

Editorials

Homecoming Court should be reduced

This year's Homecoming Court was the largest in the history of the college. With 34 nominees, practically every campus organization, no matter how significant, was represented.

At a surface level, this kind of enthusiasm displays school spirit and participation in one of the year's biggest events. However, 34 candidates is really too many, and makes it difficult for the voter, whose interests will most assuredly be divided.

It used to be, in high school that the entire Homecoming court was usually no bigger than about a dozen girls, and this group was narrowed down to three finalists vying for the title of queen. Elon could benefit by sticking to a more traditionally approach.

Alternatives to the situation should be considered by the Student Government Association for future Homecomings. Maybe a preliminary vote will narrow down the number of candidates. Another alternative could be requiring the organizations to have fulfilled certain service projects or contributions to the college.

This editorial is not criticizing any of the former homecoming queens, any members of the court or the new queen, Melinda Brown. Brown has been involved in the college community, has had several leadership roles, and she like any of the others, equally deserves the chance to represent Elon.

But, representing Elon should be the primary goal of this entire competition. It should not be a bloc-voting match or a popularity contest to see which organization comes out on top.

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—By Loukia Louka

Letters to the editor

Some still 'watch' out for others

To the editor:

I'd like to share with you an experience which has reinforced my conviction that there are a lot of very fine people on this campus.

On, Sept. 19, I taught my 1:25 p.m. section of American Government. In order to be certain that I ended the session on time, I laid my alarm watch on the desk beside the lecture. Absent-mindedly, I left it there

at the end of the hour.

I didn't think about my watch until late last evening. Since I knew that another class meets the classroom immediately after PS 231-C and that other people would doubtless be in the room later, I assumed that I had seen the last of that watch!

Imagine my surprise and satisfaction when I found that the watch was still beside the lecturn! I was pleased, not because the watch is of great value, but because a lot of thoughtful and honest people made it possible for me to keep that watch!

Too often we assume the worst in our fellow human beings. That's neither accurate nor fair, and I wanted to share this little incident with you.

William G. Long
Associate professor of political science

Problem solved

To the editor:

We are writing to address the problem of transportation to the football games at the Burlington Stadium.

We feel that there should be some public transportation to the game for students.

If you have friends with cars, this may not be a problem. But if you are a freshman without a car on campus, a ride is difficult to find. Aren't there activity buses available for students? If the college can't get students to the game, maybe the college should bring the game to the students!

Criste Flagg
Natasha Pappas
Jane Smith

Editor's Note: This letter was received Oct. 1. The college did provide shuttle van service to the Guilford game last weekend.

As a senior, I have yet to see any step in promoting peace and quiet in the library. Why don't we start my last year on a good footing? Get it together, gang.

Mouche Maggio

Library quiet urged

To the editor:

Again a gripe about the library. (Have you noticed that although much criticism about the library has been printed *The Pendulum*, not a move has been made to remedy the various problems it presents.)?

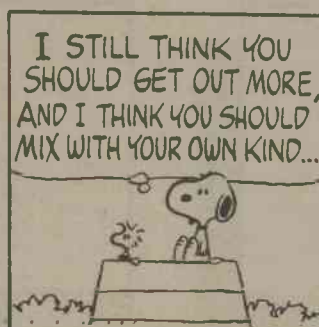
I feel that the Iris Holt McEwen Library, as well as all libraries, should serve the purpose of a place to study and to do research. However, the campus library atmosphere deters

such activity.

Just last week I had to study for a difficult (aren't they all?) test. To get some last studying in, I headed to the library at 8 a.m. Anticipating a quiet building, I was met with the contrary. A vacuum cleaner blared throughout the hour. Musical chairs-type noise was constant, not to forget the replacing of the bags in the trashcans.

This is ridiculous. Why doesn't the administrative lib-

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