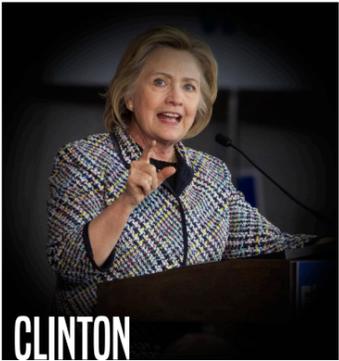


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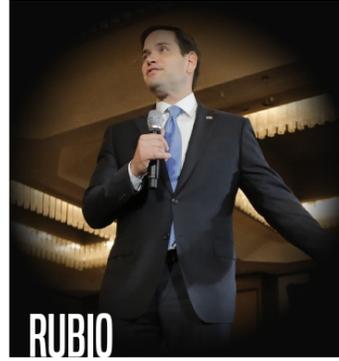
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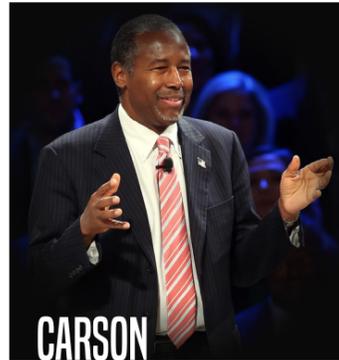


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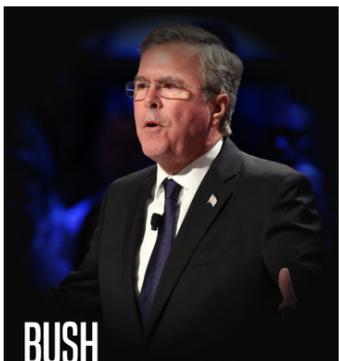


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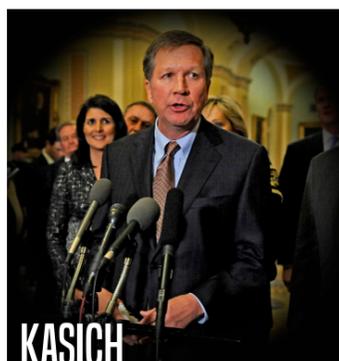
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*Elon students have trouble finding a likable candidate to support in this year's presidential election*

**Michael Somerby**  
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Elon University junior Cody Hoyt opened his mouth to answer the question, but no words came out.

Finally, after several attempts, he arrived at his best answer: "People are desperate."

Hoyt was referring to the upcoming election and the dissatisfaction voters feel toward the existing candidates. Like many in the country, he said he feels candidates are earning votes out of increased extremism coupled with the personal attacks against fellow candidates.

The Wall Street Journal and NBC held a focus group in October 2015 to measure the

phenomenon of picking the least objectionable candidate. The findings were telling of national political sentiment — none of the candidates earned above a 50 percent in the "optimism/satisfaction" category.

"I don't think people immediately get

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## Elon announces common reading

*'Just Mercy' by Bryan Stevenson is chosen*

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The Elon Core Curriculum office recently announced the 2016-2017 common reading will be "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson. The announcement comes months later than its usual fall date because of scheduling conflicts with the author.

Bryan Stevenson

Jeffrey Coker, director of the Elon Core Curriculum and associate professor of biology, said Elon University delayed the announcement because it was

waiting for Stevenson to respond to an invitation to come to campus.

But as Coker waited for a response from the author, he could not push the announcement back any longer. Shortly after revealing the book incoming freshmen will be required to read during the summer, Stevenson's team confirmed the author would be able to visit campus.

Stevenson, who founded and serves as executive director for the Equal Justice Initiative, is a long-time defense lawyer who serves populations in need of representation, including women, children, people in poverty and wrongfully-acquainted prisoners.

"Just Mercy" is a collection of memoirs of real cases Stevenson worked. The book presents an argument for dramatic improvement in the criminal justice system.

Amy Johnson, common reading coordinator and assistant professor of history, said the committee chose "Just Mercy" because it was well-written, thought-pro-

voking and easily accessible.

Johnson hopes the book's themes of poverty, inequality, social justice, institutional racism and discrimination, mental health and social activism will resonate with incoming students. She added "Just Mercy" connects well with last year's selection, "Why We Can't Wait," by Martin Luther King Jr.

"There is consensus largely across racial, political and socioeconomic lines that we need prison reform, better access to juvenile justice and police demilitarization," Johnson said.

Criminal justice reform directly impacts Alamance County. Retired

**"Just Mercy" is a collection of memoirs of cases the author, Bryan Stevenson, worked on.**

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## Club hockey plays through late nights, long travel

**Alex Simon**  
Sports Editor  
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**HILLSBOROUGH** — It's 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, but it could be any Wednesday. For most Elon University students, it's time for bed, studying or Netflix.

But for freshman Drew Waetjen, it's time to set up the goals on the ice rink at the Orange County Sportsplex so Elon's club hockey team can start practice.

It's a typical freshman duty, but an atypical time for a practice. Yet it's all the Elon hockey team knows.

"We're just trying to get as much ice as

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**Jan. 20 BURGLARY — FORCIBLE ENTRY EAST HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON**

A Town of Elon police officer was alerted to a breaking and entering in progress at D&G Car Wash on East Haggard Avenue. When officers arrived, the owner of the car wash was in the front of the building and the suspect was located in the rear of the building.

According to a Town of Elon police report, the suspect was arrested on charges of breaking and entering, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia. The officer confiscated an empty pack, syringe, needles and metal spoon all with heroin residue. A metal container and glass pipe with cocaine residue were also recovered.

The suspect was held under a \$2,500 secured bond at the Alamance County Jail.

**Jan. 23 HIT-AND-RUN — PROPERTY DAMAGE WEST HAGGARD AND NORTH WILLIAMSON AVENUE, ELON**

Video footage from the Kangaroo Express gas station showed a car traveling west on West Haggard Avenue striking a speed limit sign on the right side of the road.

Security footage showed the driver losing control of the vehicle before colliding with the sign. After the collision, the driver stopped in front of the convenience store. He made a purchase before returning to his car and turning right on West Haggard Avenue to travel south on North Williamson Avenue.

An officer stopped the suspect's car at West College Avenue and North Williamson Avenue and noted in a Town of Elon police report he was able to observe the damage on the front of the vehicle was consistent with a road sign collision.

The driver admitted to the accident and was charged with a hit-and-run and property damage.

**Jan. 29 POSSESSION OF FRAUDULENT ID, MARIJUANA PARAPHERNALIA, MARIJUANA UP TO 1/2 OUNCE EAST HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON**

In Smith dorm, a university police officer arrested freshman Lorin Myer Tobey for possession of marijuana paraphernalia, marijuana less than half an ounce, a fraudulent identification card, a schedule II substance and underage consumption of alcohol.

Elon University Police seized two grinders with marijuana residue, three packages of rolling paper, a rolled cigar containing marijuana, 12 Busch Light beers, an opened 40-ounce Budweiser beer, one dose of vyvanse and a fake ID.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 \*Where deliveries may be left
- 9 Acorn in relief
- 15 First three of ten digits
- 16 Bad guy
- 17 \*Airport pickup
- 18 State with conviction
- 19 \*It's \_\_\_ cause\*
- 20 \*Modest garment
- 22 Extra-play qtrs.
- 24 Influenced by, in recipes
- 25 July baby, maybe
- 26 \*Hiker's pouch
- 31 Storm winds
- 33 Have yet to pay
- 34 NFC South team
- 35 Part of rpm
- 36 Whipped cream amount
- 38 Musical sequence found at the starts of the answers to the starred clues
- 40 Authoritarian figure
- 44 Chair part
- 46 Bolderdash
- 47 Poetic tribute
- 48 Volunteer's offer
- 51 \*Infant's dietary prohibition
- 54 Buck's mate
- 55 Sun Devils of the Pac-12
- 57 Afternoon social
- 58 \*Breaking point
- 62 Giant
- 66 Where it originally was
- 67 \*History book chart
- 69 Had to have
- 70 Cordial with a licorice-like flavor
- 71 Prone to avarice
- 72 \*Words of admonishment

**DOWN**

- 1 Swimmer Tones with 12 Olympic medals
- 2 Pitcher Hershiser
- 3 Wine lover's prefix
- 4 Exposes to the cops
- 5 Absent-minded, to a Brit
- 6 Front-of-bk. list
- 7 Red-coated cheese
- 8 Prefix with scope
- 9 Text alternative
- 10 Many a text
- 11 Get some rays
- 12 \*The Hairy Ape\* playwright
- 13 Yes or no follower
- 14 Brief arguments
- 21 Divided terr.
- 23 Cramp, say
- 26 Weather condition in the final scene of "Casablanca"
- 27 Bull maker's tool
- 28 Opposite of paleo-
- 29 Flight coordinators: Abbr.
- 30 Light cigar wrapper
- 32 Part of a ring
- 35 \_\_\_ point: embroidery stitch
- 37 Groceries quantity
- 39 "u r a riot!"
- 41 Menagerie
- 42 Excitement
- 43 Like the bull in the Chicago Bulls' logo
- 45 \_\_\_ peanuts
- 48 In neutral
- 49 Temporary wheels
- 50 Tenant
- 51 California's Big \_\_\_
- 52 Can't stand
- 53 Didn't hit the books?
- 56 Hit the books
- 59 It has its highs and lows
- 60 Minimally
- 61 Skid row regular
- 63 Jackson 5 brother
- 64 Voting no
- 65 Discontinued deplatory
- 68 Part of rpm: Abbr.

By C.W. Stewart

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# Cruz, Rubio, Bush discuss immigration

*Immigration takes center stage at Trump-less Republican debate*

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Republican frontrunner Donald Trump took the unprecedented step of skipping the Jan. 28 presidential debate — a particularly important debate as it is the final one before the Iowa caucuses took place Monday, Feb. 1.

With Trump off the main stage, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Sen. Marco Rubio, (R-Fla.) retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) dove deeper into policy-related issues.

Immigration proved to be one of the major areas of contentious debate between the candidates.

**Carson and Christie argued that it was advantageous to not be a congressman while running for president.**

But before the discussion on immigration continued, Cruz addressed the major elephant in the room: Trump's absence. The spotlight of the debate appeared to shine on Cruz, who went on to win the Iowa Caucus. Though Cruz was at the center of the stage in the wake of Trump's decision not to attend, he

could not help but poke fun at his absent competitor, who held an event for veterans in Des Moines instead of attending the debate.

"I'm a maniac, and everyone on this stage is stupid, fat and ugly and Ben [Carson], you're a terrible surgeon," Cruz said, jokingly. "Now that we've gotten the Donald Trump portion out of the way, I want to thank everyone here for showing the men and women of Iowa the respect to show up."

From that point forward, Fox News moderated a policy-focused debate with immigration playing a prominent role.

As others went on the offensive against Cruz, he explained why he would be a better fit for Iowa voters than Trump. Cruz ended up winning 28 percent of the Iowa vote, while Trump and Rubio finished with 24 percent and 23 percent, respectively.

Rubio attacked Cruz on immigration, saying he was inconsistent on his views on amnesty. After Fox News moderator Megyn Kelly showed a 2013 video of Cruz siding with Rubio in attempting to add an amendment to the immigration reform bill, Rubio lashed out at the Texas senator for the opposing stance he has today.

"This is the lie that Ted's campaign is built on," Rubio said. "The truth is, Ted, throughout this election, you've been willing to do or say anything in order to win votes."

Paul chimed in, adding that Cruz is an opportunist because he supported amnesty for illegal immigrants in 2013 but no longer does. Paul argued Cruz has an "authenticity problem."



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Bush then attacked Rubio for his flip-flop views on immigration.

Bush said Rubio's co-sponsorship of the Gang of Eight bill created a pathway to citizenship. Bush claimed Rubio's idea of a pathway to citizenship contradicted his earlier statements.

"I'm kind of confused because he was the sponsor of the Gang of Eight bill that did require a bunch of thresholds but ultimately allowed for citizenship over an extended period of time," Bush said. "I mean, that's a fact. Then he cut and run because it wasn't popular amongst conservatives, I guess."

Christie used this opportunity to make his case that Washington, D.C., needs an outsider like himself to make substantive change. Christie said he would not deceive or confuse U.S. voters like his competitors.

He also noted governors are more accountable than members of Congress.

"Ted [Cruz] can change his mind," Christie said. "Marco [Rubio] can change his mind. It's perfectly legal in this country to change your mind. But when you're a governor, you have to admit it and can't hide behind parliamentary tricks. That's the difference and that's the kind of leadership we need in the White House."

Carson also employed the same argument that he had the advantage of not being an establishment Republican.

"I'm the only one on this stage with no political title," Carson said. "You're not going to hear a lot of polished political speech from me. But you will hear the truth, and I don't think you have to be a politician to tell the truth."

If there was one universal point of agreement during the debate, it would likely be the open hostility expressed toward former Secretary of State and Democratic presiden-

tial candidate Hillary Clinton.

Many said Clinton is the greatest threat to rebuilding the nation and securing the White House.

Paul called her an ineffective champion for women's rights because of her support for her husband Bill, despite his affair while in office.

Rubio said Clinton was not qualified for office because of her role in the Benghazi attacks. But Christie was perhaps the most aggressive, citing his prosecutor experience as the reason he would be the best-suited candidate to hold her accountable for her actions.

"There is no one on this stage better prepared to prosecute the case against Hillary Clinton than I am," Christie said. "I will be ready. I will take her on, and when I take her on I guarantee you one thing: She will never get within 10 miles of the White House. The days for the Clintons in public housing are over."

# Democratic candidates defend record at town hall

*Clinton, Sanders, O'Malley fight to secure last-minute support from Iowa voters*

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CNN hosted a Democratic town hall, giving the then-three Democratic Party presidential nominees — former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, who recently withdrew from the race — a chance to address their individual drawbacks as president and field questions from prospective Iowa voters.

Immediately upon taking the stage Jan. 25, Sanders stuck to his main talking points, emphasizing the effects of income inequality on the middle class.

**Sanders focused on emphasizing the effects of income inequality on the middle class.**

In response to host Chris Cuomo's questions about the source of Sanders' growing support, the Vermont senator said the United States is recognizing the need for a political revolution.

"I think we are touching a nerve with American people who know that establishment politics is not good enough," Sanders said.

Sanders addressed criticisms that he would be incapable of balancing various



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domestic and international issues while tackling economic issues, such as health-care and women's rights.

He said his stances come back to the idea of inequality. One of the more prominent examples he spoke out against was gender income inequality.

"If you look at my record in terms of fighting for women's rights, it's 100 percent," Sanders said.

He also discussed his pro-life record in the Senate in addition to his belief that the government should expand funding for Planned Parenthood.

When an audience member mentioned the widespread belief that Clinton would be the ideal choice for fighting for women's rights, Sanders claimed he would be stronger in addressing gender-related issues, such as pay equity for women.

After Sanders, O'Malley took to the stage. His pitch to voters fell somewhere in between Sanders' idealism and Clinton's

emphasis on experience.

He talked about his past efforts as the mayor of Baltimore and governor of Maryland to make strides in bringing energy, education and criminal justice reform. He also shared his visions for building upon the progress he made in his home state in other parts of the country.

**ONCE THE ELECTION IS OVER, WE MUST COME TOGETHER TO WORK TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR COUNTRY.**

**HILLARY CLINTON**  
FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE

"I will do everything in my power to move us forward as a nation and make us more inclusive as a nation," O'Malley said.

Clinton was the final candidate to speak during the town hall. Clinton spent much of her time referencing her professional and personal relationship with President Barack Obama. She said she wanted to build on the progress her party has made under Obama's leadership.

When asked about her opponents, Clinton focused her negative remarks on Republicans rather than Sanders or O'Malley.

"The other side is not talking issues," she said. "They're talking insults."

While she was hesitant to directly attack Sanders, she clarified her stance on his campaigning strategies, particularly one of her more notable statements, a response to a recent political ad from his campaign.

"I obviously respect Senator Sanders greatly and appreciate what he has done in his campaign," she said. "But I believe I am the better person to be the Democratic candidate."

In response to allegations that she and Republicans would not work together if she became president, Clinton said she has had much experience working together with political rivals. Clinton proclaimed she would "be the president for everyone."

"Once the election is over, we must come together to work to solve the problems facing our country," she said.

Clinton and Sanders finished the Iowa caucuses with a virtual tie, but Clinton was declared the winner with 49.8 percent of votes to Sanders' 49.6 percent. O'Malley's tally was low enough for him to exit the race.

# Examining Election 2016 contributions

## Clinton, Carson, Bush secure widespread support

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Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson are receiving widespread support from North Carolina residents, according to year-end presidential candidate reports released Monday by the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

In each election cycle, candidates are required to provide reports to the FEC highlighting their campaign spending and campaign contributions received. With 2016 underway and votes already cast in the Iowa caucuses, the year-end reports come at a particularly revealing time.

Of the 12 presidential candidates — 10 Republicans and two Democrats — Clinton leads the pack with \$1.2 million in individual contributions received from the Tar Heel State during 2015.

Carson is Clinton's closest competitor, with more than \$930,000. The gap widens for the remaining 10 candidates, with next-biggest contribution earner former Gov. Jeb Bush (R-Fla.) bringing in about \$450,000.

Republican front-runner Donald Trump ranks 11th in North Carolina campaign contributions with less than \$30,000.

But the most revealing statistic from the year-end report might be the huge gap between Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) in North Carolina. Sanders earned about \$300,000 — nearly four times less than Clinton.

The race for first in total contributions across all states within the Democratic Party is much tighter.

Clinton earned the most from individual donors with \$112 million, while Sanders ranked second with \$74.3 million. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley (R-Md.), now no longer a contender for the nomination, was well behind with just \$4.7 million.

The field of 10 Republicans features five main leaders in national contributions.

Carson ranks first with \$53.7 million. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) is slightly behind Carson with \$46.9 million. Bush lags behind with \$31.8 million, and is trailed by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) with \$27.7 million and Trump with \$19.3 million.

While the figures mentioned above highlight totals for campaign contributions, it is important to understand the source of the contributions.

For example, Bush received more than \$200,000 from political committees during 2015 while Clinton

earned about \$900,000. Sanders, on the other hand, received less than \$4,000 in contributions from political committees.

In addition to political committees, several business executives offer money to presidential candidates.

John Belk of Belk, Inc. contributed the maximum \$2,700 to Clinton's campaign. Lilia Bailey, executive vice president of Belk, Inc., also made \$2,700 in contributions to Clinton.

The majority of Clinton's contributions came from wealthier donors. About 60 percent of Clinton's \$112 million came from contributions of at least \$2,000. Similarly, 79 percent of Bush's contributions totaled at least \$2,000.

Bush has received funds from 22,863 individuals and 85 Political Action Committees (PACs) while Clinton has received contributions from 163,251 individuals and 425 PACs.

Other candidates have relied more

on smaller contributions. Eighty-five percent of Sanders' total receipts have totaled no more than \$200.

According to FEC Public Affairs Specialist Julia Queen, Sanders received 222,347 individual contributions and three PAC contributions.

But not all candidates are looking for funding from the general public.

During a Jan. 28 rally at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Donald Trump bragged about funding his own campaign and turning down \$1 million from some of his friends, including businessman Phil Ruffin.

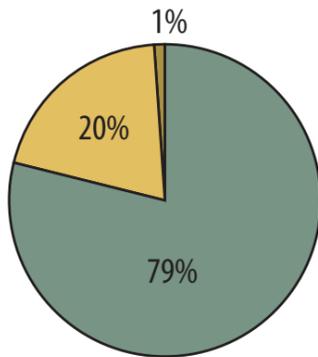
"Being No. 1, [wealthy donors] all want to control you," Trump said during the rally.

He added that several of his competitors, especially Bush, would be influenced by their contributors if elected president.

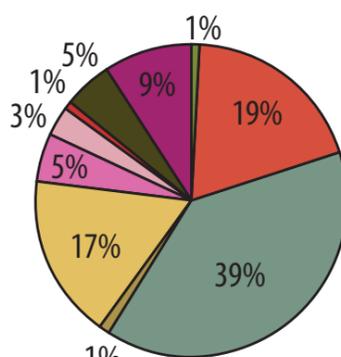
Candidates still in the race by the end of March will file a quarterly report to the FEC April 15.



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- Hilary Clinton
- Martin O'Malley



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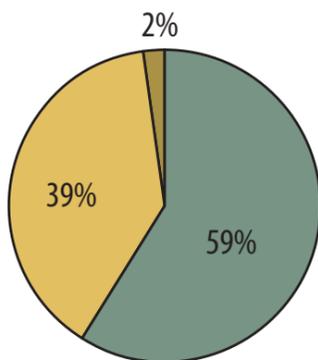


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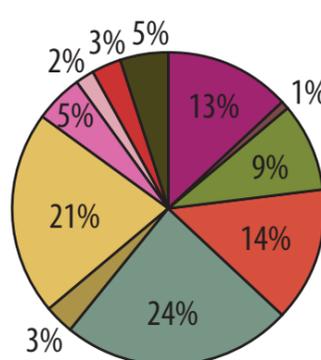
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## SATISFACTION from cover

excited," said Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science and policy studies and director of the Elon Poll. "Instead, a lot of the time, they pick a lesser of two evils."

But for this election, several of the more popular candidates are anything but traditional.

Businessman and real estate mogul Donald Trump leads the Republican Party field in national polling at 37.4 percent, more than 20 percent higher than Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas).

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads the Democratic Party in national polls

at 51.3 percent. She is followed by Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) at 35.3 percent.

Part of the love and hate many hold for candidates comes from the nature of the U.S. campaign system. Some argue existing campaign structures emphasize the individuals and their personalities rather than personal or party policies.

"We have candidate-centered elections," Fernandez said. "In Europe, campaigns and elections are far more policy- and party-centered. It's interesting, and somewhat makes our elections a personality contest."

Massive personalities have largely defined the 2016 presidential election, particularly those of Trump, Clinton and Sanders.

Fernandez predicts the extreme viewpoints championed by the candidates will increase voter turnout.

"People are excited by the nontraditional stances, particularly Trump's and Sanders'," Fernandez said. "People find Trump's honesty and confidence to be refreshing."

But while it may seem to many like the candidates are especially unfavorable in a historical context, Hoyt said it is easy to forget how realities of past elections echo those of the present.

"Nixon tried to run four times before he was elected," Hoyt said. "Last election, a Mormon, Mitt Romney, won the primary. When John F. Kennedy, a president people today still admire, won, it was a huge deal to elect a Catholic. There will always be something wrong with a candidate."

The characteristics people find to be admirable in a candidate remain subjective.

"An ideal candidate must be calm

and honorable," said freshman Charlotte Murphy. "For me, that's Sanders. But then again, I'm also from Vermont, so I need to support my guy."

As a professor of political science, Fernandez said he often hears students talk about their disgust for politics. Nevertheless, pertinent information still manages to reach the populous.

"A lot of people tell me they hate politics," Fernandez said. "Hate it all you want, but you cannot avoid the information coming from the various campaign trails. We have so much of it, and in my opinion, it can only be a good thing."

As candidates like Trump secure heavy media presence, students grapple with the plethora of available information and remain on the search for the "perfect candidate."

# International students adjusting to Elon

*Sports serves as a powerful avenue for socialization*

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Elon University is ranked No. 1 for its study abroad program by the International Educational Institute and is one of the top 10 most globally-minded universities according to the Christian Science Monitor. But even with 50 countries represented at Elon, it is common for students to confine themselves within their existing social circles, preventing a globally integrated environment.

To help freshmen international students become acclimated to the environment, Elon hosts a separate orientation a few days before the regular move-in day. These days are for addressing questions about cultural and academic differences, visa issues and how to get involved on campus.

Junior Chloe Chambon, a French student currently enrolled in a dual-degree program at Elon, participated in the international student orientation in August as well as the regular New Student Orientation. Though she was glad to get information

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specific to international students, she said the separate orientations created a divide between international and American students.

"Maybe we stayed too much together at the beginning of the year," Chambon said. "But as a junior, it's difficult to find friends when everyone who is already at

Elon has grouped off."

Chambon explained how international students tend to group themselves together because of their views on global relations.

"We have the same goals and really like other cultures and studying abroad," Chambon said.



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**International students converse at Elon University's 2015 Thanksgiving dinner about adjusting to life at Elon. They go through a separate orientation at the beginning of the school year, and many international students help ease the transition to the United States through athletics.**

Chambon encourages international students to become more involved on campus in order to ease the transition into American culture.

Freshman Salvador Mijares became involved on campus immediately by being one of three international freshmen tennis players. After arriving at Elon in January for the first time, his life was consumed by academics and tennis practices.

"I've been here almost a month, but I only had four days free," Mijares said.

He said the transition was fairly easy because nearly half of the tennis team speaks Spanish, including assistant coach Cesar Vargas. While Mijares didn't participate in an international student orientation and hasn't attended any international student events, he said he adjusted well in a new environment.

Senior Sandra Sabrina, a German student who came to Elon last year, also found sports to be a positive avenue for assimilating in the United States. As a member of the rugby team and past member of various intramural sports teams, she said sports

participation is a great way for international students to become more involved and meet new people.

"International students will always stick

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**CHLOE CHAMBON**  
FRENCH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

together," Sabrina said. "If you want to make new friends, join sports."

While she recognizes international students may feel as though they are on their own after they finish orientation, she explained her transition into Elon's

dual-degree program went smoother than some of her other friends.

"Elon's doing a great job caring for international students," Sabrina said. "At the bigger schools, they have to work more to settle in and get used to the university."

Elon looks to support international students through a Living Learning Community (LLC) designed to encourage students from multicultural backgrounds to live together and participate in group events. The LLC has recently made trips to Asheville and Washington, D.C.

The Isabella Cannon Global Education Center also helps out by transporting students from the airport to campus upon their first arrival. In addition, host families offer support for international students during holiday breaks.

Yet despite such efforts, it is up to students like Chambon, Mijares and Sabrina to determine the extent to which they adjust to life at Elon. While the students work on adjusting to a new culture, Elon offers various resources of assistance and support.

## READING from cover

Elon education professor Carolyn Stuart volunteers weekly with her husband at the Yokefellows Prison Ministry of North Carolina. She said she hopes the university's book selection will spark increased discussion on a topic not too frequently engaged with.

"These conversations are important because college students will one day hold leadership positions in their communities," she said.

Johnson, who helps to plan events associated with each year's common reading, said the Elon Core Curriculum office is working closely with various university departments to provide programming to the community that supports the message of the common reading.

According to Coker, the only events planned by the common reading committee are the author events and the Core Forums. During these events, COR 110 "The Global Experience" courses participate in discussions on top-

ics from the reading.

While "Just Mercy" discussions may touch on some of the themes of last year's "Why We Can't Wait" events, Coker said the focus will shift with the emphasis of this year's novel on the criminal justice system aspect of inequality.

"This allows some of those discussions to take place in a different context, and it allows us to go to some completely different places that we've never been before as a campus," Coker said.

Though Coker is pleased with the decision made in choosing "Just Mercy," he recognizes the challenges the selection committee encountered in deciding on a summer reading book.

The committee narrowed its options down from around 15 to 18 books to two or three books before selecting "Just Mercy."

"It's always tough because there's always lots of good books on the table, but this one was a very popular choice, and I think everybody feels really good about it," Coker said.

Stevenson is scheduled to visit Elon in September to set the tone for later discussions.

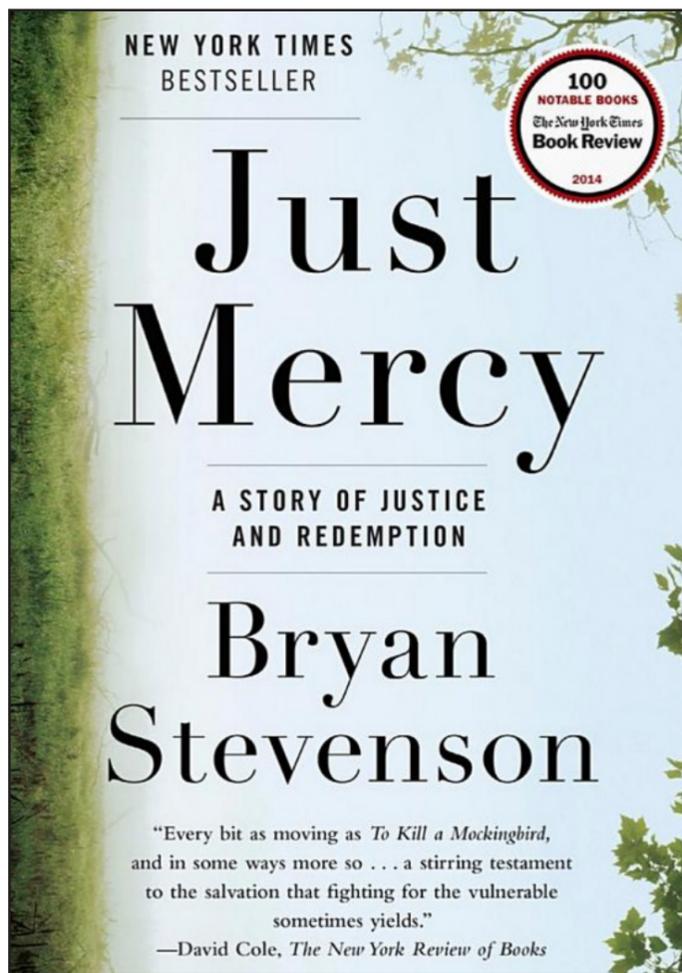


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## BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

**Who:** The narrator lawyer who defends the poor and wrongly accused.

**What:** The book explores the American criminal justice system and raises questions about fairness and equality.

**When:** Incoming freshmen will read the book over the summer of 2016 and Stevenson is scheduled to come to campus in September.

**Why:** Common reading creates an opportunity for Elon students to discuss civil rights, social activism, crime, equality, poverty and mental health issues.

**Awards:** New York Times bestseller, winner of the Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction, Finalist for the Los Angeles Book Prize, Kirkus Reviews Prize finalist.

# Bridging Elon's dining disconnect

Many students unaware of Take a Student to Lunch Program

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Elon University's Take a Student to Lunch Program was created in fall 2005 to inspire stronger out-of-classroom relationships between students and faculty.

According to Evan Heiser, dean of students and assistant to the vice president for Student Life, the Take a Student to Lunch Program was used 850 times by 348 different Elon faculty and staff in its 11th year.

But while 585 students have enjoyed the benefits thus far into the academic year, the remaining 90 percent of the student body has either not heard of or has not participated in the program.

**The Take a Student to Lunch Program has been used 850 times by 348 different Elon faculty and staff this academic year.**

"The one main goal is to support and enhance the intellectual climate on campus," said T.J. Bowie, coordinator for Residential Campus Dining and Engagement.

The program allows for a faculty or staff member to bring up to five students to a participating establishment, such as Irazu Coffee Shop, Acorn Coffee Shop, Varsity Sports Grill, McEwen Dining Hall, Colonnades Dining Hall or Lakeside Dining Hall.

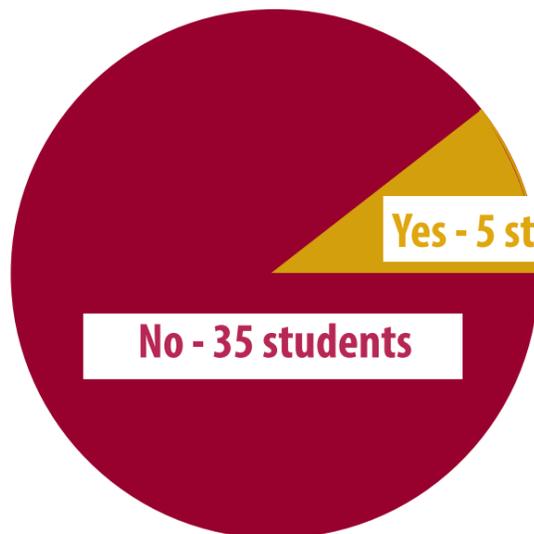
There, academic conversation is strongly encouraged in hopes of fostering collaboration and further intellectual stimulation.

Yet despite the figures of usage the program boasts, many students seem to be in the dark.

Of the 40 students surveyed in an informal canvassing of campus, only five had ever heard of the program. Only three of the 40 students said they had used the program.

"I'm not sure why I've never heard of it before," said junior Kevin Culloty. "A teacher

## INFORMAL CANVASSING REVEALS LACK OF STUDENT AWARENESS



Heard of program

has never asked, and before this [canvassing], I never even knew it existed."

Despite intentions to promote collaboration and friendship outside of the classroom, many students seemed unaware such a program existed.

One explanation for this disconnect is the program only being promoted to Elon faculty and staff members via email.

"The program is advertised to faculty and staff members with a reminder email about the program sent at the start of each semester," Heiser said.

Though there is a lack of student awareness about Take a Student to Lunch, those who have used it said they fully understand the benefits.

Senior Ripton Rosen used the program for the first time during the 2015 fall semester.

"There were six of us, and we all went to lunch," Rosen said. "I'd never heard of it before, and it wasn't the teacher's idea. Another senior suggested it. But I thought it was helpful because it humanized the pro-

fessor for me."

Bowie added that faculty members benefit from the program as well as the students.

"I believe the program is incredibly effective and that is supported by great feedback

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RIPTOR ROSEN  
SENIOR

from professors," Bowie said. "They have reported genuinely enjoying the opportunity to connect further with students. Some specific examples are professors working with

their research mentees, advisees or students wanting to know more about their area of expertise."

Utilizing the program is as simple as entering any of the participating venues and asking to use the Take a Student to Lunch Program to pay for the meal.

While Heiser and Bowie did not explain how the program was specifically funded, they said the university covers the expenses fully for students and faculty.

"There is no cost to the student or faculty/staff member to use the program," Heiser said. "Both will need to swipe their Phoenix Cards when using the program, but nothing is charged to them specifically."

But for students like Rosen, the message for increasing engagement in the program is simple: There needs to be more targeted promotion to students.

"It needs to be broadcast more, specifically to students," Rosen said. "It was surprisingly helpful, and students will reach out to use it just as much as faculty."

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## Elon releases Spring Cultural Events calendar

Elon and Greensboro campuses to host acclaimed speakers

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Elon University announced its Spring Cultural Events Calendar last week. Some of the highlights include guest lectures from a New York Times correspondent, a founding editor of The Onion and an ESPN broadcaster.

"We look forward to hosting every event you see listed on the cultural calendar and hope students attend as many of our programs as possible," said Eric Townsend, Elon's news bureau director.

One event the university is promoting in particular is Spring Convocation.

Walter Isaacson, president of The Aspen Institute and former chairman and CEO of CNN, will

deliver the address. He plans to discuss stories from his book "The Innovators: How a Group of Inventors, Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution."

Convocation will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in Alumni Gym. Tickets will go on sale March 10.

"Spring Convocation featuring Walter Isaacson will certainly be the biggest cultural program of the semester," Townsend said. "It's an opportunity for everyone in our community to learn from one of the world's most influential thought leaders of the past half century."

Another exciting event taking place on Elon's campus will be a lecture from Scott Dikkers, a founding editor of The Onion, a satirical media outlet that publishes articles about international, national and local news. His lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in McCrary Theatre.

While Elon's main campus will host the vast majority of the events

on the cultural calendar, Elon's School of Law in Greensboro will host two of the most anticipated events of the semester.

New York Times Supreme Court correspondent Adam Liptak will give a presentation as part of Elon Law's Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series presented by the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation. Liptak is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Greensboro.

Jay Bilas, a college basketball analyst for ESPN, will also speak for the Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series. He will present at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18.

"The theatrical performances, concerts, poetry readings, guest lectures and faith programs you'll find there will inform, inspire and entertain audiences in any number of ways," Townsend said. "There truly is something for everyone taking place here this spring."

The first event on the calendar was held 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 when the Department of Performing Arts presented "All's Well that Ends Well" by William Shakespeare.

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# Childcare creates financial hurdles for families

## Budget cuts create stress for childcare payment

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Nearly one-third of children in Guilford County who were eligible for childcare subsidies in 2013 did not receive it. Instead, they were left waiting. In 2015, they are still waiting.

These children are waiting for help, affordable childcare and a place to thrive while their parents work. They are waiting for long-overdue house repair and basic healthcare. Low-income

**The Boys and Girls Club's prices for childcare subsidies are 50-100 percent less than most other programs.**

families may have to sacrifice basic necessities for the sake of their childcare.

Child Development Center for assistance. Once on a wait list, they receive a federal childcare subsidy. But when the centers refer them to an adequate childcare center, those families who waited for a referral end up on another wait list.

Tanya Robinson-Caldwell, parent services coordinator at the Guilford Child Development Center, said, "some programs still have a wait list."

Robinson-Caldwell refers families to childcare options that match their needs. She said many pre-K programs do not offer financial aid and families can be offered childcare at hours that don't match parents' work schedules.

Between the difficulties of finding care, getting off the wait list, affording childcare and ensuring the center matches one's work schedule, Robinson-Caldwell said finding childcare is no easy feat.

### Employment doesn't ensure financial stability

In 2014, the North Carolina General Assembly implemented budget cuts and changes to the childcare subsidy system. Its purpose was to close down sub-par centers to ensure a higher quality of care. WFMV News reported the assembly's goal was to serve the neediest families, focusing the state's limited dollars for people most in need. It has now been a year since the cuts, and many families are still suffering.

"The budget cuts were a gift and a curse," said Fanta Dorley, a representative for the Family Success Center who is involved with

processes and policies of the integrative services for United Way of Greensboro. "It puts a strain on the waiting list now — there are lower slots available for families to have the option to take."

Dorley said if there was no time limit on how long a family could use the subsidy, there would still be a waiting list. And if the families used subsidies solely for managing childcare costs, the waiting list would continue to grow.

Sherri Henderson, executive director at the Boys and Girls Club, said the club's enrollment increased tremendously after the budget cuts.

The club's prices of \$25 a week for one child, \$45 for two children and \$65 for three children are 50-100 percent less than most other programs. Families that were put on outside waiting lists or who were dependent on assistance flocked to The Boys and Girls Club.

When the cuts were implemented, there was a rise in families on waiting lists because of the closing of under-par centers and decrease of subsidy availability. Some families, who may no longer qualify for help or who would be stuck on a wait list, came to The Boys and Girls club instead — hoping for affordable, quality care.

"The club did benefit by enrolling new members, and the parents were very happy to have their school-age children attend a structured after-school program than having their child at daycare," Henderson said.

Henderson said the club now has a waiting list for the first time.

The waiting list has allowed families to be more resourceful — such is the case of Elizabeth

and easy-access care — she would have more financial stability.

"Hopefully, I will be able to start the daycare center next year," Robertson said.

### Childcare is a necessary sacrifice

While childcare provides parents the ability to work, it also provides children with socialization — an essential cognitive development that can ensure a higher success rate in school, according to Bernard Curry, an assistant professor of sociology at Elon University.

"They need to interact in terms of nonverbal and verbal communication," Curry said. "They need to learn how to comply, how to conform, so if an adult says 'everybody get in a straight line,' they know what the adult is talking about."

It might be cheaper to rotate children with family babysitters in the neighborhood, but socialization could be deprived in the process.

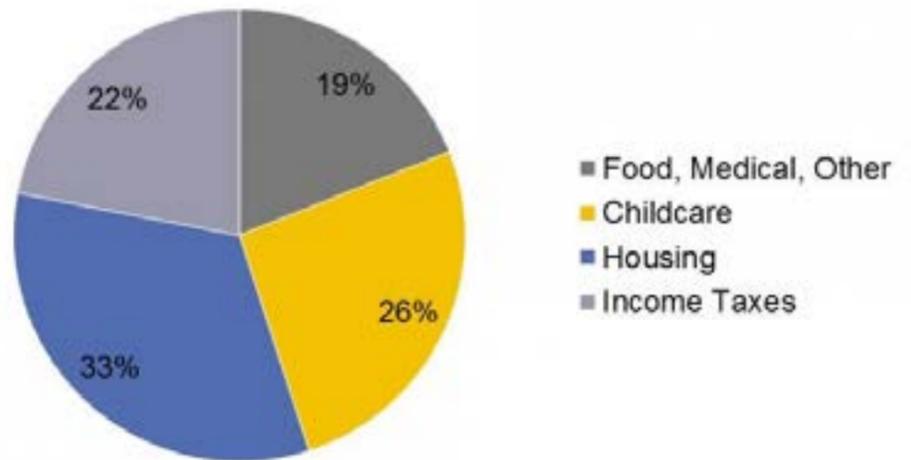
Though many low-income families want the best possible care for their children, they face dilemmas by spending a significant portion of their working wages on childcare.

"Childcare is very expensive, but on the other hand, I'm still better off working and paying childcare," said Donna Chandler, financial planning specialist at Elon.

Chandler works full-time, and while her job does ensure her a stable, healthy life, it's not one sans-sacrifice — childcare prices affect her, too. She pays more than \$8,000 a year to ensure her daughters are cared for after school. She said she brings home enough to provide and have more than enough left over to pay for other expenses, but that no one's socioeconomic class is a stranger to large checks going toward

## WHAT DOES CHILDCARE REALLY COST?

Childcare and other costs



GRAPHIC BY ALYSSA POTTER

## 2015 State Fact Sheets

Despite tremendous responsibilities, the average income for a full time child care professional in 2014 was only \$21,710.



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**IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY SUCH LARGE AMOUNTS OF CHILDCARE, YOU'D HAVE THE MONEY TO DO OTHER THINGS, PAY FOR OTHER THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T NOW.**

**DONNA CHANDLER**  
FINANCIAL PLANNING SPECIALIST AT ELON

Robertson, who opted for a dual job-childcare scenario.

Robertson is a single mother of four living in Guilford County. She receives SSI (disability) and Section 8 Housing as forms of welfare. She is taking a GED course at the Guilford Child Development Center.

Robertson's income is dependent on her 16-hour work week at Wendy's. Robertson pursues an education that serves her and her children.

She hopes to help other families that have faced similar scheduling challenges from waiting lists by creating a daycare center.

"I just want to run my own daycare now," Robertson said. "I think that's what I can start with, something I can actually start doing now instead of waiting."

By running her own daycare center, she would not only be providing her children with free

childcare.

"Affordable childcare is applicable to all, no matter what 'class,' because that is a huge portion of your monthly paycheck," Chandler said. "If you didn't have to pay such large amounts of childcare, you'd have the money to do other things, pay for other things that you can't now."

### Why are childcare workers some of the lowest-paid employees?

Henderson has been working at The Boys and Girls Club of Alamance County for 27 years as the executive director. The club is a nonprofit, and Henderson knows their mission is to serve the children, not themselves. Not only does she experience families not being able to pay their bills, she recognizes staff members are not paid high wages, either.

"Unfortunately, our staff is not paid a high salary," Henderson said. "It takes an extremely compassionate person that is very dedicated to working with those less fortunate to do the work that we do."

Daniel Marans of The Huffington Post reported that childcare workers are often not paid enough to make their own ends

meet. According to an Oct. 29 report by the Economic Policy Institute, the national median pay for childcare workers is \$10.31 an hour. The poverty rate among childcare workers is 14.7 percent, nearly twice the 6.7 percent rate for other U.S. workers.

Yet childcare is prohibitively expensive for most U.S. families, Marans reported.

### Is there an answer?

Curry said upping the minimum wage may solve affordability issues.

"In America there should not be this — families shouldn't be struggling to the extent to where they need to make the choice between feeding their child or providing medication in order to pay their childcare bill," he said.

"It's a catch 22," Robinson-Caldwell said. "Families can't afford childcare, but need a certain amount of hours in order to qualify for assistance."

It's also a waiting game — looking to find the perfect puzzle piece to fit financial, emotional and physical needs.

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# The Oregon standoff



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The FBI has recently released video of a Jan. 26 shooting in Oregon, the climax of a month-long standoff involving more than a dozen individuals occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County, Oregon.

The occupation began Jan. 2 in response to the prison sentences for ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond. After the ranchers were found guilty of arson on federal land, Ammon Bundy led an armed group now calling themselves Citizens for Constitutional Freedom.

LaVoy Finicum, one of the occupiers, was shot and killed Jan. 26 during a traffic stop. A federal judge has denied bond for Ammon Bundy, the group's ringleader, and all others captured. In the wake of his capture, Bundy urged the remaining protesters to turn themselves in.

## Why did the occupation happen?

In opposition of a federal land policy, the group ordered the land to be placed under public control. Because of the government's refusal to meet the protesters' demands, a lengthy occupation ensued.

## When did things escalate?

Events turned deadly Jan. 26 when officers shot and killed Finicum. During a traffic stop about 50 miles north of the wildlife refuge, Finicum reached into his jacket pocket twice before the officers opened fire. Greg Bretzing, the FBI special agent in charge of the Portland Division, said Finicum had a loaded gun in his possession. But protesters said Finicum was shot with his hands up.

The FBI released a video of the shooting to the public Jan. 28, showing Finicum reaching into his jacket pocket — which prompted the officer to use his firearm.

## What lies ahead?

Ten arrests were made in Oregon, and one was made in Arizona. A federal judge denied bond for all involved. The 11 are charged with a federal count of conspiracy. Bundy has urged all remaining protesters to not use physical force — rather, he encouraged them to use their national audience to defend liberty and constitutional rights.



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Protester LaVoy Finicum makes a brief statement to the media as Ammon Bundy's brother and fellow protester Ryan Bundy, right, listens, at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge headquarters in Oregon.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 'SNL's' Colin Jost to perform at Elon

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Colin Jost will perform at Elon in SUB's annual spring comedian show, SUB announced Tuesday.

Jost's performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 24 in McCrary Theatre.

Jost, a three-time Writers Guild Award winner, is in his third season as co-anchor of "SNL's" "Weekend Update" and has been an "SNL" writer since 2005.

He's also won a Peabody Award and has been nominated for multiple Emmy Awards.

Jost is the third "SNL" cast member to perform at Elon in the last four years, following Nasim Pedrad (2013) and Kate McKinnon (2014).

Tickets are free with a Phoenix Card and will go on sale in the SUB office, Moseley 207, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15. Only one ticket per Phoenix Card can be obtained.

### Elon names 2016 Top 10 Under 10

Elon University announced recipients of the 2016 Top 10 Under 10 Alumni Awards Jan. 28, recognizing the 10 most outstanding alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years.

The awards ceremony will be held Saturday, April 2 in McKinnon Hall in Moseley Center.

Three of the 10 recipients — Kendra Nickel-Nguy '08, Hallie Kilmer Cornetta '09 and Mitch Pittman '09 — studied in the field of communications. Two of the recipients — Parker Turner '06 and Clint Irwin '11 — studied political science.

Amanda Brown Marusiak '10 was also recognized for her work with the ExxonMobil Corporation as an epidemiologist and infectious disease control program coordinator.

Adam Kaplan '12 is the most recent graduate to receive Top 10 Under 10 honors thanks to his Broadway debut in Disney's "Newsies!"

The final three recipients include business administration graduate Tyler Brandt '06, international studies graduate Justine Davis '08 and English graduate Garrett Turner '08.

### Elon donor Doug Noiles GP '17 remembered for generosity

Longtime Elon University donor Doug Noiles GP '17 died Jan. 25 after battling a lengthy illness.

He and his wife Edna helped create the Vera Richardson Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life and the Elon Academy.

Inspired by a story in the spring of 2003 about increased interest around religion and spirituality among Elon students following 9/11, the couple made a gift to endow the Truitt Center.

"Doug's dedication to helping young people grow in mind and spirit will continue to change the lives of countless students for many years to come," said Elon President Leo Lambert. "I can think of no greater legacy than what Doug and Edna helped create for our campus."

Doug and Edna Noiles served as founding donors to the Elon Academy — a program that encourages low-income high school students to earn a four-year degree and serve their communities.

Their granddaughter, Josephine

Gardner, is a current junior at Elon.

### Walter Isaacson to deliver Spring Convocation

Aspen Institute President Walter Isaacson will serve as the main speaker at Spring Convocation, according to the most recent cultural calendar.

Isaacson is scheduled to speak at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in Alumni Gym.

He will share stories from his book, "The Innovators: How a Group of Inventors, Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution," and will discuss his recent research about the invention of the computer.

He is also planning to explain how the Internet has affected lives for better and for worse.

Isaacson is a U.S. writer and journalist who served as chairman and CEO of CNN and managing editor of TIME magazine.

Tickets to Spring Convocation will be available in the Center for the Arts box office beginning March 10.

### Elon to host on-campus employment events in upcoming months

Students interested in working for Elon University offices will have various opportunities to attend job fairs and interest meetings in the upcoming months.

Two job fairs specific to those interested in positions in Campus Recreation will be held Feb. 3 and 4. Both will take place 4-6 p.m. in Koury Commons in the Koury Athletic Center.

Multiple departments will partici-

pate in a general job fair Feb. 23 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Moseley's McKinnon Hall. Eighteen departments will send representatives to speak to prospective student employees.

Those considering a position in the admissions office can attend interest meetings for a tour guide position at 4 p.m. March 1 and an office assistant position at 4 p.m. April 1 at Inman Clohan Theatre.

### Committee plans programs for Black History Month

Elon's Black History Month Planning Committee has scheduled multiple events, including guest speakers, films, performances and trips for the month of February. Most of the events are free and open to students and the public.

The month-long celebration of black history begins with guest speaker Dr. Omari Ali's lecture, "Understanding Black History as American History." His talk will center on black history's contributions to the country's narrative. It will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in Lakeside 214, preceded by a 6 p.m. reception.

The films the committee plans to screen are "Slavery by Another Name," "Freedom Riders" and "The Loving Story." These films will be shown Feb. 8, 15 and 22, respectively, in La Rose Digital Theatre in Koury Business Center.

Other events include the Black Student Union Town Hall Meeting (Feb. 10), "Being White @ Elon: Conversations about Privilege" (Feb. 24), Poetry and Open-Mic Night (Feb. 25) and a dance performance about slavery (Feb. 26).

Students are invited to participate in trips for the 10th Annual Moral March on Raleigh (Feb. 13) and a field trip to Greensboro's International Civil Rights Center & Museum (Feb. 20).

# 'Home' exists all throughout Elon

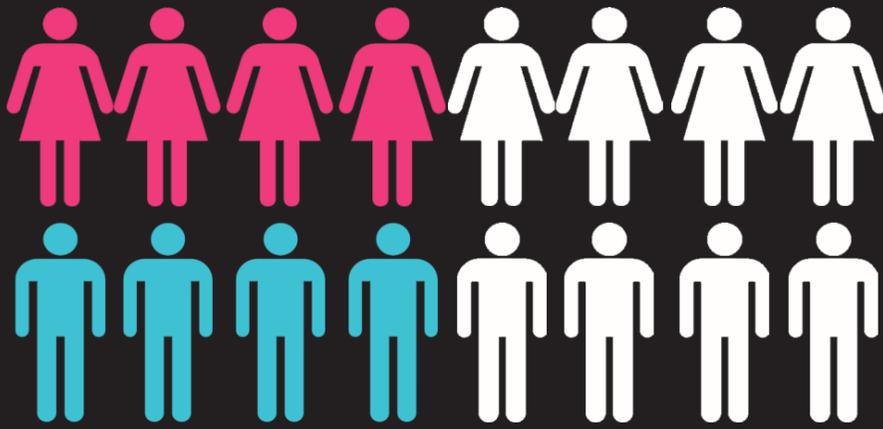
## FRATERNITY AND SORORITY STATISTICS



**22** PERCENT OF MALE STUDENTS ARE IN A FRATERNITY



**51** PERCENT OF FEMALE STUDENTS ARE IN A SORORITY



**50** PERCENT OF SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES HAVE HIGHER GPA'S THAN THE AVERAGE ELON STUDENT

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### STAFF EDITORIAL

Not being involved in fraternity and sorority life doesn't mean you will be without a home at Elon.

Home is an idea that many people — especially college students — struggle to define.

Coming into Elon University means leaving all the different places you once called home. Naturally, freshmen then attempt to find a new definition of home upon arrival. For many, one of the most obvious

places to find a family and a sense of community is in fraternity and sorority life. But, it is important to recognize that these organizations are not the only places to find your "home away from home" at Elon.

With 51.5 percent of women and 22.6 percent of men involved in fraternity and sorority life, it is easy to feel on the outside if you are unaffiliated. Yes, the statistics do seem daunting, but with more than 200 organizations represented on campus, Elon offers so many more communities to find brotherhood and sisterhood in — you just have to look for them.

Fraternities and sororities, etymologically speaking, literally mean brothers and sisters, and for many people it really does bring that connection. But, if this is not where you find that sense of family, you shouldn't feel like finding home is a lost cause.

Just like all organizations across campus, fraternities and sororities are not for everyone. There could be a number of reasons why — the

time commitment, the cost or even simply not being "into it". Because the fraternity and sorority culture is so strong at Elon, it seems that students who don't find a home within fraternity and sorority life feel exceptionally "different" or alone because of it, but it is more than OK if that community isn't right for you.

You aren't going to join the club soccer team if you don't like soccer. It is no different for fraternity and sorority life. No single organization can fulfill every student's wants and needs, but all students can find an organization that does. For some, this may mean an a cappella group or club sport team. For others, this could be found in student media organizations or service fraternities.

While other organizations don't promote the ideas of family as

obviously as greek organizations do, they do have strong, supportive communities within them. Each student can find a place to call home at Elon — you just need to open your mind to broaden your definition of brotherhood, sisterhood and community. In many instances, those who are seeking a community here need to simply broaden their involvement.

In addition, for those in the percentage of students who have gone through recruitment, it is imperative to not forget the roots you created during your first semester here. Elon delays recruitment until the spring for a number of reasons, but perhaps most importantly to allow students can to get involved in other areas of campus before committing themselves to a fraternity or a sorority.

It is important to hold onto involvement in these other organizations and the relationships made within them. Especially during the new member period, it can be easy and convenient to let go of other obligations in order to focus on fraternity and sorority events. But, it is so important to maintain a wide array of interests and commitments.

Strive to see the new relationships you are making as an addition to your life here at Elon, not a replacement. As easy as it may be to dedicate yourself entirely to one single organization, try not to lose sight of the fact that Elon has so much to offer. The connections you made during your first semester here are not to be forgotten, they are to be expanded on by the new connections you have made.

## Iowa caucuses carry limitations, receive too much attention

Over the past several months, presidential candidates have traveled across Iowa in search of support from the first voters in the 2016 election.

Though the Iowa caucuses have garnered much media attention lately, it is important to recognize some limitations of the results.

Perhaps the most notable limitation is that the makeup of the Iowa population is not representative of the larger United States.

More than 90 percent of the state's electorate is white, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In contrast, just 66.3 percent of eligible U.S. voters are white.

The limited minority representation in the Hawkeye State is particularly apparent with the lack of Hispanic, African-American and Asian voters.

A little more than 4 percent of eligible Iowa voters are Hispanic, 3.2 percent are African-American and 2.4 percent are Asian. These three groups comprise 34 percent of the national electorate.

While the last five Democratic Party winners in the Iowa caucuses eventually secured the party's nomination, the last two Republican Party winners failed to receive the party's nomination.

During the 2008 caucuses, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) placed fourth at just 13 percent. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee won Iowa at 34 percent.

The 2012 caucus proved to be more competitive within the Republican Party, but former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum edged out former Massachusetts Governor

Mitt Romney.

But the biggest weakness of the Iowa caucuses might be the voting system itself.

In the more efficient primaries, voters cast secret ballots for preferred candidates. States with open primaries allow voters to select candidates across party lines while closed primaries limit voters to candidates from within their affiliated party.

Caucuses require a greater time investment because residents cannot simply walk into a polling site to cast their ballots. Instead, they must arrive at one of the state's 1,744 precincts and participate in the discussing of candidates, picking of convention delegates and dealing of state party business.

At Republican caucus sites, candidate supporters are allowed to campaign and make a brief speech before the paper balloting.

At Democratic caucus sites, participants divide into groups based on their preferred

candidate. If a candidate secures less than 15 percent of the vote this year — as in the case of with former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley — the group is disbanded and must join another group.

Between procedural complexities and an unrepresentative electorate, the Iowa caucuses receive far more attention than they deserve.

In order for Elon University students to gain a better understanding of the election, it is necessary to recognize the benefits of examining data from a more diverse region, such as North Carolina.

The Tar Heel State has an African-American population of 22 percent, an Asian population of 3 percent and a Hispanic population of 9 percent. Because the sum of three groups meets the national average, there should be more hype for the North Carolina primaries — a state that is of far more importance to the Elon community.



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# I dropped, and it's going to be OK



Current juniors Sophie Pearson and Emma Warman of Alpha Xi Delta celebrate bid day in 2015.



The women of Sigma Sigma Sigma prepare to welcome new members on bid day in 2015.

Sunday, Jan. 31 concluded the chaotic and tumultuous week that is recruitment.

When I first came to Elon, never would



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I have thought I would be a participant in Greek Life recruitment. But, as I got to know women in various organizations, I realized that all the stereotypes I had established in my mind were wrong. The girls involved in these organizations were nothing like I had seen in

“House Bunny” or “Legally Blonde” (although I wouldn’t mind if there were some more people like Elle Woods in the world).

Over the past week, I had some of the most amazing conversations with genuinely down-to-earth women on topics ranging from TV shows and the Franco brothers to how different cultures interact and communicate with each other.

That being said, somewhere in the hours

of small talk, singing and dancing, I realized it simply wasn’t for me. Even before I signed up for recruitment, I wasn’t entirely sure if the “sisterhood” life was meant for me.

As I visited each house and looked into the world of Greek Life, I couldn’t see myself in any of the houses. I couldn’t picture myself clapping along to the tunes that exuded pride and love for one’s organization. And yes, I did experience the sting of being dropped from some organizations and

not clicking with the ones I did go back to. After this, it became apparent to me that it wasn’t worth it to join an organization just to say I was a sister of one. So, I dropped.

I’m not going to lie and say it didn’t hurt a bit when I went on social media and saw all the girls taking pictures with their new sisters on bid day, or hearing the stories of girls screaming and crying in excitement

when opening their bid cards. But, hours later, after the excitement died down and everyone went back to their dorm rooms, I saw something different and realized that the world wasn’t ending after all.

I journeyed into the common room of my hall and saw unaffiliated and affiliated women alike laughing and sharing the excitement with each other. It didn’t matter

who was part of which organization, because in the end we were just a group of friends all experiencing one aspect of

campus involvement — one part of Elon University that by no means defines who you are or who you can talk to. It was then I realized that joining a sorority is just one way of finding your “place” on campus or meeting friends that you click and get along with.

While Elon may not be a huge school, the size adds an element of community that

I feel larger schools don’t get. Here, you see less division between different organizations and instead experience the positive and negative aspects of being involved in a number of different areas.

So maybe you got dropped from recruitment, didn’t get a bid or didn’t rush at all. Maybe you did get a bid and joined an organization of women that will push you and support you throughout the next four years. The point is, either situation is not the “be-all and end-all” of your college experience.

If you didn’t end up joining a sorority, now you have more time to find something you are really passionate about and will excel at. If you did join, congratulations and use your time in that organization to grow and make a difference both in and out of your chapter.

Things happen for a reason. Don’t waste your time focusing on the “what ifs” and “why nots.” I guarantee there is something spectacular waiting for you to become a part of and make amazing. Wallow if you need to and move on — you only have four years at this school, so you might as well make the most of it.

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## Elon students need to start talking about Flint

In Flint, Michigan, 102,000 people have been poisoned by contaminated drinking water. Nine thousand of those people are

children under the age of 6, according to a Huffington Post article by activist and Michigan resident Michael Moore. This is an issue that has been brewing for years, but is just now getting the media attention and support it deserves.



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This crisis and the issues tied to it are likely to be important discussion topics in the upcoming presidential election, so it is crucial that Elon University students are paying attention to them.

For those who aren’t aware, this is yet another story of the tragedy that is the under-valuing of lives. In April 2014, in an effort to save money, the Michigan state government decided to switch Flint’s freshwater drinking supply from Lake Huron to the toxic Flint River. Residents began complaining about the smell, taste and color of the water almost immediately. It became apparent that there were

major issues with the safety of the drinking water, yet government officials were excruciatingly slow in responding, and even chose to cover up the issues at hand. The governor of Michigan, Rick Snyder, waited to declare a state of emergency until Jan. 5 of this year, and didn’t call on the National Guard to help distribute water until a week later.

That’s almost two years later.

So why did the government wait this long to respond? Many, including the new mayor of Flint, Karen Weaver, believe it is because the people of Flint carry less priority in Congress because of their race and socioeconomic status.

More than 40 percent of Flint’s residents live in poverty, and the majority of the population is African-American, according to The Washington Post. Compared to the rest of Michigan, their houses are valued at about a third of the costs of other houses in the area, and their income is half of the state’s average.

Far too often in the United States, the problems of minority communities are not addressed in a timely or serious matter. The most notable comparison to this situation is how former President George W. Bush responded to Hurricane Katrina. Snyder even recently admitted to this situation

being “his Katrina” — a complete failure of leadership and disregard of human life on his part.

But what makes this even worse and harder for me to wrap my head around is the fact that Hurricane Katrina was a natural disaster. President Bush couldn’t reverse or stop the effect of Katrina — it was going to run its course no matter what. His biggest issue was how he responded.

But the crisis in Flint is completely government-created and could have been stopped. There was no need to switch the fresh water supply for Flint, other than to provide tax breaks for the rich. Was a small cut on taxes really worth the irreversible health conditions an entire city now has?

Elon students seem to be engaging in more conversations about race relations in our country, yet there is a lot to be said about how race intersects with poverty and wealth distribution, as well as how the government perpetuates institutional racism. To echo what Hillary Clinton said in the last Democratic debate, if this had happened in the richer, predominantly white suburbs of Detroit, the issue would’ve been fixed within a matter of weeks.

As college students, especially with an upcoming election, we have a much louder voice than we think. Not only do we need

to be engaging in conversations about privilege within our community, we need to be relating it to events occurring in the larger world around us and how we can act.

What’s happening in Flint isn’t as simple as race and poor leadership. It is a part of the much larger issue of human rights that has been afflicting our country for decades. With the elections coming up so soon, it is imperative that Elon students are paying attention to issues like this, and using this knowledge and electoral power to help to create change in our nation.

### FLINT’S TOXIC WATER

- 18 months after the government switched the water supply, the proportion of children with above-average lead levels in their blood had doubled.
- Water in some homes contained enough lead to be classified as “toxic waste”.
- The number of cases of Legionnaire’s disease have increased tenfold since the switch to Flint River

# Starting college with child

*After gap year, Elon freshman balances school and motherhood*

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At age 18, freshman Loren Brunson was looking forward to high school graduation and starting her first year at Elon University in the fall. After attending boarding school at University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Brunson was planning to join the acting program at Elon.

But it was just after high school that Brunson discovered the news that would forever change her life.

"I found out after I graduated that I was pregnant," Brunson said. "I had already gotten accepted into the performing arts program at Elon."

According to a 2015 study by Do Something, parenthood is the leading reason that teen girls drop out of school. Brunson knew that she wanted to keep her baby, but she didn't want to give up her dream of becoming an actress.

## Taking a year off

Since the baby was coming in the fall, Brunson knew she needed to figure out a plan that gave her the option of being a mom and not completely dropping out of school.

"I needed a gap year, so I talked to the dean of academics and didn't tell her what was going on," Brunson said. "My referral was granted so I was with my daughter from November 2014, when she was born, to August 2015."

That year as a stay-at-home mom gave Brunson a taste of motherhood. Having supportive parents and an equally supportive boyfriend has given her the opportunity to transition into the role of full time student and mother.

"My family has made so many sacrifices for me," she said. "My mom changed her work schedule and will work from 2 p.m. to midnight so that I can enjoy life as well."

Deshe Jacob, Brunson's boyfriend and her daughter Raelyn's father, took off this past fall semester so that he could be with Raelyn and make the change easier for Brunson.

"My parents and my boyfriend wanted me to live on campus and enjoy the college experience," Brunson said.

## Having a college experience

Brunson said she has been lucky enough to be able to get some of the college experience, though she realizes her experience is very different from that of her peers. But, even with a child, she is involved in different activities and has a double major and double minor.

It is a constant struggle to manage it all.

Being home for a year and jumping back into school has come with its perks, but it has also come with its downfalls.

"Having school work and still managing to spend time with Raelyn is really hard," she said. "During the week, I'm usually on campus. My parents just want to ensure that I focus on school."

Do Something found that less than 2 percent of teen moms earn a college degree by 30. Brunson didn't think she would be able to do it without the support of Jacob and her parents. She knows she is lucky that they stand by her and want her to focus on school.

The fall semester especially proved to Brunson how difficult it is to live the life of both a mother and full-time student.

"Some days during the week I will drive home [to Greensboro] to go see her, but FaceTime has become our best friend," she said.

But even with technology, staying in constant contact with her daughter is hard.

Balancing school work and child care was easier during Winter Term because Brunson was able to stay at home and drive to her morning class because of the flexibility of the class schedule.

"My parents are always telling me that Raelyn is so young that she doesn't understand that mommy isn't there because she's at school," she said.

## Becoming a 'supermom'

"Watching Loren completely take over the 'mommy' role has been elating," Jacob said.

In his eyes, Brunson has always been mature enough to handle this situation, but after the baby came she matured even more and has done what a lot of girls her age don't and couldn't do.

The term "supermom" is how Jacob describes Brunson's ability to take care of her daughter while working towards a degree.

"She is double majoring and double minoring, making all A's, which is remarkable," Jacob said. "She stays busy but never misses the chance to spend time with our daughter. She's our superhero and my superwoman."

Becoming a young mother wasn't going to stop Brunson from achieving her dreams.

Since she was young, Brunson has known she wanted to become an actress. She knew that if she didn't attend college she would have regretted it later.

"I always remember that right now I'm having to make a small sacrifice to ensure that I get my college degree, which is very important to me," Brunson said.

She finds her inspiration and drive in her daughter and gets continuous support from her family and boyfriend.

Brunson knows she has been fortunate to have such supportive people in her life, but she also knows not everyone has that same

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support system. She believes more universities should offer assistance to make college more manageable for students with children.

"Hopefully in the years to come, Elon will offer a childcare program," she said.

Schools having this kind of program would give more young mothers the chance to go to school and still be with their children.

Yet only 5 percent of colleges and universities offer on-site daycare to students with children, according to U.S. News.

Many single mothers around the country feel they are lacking in the support depart-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOREN BRUNSON

▲ Loren Brunson took a gap year when her daughter, Raelyn, was born in November 2014.

▶ Brunson is able to balance school and taking care of her daughter with the help of her parents and boyfriend.

ment. According to the U.S. News, student mothers and college officials cite support systems, both at school and at home, as a factor integral to achievement.

One support program for single mothers pairs them with mentors they meet with monthly. These programs give mothers a place to go with questions about parenting, and having a mentor gives them someone they can always go to for help.

There is a childcare link on the Elon website that lists the childcare opportunities, including after-school and nanny care programs in the area. The first recommendation is the Alamance Partnership for Children as a great place to start.

The North Carolina Division of Child Development's website is another available resource the school cites. This is a website that allows parents to research potential facilities by town and set up site visits to specific locations.

Elon has yet to have any kind of childcare program on campus available for students with children.

According to Jana Lynn Patterson, dean of student health and wellness, Elon does not need to have a babysitting program because there is not a critical need for most students.

"Some universities have hundreds to thousands of students with dependent children," Paterson said. "We have less than five."

Though Brunson is lucky enough to have supportive family close by, she wants to change the system so less fortunate mothers can find the support they need.

"I'm just making things work," Brunson said. "Regardless of how hard it is."



# Acorn employee spends weekend in Disney

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The long awaited dream vacation has finally happened — Acorn Coffee employee Kathryn Thompson and her family, including her son Jeff, his wife Tonia and their two sons Jeremy and Joshua, made their trip to “the happiest place on Earth” over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.

Last September, Elon University junior Taylor Zisholtz and freshman Lucy Smith-Williams raised money to send Acorn Coffee employee Kathryn Thompson and her family on their dream vacation to Disney World.

The GoFundMe page raised more than \$10,000 and Ellen DeGeneres matched that amount during their appearance with Thompson on The Ellen DeGeneres Show with Thompson, allowing for an unforgettable adventure.

“They will never know how much this means to me,” Thompson said in a Disney Parks blog post.

During the trip, the Thompson family stayed at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Lodge and was able to experience the entire park. Thompson’s family dined “under the sea” in the Coral Reef Restaurant at Epcot, had a special visit from Mickey Mouse and friends in Magic Kingdom and saw animals on safari in Disney’s Animal Kingdom.

The highlight of this trip of a lifetime was meeting all of the characters and seeing the Lion King show at the Animal Kingdom, according to Zisholtz

“The family was extremely appreciative for everything that they were given,” Zisholtz said. “They were thrilled with everything that was done for them, and that made it all that much better to be a part of.”

Though they had already finished

raising money, both Zisholtz and Smith-Williams were still involved in planning the trip.

Every aspect of the vacation was planned in advance with the help of the Disney team, so the trip could be as carefree as possible. Every meal, reservation, FastPass schedule and character meet-and-greet were planned for them. Flights were booked, a daily itinerary was created and spending money was divided by day, meal and location.

“I am no Disney whiz, and if it wasn’t for the incredible kindness, patience and hard work from the folks at Disney, this trip would never have been this successful,” Zisholtz said. “They were so genuinely interested in this story and this family and did everything they could possibly do to make this trip incredible.”

According to Zisholtz, “Disney magic” came through and planned for her and Smith-Williams to surprise the Thompsons and join them for part of their weekend. Together they hung out with characters, shrieked through rides and munched down on themed meals.

Though they got to join in on the trip, Zisholtz believes the greatest part of the trip was watching the Thompson family come together and experience all of the happiness.

“It was so special to see our efforts pay off,” she said.

Zisholtz and Smith-Williams watched Thompson’s grandsons’ faces lighting up as they walked through Magic Kingdom and gave Mickey Mouse and Goofy hugs. The girls personally enjoyed traveling through Animal Kingdom because it was what the Thompson family enjoyed the most.

“Getting to know Joshua and Jeremy has been so great — they are such special, sweet boys and to see them so happy was one of the greatest moments to witness,” Zisholtz said. “I couldn’t imagine having a better experience.”

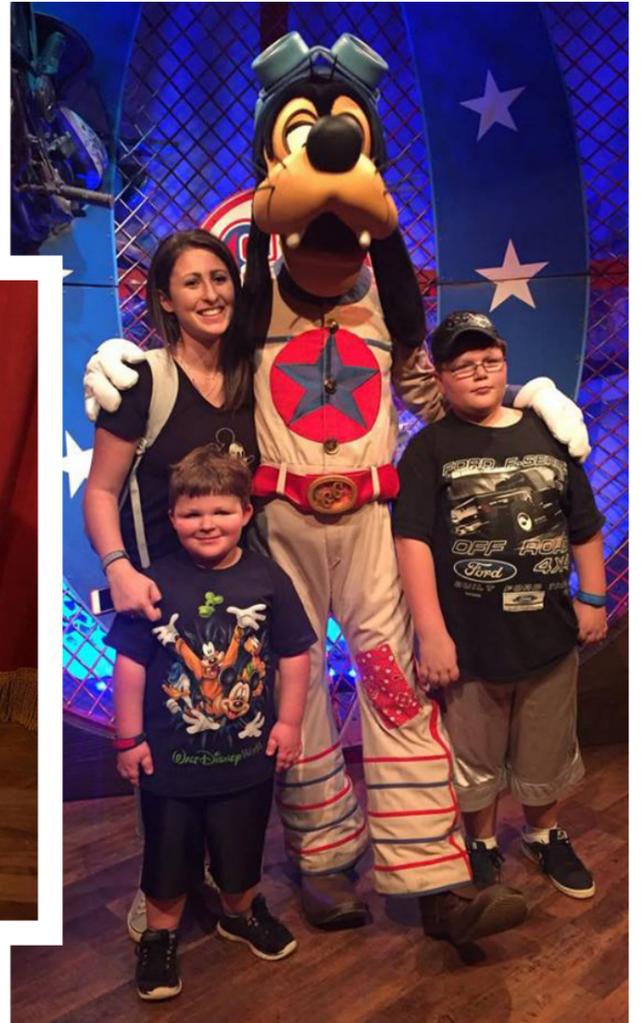


▲ Kathryn Thompson and her family had a blast meeting their favorite characters in Animal Kingdom.

▶ Junior Taylor Zisholtz poses with Thompson’s grandsons, Jeremy and Joshua, and character Goofy.



▲ Thompson’s grandson Joshua’s dream came true when he hugged Mickey Mouse in Magic Kingdom.



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# Japanese cuisine: Harusaki

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Unlike the higher prices found at Red Bowl or Simply Thai, two sushi rolls (eight pieces each) with a soup or salad is just \$9, or three rolls with a soup or salad is only \$13.50 at the Japanese restaurant Harusaki. These prices fit within many college students’ budgets for an authentic meal.

Harusaki is located Alamance Crossing in Burlington, diagonal from Target and next to Sally Beauty Supply.

Though the outside is bland, located in a strip mall with a basic red and green logo, the mood changes once inside the restaurant.

The interior is filled with dragons, Asian landscape paintings, Japanese decorations, a huge fish tank at the entrance and a long sushi bar where patrons can see how the chef prepares the food. The small restaurant is filled with a few tables and booths.

To enjoy authentic sushi or Asian cuisine, Elon University students can walk to Harusaki after a trip to Target for a quick, affordable and appetizing meal. The Elon BioBus also stops at Target for those who do



Though the exterior of Harusaki is simple, the inside of the restaurant is filled with Japanese decorations.

not have a car.

“It is one of the few Japanese restaurants in the area,” said freshman Emiliana Lanz. “It is never really crowded so you can eat fast and cheap.”

Even with low cost and close proximity, the quality of the food from Harusaki is still the complete package — the food is delicious and portions are generous.

“It is a great sushi place,” Lanz said. “It is not very well-known, but it is actually better than the other sushi restaurants where people go all the time.”

For patrons who do not like sushi or sashimi, there are many other authentic Japanese options. Calamari, fried rice, hibachi style chicken, noodles, soups, salads and fish are also available. The menu is long and

diverse, so even those who are incredibly picky can find a plate they will enjoy. The restaurant also accepts Phoenix Cash as a form of payment.

“I have never had a problem or questioned the quality of their food and that is definitely important,” said freshman Sara Smith.

According to Smith, the sushi is fresh and it takes fewer than 10 minutes to prepare an order.

Others weren’t as enthused about the service.

“The service is average,” said freshman Sofia Arguello. “It is not great but it is not bad either.”

Harusaki also has delivery options, so students can also enjoy a meal on days when they don’t feel like leaving their beds. A downside of Harusaki’s delivery is that the estimated delivery time is anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes.

Since Harusaki is not part of a big chain, the quality is always reliable.

“I would definitely recommend Harusaki if people are looking for a place to get sushi for a good deal and have a good experience,” Smith said. “It is a place you can’t turn down.”

# Decoding the Shakespearean language

## REVIEW

### Winter Stock Theatre's 'All's Well That Ends Well'

In a Shakespearean play that likens love to war, a unique rendition created by the cast and crew of Elon University's Department of Performing Arts' Winter Stock Theatre stayed true to the traditional tale of "All's Well That Ends Well" while adding innovative elements to enhance the storytelling for modern audiences.

With more performances from Feb. 3-6 in Scott Studio's Roberts Studio Theatre after being shown for three days during Winter Term, Elon's version of Shakespeare's "problem play" — meaning it's not classified as a comedy or tragedy — aims to entertain and interact with the audience, by seating audience members on three sides of the stage and surprising viewers with involvement.



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of Elon University's Department of Performing Arts' Winter Stock Theatre stayed true to the traditional tale of "All's Well That

"All's Well That Ends Well" follows Helena, a low-born ward of Spanish countess, who is in love with a man who has no interest in her — the countess' son Bertram. With a few rejections, Helena still continues to pursue him as a war breaks out in Italy, keeping a theme of the similarity of love and war.

The audience seemed to enjoy the show as everyone roared with laughter from the superb characterization, acting choices and the roles overall.

The small black box theater wasn't filled entirely, but that had more to do with the snow and ice and it being a Sunday.

It seemed as if the two main love interests broke characters a tad, as they both burst into laughter when the remainder of the cast exited the stage during the first scene. But though the giggle didn't seem intentional, did not affect the production as a whole.

The cast all handled the language and its pacing well. They knew their lines thoroughly and didn't mess up any of the complicated dialogue, which was especially impressive considering how difficult Shakespearean English can be.

The cast and creative team broke down the complex wording from Shakespeare's original work



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The cast of 'All's Well That Ends Well' rehearsed for the play as a Winter Term class. The show will run from Feb. 3-6.

for an audience unfamiliar with the language to easily understand the story through physical movements, sets, music and costumes.

Freshman Samantha Potak, assistant Director and enjoyed her time not only working on the production, but also getting to watch the play and to see it from an entirely different point of view — the audience perspective.

"I never knew I could laugh at a Shakespeare show," Potak said. "The cast does a great job at helping the audience understand."

In addition to being a well-executed Shakespearean play done

by students, it was a hilarious play that had the entire audience in stitches — giggling at funny lines of dialogue, audience interactions, stage cues and body movements.

Though the show usually takes place in the 1600s, the Winter Stock Theatre's version takes place in World War II. The transitional music helped to set each scene as well as the mood of the location and change of era in which "All's Well That Ends Well" takes place.

For primarily working on the play over the duration of the Winter Term "Winter Stock Theatre" course, the entire production was

very well done in all aspects.

This laugh-out-loud play was a huge hit for the entire audience. All of the physical comedy helped the audience further understand complex Shakespearean language and also entertained the audience from start to finish.

"I think it's great. It's really funny," said senior Jacqueline Gravely. "Even though I didn't understand half of what they were saying, they did a good job [explaining it] physically."

The plot may have had its problems, but the production certainly did not.

# 'Maddogg Heat Sleeve' keeps coffee warm

## Elon student wins ElevatorPitch invention competition

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As senior Madison Tamblin prepared for the chance of a lifetime at the San Francisco ElevatorPitch event sponsored by PeopleConnect, her ticket inside almost got tossed.

"The bartender said, 'Can I throw this away for you?' and I said quickly 'No. That's my prototype,'" Tamblin said. "So, long story short, my prototype was almost thrown away right before the competition."

Tamblin had an interest in inventing since she was a little girl. Growing up, she had many ideas that she ran by her sisters and parents that were not always practical. But, that all changed with her invention of "The Maddogg Heat Sleeve."

## The "Maddogg Heat Sleeve" was made to prevent coffee from going from 120 degrees to 50 degrees in 20 minutes.

Her journey to invention started earlier this year when Tamblin began to develop the product, a sleeve that when placed on a cup of coffee will maintain the heat of it. Her idea was to prevent the annoying occurrence of coffee going from an 120 degree barista masterpiece to a 50 degree cold drink in a matter of 20 minutes.

### Entering the competition

When registration came around for Winter Term, Tamblin immediately signed up for the "Innovation in America"



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Senior Madison Tamblin won first place in the ElevatorPitch competition with the 'Maddogg Heat Sleeve.'

course, with hopes of pitching her idea in California's Silicon Valley, home to companies like Facebook and Dropbox, both of which students had the opportunity to visit while on their trip.

On their way to California, Tamblin learned the news that would propel her idea from the pages of her invention notebook to an active panel of judges. Kevin O'Mara, professor of management and executive director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, and Scott Kelly, coordinator for student entrepreneurship and instructor in marketing, informed Tamblin that she would have the opportunity to participate in a pitch competition scheduled for the following Wednesday night — her birthday.

The San Francisco ElevatorPitch competition consists of two-minute pitches followed by a question and answer session that ends with non-rebuttal feedback from the judges, who are angel investors, with the potential for them to invest in the proposed invention.

With only four days to prepare her presentation, Tamblin managed to place first in

the competition.

"I've always wanted to start a business [and invent], so now I'm getting to do both simultaneously," Tamblin said.

Moving forward, Tamblin said her life plan is ever-changing and she is not even sure where she will be when she graduates. With the "Maddogg Heat Sleeve" launch set for later this spring, Tamblin hopes to take things from there.

Tamblin started out Elon as a sport and event management major, but quickly switched to the business school. When she made the switch, the management major began to offer concentrations, one of which is project management.

She thought she would apply for event-planning jobs after graduation, but she began looking into creating.

"I get bored really easily, and I remember a quote in one of the readings we had in Professor O'Mara's class that said something along the lines of, 'When an inventor solves the problem they have been working on, they no longer care about the solution,'" Tamblin said.

Tamblin said. "To me, this meant that as soon as you find the answer, you are bored with the project and move on to the next. I have always been moving from one project to the next."

### Pursuing a startup

Tamblin always had the tools to become a successful inventor — she just may not have known it yet.

"I am a hands-on learner, I never actually read directions before doing something," Tamblin said. "This usually turns out okay, because I can use my creativity to find a way to complete what I am trying to do. This is very similar to innovation: solving a problem without any direction."

Throughout her evolution as an entrepreneur and inventor, Tamblin has acquired many mentors. Wes McGee, CEO of EyeMarker Systems, Inc., and chairman of KSI Data Sciences, has been an entrepreneurship mentor to Tamblin since the beginning of the "Maddogg Heat Sleeve."

"It is fun to work with and mentor young entrepreneurs when they are creative, passionate, willing to commit to their goal and also listen to suggestion," McGee said. "Madison represents all these attributes."

Tamblin continues to look to McGee for guidance as she moves forward with her new business venture.

"I call him when I need advice, or if I'm making a big decision," Tamblin said. "He helps me look at the tough side of things and really question why I am making the decision, and if it is best for my business in the long run."

To help make her dream come true, Tamblin will be starting a Kickstarter campaign to cover the start-up costs of launching the business.

"I have many inventions, some are horrible, and some are practical," she said. "There is one that I really want to work on in the future. For now, my time is being devoted to the 'Maddogg Heat Sleeve' only."

## HOCKEY

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possible,” Waetjen said.

Waetjen, who spent a year playing junior hockey in Texas before he got injured, and is physically the biggest player on Elon's team. He followed his brother Ryan '15 to Elon, using a deferred admission after his year in juniors, and loves the environment surrounding the hockey team.

And it's a unique environment for the 40 players on the Elon club hockey team.

Through the late night practices, grueling game schedule and the toll that the sport of hockey puts on the body, the students play at Elon because they simply don't know what they'd do without it.

### From men's league to organized club

For many years, Elon students interested in hockey have always found ways to play by participating in a men's league in Greensboro.

In 2011, the students applied to become an official university club team and were approved. After playing a season in club hockey without a coach, the students in charge of the club decided they wanted to find coaches.

Paul Cormier and Rich Arnesen had both played against the students in the men's league in Greensboro, and both had a passion for coaching. The student leaders ran the interviews, letting potential coaches pitch themselves to the players they would coach.

“It was different,” Arnesen said. “I treated it like it was any other interview, but it was different because it wasn't one-on-one — it was a group interview. They went to specific guys [in the men's league] and asked if they wanted to interview for the job.”

Cormier founded his own company, WinCorp Software, in 1995 and is the president and CEO to this day. The Raleigh resident was picked as the head coach by the student leaders, and hasn't found it difficult to coach them.

“It makes it easier, because kids I didn't coach had their own styles and ideas,” Cormier said. “As I continued to coach the kids — first year, second year, third year — they started knowing the systems I wanted them to see, the levels of discipline I wanted them to maintain, and we all got more and



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Senior goalie Garrett Johnston (40) and sophomore defenseman Matt Williamson (88) dive to stop a shot on goal Jan. 16. UNC scored and beat Elon 12-4.

more on the same page to play competitive hockey.”

Arnesen works as a plumbing estimator for AC Corporation and lives in Greensboro. He coaches because of his previous experience with club hockey.

“When I was in college my first year, I didn't make the team,” Arnesen said. “The next year, I went back and played for the club team and we had a blast. That was the most fun I ever had playing hockey.”

“What I got from that, I wanted to give back to that. I love the sport. I coach, I ref, my kids grew up in it. I just like giving back to the kids.”

Cormier has coached for nearly 20 years, and, despite having two kids who play hockey, likes coaching the college-aged kids at the club level better than the younger kids in peeewee hockey.

“I like having the one-on-one interactions, and not just giving hockey lessons, but also some life lessons,” Cormier said. “A lot of things that happen in life, like work ethic, can

be taught through hockey.”

Elon now plays in the Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey League (ACCHL), part of Division II of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The 13-team league is broken up into three divisions, with Elon residing in the 5-team Central Division.

Other schools in the Central are the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and James Madison University.

As Elon's competed in the ACCHL, the captain of the team, senior defenseman Nick Garfield, has seen steady improvement from when he and his best friend Cameron Bloomer '15 first played.

“It's so much better now,” Garfield said. “When I started, we had a 20-man roster, and sometimes not everyone could come, so we had games with three defensemen. Now we have eight, and we pick six. We have 40 men — well, actually, 38 men and 2 women.”

### The long, late road to the rink

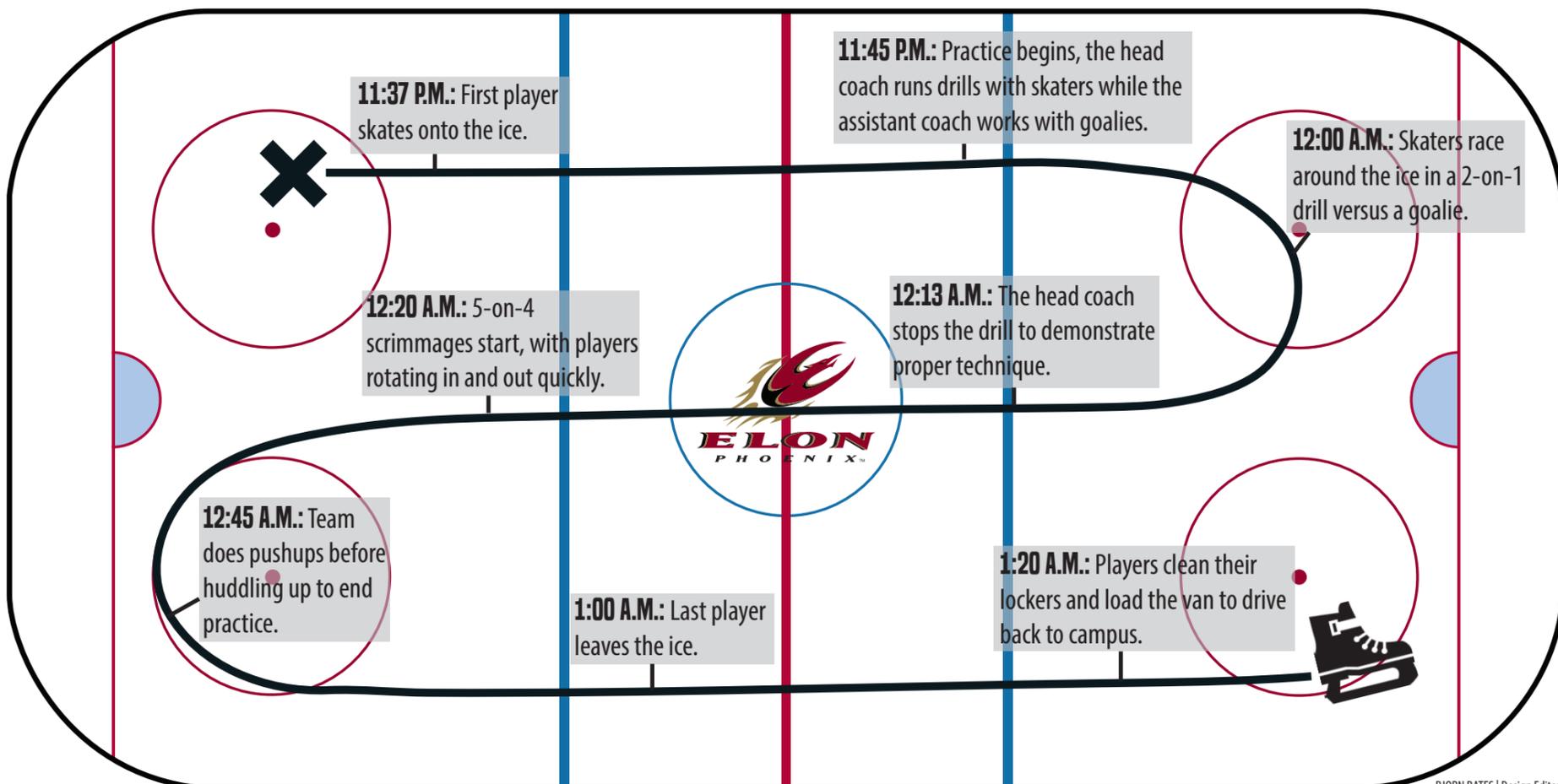
The hockey team is one of the few teams, club or varsity, that doesn't have a usable facility on campus. And ice rinks aren't as plentiful in North Carolina as they are in the Northeast, where the majority of Elon hockey players come from.

The Orange County Sportsplex, sometimes referred to as the Triangle Sportsplex, is the home ice of the Phoenix hockey club, but it also is the home ice for UNC and Duke. Out of the three schools, Elon's 30-mile commute to the home rink is the farthest.

The usually hectic schedule of ice rinks, combined with the need for private skating for practices, means available times are scarce. Elon's 11:30 p.m. practice time follows UNC's practice, which starts at 10 p.m.

The team rents vans from the university to get to practice, packing the players in as tight as necessary to avoid running up

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expenses. Garfield typically drives one of the vans both ways.

"Sometimes it can be tough, especially when you're up that late," Cormier admits. "But once you're on the ice, and things are flowing, and the kids are enjoying themselves, then it makes it all worth it."

Garfield embraces the late practices, and seems to love the insanity of the schedule.

"It's not an issue," Garfield said. "I had 8 a.m. classes on Thursdays. You wake up. Sleep has never been an issue. Get what you can, and take a nap the next day if you need it. I've missed two practices my entire career, maybe three."

"It's the boys. You're not going to not come."

### Timing is always tight

Weekends usually mean a game or two for the team, and the Jan. 15-16 weekend is no different. The first games back from winter break happen in a 16-hour span, with a 10:15 p.m. game against North Carolina State University's club team Friday Jan. 15 followed by a 3:45 p.m. game Saturday Jan. 16 against UNC.

Friday night's game was a tightly contested 3-1 loss for Elon, with both of the goals for the Wolfpack coming in the last six minutes of the game. Elon was proud of its performance Friday night, as the Wolfpack are undefeated in ACCHL play and 17-2 overall, best in the league. UNC also played Friday night, with an 8-4 win over Wake Forest University in a 9:15 p.m. game.

But the Tar Heels had Elon on their mind, as the Phoenix beat them 7-3 Nov. 22, the last game before break for UNC. The Tar Heels were missing their two best scorers, junior forwards Brendan Radatovich and AJ Hamel, who also serves as the team captain.

"We've played them before, and we won last time," Garfield said. "Neither of us had full rosters, and when we played last year, we stopped the game because the ice was all messed up — concrete was coming through the corner."

But a 3:45 p.m. start doesn't mean the puck drops at that time. The Sportsplex holds open skating until 3:30 p.m., and then the Zamboni comes out to resurface the ice before the game.

Right at 3:45 p.m., the whistle blew for the teams to hit the ice for the seven minutes of warm-ups. After the quick skate, both teams skated to their respective bench, save for the starters for each team.

The national anthem played over the stereo at 3:52 p.m., the only time the rink will be silent. With the anthem over, the puck dropped at 3:55 p.m.

### A disappointing day

When the puck finally dropped, Elon



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Freshman forward Drew Waetjen (55) tackles UNC's Brendan Radatovich after he tackled freshman forward Ryan Hallahan (5) Jan. 16. All three were ejected.

got a shot on goal eight seconds into the game, but UNC's goalies saved the initial breakaway.

After that, it was all Tar Heels in the first period, with captain Hamel leading the way with two goals and an assist. The fourth goal of the period for UNC came with 18 seconds left, with Hamel getting a pass from Radatovich after an Elon player slipped in the Elon defensive zone.

As the player who slipped returned to the bench he slammed the door shut behind him, and threw his stick against the boards out of frustration. Since the game was played in Winter Term, multiple Elon players were studying abroad for three weeks, and the results of the depleted roster showed early.

Elon got on the scoreboard in the second period with two goals, but gave up five more. Despite two quick goals in the third period, Elon lost to the Tar Heels, 12-4.

"Not the result we wanted," Garfield said. "It was a scheduling error. We played State last night, so we're all exhausted."

### The desire to play

Like so many players in the ACCHL, Waetjen and Garfield both decided to not

pursue hockey as a career, knowing their skill level would have made them marginal-at-best prospects.

"I probably could have played D-III if I wanted to, but that would have meant dedicating my life to it," Garfield said. "I wouldn't have had any fun. Here, we have a whole social life, we have a blast, and as a plus, we get to play competitive hockey."

"We have really good players, who played juniors, that chose education and a lifestyle and fun over the dream. I was never up for the dream."

Garfield wears the captain's 'C' on his jersey proudly, and bears the weight and responsibility that it carries with pleasure.

"Just the other day, the refs came through and said, 'You're one of the guys we look towards on the ice, and we're always excited to play with Elon because of you,'" Garfield said. "I keep my guys calm the whole time, despite all the nonsense that happens. I can't control when guys jump off the bench. But other than that, I keep everyone calm."

"Coach Cormier always says hockey is an emotional roller coaster. There's ups and there's downs. If you don't stay at your peak, where you want to be, it's not going to end well. You're either too

intense or down on yourself. My goal is to keep everyone staying positive."

Garfield knew about the challenges a hockey player faces at Elon from when he visited campus his sophomore year of high school with his best friend from home, but his love for the school shone through.

"I love Elon," Garfield said. "It was just a matter of getting in. I applied to two schools, and if I didn't get in to Elon, I was going to Coastal Carolina [University] for as long as it took to get in here. I love this school."

The common theme across all of the players is the love of hockey, something that they've known since they could first remember.

"I just really didn't want to give it up yet," Waetjen said. "As soon as you're in deep, playing hockey your whole life, it's really hard to let go of something like that."

"I couldn't imagine not playing," Garfield said. "Seeing all the guys still playing and me not playing when it's such an option to play. You know?"

As his final season with Elon club hockey comes to an end this month, one can assume Garfield won't have a problem finding a new team to play hockey with.



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Elon's captain, senior defenseman Nick Garfield (14, left) handles the puck Jan. 16. Later in the same game, Ryan Hallahan (5, right) celebrates a goal as teammates race to embrace him. Elon lost to UNC 12-4.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Jan. 28  
64-66 

Jan. 30  
71-67 

Feb. 4  
Home 7 p.m. 

Feb. 6  
Home 6 p.m. 

STANDINGS

	Overall	CAA
UNCW	16-5	8-2
Hofstra	16-6	8-2
William & Mary	15-6	7-3
Towson	16-7	7-3
James Madison	16-7	6-4
C. of Charleston	13-8	5-5
Elon	13-10	4-6
Northeastern	12-11	4-6
Drexel	3-18	1-9
Delaware	5-16	0-10

MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Jan. 30  
7-0 

Feb. 1  
7-0 

Feb. 6  
Away 12 p.m. 

Feb. 7  
Away 1 p.m. 

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Jan. 29  
1-6 

Jan. 30  
0-7 

Feb. 6  
Home 12 p.m. 

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Jan. 29  
56-54 

Jan. 31  
49-59 

Feb. 5  
Home 7 p.m. 

Feb. 7  
Away 2 p.m. 

STANDINGS

	Overall	CAA
James Madison	14-5	7-1
Hofstra	16-4	7-2
Drexel	11-9	7-2
Elon	12-8	5-4
Delaware	10-10	5-4
William & Mary	13-7	4-5
C. of Charleston	8-11	3-5
Northeastern	7-13	2-7
UNCW	6-14	2-7
Towson	5-15	2-7

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football to hold National Signing Day events today

The Elon University football team will broadcast a one-hour show and hold a reception open to the public to celebrate National Signing Day.

The broadcast, to be shown online at elonphoenix.com at 1 p.m., will feature head coach Rich Skrosky and other staff members.

The reception, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall, will have refreshments. Skrosky and his staff will be discussing the new class of players.

Elon hires assistant volleyball coach, promotes Reading

Head volleyball coach Mary Tendler announced Jan. 29 the addition of Karlis Dunens to her staff as an assistant coach. He'll work specifically with the defense and develop scouting reports, Tendler said. Tina Reading has been promoted to associate head coach.

Dunens spent last year as a volunteer assistant at the University of Memphis. He's also worked at Southwestern University, University of Houston, Jacksonville State University and his alma mater, Texas A&M University '06.

Men's basketball earns comeback victory at Northeastern

Sophomore guard Dmitri Thompson had 19 points and freshman forward Tyler Seibring hit a go-ahead jumper in the lane with less than two minutes left as Elon beat Northeastern University 71-67 Jan. 30.

The Phoenix, which trailed by as much as 14 in this second half, recorded its best rebounding margin (+15) against a Division I opponent since January 2011.

Seibring had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Track and field relay team places at Camel City Invitational

Elon's 4x400 women's track and field relay team of freshmen Desiree Ross and Lauren Brzozowski, sophomore Lydia Laws and senior Jen Esposito placed third at the Camel City Invitational Jan. 30 with a time of 3:53.59.

Senior Sydney Griffin was fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.06, and junior Carrie Abraham finished fifth in the triple jump at 39'1".