

THE PENDULUM



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Senior Jess Farmer (left) and Aly Quintana '15 (right) hold up a picture of themselves from the night they first met.

Finding their MATCH

Engaged couple a symbol of LGBTQIA community in athletics at Elon

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The first time senior Jess Farmer and Aly Quintana '15 met was a typical weekend evening for college students.

In March 2013 — Quintana's sophomore year, Farmer's freshman year — some members of the Elon University women's basketball team and softball team got together before heading out to parties for the evening.

After spending time watching each other on the court and field, the two were finally able to connect, exchanging phone numbers before the night ended. The friendship then quickly developed into something more — but not without its fair share of thought.

The decision to start dating came at a complicated time for both women. They were both questioning their identities after years at home, and entering into a same-sex relationship in college wasn't a decision they could make lightly. And as student-athletes, they would also have to consider locker room culture and the impact their identities would have on the court and field.

Professional athletes have faced similar dif-

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IT'S NOT THE TYPICAL, TRADITIONAL
RELATIONSHIP. BUT TO US, IT IS —
THAT'S OUR COMFORT.

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'There has to be control'

N.C. considering making body cams non-public records

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Body and dashboard cameras have the power to hold law enforcement officials accountable for their actions. They provide evidence to imprison criminals and tighten relationships between police departments and their communities.

But on April 26, two North Carolina General Assembly representatives proposed House Bill 972 — a piece of legislation that would make footage from dashboard and body cameras non-public records.

Mark Sweat, criminal investi-

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Tiny house movement grows at Elon

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Facing the pasture in Loy Farm on Elon University's campus lays a 150-square-foot building on top of a trailer. Hidden from plain sight by a barn, the tiny olive green home is big enough to fit one: senior Dustin Pfaehler.

Since January, Pfaehler has made the small building his home during the day, napping upstairs on a camping mattress in a 3-foot-tall loft, using a camping toilet and staying warm with a space heater, then returning to his apartment to sleep at night.

After seeing the documentary "Tiny: A Story About Living Small" on Netflix, Pfaehler was inspired to build and live in his own small home. Since he was staying on campus for a fifth year, he thought constructing one could justify him staying for only a few classes.

"It seemed really interesting, so I looked into it more," Pfaehler said.

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