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AND PAINFUL FLAW IN THE  
FABRIC OF AMERICAN JUSTICE"  
-LBJ

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## 'WE CAME LOOKING FOR FREEDOM'

Elon community grapples with Trump's executive order banning travel from select countries

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Ahmed Fadaam's personal life was drastically altered by the stroke of President Donald Trump's pen.

Originally from Iraq, the assistant professor of communications at Elon University is essentially forbidden from returning to his family. Trump's 13th executive order, which prohibits travel for 120

days from seven majority Muslim countries, was enacted to fulfill its title: "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States."

But for Fadaam, it strips him from his loved ones.

"If I leave the United States, I am not sure if I will be allowed access back in," Fadaam said. "Having a reunion with some of my family members that are still in Baghdad is now impossible."

Fadaam is among those affect-

ed by Trump's actions on Elon's campus. While Elon is only a medium-sized institution, the power of Trump's action resonates even here.

Fadaam registered for an immigration visa in 2009 and moved to the United States in 2012. A devoted Muslim, Fadaam labors intensely to explain to his students that all practitioners of his faith are not extremists.

But one of Trump's pertinent messages on the campaign trail and

his infant presidency was to eradicate "radical Islamic terrorism," a weakness he said categorized President Barack Obama's legacy. Trump's administration has said the ban will prevent attacks such as the Pulse Night Club and San Bernardino massacres spawned by ISIS recruits. But the perpetrators of these acts were not citizens of the

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## Decade-long GPA increase reflected in fall 2016 grade distribution

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Analysis from the Registrar's office shows that professors at Elon University have become more frugal with distributing higher grades over time.

Grade distribution for fall 2016 semester shows that 29 percent of Elon undergraduates, or 7,590 students, received an 'A' grade. The overall GPA for the fall was a 3.26, one of the highest in Elon history.

The report from the Registrar's office said 47 percent of undergraduates received either an 'A' or an 'A-' average,

**The overall grade point average for the fall semester was a 3.26, one of the highest in Elon history according to a report from the Registrar's Office.**

1978, the average fall GPA was a 2.37. By 2000, it had become a 3.00 and had risen steadily to a 3.26 over the past 17 years.

which denotes "distinguished performance" according to the student handbook. Eighty-one percent of students received a B- average or above.

Fall GPAs have risen sharply since the university began tracking overall semester GPAs for undergraduates. In

The issue of grade inflation at Elon has been addressed in the past. In the Elon Magazine in the spring of 2009, Elon President Leo Lambert penned a letter titled 'Who is an 'A' student today?' In the letter, Lambert notes, "The grade inflation discussion at Elon coincides with other campus initiatives to increase academic challenge to keep pace with the rising quality of the student body. Addressing the grading issue is a natural outgrowth of those efforts."

Since this letter, however, overall GPAs have continued to rise.

According to junior David Nunamaker, getting good grades at Elon hasn't been a challenge for him.

"I'd definitely say I've only ever had one or two truly challenging classes," he said. "Rarely do you need to do all of the work to get an A in the class."

But just because overall GPAs are on the rise, doesn't mean everyone feels it. For junior Emily Current, her classes are only getting harder.

"Teachers expect a lot from students and often forget that we have a lot of other classes," she said. "It's definitely getting harder and harder to get As even though it's more expected."

Grade inflation hasn't just been an

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