

## CAUTION: Apathy at Work

What is wrong with student life at Elon? Is the major problem of student life the fact that students cannot legally drink in their rooms? Or is the major problem in student life the fact that there is very little to do here at Elon other than classwork.

Everybody knows that Elon is a suitcase college and that every Friday it turns into a ghost town. This is only the physical sign that students do not care about the school. The major void in student life at Elon is the lack of concern the student body has at this school. Most students could not care less about anything here at Elon.

This lack of caring is shown in the lack of support that the SGA is given. The SGA is the voice of the students, yet it cannot speak above a whisper because it represents only a fraction of the student body. When the SGA held an open hearing on the budget, only ten people showed up for this meeting. This seems to say that the students do not care about the \$65,000 of their money that the SGA is spending this year.

With this poor response, it is no wonder that the administration and the Board of Trustees forget to listen to the students. They would have to strain their ears to hear what the students on this campus want done. They know that it will be easy to ride out the storm. Students may think that these people will not listen. They will listen if the students just speak loud enough. At the present time it seems to me that the students on this campus are too lazy to work for the reforms that they say they want.

The first step in getting changes made is voting. It matters not whom you vote for; just vote. Last year the turnout was a poor 21 per cent. Let's make this year's turnout above the 95 per cent mark. If this is done, the SGA will be the voice of the student body. It will be a voice that has to be considered when it comes to forming policies that concern students.

This will not happen unless you the students get out and vote. If you do not vote, you deserve what you will get--and that may be nothing.

J.W. Bennett

## Speak the Truth With Love

On the World Day of Prayer, March 7, Dr. Carl Ficken offered this prayer at the meeting of the faculty and members of the administration:

O Lord, you have called us to be servants of your love in this place:

take from us all jealousy and contention;

free us from pretense and deceit;

rid us of our impatience with our indifference to one another

But, Lord, do not leave us empty, or still, or flat.

Rather, spark our imaginations;

quicken our wits;

give us perspective and a sense of humor;

embolden us to speak the truth with love and to resist injustice and deception;

open us to one another;

and, open this institution to such a free exchange of ideas and plans and dreams

that, each honoring the other, we might become the servants of love you have called us to be.

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## Women Denied the "Big Tournament"

The women's athletic program at Elon College has long been the target for discrimination. A recent decision by the college's athletic committee to forbid the women's basketball team to participate in the National Small College Championship in Colorado makes this situation one that can no longer be tolerated.

The women's athletic program spends less than five per cent of the total athletic budget. The publicity and increased enrollment as a direct result of the women's accomplishments have been disregarded as valid reasons for increased support of the program. Conditions such as inadequate clothing, transportation, and equipment cause many obstacles to the program. There has been discrimination in the use of facilities, preference often being given to community use of the Alumni Gym over that of the women's teams. Much of the financial burden falls heavily on the shoulders of the athlete herself who has already paid to be a student at Elon.

The absence of financial support for the women's program in the annual budget is reason enough to raise the money for this tournament, yet the college has cited the lack of money as the reason for the denial of participation.

Ironically, money has traditionally been available for the men's post season play, such as sending the football team to Louisiana and the golf team to North Dakota to participate in National Small College Championships. Another point of concern is the generous amount of money given to men athletes for meals during trips while the women's team usually must pay for their own meals.

The Faculty Athletic Committee is an appointed, not elected, committee of eight, chosen by President Fred Young. Again ironically, there is no voting member of the committee from the athletic staff. Being so far from the situations they review, it seems almost impossible for this committee to justly carry out its functions. The discrimination toward the women's athletic program would seem to bear this point out.

"Why have a program at all?" This question faces the women athletes at Elon. Anyone who has ever competed

knows the hope of reaching the big tournament is the motivation which makes long practice hours worthwhile. A record of 19-4 qualified the women's team for the national tournament and also gave them a bye in the first round of play there. Nevertheless, a committee of eight robbed them of the chance which was rightfully theirs.

How long will first-class players put up with such injustice? There are many colleges in the area giving women athletes their deserved backing and support. The disappointment plaguing the women's team may just be enough this time to drive them to take their talents elsewhere. But who could really blame them?

Sandy Sikes

## Harper Center Hosts New Coffeehouse Circuit

By Paige Garriques

The coffeehouse is offering more than just movies this semester. Joe and Colleen Lowe have set up guidelines and initiated bi-weekly variety entertainment programs in Harper Center. The Moffitt-Staley student government and other interested people have been continuing these efforts.

The Coffeehouse, aiming for a variety of musical rousps, will feature jazz, folk-rock, soul, bluegrass, rock'n'roll, classical guitar, and male and female vocalists for the remainder of the school year. Attempting to schedule activities for times when students will be around, the Lowes will present the shows on weeknights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There were over 50 responses to audition, although some groups couldn't make it in person. Originally, Colleen and Joe were auditioning the groups; now a couple of students are conducting the auditions. The responses have come from UNC-G, UNC-CH, Bennett, Greensboro, TIA, GTI, Davidson Community College, and Guilford. Working with limited funds from the SGA the Coffeehouse is still negotiating with a few groups, but has had to turn down several out of their price range.

They are trying to concentrate on Elon students, with hopes of making the intercollegiate Coffeehouse circuit. This exchange program will send Elon's musical talent to other schools in North Carolina in return for performances by their groups here at Elon.

The only trouble the Coffeehouse has run into so far has been with the PA system and a needed piano. Fortunately Prof. Jack White has been able to provide a PA system temporarily. They hope to purchase a piano for Harper Center but will need a storage room for it. There is much that can be done to develop the Coffeehouse into a worthwhile program.

## Letter to Editor

To the Editor:

Re: your article on "The Eclipse of Excellence". Prof. Cahn seems to be of the old "school of thought" concerning what constitutes an education. He states that liberal colleges are not requiring the self discipline and hard work that becoming educated required. He forgets that becoming educated is more than studying subjects that one has no use for, or interest in. True education is the pursuit of knowledge in an area that is stimulating for the student.

A true education, to me, is the thirst for and the satisfaction of this thirst for better understanding of a subject. I feel that too much emphasis is put on grades, be they high or low. We should all concentrate on getting more out of an institution of learning than some letters and a sheepskin.

Mac McCrary

The Coffeehouse sponsored its first performer, Elon Student Bill Grabsch, on March 10. Over 100 people turned out to hear Bill play some of his original guitar compositions. March 16, "Emerald City" consisting of three Elon students: Fred Lail, Kim Farmer, Eric Smith, and visitor Rick Finn, performed with an ensemble of two guitars, acoustic bass, electric violins, mandolin, and drums for an evening of rock'n' roll music.

## Spring Weekend Near

By Pamela Bradley

"A lot of people want to be chiefs, but few people want to be Indians," said Howard Gray, the chairman of the SGA Entertainment Committee.

Howard, a senior from Concord, N.C. was appointed chairman of the committee in October, after the resignation of Barry Bradberry. Since that time, he has worked with a committee of eight people along with Mark Mancini to find a popular group for Spring Weekend.

With a choice of 20 groups given to him by Beech Club Promotions, Howard and several other students narrowed the list to four. "We are now down to the third choice," said Howard, "Ozark Mountain Daredevils."

Spring weekend is now tentatively scheduled for either May 2 or May 9. There will be a concert on Friday night along with a concert by the lake on Sunday afternoon. The Emanons will perform at the afternoon concert along with several other local groups.

Speaking of the Entertainment Committee, Howard said, "It seems to be almost like a dictatorship, but it's really more liberal now than it ever has been." He added that if anyone is interested, "he can still get on the committee or wait until next year." As it now stands, Rick Coradi will be chairman next year.

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