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Elon flies into CAA Tournament *Phoenix riding high on three-game winning streak entering postseason*

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In a dominant performance, Elon dispatched UNCW with ease at home Feb. 28.

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Managing Editor

The thought elicited some wide-eyed facial expressions, a chuckle or two and most certainly some brainstorming to see if it was really true.

Alas, it was. After nearly an entire season of serving as the doorman in the cellar of the Colonial Athletic Association, the Elon University men's basketball team had something to pride itself on.

So coach Matt Matheny threw the almost-jarring proposal onto the table.

"You can write that we're the hottest team," Matheny said. "Does anyone else have a three-game win streak?"

No, no one else does. It's just Elon, riding a three-game winning streak into this week's CAA Tournament in Baltimore.

Elon will be the No. 8 seed in the CAA Tournament, and will take on No. 9 Towson University on Friday, March 6 in the tournament's opening game. Should the Phoenix win that game, it'll face top seed College of William & Mary the next day.

"We can build off this," senior guard Austin Hamilton said, "and learn from the mistakes we're making. Hopefully, we'll make a run in this tournament."

Elon ended its season on Saturday, Feb. 28 with a dominant 74-55 victory against the Univer-

sity of North Carolina at Wilmington in what was perhaps the best performance the Phoenix has turned in all season. Should UNCW have won, the Seahawks would have clinched the CAA regular season title and the No. 1 seed in the league tournament.

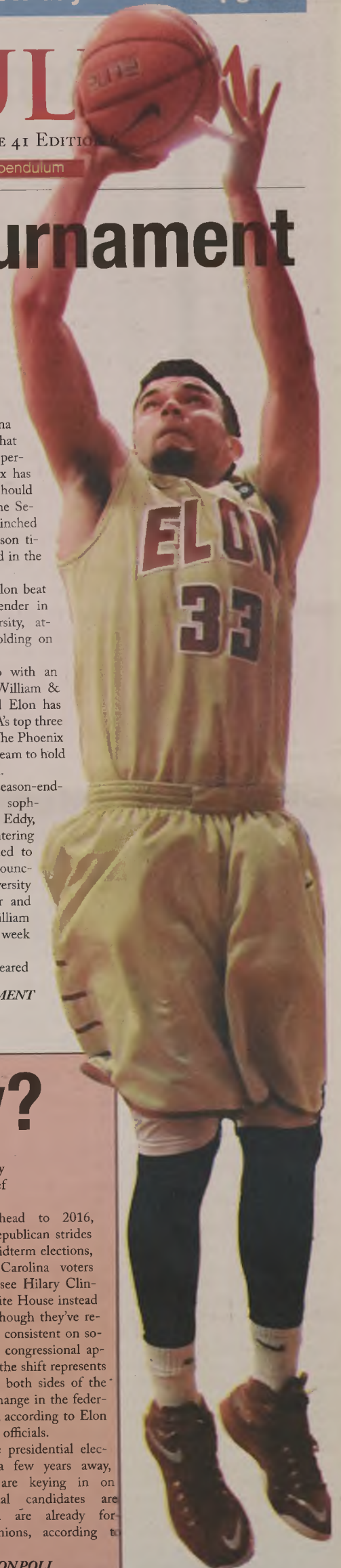
Two days prior, Elon beat another league contender in Northeastern University, attacking early and holding on for a 72-65 triumph.

Group those two with an 85-79 victory over William & Mary on Jan. 8 and Elon has wins against the CAA's top three teams in its arsenal. The Phoenix is the lowest seeded team to hold that accomplishment.

Elon, despite a season-ending ACL injury to sophomore guard Luke Eddy, had momentum entering CAA play, and added to that with a 77-67 trouncing of Drexel University in its league opener and the victory over William & Mary less than a week later.

But that disappeared

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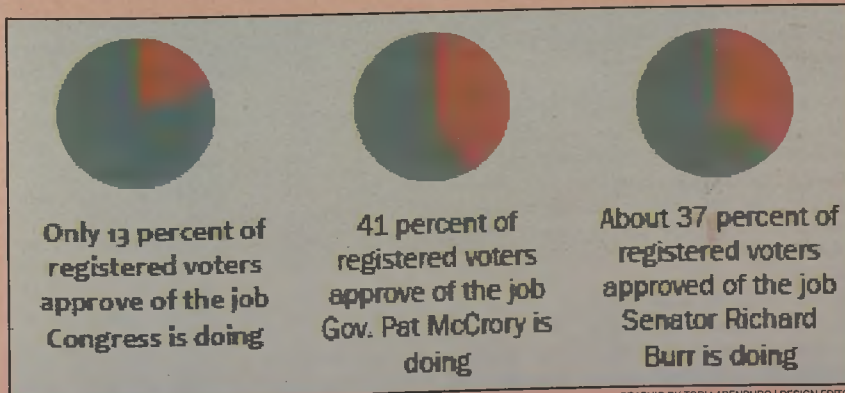
Is NC ready for Hillary?

Latest Elon University Poll finds low approval of congress, stillness on social issues and little confidence in direction

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Looking ahead to 2016, and despite Republican strides made in the midterm elections, more North Carolina voters would like to see Hilary Clinton in the White House instead of Jeb Bush. Though they've remained mostly consistent on social issues and congressional approval ratings, the shift represents a desire across both sides of the aisle for real change in the federal government, according to Elon University Poll officials.

Though the presidential election is still a few years away, more voters are keying in on what potential candidates are peddling and are already formulating opinions, according to



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