

# Are We Really Thankful?

December, 1621. The air is crisp; the skies threaten a coat of winter white. People clothed in a respectful black and a warmth of human compassion stifle the cold. Smiles and out-stretched hands help unite the individuals who become one in a sense of community. A pilgrim's turkey and an Indian's corn lie side by side. A spirit of thanksgiving is known as a reality. All heads bow and search for communion with God, offering thanks and praise.

There is fun and conversation. The work is done, and rewards are plentiful as a frozen nature surrounds the warmth. "My Lord, how do I deserve thee?"

November, 1974. The air is crisp; the skies are gray with smog. People clothed in fashion and frozen faces accentuate the cold. Smiles and out-reached hands search for friendship. Americans feast on hybrid corn while the Indians erupt at Wounded Knee. A spirit of capitalism is known as reality. All heads bow and search for reasons why.

There is anxiety about tomorrow's schedule, talk of politics, and human suffering. The work has begun and rewards are slight, taken for granted. "My Lord, how do you deserve me?"

Al Mann

# Let Them Eat Mud!

As Americans prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, representatives from more than one hundred governments gathered in Rome to attend a World Food Conference called by the United Nations.

The world food situation which has caused wide concern in the last two years is now a major crisis. Millions of people in the less developed countries are dying of starvation, and the precarious standard of living of hundreds of millions more is being seriously reduced. The world seems bent on proving Malthus right.

Food production in many less developed countries is not keeping pace with a population growth of three per cent a year. In the 50 years between 1920 and 1973 the number of persons engaged in agriculture in the developing world rose from about 240 millions to 450 millions. In the same time the acreage of agricultural land increased by only a quarter. Shortage of food is a major problem, but it is intensified by shortages of energy and by inflated prices of fertilizers and other basic materials.

Population control is a long-term solution and depends greatly upon economic progress. Meantime, as British economist Barbara Ward, on a recent CBS interview, reminds us, millions of human beings are dying of starvation. Action, not just good intentions, is needed now.

We see on television that in the U.S. and Britain, calves are being slaughtered and buried because of price problems, while in Ethiopia thousands of men, women and children are dying with only mud in their stomachs. We muse see that our representatives cooperate in seeking a way out of such horrible waste and death.

# Honesty Is a Dead Policy

What has happened to plain old-fashioned honesty? It seems to have vanished from the Elon campus.

Students are unable to leave books, coats or other possessions unguarded for even five minutes. There are an infinite number of items stolen from the dormitories every day. Three weeks ago over \$140 worth of merchandise was stolen from the campus shop showcases. These cases will not be decorated again.

The S.G.A. seal, missing for more than a month, still hasn't been recovered.

Pictures now are nailed to the walls. Books are taken from the library. The cafeteria misses serviceware daily. The pinball machine room has already been raided twice this year. The list goes on and on, but why?

Theft is a childish action—it shows a lack of principles and ethics. Everyone should think before he acts. What has happened to plain old-fashioned honesty?

the Pendulum staff

# The Pendulum

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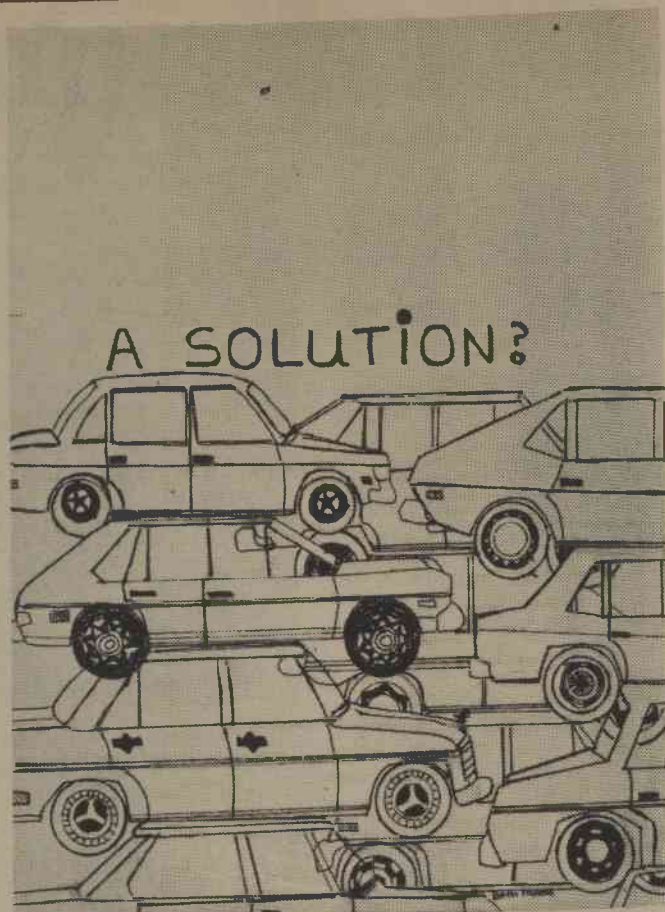
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# Health Switchboard Operating

by Patsy Lynch

Alamance County is offering a new service to those who reside within its boundaries. It is the Alamance County Health Service Information Center (HSIC). The primary function of this center is to "provide a central system of information about all health resources available to Alamance County residents."

This organization is the product of the Alamance County Health Planning Council and its chairman, Prof. Jeanne F. Williams. This organization is unique in that the Alamance County Board of Commissioners approved this project and allotted the necessary funds for the undertaking which is the first of its kind anywhere in the state. The center is under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Andrews.

The purposes of HSIC include:

1. Insuring that people are aware of all the health services available to them by having one central place they can turn to for information, whatever their needs or problems may be.
2. To promote the efficient use of existing health services.
3. To assemble, coordinate, and make available information about health services and facilities in the county and state to both providers and consumers.
4. To maintain the Health Services Directory in an up-to-date manner, based on the

central file.

5. To collect and file all obtainable information which might prove pertinent to the eventual expansion of services to cover "gaps" in the existing programs.

6. To further interpret and promote HSIC's services by an on-going "public awareness" program and by personal contact with agencies and the professional community.

Any individual who has a question concerning health or other related problems should contact Mrs. Virginia Andrews at 226-5505. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All calls are treated in a confidential manner. This service is designed to meet the needs of the community. Students may take advantage of it.

# Dial for Doctor

This year marks the first time students cannot obtain health excuses for missing classes. Now the students must settle these absences with their professors.

When students miss a test or exam they must see the doctor on that day and present their professor with an excuse before the test can be given. The commuter also must follow this procedure or be seen by a non-school physician and have proof of his illness. Wouldn't it be easier if the student and professor could resolve this?

The commuter is at a great disadvantage if he is unable to see the doctor who is on duty only a half hour a day (does this seem to be ample time for over 2000 students?). It is expensive to see a local doctor and is often inconvenient.

Elon students are supposed to be responsible adults; they should be able to determine when their illness warrants missing a test. An excuse from the doctor seems to be a childish demand on the part of faculty and administration. There should be some compromise made which will benefit both parties.

Debbie Cochran

# Letters to the Editor

An open letter to Elon students:

On behalf of the Public Affairs Committee I would like to thank all the students who attended the Ralph Nader lecture on October 30. The Public Affairs committee was pleased with the enthusiasm and interest shown to Mr. Nader, and we feel the lecture was a great success.

An estimated 1000-1500 people attended the lecture and the ratio of students to faculty and community members was two to one.

A great deal of interest in forming a PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) was shown Wednesday evening. Wib Gulley of Duke University will be here (at a date to be announced later) to help start a PIRG group on our campus. PIRG gives students at colleges and universities in the state a chance to take action on problems of pollution, discrimination, health care, and consumer fraud and deception.

We of the Public Affairs Committee hope that Mr. Gulley will get the same warm reception that was shown to Mr. Nader. The committee hopes that we all can work together to get a PIRG group on its feet and urge all interested students to come to hear Mr. Gulley. Don't let interest die out as it does in so many campus projects.

Sincerely,  
Elena "Scottie" Scott  
Chairman,  
Public Affairs Committee

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my displeasure at the lack of student involvement at the football games. One example is the band "Countdown Elon" exit in which all students, faculty, and fans are supposed to participate. The band needs your support. Mr. White and Dr. Bragg work with the band at least an hour and a half, three to four days a week, on one half-time show. The band members have to work around labs and other activities to get ready for a good new half-time show every week. The cheerleaders stand up in front of the crowd and yell their heads off, but how many fans yell back? Very few.

Let's make a new resolution. From now on, yell for the team all during the game, not just when they score. Give a good round of applause for the band. Elon is one of the two schools in our conference that has a band. Next time they play a number, clap! Yell with the cheerleaders! Support the football team because we've got one of the finest in the nation to yell for.

Why isn't there more school spirit on campus before the games? Last year, Lenoir Rhyne had posters and flags hanging around their campus before the contest with Elon. What's wrong with us? Let's get involved.

Gary Spitzer

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