

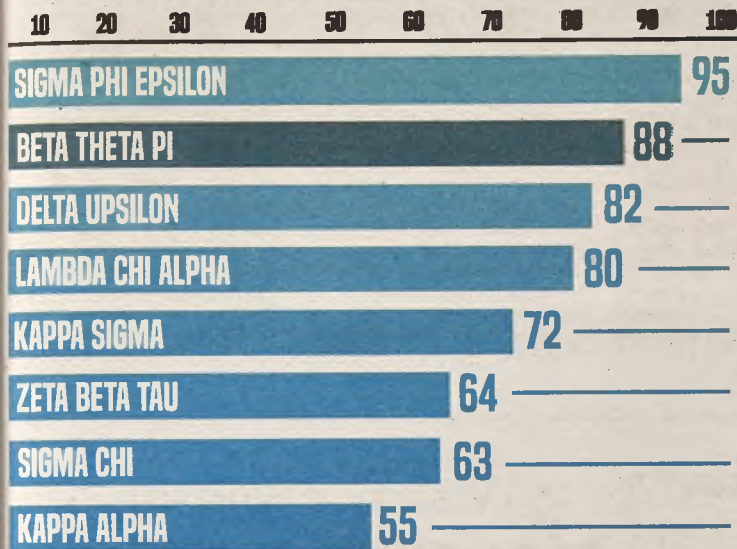
THE PENDULUM

BETA BOLSTERS IN POPULARITY

Membership has soared to 88 since Beta Theta Pi arrived in the spring

IFC CHAPTER SIZE COMPARISON

Beta Theta Pi's size is second only to Sigma Phi Epsilon

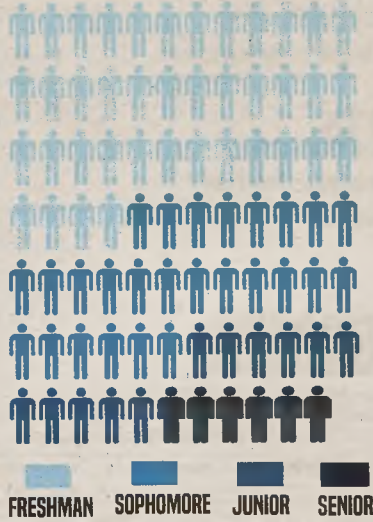


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MEMBER BREAKDOWN

How many students from each class are involved in Beta



5 MEMBERS ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR DUE TO FSL RECORDS

Elon faculty issues resolution against HB2

McCrory later makes provisions to bill

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Add the Elon University faculty to the growing list of groups and individuals who have publicly voiced their disapproval of House Bill 2.

In a resolution released Monday by Wally Bixby, associate professor of exercise science and chair of the Academic Council, faculty members called the controversial legislation signed by North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory "an extraordinarily discriminatory act."

The resolution was approved at a special meeting of faculty April 8 by 97 percent of those in attendance. Bixby said the meeting was called after 54 faculty members approached him about the issue.

It was released a day prior to McCrory issuing Executive Order 93, which updated some of the provisions in the bill.

"Elon's faculty affirms its support for equitable treatment of all residents and visitors of North Carolina and its opposition to discrimination, prejudice, homophobia and transphobia," the resolution read. "Elon's faculty is concerned that HB2 puts members of and visitors to our community at risk of discrimination, prejudice, homophobia, transphobia and unequal treatment under law."

HB2, passed March 23, has been heralded as the "Bathroom Bill" by many because it prohibits transgender people from using the bathroom of the gender they identify with. It's a response to a Charlotte City Council ordinance passed in February that approved LGBTQIA protections in the city.

By not including biological sex or sexual orientation on a list of protected classes, the bill makes it legal to discriminate against those who identify with the transgender and LGBTQIA communities.

Executive Order 93, announced Tuesday afternoon, expanded the bill to protect

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BY THE NUMBERS FOR BETA THETA PI

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Elon University welcomed its newest fraternity to campus this spring, Beta Theta Pi. With this addition, Elon now has eight Interfraternity Council chapters. The new Beta Theta Pi chapter,

ELON'S CHAPTER HAS A CUMULATIVE GPA OF

3.41

more commonly known as Beta, has a total of 88 members that span all four class years.

With the second most members among Interfraternity Council chapters, Beta has become one of the more popular chapters on campus.

Though older fraternity chapters at Elon are smaller in size, the

BETA THETA PI WAS FOUNDED IN

1839

addition of Beta has allowed for more men to become involved in Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL).

"Our office looked at the data for men who are selected and not selected for membership over the last several years and noticed that approximately 50 percent of men who expressed interest were not being offered the ability to join a

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS BETA THETA PI HAS NATIONWIDE:

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fraternity," said Director of FSL Dan Faili.

While there was large interest in adding a new fraternity to include more males, Faili said Beta underwent a lengthy approval before being added as an offi-

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Is Elon's religious affiliation still prevalent?

Historical influence remains despite decline in numbers

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In 1889, Elon College planted its roots just like most of the other esteemed colleges at the time: through the initiative of a church.

The Southern Christian Conference chartered Elon College in order to better educate individuals for the Christian

ministry. Elon's progression to its current status of no official affiliation with any religion demonstrates a great change in the university's goals since it was founded.

The Southern Christian Church eventually united with the Northern Christian Church to form the General Convention of the Christian Church in 1890. In 1931, this church body merged with the Congregational Church of England to form the Congregational Christian Churches. Finally, in 1957, the United Church of Christ (UCC) formed from the merger of

the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reform Church.

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of Oaks: The Story of Elon University." He stressed that Elon's founding was not much

different than to the other colleges that were founded with religious ties. He said the prevalence of the church's affiliation is decreasing over the past 127 years.

On page 118 of Troxler's book, he noted that there was no requirement by 1956 for members of the Board of Trustees to be members of their affiliated church as they had been previously. Required Chapel was also eliminated in 1968.

After hearing the statistic from the Spring 2016 Registrar Report

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