

Off Campus Living - Some ways of getting around the hassles

by Doug Durante

For the commuter of Elon, going to college entails a lot more than just going to classes and studying. Living off campus can be a great experience, but it also involves a good deal of work. Keeping up a house or an apartment requires roommate co-operation and a certain degree of civility. Commuters have rapidly increased over the last few years and are at an all time high this year.

Learning to budget your money, which is one of the most important things we can learn, is practical experience that will help when you are finally on your own. Bill paying, grocery shopping and furnishing can be less of a hassle if you go to the right places.

Staying away from the smaller, more expensive quick shops is bound to help the grocery bill, as will shopping for many items at one time. By carefully inspecting prices instead of grabbing the first brand, you can get more for your money.

Utility bills are not the headache one might think if a few precautions are taken. Turning thermostats down during the day while at class and away for a weekend helps greatly. Also, furnace filters should be replaced regularly. Simple things like leaving lights on and the refrigerator door open will cost you money. Water and gas are just as easy to control if a little judgment is used.

Furnishing your castle can be done well at a minimum of expense. The Burlington area usually offers one or two auctions every week and yard and garage sales are plentiful. These types of purchases are often far better deals than you can find at stores and they offer a variety of household items. The best thing you will have to work with in decorating your home will be your imagination! In my four years at Elon I have seen some unbelievable ideas in decorating, from beer can bookshelves to fish net partitions. You can develop the atmosphere you choose with a little time and thought. In the future we will try and look at some of the phases of off campus living in more detail.

Frosh elections overcome poor turnout

This year's elections for freshman class officers revealed a normal amount of campaign activity on the part of the candidates but election day results of Oct. 7 showed only 145 freshmen voting.

Tim Mathews, a candidate for the office of president accumulated 43 votes to win that position while Jeri Statler

won the office of vice-president with 83 votes. Andrea Batten went into the election unopposed to win the office of secretary-treasurer.

In the voting on an S.G.A. student fees increase, the referendum passed, 264 votes to 185, with only 449 students voting.

Elections for dormitory presidents were tallied and are

as follows: Marcia Nevins, Harper Center; Mary Hamill, Sloan; Lindy Olive, Virginia and West; John Martin, Hook-Barney-Brannock; Scott Fentig, Carolina; and Ron Crabtree and Todd Iddings tied for Smith.

Newly elected freshman senators are Paula Bratcher, Betty Burton, Bryant Colson and Russell Worley.

Elon Movie Schedule

- Oct. 24 "Paul Newman Night:"
Harper and Cool Hand Luke
- Oct. 31 "Hallowe'en Special:"
Chamber of Horrors and Wait Until Dark
- Nov. 7 The Heart is a Lonely Hunter
- Nov. 14 Lenny
- Nov. 21 The Candidate
- Dec. 5 Bonnie and Clyde

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the proper equipment and facilities to conduct experiments with DEN. No set of safety procedures had been prepared before the experiments were undertaken, and no supervisor or research director was aware that experiments with DEN were underway at RTP or even that the chemical had been ordered and had arrived.

At the request of N.C. PIRG, the research director of the affected laboratory reports that he has instituted preventive safety measures in his own laboratory. He also stated that he would urge their adoption in EPA's other labs at RTP and would recommend to EPA in Washington their adoption on an agency-wide basis.

Follow-up investigation by Local 3347 of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) has found that six months after these safety recommendations were received by EPA officials they had been adopted in only one of the four EPA laboratories

located at RTP. In addition, both AFGE and N.C. PIRG have learned that EPA in Washington has not yet begun to institute agency-wide guidelines that would cover all the other EPA laboratories throughout the country.

PBS-TV to air 17 dramas

Drama lovers will be pleased to know that public television will offer a series of 17 original plays on successive Thursdays beginning tonight. For Elon College viewers, it will be Channel 4 at 9 p.m. for "Two Brothers" by Conrad Bromber.

The new drama series, entitled "Visions," will present plays of 90 minutes each. Tonight the two characters are played by David Spielberg as Dr. Morris and Judd Hirsch as his older brother Joe. According to previews of the drama, this is no ordinary doctor-hospital network show. The producer is Barbara Schultz who is artistic director of the "Visions" series.



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