

# Letters To The Editor

## Athletic Scholarships

Dear Editor:  
I am writing this letter concerning the article on the reduction of athletic scholarships for the '76-'77 school year. True, a cut in scholarships will hurt recruiting for football and basketball teams, but the article failed to give a reason why the presidents of the Carolinas Conference schools voted to do so. I don't think any college president would submit to a cutback in athletic scholarships unless it was for the betterment of the financial status of the college.

This article also said that the football teams Elon played in the finals and semi-finals for the NAIA championship had a far greater number of scholarships available. Here again, the article did not reveal the size of the school and its conference. Being a state-supported school would make a tremendous difference in the money for scholarships.

The writer says that reducing scholarships could cause losing teams for Elon. I would like to point out that Elon's intercollegiate women's teams rank the best in the state. None of the girls was given a scholarship to participate in athletics, and the high cost doesn't seem to hold them back from having winning teams at Elon.

It is my opinion if an athlete wants to attend a certain college, it should be for the

reputation of the school. I think too much stress placed on scholarships for athletes is ruining the whole meaning of college athletics. This article did not cover these issues, and it was unclear and biased.  
Lee Cummings

## Biking to Class

Dear Editor:

I think the article "Cut High Costs and Have Fun Too--Ride a Bike" was well written. Bikes provide good exercise, cheap transportation, and are enjoyed by people of all ages, not only licensed drivers.

I think the article should have included the advantages of riding a bike instead of walking, particularly to class. A bike is much faster than walking, and it is much better exercise.

Judy Irving

## A Place to Dance

Dear Editor:

I feel that Elon needs a place off campus where students can dance and enjoy themselves at night. This place of business would need a juke box, a dance floor, a bar, and maybe even a stage, in case they are able to get a band to play. Such a place would give the students without cars a place to take their dates. It would also draw the people who do have cars and have to travel to Greensboro, Burlington, and other cities to find

something to do on a date.

Tom Shaw

## Conserving Energy

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Jayne Freeman for informing the students of tips for conserving energy (Pendulum, V.I, No. 5). An individual must be aware of his responsibilities to fellow citizens. One person can make a difference! With cooperation, I believe the energy problem can be controlled.

I might also add to her list: car-pooling whenever possible and taking baths instead of showers to reduce the amount of hot water used. If we do not help out, the results may be shown next fall with a raise in tuition. So let's all join together to combat a mounting problem.

Lori King

## Use the Library

Dear Editor:

The article in a recent issue of the Pendulum concerning the student use of the library is sad, but true. The survey shows how little the average student uses the library. Do these people realize what they are missing?

The college library is one of the best places where a student can find information. It is the chief resource, just sitting on the campus waiting to be explored and used. It stores free knowledge on every

subject. It also has a quiet atmosphere that is sometimes hard to find in a dorm.

More students should try using the library. They are only cheating themselves from the wisdom or enlightenment they could obtain from such a visit.  
Sara Henly

## Late to Class

Dear Editor:

The very idea that a professor should be able to refuse a student admission to his class concerns me. If a student pays his tuition, then he should be able to come into a class at whatever time he wishes, so long as he does not disturb other class members.

I know of unfair incidents that have occurred when a student was just seconds late for a class. Regardless of the tardiness of a student, if he thinks enough of the class to come at all, he should be admitted.

Rick Parham

## Cheering the Girls

Dear Editor:

Our women's basketball team is really good. I know: I have seen them. The only thing that discourages me is that no one yells at these basketball games. As a cheerleader, it upsets me because we (the cheerleaders) don't know what the problem is.

Connie Johnson

## Visitation Rights

To the Editor:

I have a legitimate complaint concerning visitation rights on campus. The male students are allowed to go into the women's dormitories from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The female students are not allowed in the men's dorms at all. We are all at least 18 years old. We like to enjoy the presence of the opposite sex. True, we can get together in the lobbies, student center, and library. But sometimes, if someone has a television and a good show is on, we can't watch it together unless we go to the TV lounge where the set doesn't always work. This also applies to stereos and records. I don't care to carry my albums from one place to another.

If a male has to study with a female, then either the lobby is too noisy, or they are too noisy for the library.

It is hard to have weekend parties because everyone has to go off campus if the parties are mixed. If, at least at first, we had visitation between dorms from 3 to 11:30 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends, there would not be so much boredom on campus. Boredom can cause trouble.

If we could get together, more people might stay at Elon on weekends, and the student body might be more like a large family instead of a bunch of strangers.

A very bored and concerned student, Ned Ryerson

## Easy Classes

To The Editor:

Your recent editorial "The Eclipse of Excellence" shows

how college students seem to be getting their way more than ever. In some respects, I agree with this. Students are getting through college with less work than ever. Some seem to be coming just to say they did. These are the ones who try to take the easiest courses and to find the most lenient professors. Of course, this takes many of the pressures off the student, but is also withholds much of the education he could be getting.

Jane Whitfield

## Parking Solution

To the Editor:

To cope with our parking situation, I believe we should consider a parking deck so as to use our space to the best of its capacity and so that its accommodations will not become outdated.

Stan Stigall

## Not a Kindergarten

Dear Editor:

May I say a few words to the students of Elon College who act as if they are still 12 years old?

It may be a rude awakening to you, but Elon is a college, not a kindergarten. When you run up and down the dorm halls, hollering and screaming, you are not helping the people who are trying to study or sleep.

Just because you like a particular song does not mean the entire hall has to listen to it.

When the telephone rings, do not wait for someone else to answer it. It could be for you! If you do answer it, keep your voice in a moderate volume or everyone on the hall will know your business. Also, just hang the receiver up gently. There is no need to slam it down.

One thing you should do, you kids! Grow up!

Elizabeth A. Whitfield

## Keep On Skiing

Dear Editor:

Your article about the skiing courses interested me very much, for I have been skiing since I was 12 and love the sport. Students who get interested in this sport will learn that it is fun.

I felt that the French-Swiss Ski College, besides having a three-hour and a one-hour course, should have considered having another program or just a weekend trip for those students who become interested in this sport.

Pam Winter

## Ring Day, March 24

Ring Day is Mar. 24 with Elon women ordering class rings having the opportunity to win diamonds.

"As a part of the John Roberts promotion, five diamonds, ranging from ten point to 1/4 karat will be placed in a large jar of jewels. The girls who pick the real diamonds will have them set, free of charge, in their class rings," said Buck Bayliff of the Campus Shop.

All men's rings will be \$5.00 off and both men and women will receive free T-shirts.

# Elon Receives Government Publications

By Guy Lambert

"Do you have an up-to-date map of North Korea that shows how the land in that country is used?"

"I missed the first week of the Watergate hearings on television. How can I find out what happened during that week?"

"Do you have something that explains what general revenue sharing is and how it works?"

"Do you have any information on day-care centers for young children? I'm particularly interested in how to operate such a center."

"Do you have a list of educational associations in the field of mathematics and related areas?"

"I need something that describes recent trends and gives projections for the major industries in the United States."

During the last year many questions like these have been answered by the staff of the Iris Holt McEwen Library. The answers have come from some of the many United States government publications that have been deposited in the library during the past three years.

In October 1971, the Hon. Richardson Preyer designated the Elon College Library as a depository for United States Government publications. As a depository, the library is entitled to receive (with some

exceptions) one copy of all the publications of the federal government. The Elon College Library is one of 29 depository libraries in North Carolina. The University of North Carolina serves the state as a regional depository and receives and retains one copy of all publications. The others are selective depositories.

As a selective depository, the Elon College Library is able to select and receive those series and classes of material that will be most useful. At the present time the library receives approximately thirty per cent of the classes of material available. The original selections were made on the basis of their usefulness to the college and the community. From time to time new classes of material are added, and classes found to be inappropriate are dropped. When selecting materials, the library keeps in mind the curriculum of the college, the needs of nearby institutions, county and other local governments, the major businesses and industries that are located in this area, and the needs of the general public.

To date the library has received more than 12,000 separate items. As the shipments of material are received, they are divided into three categories. Most items that come on a regular weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis are treated as periodicals and are integrated into the library's

periodical collection. The more important items and those of permanent value are fully cataloged, classified, and added to the library's regular book collection. Those of less importance are classified and arranged according to the superintendent of documents classification system. After five years, the material that is not longer useful can be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the regional depository.

The Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications is the principal tool used to gain access to the information in U.S. Government publications. It is arranged alphabetically by government agency. Each issue contains subject, author, and title indexes. These indexes are cumulated into annual indexes. A Classified catalog of all the documents received by the library provides the location for each document held by the library. Documents that are not found in the library are available from the regional depository or other depository libraries through an interlibrary loan system.

The materials in the documents collection circulate just as other materials in the library. They are available to post-high-school students and adults in the community on the same basis that they are available to Elon College students.