

# Beer, the law, and public opinion

"I saw the procession of the Mystic Crew of Comus there—with knights and nobles and so on, clothed in silken and golden Paris-made gorgeousness." Mark Twain said the Mardi Gras was the "exclusive possession of New Orleans" but was spreading north. This phenomenon has finally made its debut in the minds and writings of some Elon citizenry. The analogy that Elon College village area will become another Bourbon Street is as ridiculous as an idea of the patrons of Elon's finer bistros adorning themselves in the "golden" garb of Mardi Gras.

The real issue is not the moral degeneration of an easily influenced student population, but the sale of beer. One is led to believe that Milwaukee has let its mantle of authority be passed to the community of Elon. In our opinion there are two reasons for the behavior of certain persons involved in this caterwauling.

The first, as always has been, is money. The town, which from a merchant's point of view, has been in a slow death race with contiguous communities. This is due, in part, to a tax base that exempts its two major landholders and from some good old monopolistic tendencies. Why is it that nothing has been printed about a certain convenience store that has sold beer for sometime within the one-mile limit? The argument given by some would be that they only make sales "to go." One might still view this as selling.

The issue here lies with one individual—the chief of police. We understand that he owns the land that the convenience store stands on and is protecting his vested interest. No one should chastize him for this, but if his influence in certain circles should deprive another person from making a livelihood, then it is wrong.

This is our second point. Probably the most ardent opponent to the consumption of beer in an establishment would shudder at the thought of denying a person his constitutional right to make a living. The obstruction of this right is illegal and, in reality, silly.

The option of a properly licensed establishment to serve beer is legal. It is the law and should be respected by both consumer and teetotler. Flagrant violations by students should be handled by the police, and threats of harrassment by opponents of the law should not be tolerated by merchants.

## Fine points of parking

The parking situation is especially troublesome this year since the old lot across from the president's house has been closed to beautify the area. This situation forces the overflow of cars from the men's dorms to the gym lot, originally used by commuters during classes. The commuters, finding the lot full, park in spaces not designated and as a result are left reminders varying from \$1 to \$25 tickets.

To alleviate the problem, a new lot is now open behind Huffine's Texaco, and students from the men's dorms are asked to use this lot.

Many commuters are still voicing complaints. They feel, having paid \$5 for a parking permit, they should have a paved lot close to campus.

There is some question as to what fines the students are actually paying. For the first \$25 ticket, students pay from \$1 to \$3. For the second ticket some are paying the \$25 fine.

To clear up the confusion, Mrs. Sharpe is offering a list of rules and fines. A copy may be picked up in Mrs. Sharpe's office in Alamance.

# The Pendulum

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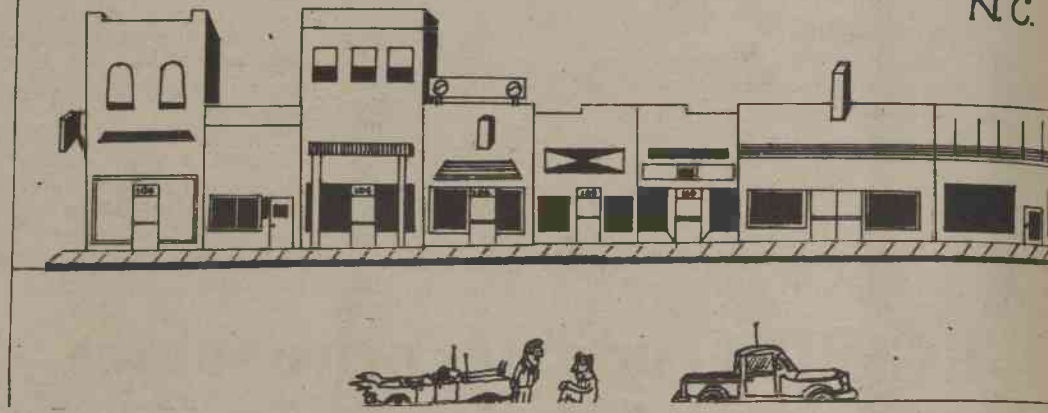
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Dear Lester,

Boy, we had us a real time,  
but I don't reckon I'd better  
tip off no postal officials. I'll  
fill ya in when I get back to  
Dayton.

10-4,  
Silas

Bourbon St.  
N.C.



## Letters

Dear Editors:

At a recent basketball game I was totally aghast at our majorettes and their halftime performance. I came to this school with the idea of it being a good Christian school with a Bible atmosphere and here in front of hundreds are our very own girls dancing around provocatively in these, shall we say, "slinky" outfits? Not only can this stir up male enthusiasm for sexual excitement but the possibilities of this causing sexual crimes are numerous. Once these men are stirred up the Elon girls just aren't safe. Those who need to walk back to Staley have to in the dark of the

night and one only knows what can lurk along the shadowy sidewalk. If any of these halfcrazed sexual deviants decide to let it go, for some poor girl it will all be over with. The sad thing about it is who will want to marry her? Therefore lives will be ruined, pregnancies caused, and the destruction of our fine moral Christian females will be forever lost.

If only the men could divert their sexual energies into beer! Instead of bed. So, thanks to our majorettes and their little hootchy kootchy dance and swinging their sweet little asses, we now have a major problem here on this campus. I sincerely

feel it is the responsibility of all of us to keep this under our hats so that the outside world knows nothing about our problem here at Elon.

Please Elon, let's keep the pants on our moral fiber!  
Terrified in Staley

Dear Editors:

I would like to commend you on the series of articles you are running in *The Pendulum* this year. I am referring to "Hafner's Hang-ups." Not only will this series mirror the president's feelings about the issues, it will also show what she is doing for the students. This will keep the students involved.

Karen Cox



## Hafner's hang-ups

By SGA president, Laurie Hafner

hotdogs and fried eggs only two days a week. Contrary to popular belief, this is not true and as far as I know no such legislation has been passed by the SGA. (Two weeks ago the SGA was accused for the basketball game being lost, so it's nothing new.) At any rate, let me introduce you to my food committee. It is these people and myself that you can talk to, complain to, and find out about our cafeteria problems. They are Mary Hanrahan, Jane Jeffress, Harold Bowden, Bill McKinstry, Keith Bowden, and Lynne Charles. We have already started the foundation of a sandwich line during lunch in upstairs McEwen for everyone with a meal ticket and a few other additions will soon be noted.

I want to thank you all and your parents for voting in the recent drinking poll. I will go into the statistics next time, but I did want you all to be aware that the drinking proposal will be brought up to the Board of Trustees. (I'll drink to that.)

I'm also taking to the Board the fees increase proposal. The students voted this down but if the SGA is to continue with a newspaper, liberal arts forum, speakers, and \$2 concerts, we

need additional monies.

Hope you all enjoyed the concert last Friday night. Herbie was wild and, of course, Jack-o (Well, what can you say about him?) I personally want to thank the Emanons for a fine concert.

The contracts for PIRG were formally signed last Wednesday, so welcome PIRG to Elon. All you consumer advocates, ecology freaks and all around good people come out and get involved in this worthwhile organization.

In closing, I'd like to mention that my newest proposal (thanks to 1st Hook) is a Planitarium — "Heavens!" Can't you just imagine our very own Elon College Planitarium? What style and what class! Not only would it provide new courses but it would provide entertainment! This proposal is still "up in the air" but I'm working on it.

Remember, I'm up in my office from 1:00-5:00 every afternoon if you all need to talk, complain, or just visit, come on up! Next Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 I'll be out at O'Kelly Memorial to visit. Come on out and talk. I'll tell you more about my proposals and plans for the Board of Trustees. See you there!