

Editorials

Parking Problems

By BETTY ANDERSON

Spring is here and the weather is beautiful. It's just the time of year to take a drive in the country IF one could get his car out of the typical Elon College parking lot!

Most of the female dormitory dwellers who have cars have indicated that between commuters (who park in the small lot between West and Virginia Dorms and New Dorm) and that sprawling oak, the parking situation in that particular facility is impossible. The situation isn't aided any by those who park there during meal hours.

Realizing that the school cannot provide more parking spaces without eliminating trees and part of the campus beauty, one wonders why restrictions cannot be made concerning the privilege of having cars on campus and concerning the commuter problem.

Of course, there are those who feel that college freshmen should be given equal privileges as upperclassmen but where not other solution can be found, could not the school forbid first semester freshmen from having cars and perhaps sophomores unless they have a certain grade point average? There are other colleges which have adopted this system and it works quite well.

Also, perhaps those who live within a certain distance from campus could be refused parking facilities.

The biggest question, however, concerns the purpose of the "Killer Oak" in the girls' parking lot. This tree makes it impossible to move one's car since many people park in front of and behind the tree and block those cars parked in the legal zones. This tree also makes it impossible to maneuver one's car when the parking lot is full.

Not only does lack of parking facilities make it inconvenient to find parking places but it also creates dangerous driving conditions. When commuters line the wall surrounding the campus with their cars it becomes quite tricky to enter the street without being able to see moving traffic.

We feel that the college should study the parking situation and not only try to provide new spaces but improve those already existing. Though there is construction on campus which hinders the situation, it has become the responsibility of the students to obey the rules and it is the college's problem to enforce these rules.

Mid-Term Grades

By RICHARD YOUMANS

Midway through each semester, each student, regardless of class, is given a blue slip of paper with midterm grades printed on it.

The midterm grades are supposed to be an indication of where the student stands in each class. These are all right for face value, but what happens the day after the student receives the midterm grades? They become obsolete, since many things, even one day after the midterm grades come out, can change the given grade completely.

There are several changes which could be considered by the administration and offered to the students. First, do away with midterm grades entirely for juniors and seniors. By the time a student becomes an upperclassman, he knows exactly where he stands in his classes; but keep the midterm grades for freshmen and sophomores, since the first two years are the most critical in college.

The second alternative could be to give either a "P" or "F" to students, rather than actual letter grades.

Third, do away with midterm grades for everyone and have each individual professor inform the students if they are doing unsatisfactory work only. This alternative would be the most feasible, since it would take away much of the paper work from both the administration and professors, and at the same time, the student would know if he is in danger for that particular course.

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To The Editor

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This past weekend (April 12) I had the opportunity to observe some Elon fraternity boys getting their kicks. The idea was to drive around and hit people with water balloons. I guess it must have satisfied their need for excitement because after they drove up behind a girl there, and hit her in the back, they drove off screaming with pleasure.

It takes a lot of courage to hit somebody in the back, especially a girl. The Elon fraternity system should congratulate itself on being represented by such highly intelligent and brave people. It should be proud in its achievement to choose with such discriminating taste those people who will live up to the standards of the Elon fraternity system. And maybe in all the fanfare of backpatting and ear scratching the students of Elon, and of the frat system will wonder just how far out of it they really are.

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Guest Lecturer 'Steps on Toes', Makes You Think

By KATHY HOWELL
Religious Emphasis Week has passed. It left rather quietly too for most of us, excepting those who took the time and opportunity to hear the guest speaker, Dr. George Schweitzer. Those of us who caught one of his lectures or question and answer sessions between that Wednesday and Friday indeed had an enriching experience.

Even though several students were present, the majority of his listeners consisted of faculty and member of the administration. There was an abundance of interest stirred that Friday morning and the questions flew as quickly as the hour. After his lecture on the world situation that evening, there seemed to be many doubters in the gathering. One after another challenged Dr. Schweitzer's sources of information. This reporter felt that the speaker, due to the topic and his hard-driving presentation may have stepped on a few toes. His viewpoint and solutions to our modern dilemmas seemed logical, though stark at times. The speaker was obviously a knowledgeable, active, involved figure and had the backing through his wisdom and authority.

An impressed member of Dr. Schweitzer's listeners compared the man's visit to a well-known figure: he came, was loved, followed, and as soon as he started to teach, was crucified. There's hope in his return.



Dale Kaufman as Hamlet, to be presented by the Elon

Rehearsals In Progress For Elon Players' 'Hamlet'

"Hamlet," one of Shakespeare's well-known, widely studied plays, is in rehearsal and will be presented April 30, May 1 and 2 by the Elon Players.

This is the last production of this season and will be performed in Whitley Auditorium. This is also the last play to be directed by Ed Pilkington, professor of drama, who has been a faculty member for the past four years.

Many of the major characters are veterans of the Elon Players such as Dale Kaufman and Jim Gillespie. Sandy Moffett, professor of drama, who has been member of the faculty for a number of years, is playing Claudius. Professor Moffett has also directed many of the plays presented over the past couple of years.

The play will begin at 8:15 and there will not be any reservation requirements. Seats will be based on a first come first serve basis. All Elon Faculty, staff, and students will be admitted free.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



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