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Racial bias at Elon

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Describe the incident

“THE MOST YOU CAN DO IS HOPE TO NOT EVER SEE THE PERSON AGAIN. I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD REPORT IT BACK THEN, AND I THINK I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO REPORT, EITHER.”

JASPER THOMAS
JUNIOR

The young, the undecided

Freshman voters split on first-time elections

Emmanuel Morgan
Senior Reporter

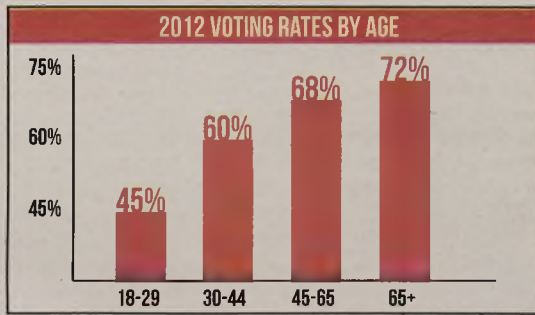
A few years ago in Las Vegas, the election results for city council members ended in a tie — causing the winner to be decided by drawing cards.

Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science at Elon University and director of the Elon University Poll, remem-

bers this rare occurrence from his prior teaching stint at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Ever since, he has encouraged students, especially freshmen, to vote in elections.

“For democracy to function, we can't just sit back and watch,” Fernandez said. “We have to be

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STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

For Elon's early birds, tailgating starts with the sun



The @Elon7amTailgate crew with the grill.

Alex Simon
Sports Editor

It's 6:55 a.m. when Brian Martindale '95 arrives in the Ingold Lot at Rhodes Stadium for the 3 p.m. Elon University football game. It's a cold Homecoming morning, and the man known as Wink has a job to do.

“Wink, have you sent out the tweet with the flag yet?” David Oakley '91 asks. “Can't be later than 7 a.m. with that.”

Martindale and Oakley are two members of the most unique group of supporters in town: @Elon7amTailgate. Along with David Rich '87 and Mike Cross, the four have formed a niche at Elon, both in person before the game and on Twitter.

The mantra for the group's tailgates is consistent: arrive by 7 a.m., cook good food, hang out with friends and support Elon's athletic teams. On Homecoming Saturday, the group expected a massive turnout and decided on serving a pig for all to enjoy.

Dig deeper, and the support of Elon expands beyond the group's tailgates — all four are members of the Phoenix Club's Athletic Advisory Board, and all are significant donors to the athletic department. Cross, who is the only member that is not an Elon graduate, is the Chair of the Advisory Board.

Oakley Family Affair

Known as “The Grill Master” in the group, Oakley has the deepest running allegiance to Elon.

His father, also David Oakley '65, celebrated his 50th reunion this weekend, and his mother, Carol, worked in the vice president of student life for the greater part of 22 years. The parents are local celebrities at these tailgates, and many major Elon administrators stop by to say hello.

But the younger David recalls a time when his parents were not just providing sweet bread and toffee to tailgaters. As an Elon student, the Oakley family resided near Williams High School, where the Fightin' Christians played all of their football games.

“My fraternity or my sister's sorority would show up at my mom and dad's house in the backyard,” Oakley said. “They would

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