

THE PENDULUM

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DIVERSIFYING THE DECISION

Out of 130 North Carolina college presidents:

5%
women of color

16%
men of color

18%
white women

61%
white men



With a lack of diversity among university presidents, some students hope Elon breaks that trend

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SINCE 1889, ELON UNIVERSITY has had eight presidents. All of them have been white men.

And if you ask sophomore Shawna Harris-Lenior, president of the Elon chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, she fully expects that 128-year trend to continue when Elon names its ninth president this year.

"When they say they're looking, all I think is, 'Oh, white men,'" she said. "I think the lack of African-Americans has to be talked about."

As the search for President Leo Lambert's

successor continues, students voiced concerns of the lack of ethnicity in university presidents. And the stats support them. A recent study by the American Council on Education says minorities made up just 17 percent of presidents of institutes of higher education in 2016. Women only encompassed 30 percent of presidents, according to the study.

In periodic emails to the Elon community, Wes Elingburg, a trustee and chair of the search committee, said diversity and inclusion will play a part in their search.

Now, students say they need to prove it.

"We talk about being a diverse school — they want to become one," said senior Max Herrera, a member of Latinx, the Latino-His-

HIGHER EDUCATION

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After breaking through CSU linemen, Malcolm Summers dives into the end zone for an Elon touchdown Sept. 16.

'This is a completely different program'

The Phoenix wins 19-17 to have winning record for first time since 2012

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Elon coach Curt Cignetti's face was drenched in sweat Saturday — and he didn't even play.

It dripped everywhere — from the top of his head to his eyelashes — onto his white polo shirt. Much of it may have come from the humid mid-September weather.

But some of it may have come from stress.

As seconds ticked off the clock in the fourth quarter, Cignetti watched his Phoenix team helplessly on the sideline as No. 16 Charleston Southern quickly lined up for a 51-yard field goal. But Buc-caneer kicker Tyler Tekac's attempt pattered left in the endzone as time expired. Throughout the scrambling of players on and off the field, Elon cornerback Greg Liggs Jr. could only think of one word: chaos.

"We struggled to get everybody ready," Liggs said. Got everybody down, hoping we didn't go offside. We kept our composure and when we saw (the kick) was going left, it was a wrap from there."

The Phoenix won 19-17 in its home opener. And in doing so, it beat a ranked Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponent for the second time in its last 21 tries. It's the first time Elon (2-1) has had a winning record since 2012. But Cignetti, in his first year as head coach, said this isn't the climax for the Phoenix.

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