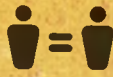


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Distinctions of caste, class, age and gender are suspended during Holi

HIGHLIGHTING HOLI

Hindu population uses popular holiday to promote their culture

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Elon University sophomore Abhinav Nitesh knows he's immensely outnumbered.

According to the Spring 2017 Registrar's report, he's one of only 24 Hindus at Elon, a fraction compared to the thousands of students who practice other religions.

Still, it doesn't stop him from trying to make an impact.

With Holi — one of the more well-known Hindu festivals — taking place at Elon Friday, Nitesh saw a prime opportunity to promote his faith while also providing a chance for members of the community to enjoy themselves. Holi, which celebrates the beginning of spring and the triumph of good over evil, rallies people together and culminates in a paint or colored pow-



Holi celebrates the coming of spring and new life and energy



Holi is particularly celebrated in North India



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Last year, approximately 300 students attended Elon's Holi celebration



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Junior Bella Salmon prepares food during Spring Pride Week's Bar-B-Queer April 4.

Spring Pride Week: Colorful, inclusive

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Despite achieving national recognition as an LGBTQIA-friendly school, members of the LGBTQIA community at Elon University feel there is still progress to be made concerning inclusivity on campus.

Hosted by Spectrum, Elon's queer-

straight student alliance, Spring Pride Week is an opportunity to take steps forward in raising the visibility of LGBTQIA students on campus. Celebrated from April 3 to 7, Pride Week is a time to celebrate nonconforming sexual and gender identities while forming stronger relationships between

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HB2 repealed, controversy continues

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North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper signed House Bill 142 — March 30, repealing the controversial House Bill

House Bill 142 prohibits government institutions from regulating access to multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities.

2, but sparking a debate as to whether this compromise was worth it.

HB2, or the "Bathroom Bill" was passed more than a year ago by former North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory. Among other things, the bill mandated that people use public restrooms correlat-

ing with the gender declared on their birth certificates. HB2 stirred up national controversy because of its specific impact on the LGBTQIA community.

and it has caused great economic harm in many of our communities," Cooper said at a press conference after signing HB142.

But now HB142 is facing backlash of its own.

The new law also prohibits government institutions — including the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System — from regulating access to multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities.

HB2 banned local nondiscrimination ordinances from being passed, and though HB142 does not ban nondiscrimination ordinances from being passed forever, it does prohibit them from being passed by local legislatures until 2020.

HB142 also does not amend the classes of people who can be protected by those nondiscrimination laws to include sexual orientation or gender identity — something many activist groups argued was vital to preventing future inequity.

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