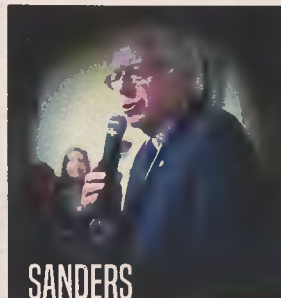


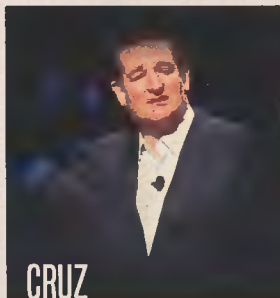
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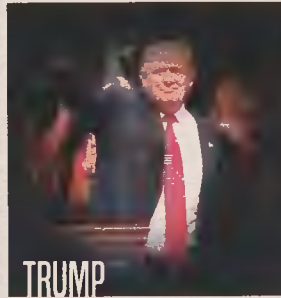
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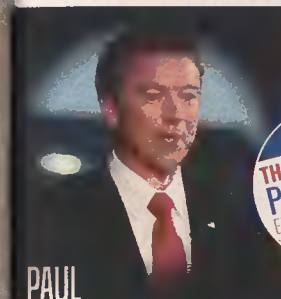
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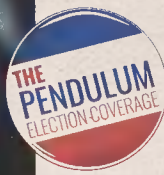
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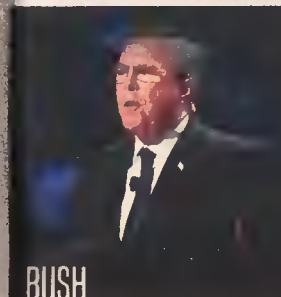
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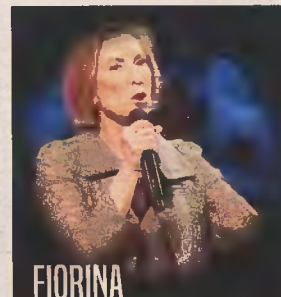
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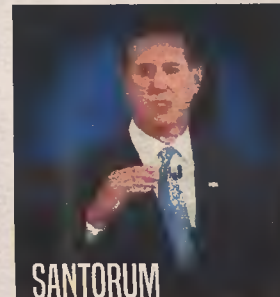
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SANTORUM

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

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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-

voing 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

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Club hockey plays through late nights, long travel

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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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