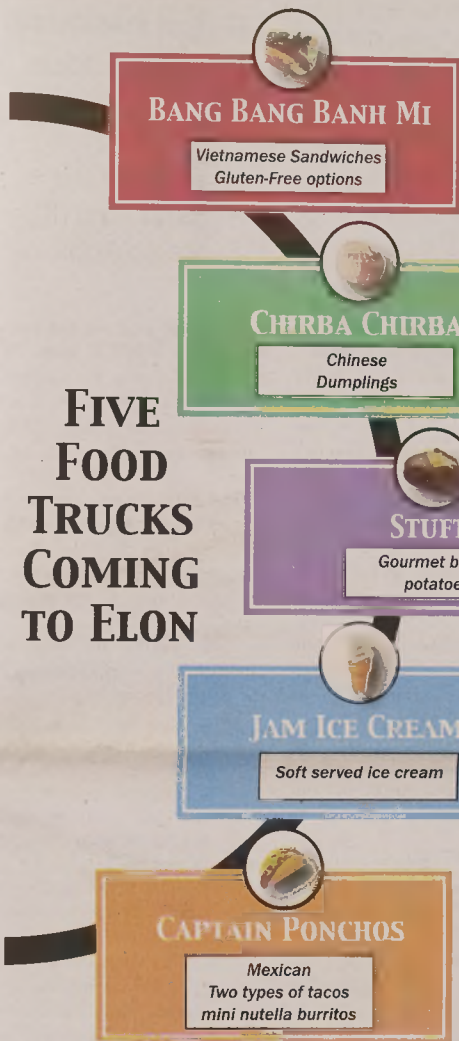


THE PENDULUM

ELON, NORTH CAROLINA • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 • VOLUME 41 EDITION 11

facebook.com/thependulum www.elonpendulum.com @elonpendulum

Appetites await food truck arrival



**FIVE
FOOD
TRUCKS
COMING
TO ELON**

Caroline Fernandez
News Editor

Senior Daniela Nava has been thinking about food trucks since sophomore year.

But Nava didn't just have them on her mind for the food they offer and the unique ordering experience they give.

Nava, the outgoing vice president of the Student Union Board (SUB), had a purpose in thinking about food trucks, namely bringing them to campus for the student body to enjoy.

What was once a mere idea will come to fruition Thursday, April 16, when SUB and Elon Dining bring five food trucks to campus for lunch.

The process of bringing food trucks to campus began when Nava and now-outgoing SUB president Kyle Koach were first on SUB's executive board sophomore year.

"It's been a long time that we've been dreaming this up," Nava said. "We fantasized with the idea sophomore year, but we

didn't take it any further."

Although many liked the idea at the time, SUB was not in the right place to take on such an event.

"SUB was in a different place," Nava said. "It wasn't the right time to pursue it. We didn't have the support and success that we do today."

In fall 2014, Nava toyed with the idea again.

Things began to fall into place when Nava, a sport and event management major, was assigned her final project for her senior seminar.

For a sport and event management's senior seminar, they can create a project that applies anything they learned throughout the major courses.

A collaboration with SUB and Elon Dining fulfilled requirements for Nava to turn an idea she originally had as a sophomore in SUB to her senior seminar final project.

In the middle of fall semester 2014, Nava then began to work with Aramark through Elon Dining and SUB to plan and coordinate the event.

Before Nava approached them, Aramark marketing coordinator for Elon Dining Heather Krieger said Elon Dining had already been thinking about bringing food trucks to campus.

"We had been thinking about doing something with food trucks in May 2015 as an end-of-the-year event for students," Krieger said. "We joined with

See **FOOD TRUCKS**
page 3

Inside:

News



Elonthon raises \$180,068 for Duke Children's Hospital pg. 4

Style

Elon's production of "Chicago" merges theatre and technology pg. 12

Sports



Women's lacrosse defeats William & Mary, looks towards the CAA tournament pg. 17

Elon ranks near bottom on Pell Grants

Staff Reports

Elon University is locked in a race to the bottom for a dubious spot as the least economically diverse institution in the country — but the administration has recognized the fact and says the school is making "slow progress."

In a recent column released in the Hechinger Report, a publication that follows higher education news, Elon was ranked as one of seven schools in the United States with less than 10 percent of students attending who receive Pell Grants, a federal program that provides aid to students whose families make \$60,000 or less per year.

According to the report, President Leo Lambert and his administration recognize the problem and evidence Elon promising to double financial aid by 2020 as a sign that they're doing something about it.

"We are digging hard into this issue of access, because it makes a big difference in the quality of the kind of community we aspire to be," Lambert said, according to Stephen Burd, the report's author.

Prompted in the first place by

Washington University in St. Louis' — long-considered the least economically diverse school in the country — unprecedented promise to double the proportion of its Pell Grant recipients by 2020, the report goes on to analyze which school is most likely to replace Washington for the not-so-coveted bottom spot on the list of national rankings.

Elon's status as a private university can complicate things.

"As a private university, it's harder for Elon to provide scholarship and a tuition rate that can accommodate

students from a larger background," said junior Bryn Bonner.

According to the report, Elon does not look to be the No. 1 choice to do so. Though Lambert categorized the school's Pell Progress as "slow," Burd said it was important that Elon is at least doing something about it.

Students are split.

"Because Elon is mostly tuition-based, they can't hand out a lot of scholarships, which is why I think Elon has a big economic disparity," said sophomore Stephanie Scro. "A lot of students here are the same."

ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

9% of Elon students receive Pell Grants. A federal scholarship program that helps college students whose families make less than \$30,000 a year.

IN COMPARISON

Davidson College	Duke University	High Point University
13%	14%	13%

Source: The Hechinger Report

Elon track athlete suspended after arrest for assault, battery

Tommy Hamzik
Managing Editor

and was released last week.

"Jennifer has been suspended from the team for a violation of team rules," said Dan Wyar, Elon director of communications for athletics, in a text message.

Esposito, from Mansfield, Massachusetts, is a hurdler and sprinter for the Elon track team.

She won the Southern Conference outdoor championship in the 400-meter hurdles, setting a school record with her time of 59.60 seconds.

Esposito was named Colonial Athletic Association Women's Track Athlete of the Week on March 24, winning the 400-meter hurdles and helping the Phoenix to a crown in the 4x400-meter relay at the Coastal Carolina Invitational.

A May 19 trial is pending for Jennifer Diane Esposito, a 20-year-old junior and member of the women's track and field team, who was recently arrested on an assault and battery charge.

Esposito struck the victim with a closed fist, according to the Alamance County Clerk of Court. The victim, a male student, was reported to have scratches on his face, neck, back and arms.

The incident occurred early April 7 at Esposito's Crest apartment. She wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to an Elon University Police report.

Esposito met her \$500 bond