

Our professors need more consideration

It seems ironic that Elon has plans to establish an honors program for its academically-oriented students but has not given its academically-minded professors incentive to stay here.

On paper, an honors program boosts Elon's scholastic reputation. It sounds as if it will increase student desire to learn and will recognize those who deserve to have their abilities commended. The program will probably spark intellectual interest in a rather mundane student body. Ideally, students will become more aware, concerned, capable people.

But how far will the program take a student when the college does not invest in qualified professors to expedite what the honors program stands for? In fact, the college is neglecting its most important resource — its professors. Every year Elon loses another professor to other colleges that do recognize their value and are willing to pay for their talents. Elon does not always give its professors motivation to stay here and use their special knowledge and experience. The professors here are, in many cases, teaching an overload of hours and are not paid according to their ability. They often have no secretarial help; they must even furnish their own typewriters. Many have no telephones, no air conditioning in office or classrooms. Almost all must advise many students. Time for study, preparation, and professional writing gets least consideration.

Dr. John Sullivan, head of the honors program committee says, "We will strive for excellence." But how much excellence can be instilled when our capable teachers are forced to seek more rewarding positions? And if Elon continues to neglect its talented professors, mediocrity is all that's left.

Bicentennial over-sell

Spreading across this great rolling country of ours is an epidemic of bicentennial insanity. This cerebral malfunction has been brought to you, in part, by the American advertising agencies in compliance with the billions of dollars poured into television. Yes, colonists, now in each cabin, one may thrill to the exploits of Ronald McDonald charging up Buñker Hill Beef Stew with a 7-11 commemorative trading cup in each hand shouting, "The profit motives are coming!"

This country, lest we forget, was not founded by oil companies, but by poor men and women looking not for stock options but for freedom to choose the self-determination of people. In our haste to grow, we forget that our nation is a mere child in the eyes of history. Maybe this adolescent behavior of ours can be overlooked by the older nations, but we must never overlook our difference from them. This is the oldest republic in the history of the world — This is what we are celebrating.

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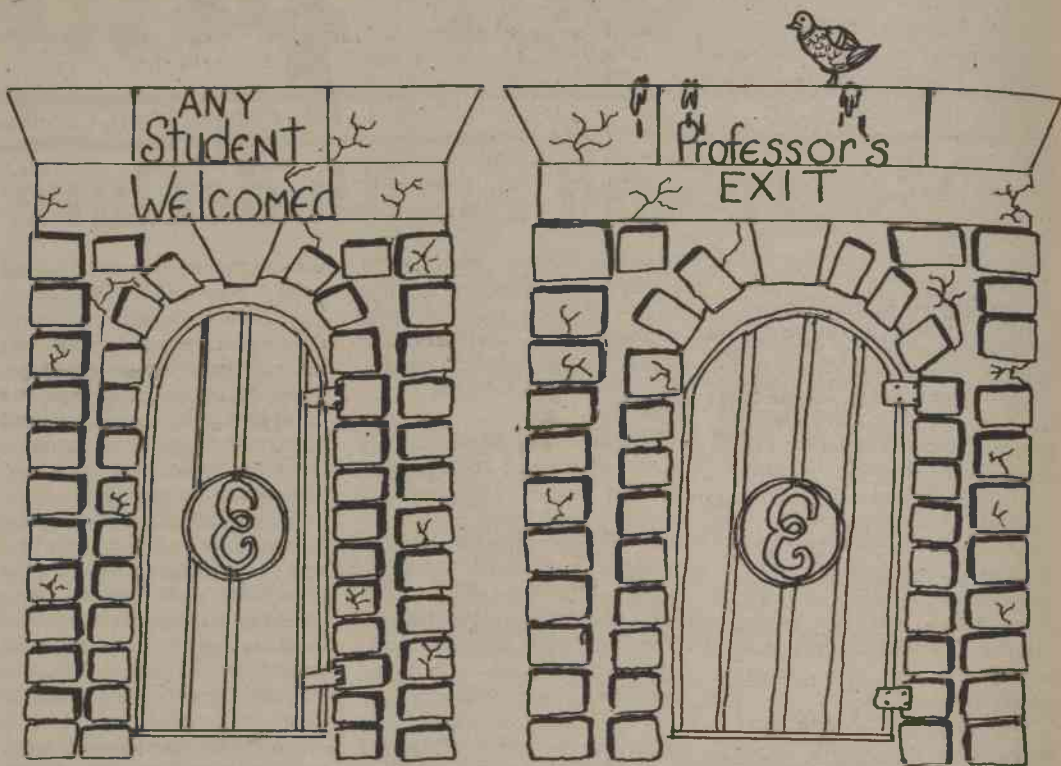
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Letters

Dear editors:

I would like to alert the students about a meeting in which the parking situation will be discussed. The Elon College town meeting will be the second Tuesday in December. A student committee comprised of Barry Smith, Rick Coradi, and myself will address the council on the issue of the parking situation in the town. We feel, as most of you do, that the town is discriminating against the students in this matter. We do not feel that it is fair for some of the NO PARKING signs to be covered by paper bags just because a prominent citizen (I won't say who) has a party and needs extra parking space. If you or I did this sort of thing, we would surely get tickets. The two-hour parking signs are (as I stated in my last letter) definitely against the students only. So we have decided to act. Please support our campaign. This issue concerns all students, residents, and commuters; so be there. **REMEMBER THE SECOND TUESDAY IN DECEMBER. YOUR CHANCE TO ACT.**

What makes a good professor? It is a question that is asked by everyone at sometime in their college career. It seems that the college thinks that a good professor is a Ph.D. It does not seem to matter to them if they are good teachers, or if they are active in college affairs outside the classroom. A certain English

Dear editors,

For some reason the parking lot between Sloan and Virginia dorms has become the center of late night attractions this year. We all agree there is a need for a place Elon students can go late at night, but the excessive noise at 1 o'clock in the morning makes it hard for the residents of these two dorms to sleep, and studying is an impossibility.

You'd be surprised at the clarity of sounds which can be heard through our windows, so, please, all of you in the parking-lot-party-gang, keep the roar down for those of us who may have an important test the following day. We'd appreciate it.

A concerned resident

professor is being kicked out of Elon because he has not as yet received his doctorate. This man has been with the college ten years, and has been in good standing the years he has been here. It seems that politics is creeping into the decision-making policy at this institution. Students, come to the aid of this man. He is a good man, and we as students need his knowledge and his communicative ability. His name is Phil Owens. Address your letters and notes of protest to Dr. Moncure's office. We as students have an obligation to help show our appreciation to a man who has served us well and would continue to do so if only

given a chance. Don't let him get screwed! WRITE TODAY, RIGHT NOW!

Sam Moore

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Hafner's hang-ups

by Laurie Hafner, SGA president

what they are here and paying for?

Financial grounds are another so-called reason for keeping the library closed. Is there any reason why we can't make some adjustments by scrimping or cutting somewhere along the line? Really, we are here for an education, aren't we?

We are constantly being informed about the administration wanting to improve the academic program here, but talking about it, forming clubs, and urging top students to come just won't do it. We have to start at the basis of our learning — books. What are the valedictorians of recent high school graduating classes, who were urged to come to Elon, going to do when they get here and find the library closed at 1:00 on Saturday afternoon? Watch American Bandstand or Wide World of Sports?

There are people working on this problem and credit should be given to Professor Pace and the library committee. In the meantime, however, after 10:00 p.m. we can stare in and let the plants stare back at us and laugh. After all, they are in with our books.

It's surprising to me that the library isn't open any more than it is. I mean after all, wouldn't it be better for the plants to have people in the building giving off carbon dioxide?

Elon boasts, "Welcome to the Big E." I don't think the "E" stands for Excellence in academics, though. I'm seriously considering sending the following article to Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not, but they probably wouldn't believe me.

"There is actually a four-year academic institution that closes its library doors at 10:00 p.m. on week-nights and from 1 p.m. Saturday to 3 p.m. on Sunday. This is supposed to be the fourth largest private library in North Carolina, too."

Of course, I'm not going to submit the name Elon — I'm afraid someone might recognize it as the school I go to.

I have been shown facts, figures, and statistics that supposedly prove the library is not properly utilized beyond these hours. The big notebook is impressive, yet if even a few students use the library isn't this