace," Trump said, according to the Los Angeles Times. "We need a national anti-crime agenda to make our cities safe again. Our country looks bad to the world, especially when we are supposed to be the world's leader. How can we lead when we can't even control our own cities?"

Clinton also remarked on the situation in Charlotte during her Oct. 2 visit to Charlotte about the need for reform regarding the criminal justice system.

"I'm a grandmother, and like every grandmother, I worry about the safety and security of my grandchildren," Clinton said, according to NBC News. "But my worries are not the same as black grandmothers."

She added that every child, regardless of race, "deserves the same sense of security" and, "deserves the same hope."

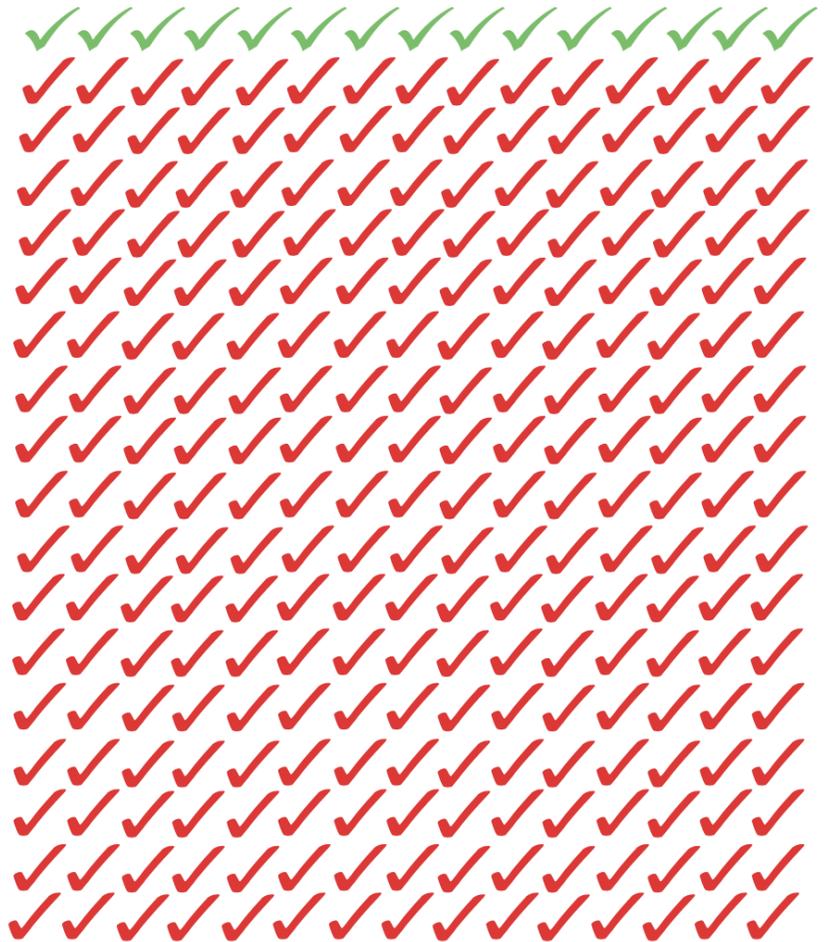
HB2 and LGBTQIA rights

Conversation around LGBTQIA rights has also illuminated North Carolina's importance. The issue was brought into national conversation when North Carolina by Gov. Pat McCrory signed House Bill 2 into law in March. HB2, also known as the "bathroom bill," struck down a Charlotte ordinance and required transgender people to use the bathroom corresponding to the gender listed on their birth certificates.

Clinton condemned the bill at a September rally in Greensboro, days after the ACC removed championship sites from the city because of the law.

"I'm running for the LGBT teenager here in North Carolina who sees your governor sign a bill legalizing discrimination," Clinton

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said.

Originally, Trump did not support HB2, but he realigned himself with the law and has endorsed McCrory for re-election and frequently campaigns with him.

In a broader context, LGBTQIA rights have divided the GOP for years. The party's platform, passed before the 2016 convention, states, "The cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman." Yet Trump attempted to garner more votes from LGBTQIA individuals in his nomination acceptance speech.

"As your president, I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology," Trump said, largely to

applause. "And I have to say, as a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said."

In most cases, experts predict that North Carolina is more important to Trump than Clinton. According to The Upshot, a prediction website powered by The New York Times, it's impossible for Trump to win the general election without winning North Carolina. The Upshot also said if Clinton were to lose the state, she still would have other viable options to win. But even so, Clinton keeps investing time and effort into the state, which reveals how desperately both candidates want to claim North Carolina on Election Day.

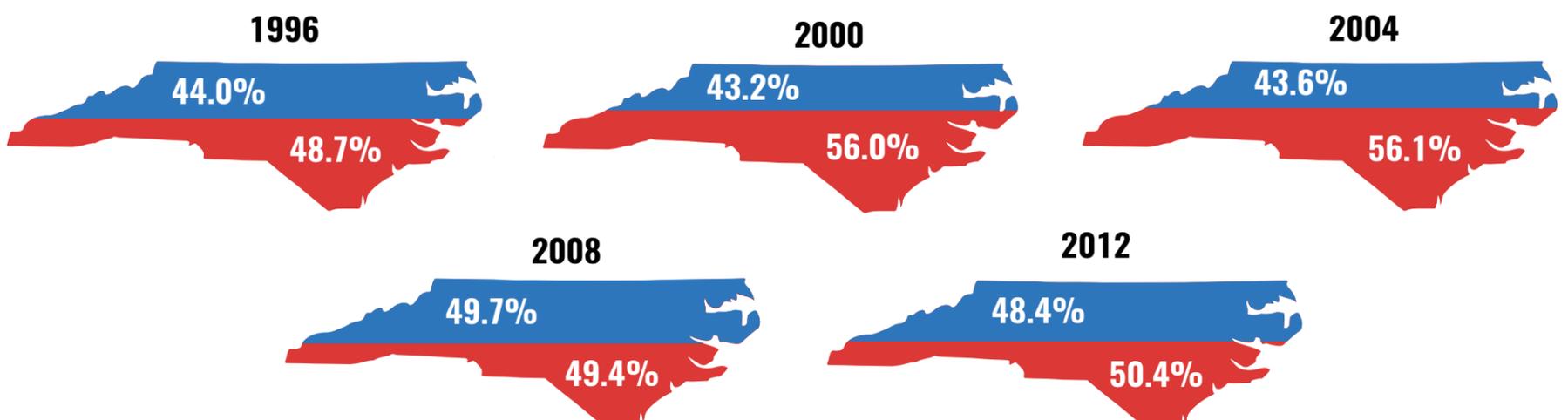
"Whoever your candidate is, understand your vote matters," said Michelle Obama to North Carolina State students at an Oct. 4 Raleigh rally. "Right now, we have the opportunity to elect one of the most qualified people who has ever been president."

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History of North Carolina Swing State Vote



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CANDIDATE OVERVIEW

Here is what candidates for major North Carolina office have to say about the following two questions:

1. What is your goal for North Carolina if you are elected?
2. What will you do for college students, and why should they vote for you?

Elon News Network reached out to all candidates for responses and found answers online for those candidates who did not respond as of publication. The source for each response is cited.

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

PAT MCCRORY



Too many graduates are finding that their degree does not provide them with a marketable skill set to get a job. We need to work more closely with businesses and educational leaders to guarantee the quality of a North Carolina degree for every course of study. To this end, a McCrory administration will work to create an important feedback loop for students and parents as they choose their educational path, measure and ensure the quality of North Carolina degree



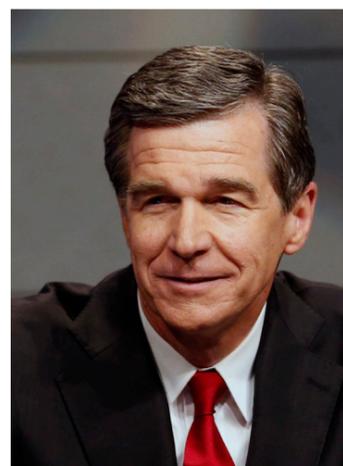
and ease the ability to share best practices between campuses and industries.

SOURCE: ONTHEISSUES.COM

ROY COOPER



I am running for Governor because it is time that North Carolina works for everyone, not just the select few. I am concerned that as unemployment begins to drop, wages are not beginning to rise. I believe we have made budget and tax decisions that have been driven more by ideology than by sound thinking on how to grow the economy and create more opportunity. I know that we can do better. We need a new set of priorities that focuses on rising incomes, putting more money in the pockets of work-



ing families, and helping small businesses start up and grow.

North Carolina must uphold its constitutional commitment guaranteeing post-secondary

education is "free as far as practical." This means working to get the Board of Governors to reverse its policy that caps financial aid and instead challenging members to address student loan debt once and for all. Research shows that 61 percent of seniors graduating from a North Carolina four-year college in 2014 had debt that averaged \$25,218.20. As alarming as this is, the situation will only get worse if Governor McCrory gets his way.

SOURCE: ROYCOOPER.COM

SENATORIAL RACE

RICHARD BURR



For Senator Burr, jobs are a top priority. Our country is stuck in the slowest economic expansion in nearly 70 years. He believes we need to make the tax code simpler, fairer and less burdensome so small businesses here in North Carolina can thrive and create jobs. He also believes we need to improve education and make it more affordable so the next generation of Americans have the same opportunities to succeed.



Senator Burr has produced real results. Senator Burr authored the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act, which reduced student loan rates, and as a

result, North Carolina students will save more than \$1 billion this year on their student loan costs. Providing students with ample job opportunities following graduation is critical and Senator Burr will continue to fight to improve the job climate for young professionals. Students want elected leaders who can promise more than empty rhetoric, and Senator Burr has a proven record of accomplishment on issues important to students.

SOURCE: ENN INTERVIEW

DEBORAH ROSS



As a U.S. Senator, Deborah will continue to prioritize education. Inclusive, accessible, and affordable education enriches students, grows our economy, and keeps our nation globally competitive. She is focused on strengthening early education, investing in our public schools and making college and student loans more affordable. North Carolina's voices have been ignored in Washington for too long. As your senator, I'll work for the people, not the powerful.

SOURCE: DEBORAHROSS.COM

SECRETARY OF STATE RACE

MICHAEL LAPAGLIA



Along with restoring trust and integrity to the office of secretary of state, I will prioritize work to reorient the office away from regulation and bureaucracy — toward effective customer service. I will make it cheaper, faster and easier to start, maintain and grow businesses in North Carolina.

SOURCE: CITIZENTIMES.COM

ELAINE MARSHALL



When I grew up, I witnessed instances of inequity and discrimination in my community, directed at men, women, children and families who would have little chance of realizing their dreams.

So as a lawyer, I stood up for people without a voice.

As a member of the North Carolina Senate, I got needed healthcare services, especially for our state's rural areas. And as Secretary of State, I have made protecting consumers and creating jobs my top priorities.

SOURCE: ELAINEMARSHALL.COM

ATTORNEY GENERAL RACE

BUCK NEWTON



As Attorney General, I will stand for the rule of law, so our businesses and families can thrive. I understand what makes North Carolina the best state to raise a family and for businesses to grow and create jobs. I will protect our way of life and ensure the next generation inherits the same opportunities to succeed.

In addition to protecting all

of our citizens by prosecuting hardened criminals, our Attorney General can stand for small businesses and the private sector against excessive government, particularly the federal government's overreach. North Carolina's job creators need an ally in the Attorney General's office.

SOURCE: ENN INTERVIEW

JOSH STEIN



Josh Stein has the experience and values the people of North Carolina need in their Attorney General. Josh has consistently taken on powerful interests to protect families. Just as he has his entire career, as Attorney General, he will put the people of North Carolina first.

SOURCE: JOSHSTEIN.ORG

N.C. SUPREME COURT RACE

ROBERT EDMUNDS

My goal, when re-elected, is to continue to serve the people of North Carolina as a fair, impartial and independent Justice, as I have been doing for the last sixteen years.

Unlike candidates for executive and legislative positions, judges and justices are limited in the promises they can make. I will continue my outreach and education efforts. College students should vote for me because I am the better qualified



candidate. I am the only candidate with experience as a justice on the Supreme Court or as

a judge on the Court of Appeals. I am the only candidate with bipartisan support (for example, four former Chief Justices, two Republican and two Democrat). I am the only candidate who has experienced making a living in the private practice of law. I am the only candidate with an advanced law degree (LL.M., University of Virginia). I am the only candidate who has served as an adjunct professor of law (Campbell University).

SOURCE: ENN INTERVIEW

MICHAEL MORGAN



As a dedicated community member with a strong commitment to his church, Mike understands what ordinary families are going through and he has a track record of administering fair and impartial justice. He's got the experience, temperament and judgment to serve the people of North Carolina on the Supreme Court." —President Barack Obama

SOURCE: RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

Millennial voter turnout to play a key role in election

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Millennials make headlines daily for social media crazes and popular trends, but on Nov. 8, they could also make headlines for their influence in the ballot box.

According to a recent Pew Research Center analysis, Millennials — adults born between 1981 and 1997

Millennials — born between 1981 and 1997 — are predicted to outnumber the baby boomer generation in voter turnout this election.

“As Millennials, we have to understand that decisions have been being made for us our entire lives,” Andino said. “This is our first chance to get out there and say how we want the future to go.”

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Carlos Andino
SGA SENIOR CLASS SENATOR

Though Andino is excited, history shows a lack of participation by the Millennial generation. Another Pew Research Center survey indicated that less than 50 percent of eligible Millennials actually casted their vote in the 2012 elections.

Andino said he believes Millennials have the opportunity to make change when they vote, and he hopes his peers take that opportunity.

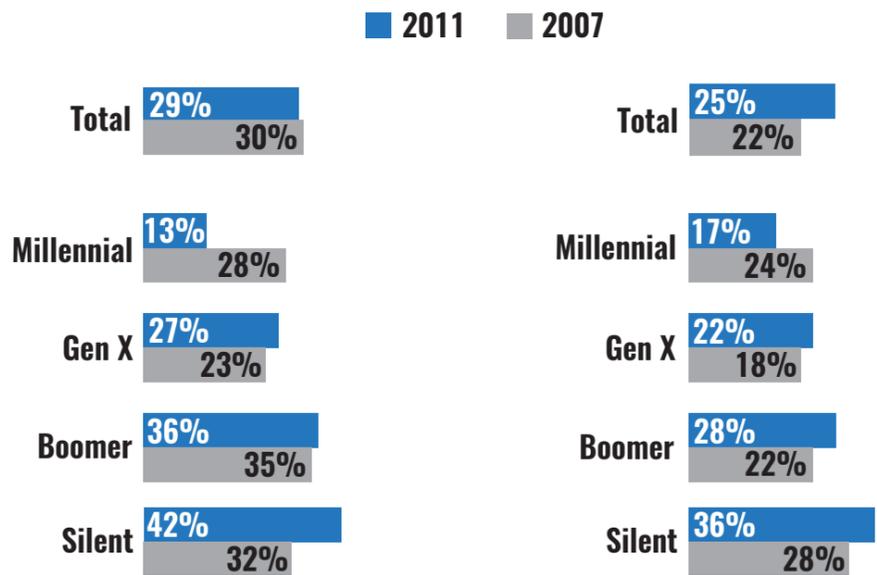
“We have the ability to be one of the most educated populations in the electorate, but at the same time, we have to take that responsibility,” he said.

SGA Class of 2020 president Livi Murray is only 17. But while she is unable to vote this election, she is making sure all of her friends participate.

Generational Gap in Campaign Interest During Campaign Season

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“I am encouraging all my friends to vote,” Murray said. “Because for people who aren’t able to have a say in this election, you need to stick up for

what is right or what you believe is right. Because who wins will determine the history of the country for the next four years.”

President Lambert shares his take on the 2016 election

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As Elon University President Leo Lambert watched the three presidential debates with his Twitter feed pulled up, he couldn’t believe some of what he read.

Elon students have promoted the awareness of the presidential election through activities such as debate watch parties, registering voters with TurboVote, hosting speakers like Bob Woodward, and the Elon Poll.

ed in this election than in many that I can remember. ... People are not showing their cards, I think because of the nature of the two leading candidates for the presidency.”

Lambert acknowledged the anger that’s permeated the election, but was encouraged by the positive ways students and faculty have engaged in what’s been an, “unusual” election.

He includes those students who worked for the Elon Poll and Elon Votes!, which partnered with a number of organizations to host well-attended presidential debate watch parties and speakers, such as Washington Post reporter



JACOB LAPLANTE | Director of Video and Broadcast Production

Elon University President Leo Lambert said this election season has been unlike any he can remember.

Bob Woodward, who shared his thoughts on the election.

And, of course, the TurboVote program that helped register students to vote.

“It’s been a good fall on campus trying to create platforms for people to participate in the political process,” Lambert said.

That’s encouraging, Lambert said, considering the divisiveness and polarization of the national election.

He blamed a lot of that on the presidential election and how it has prompted people to put themselves “in an echo chamber” by only listening to and being around people who share similar beliefs.

Lambert said he wishes government leaders would be more willing to work across party lines to find compromises.

“We’ve reached a place of such paralysis and polarization that it would be nice if the president-elect

and the Speaker of the House would come together and say, ‘Let’s think of four things we could do to actually accomplish something,’” Lambert said. “That would be astounding. I don’t know if it’s possible that can happen in these times.”

“The anger in this election disturbs me. The rhetoric disturbs me. It scares me a little bit, too.”

Those issues have seeped through to North Carolina, too, where the gubernatorial race between incumbent Republican Pat McCrory and Democratic challenger Roy Cooper has attracted national headlines, as has the vital Senate

race between Republican Richard Burr and Democrat Deborah Ross — a race that could flip the partisan balance of the Senate.

House Bill 2, otherwise known as the “bathroom bill,” has cost the state millions in potential revenue as companies and organizations have pulled offices, sporting events and more from the state since being passed in March.

Those elections are of dire importance to Lambert, considering Elon draws 80 percent of its students from out-of-state.

“North Carolina has a brand as-

sociated with it,” Lambert said. “In many important aspects, I think that brand has been damaged. ... In terms of attracting good students who will want to come from out of state to make this their home, it is a vitally important election.”

Lambert said the political climate and levels of civic engagement on campus have been similar to past elections, with the major difference being the increased access to information channels via the Internet and social media.

He also noted how universities and college campuses play a role in furthering political debates that some might be wary of having. He’s worried about partisan media and the increase of people tuning into sources that only reaffirm their beliefs.

“You have to get out there and listen to alternative points of view — even ones you vehemently disagree with,” Lambert said. “That’s what the university environment is all about.”

“If conversations involving important issues in American society, even polarizing issues, can’t be discussed or debated on college campuses, there’s probably nowhere else in American society where that can happen.”

Lambert hopes Elon can build on its efforts to involve students in the community.

“It’s a historically important election,” he said. “I think people are going to be writing books about this election 20 years from now. So many dimensions of it are so unusual.”

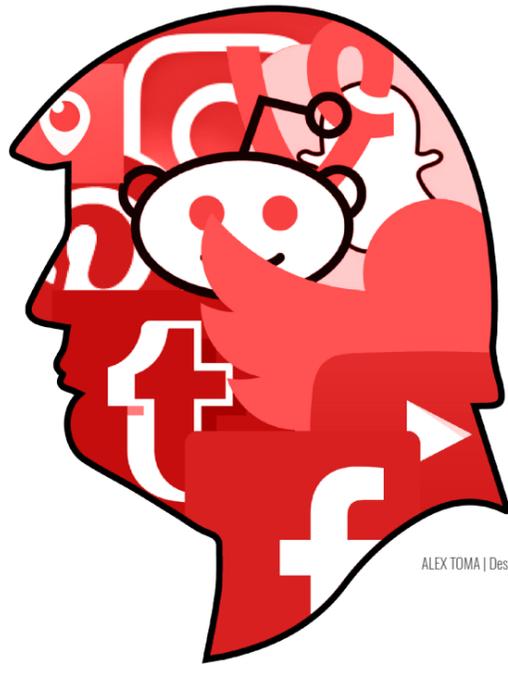
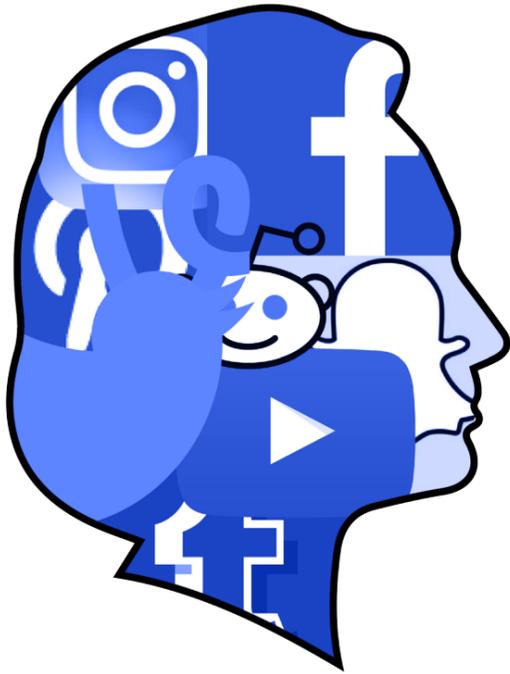
“The stakes are really high for higher education. ... We all wait on tentacles for what’s going to be happening after the election.”

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As election draws to close, so does patience



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Pew study finds social media users 'worn out' by political posts

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Elon University freshman Payton Barr doesn't have a lot of social media accounts — just Instagram — but she still can't escape this election season's political posts. And she's over it.

"It gets kind of old," Barr said. "People just get really aggressive about it. I don't like to see that kind of negativity in my feed. I get sick of seeing it."

A recent Pew Research Center analysis found that more than one-third of social media users surveyed, like Barr, are sick of political content on their feeds.

The study found that 37 percent of those surveyed said they were "worn out by how many political posts and discussions they see" on social me-

dia, saying they found it "stressful and frustrating" to read posts from those they disagree with.

But it wasn't just the content of the posts or the expression of a different political opinion that frustrated participants in the survey — instead, they pointed to the "uniquely angry and disrespectful" tone of many political posts and discussions as the reason for their frustration.

In fact, 53 percent of respondents said political discussions on social media were less respectful than political discussions other places people might discuss politics, and 49 percent of respondents said social media fostered angrier political discussion than other places.

Senior Katie Condon said she's also annoyed by the tone of the political content that floods her social media feeds. She said that though well-researched points about politics have their place on social media, she thinks they get overwhelmed by the more "aggressive" and "disrespectful" content.

"You can [post about politics] in

an appropriate manner, but a lot of the time that kind of content is like, one out of 30 posts, and the other are like, 'You're wrong because you're voting for this person,'" Condon said.

According to a study by Pew Research Center, most users try to ignore election-related content on social media.

Both Condon and Barr said they think social media could be a place where meaningful political discussion could take place, but they aren't holding onto much hope.

"I feel like it could be a really good place for people who have ideas to discuss, but oftentimes, it just gets so heated so quickly," Barr said. "People get so angry. I wish it could be more of an open discussion instead of people just bickering at each other. It would be helpful."

As annoyed as she is by political posts, Condon has found a solution: to, "scroll past the noise" and go on about her day.

The Pew study found that 83 percent of social media users surveyed said they tried their best to ignore political comments they disagreed with that pop up on their feeds, while 39 percent said they'd actually changed their settings to unfollow those who expressed a contrary opinion.

But as a senior strategic communications major looking ahead to life after Elon, Condon also sees another reason not to engage with political posts, and she had some advice to offer her fellow students:

"Especially as college students looking for jobs, you have to be aware that what you are posting politically, social issue-wise — that really matters," she said. "And maybe don't. Just don't. Maybe just keep some of those conversations for a different kind of medium."

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Party lines blur as inward conflict emerges

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With widespread, tense emotions directed toward Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democrat presidential nominee Hillary Clinton — even from members of their respective parties — the country as a whole has seen a shift in partisan lines.

Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science and policy studies and director of the Elon University Poll, has labeled this the, "volcanic eruption of politics." Political party realignment occurs when large coalitions of voters switch from one party to another, along with certain groups being

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Historically, realignments have taken place since the founding of the country, but it is hard to predict when these shifts will occur. The most recent period of apparent realignment was documented in 1980 when the South switched from a strong Democratic base to a traditional Republican safe haven.

Husser said the current murkiness among the GOP — especially in the 2016 election — is unprecedented.

"We don't necessarily have clear realignments, but we see a great deal of fracturing going on, particularly in Republican Party," Husser said.

Sophomore Katie Mars, a registered Republican, says this is her first election in which she could vote, and it has proven difficult to decide for whom to vote. She is questioning the importance of her vote if

she voted for an independent candidate, saying she does not support either of the major party candidates.

"I don't agree with Trump, and I really don't agree with Hillary," Mars said. "So am I going to vote for [Libertarian] candidate Gary Johnson because he is the one that most represents my views and my values?"

The election has challenged many voters' traditional party ideologies. There are those who still identify with the party, but do not fully support their candidate.

"You say what you identify as and people automatically assume so many things about you," Mars said.

She said that she feels conflicted on finding a candidate that supports her conservative values.

Junior Morgan Bodenaarain, a Democrat, was a strong Sen. Bernie Sanders supporter during primary season, but said she decided to support Clinton after the Democratic

National Convention. Bodenaarain said she changed her vote out of support for the Democratic Party.

Bodenaarain said she thinks the U.S. public already associates the entire Republican Party with Trump and the entire Democratic Party with Clinton, and that these labels are hard to remove.

"It means something different to be whatever you are, and now there's labels and titles that come with each of these parties based off the two candidates that are running," Bodenaarain said.

Since party realignment can only be identified after it happens, it is impossible to predict if this is a realigning year. As of now, it is also impossible to know whether the Republican Party may be splintering or if Trump's candidacy is just particularly unsatisfactory or divisive.

Mars' prediction is that the parties have to change.

"I think that both parties are going to change," Mars said. "And I think that's a good thing because the two-party system is an old system. And if the parties don't change, then how do we adapt to changing times, changing ideologies?"

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KATIE MARS
SOPHOMORE

NEWS ANALYSIS:
Education brushed
aside in 2016 election

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While Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump offers minimal detail on his ideas about college affordability and debt, Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton is quite specific on what she would do to assist college students. Still, both candidates are vague about how they would fund their plans.

I interviewed Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump on July 25 and asked him what he would do as president to address concerns of college students.

"We're gonna come out with a plan," Trump said in the interview. "We're going to help these young people that are choking with college debt, and they're also choking with something else. They graduate and they can't get jobs. They can't get jobs. It's a big issue. We're going to take care of that issue."

He told me he would come out with a plan in four weeks. He did not. Instead, he spoke in early September about the importance of school choice. Since then, he has rolled out a brief position on his website that offers little information for what he would do.

His position states he would offer \$20 billion toward school choice with the money coming from, "reprioritizing existing federal dollars." On the issue of tuition and affordability at the collegiate level, Trump's proposal says he would, "work with Congress on reforms to ensure universities are making a good faith effort to reduce the cost of college and student debt in exchange for the federal tax breaks and tax dollars."

After interviewing Trump and looking through his website and footage from past rallies, it is clear he has articulated the bare minimum when it comes to helping college students.

For Hillary Clinton, education should be a major issue she addresses. Seeking to attract former Sen. Bernie Sanders supporters, she teamed up with him in New Hampshire Sept. 28 to discuss her plan for free tuition at public colleges and universities by 2021 for students with family household incomes of \$125,000 or less.

Her plan also includes free community college tuition and a \$25 billion fund to support historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions and other minority-serving institutions.

Clinton's plan tackles the issue of student debt by allowing loan forgiveness for people willing to go into public or national service and providing opportunities for people to refinance their loans. Her website includes a college calculator tool so young voters can explore how her plan would affect them financially.

"It is absolutely outrageous that you cannot refinance student debt," Clinton said in New Hampshire. "It is even worse that you're being charged interest rates that are so much higher than anything that anybody else is paying to buy a house, to buy a car, to borrow money for a business."

Though her site offers specifics on the plan itself and the ways in which she would support college students, it offers little information about how her plan would be financed.

"This plan will be fully paid for by limiting certain tax expenditures for high-income taxpayers," her site states.

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