

# Who really cares about the needs of the students?

Students, do you know how your SGA fees are being spent? Up to this time, we have not found anything to quibble about, but a bill was submitted at the last meeting which we are taking a stand against.

This bill proposes to establish a student infirmary purchase fund with an appropriation of \$500 from our SGA fees. There is no doubt that we need improved and expanded health services, but provision for this should be the duty of the board and administration -- not the SGA.

The SGA submitted a request to the board of trustees and the administration to provide better on-campus health care facilities, but the immediate request was denied at the spring board meeting.

Acting on this decision, Barry Smith and Phil Goble co-authored a second bill which states "that the student Senate appropriate \$500 from unrestricted funds as the first donation to the purchase fund." This gesture of "leadership and support for the fund" will supposedly induce the administration and board to get on with the serious business of fully providing for an "18-bed infirmary which is open on a 24-hour-a-day basis whenever students are on campus for scheduled school terms, and should have a registered nurse in attendance whenever open."

How can we possibly expect the administration to follow up on this when they have allowed it to go on this way for so long? It seems that they will let the needs of the students slide by unattended for as long as they can get away with it. The bill is idealistic in its assumption that the administration and board are actually concerned enough about the welfare of the students to carry out this proposal.

Although this bill demonstrates the active concern of the students, the limited resources of the SGA should not be used to do what the administration should have done long ago. This is ultimately the responsibility of the board, and we should not have to spend student fees to initiate something that is a part of their obligation to the students of Elon.

Even though this bill is well-intended, we feel it should be reconsidered. Perhaps, too, the administration should be consulted about any definite future plans they have for the infirmary -- they may surprise us yet.

Our money is needed elsewhere to support student-oriented activities. The SGA should not have to back this project financially. They have done enough already to show that this is a real concern to students. It is now up to the administration and the board of trustees.

## Panel assesses honor system

The *Pendulum* would like to commend the students who devoted their week-end time to work on the SGA president's study and review of the honor system. They attended a series of conference-workshops which were organized by Ms. Hafner to deal with the possibility of changing the honor system to a more effective and honest plan.

Members of the committee worked with the chairman and vice-chairman of the honor council at The University of Virginia, who led the workshop by discussing U VA's honor system. At this meeting they discussed the university's system with the possibility of using its ideas which have established 130 years of integrity.

It's obvious that U Va. and Elon differ, but human nature does not. If we, as Elon students, could respect our signature on our pledge, appreciate the honesty of our fellows and understand and accept to the full degree our honor system, then we could be respected as a fine, honorable institution.



## Letters

Dear Editors:

I am writing concerning the unusual action taken by a member of the administration. Has it occurred to you, that not only Professor Phil Owens' contract wasn't renewed, but Dean Theo Strum will no longer be dean of the college. It has been announced that she will be stepping down as dean, so she may again teach full time.

I have received my information from a reliable source, and it seems this was not Dean Strum's personal decision.

As a student of this educational institution, I feel we are entitled to some kind of explanation. This *power struggle* has gone on too long. One or two men can no longer control everything here at Elon.

It is time that the students of Elon College unite instead of sitting on our apathetic rumps. We can get things accomplished; we can have power if we work together with common objectives.

I feel it is necessary for students to make their comments about this fine member of the administration, whom we are losing in her respective position. Please write letters to Dr. Young and Dr. Moncure voicing your opinions. If we are not satisfied, we can get in touch with each member of the Board of Trustees, to try to receive action from them.

We cannot keep losing outstanding professors and administrators at this rate. Who will be here ten years from now?

Those students interested in this problem, please see me or contact me by campus mail, Box 3741.

Ron Osborne

Dear Editor:

As treasurer of PIRG, I would like to apologize to any student who may have felt himself inconvenienced on March 15, when on searching out his refund, found our operation temporarily closed.

We felt that the earlier information published in the *Communicator* had misled students into thinking that we were in the process of going defunct and had nothing to do

but give away money. Quite the opposite is true. We're a new organization and like any organization need funds to operate. Our funding has come from a fee included in the students' tuition and, as such, we are required by contract to give "dissatisfied" students their money (\$2.00) back upon request. This is to be done over a 30-day period.

By the time this letter is published, we hope the refund program will be running smoothly. Then again, we hope that students will try to better understand our purpose and choose to let their money remain and work with us. Thanks for your patience.

Fleet Bagley

(Ed. note: It was announced in the *Communicator* that PIRG will refund to those opposed to PIRG on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Long Student Center.)

Dear Editors,

I have trouble accepting the fact that students put more emphasis on a 6-pack than on clean air, pure water, and stopping big business malpractices. I am referring to the refund of the \$2.00 PIRG fee which is being handed back at record highs at Elon.

It's hard for me to accept that a group of so-called liberal arts, college-educated people are willing to spend the \$2.00 on an hour's worth of fun (I mean really, beer can last only so long), than to help promote a lifetime of good consumer protection, better ecology practices, and the making of an overall better world!

Please students, think about this and maybe the next time you buy beer that's impure or price-hiked right on up the scale, maybe PIRG could have done something about it!

A very concerned student



## Hafner's hang-ups

by SGA president, Laurie Hafner

To keep you all up to date on what's happening in the SGA I'm going to sum up the main things going on.

First off we just purchased a 12-passenger van for transportation purposes. We are hoping to set up a shuttle service to Holly Hill Mall and elsewhere so that the students without transportation can escape. (Not that Holly Hill is that great an escape, but hopefully we will be getting the bus to go to the Edgewood Inn. Now that's a real escape!)

I hate to bring up bad memories, but the action taken at the Board of Trustees meeting consisted of the following:

1. They acknowledged SGA dues of \$1.00 for summer school students for the purpose of entertainment.

2. There will be a report on the Health Services and

corrections needed at the fall meeting -- unfortunately, I feel that this is a real problem and should be looked at *now* by the administration.

3. Finally, the drinking proposal was tabled which is, believe-it-or-not, an achievement and I predict it won't be long now.

This past weekend, I held a workshop which dealt with review of the honor system here at Elon. The chairman and vice-chairman of the Honor Council from U. Va. came and discussed the problems, needs, and changes for our system with student and faculty representatives.

So with pounding surf, sunny days, and balmy evenings of my spring break in mind, let me wish all of you a safe and warm spring vacation. If any of you get by St. Pete, Florida, drop on in and say "Hi" to the folks.

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