

Editors, apply now!

College newspapers throughout the country are screaming "apathy" in every other editorial, and the *Pendulum*, rather than be imitative, has written editorials on other subjects, very often optimistic ones.

Well, Elon students have finally outdone themselves. Applications for editors of the *Pendulum*, *Phi Psi Cli*, and *Colonnades* were requested before the deadline of March 15. On that day, one person had expressed interest in being the editor of the *Pendulum*, but no one had turned in an application. The deadline was extended until March 31. One application was turned in before March 31, and on the day of the deadline two more applications were received.

With an enrollment of more than 2,000 students, it would seem that more than one student at Elon would be qualified and interested in each of the positions. Last year four people applied to be the editor of the *Pendulum*, and three to be editor of *Phi Psi Cli*. This gave the Communications Media Board a chance to screen the applicants to find the students best qualified.

An editor's responsibility is great, but if two people share the position and responsibility, the job is much more enjoyable. Bill Sharpe, chairman of the Communications Media Board, has extended the deadline until April 8. If anyone is interested in being editor or assistant editor, he or she should contact Bill Sharpe before 5:00 Friday, April 8.

True, the money is limited, and impressive salaries cannot be offered to attract students. It has been suggested that more freshmen and sophomores be encouraged to work on these publications and so that more experienced students can take over these positions, but the old problem of keeping students interested is still present. Perhaps offering three hours credit for editors and assistant editors would arouse more interest. Editors must often reduce their course load in order to have time to do their jobs, and many students cannot graduate if they take reduced loads. That most students, however, are not willing to make this sacrifice is evident in the lack of interest displayed in taking on the editorial jobs and also the SGA offices.

SGA elections on April 21

SGA elections for the 1977-78 academic year will be held on Thurs., April 21. Offices to be filled are president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the sophomore, junior and senior classes, student senate seats and president, vice-president and treasurer of the SGA. Applications for candidacy are due in the SGA office by April 8.

Students can meet and talk with the candidates on April 19 from 7 to 9 o'clock that evening in West Dorm parlor.

The Pendulum

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Jim "Phantom" Stephenson, freshman political science major, claimed the 1977 "April Fool of Elon College" title last week by collecting 1590 votes. He was sponsored by APO. Second went to Rusty City with 1063 votes, and third went to Tom Berry with 823 votes. The event was sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management. (Photo by Robert House)

Letters to the Editor...

In reply to "bad manners"
Dear Editor:

In the March 24 issue of the *Pendulum*, there was a letter entitled "bad manners." I'd like to comment on a few things that were mentioned in this letter.

I agree that the students who throw ice off the balcony and who come to college programs on Tuesday mornings to socialize while a speaker is talking are very ill mannered. I also agree that this is embarrassing, but it did not help any to compare them to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. In fact, it may have boosted their egos.

There were two solutions to this problem given. The first was to have a teacher to require a report from the students on each program. The second was that there be a course in manners and etiquette required as a prerequisite to college programs. If the person who wrote this letter has the time with his regular course load to prepare these reports, PLEASE come and see me. I'll let you do some of the term papers and research papers that I have to do this semester for English 112 and business administration 125. I'll be more than glad to let you do some of these papers since you seem to have so much extra time. And, if you think there needs to be a course in manners taught, you ought to prepare one and give it; or perhaps, take the course yourself. I am sure that you are not perfect.

Have you ever stopped to think that these people probably don't know any other way to act?

C. Parlett

Athletic fields

Dear Editors:

I would like to comment on the poor athletic fields we are forced to play on during the intramural softball season. The two new fields behind Harper Center are nothing more than cow pastures that along with being difficult to play on represent a definite hazard to life and limb. Abner Doubleday would roll over in his grave if he knew the game he invented was being played on such primitive terrain.

We might be able to combat the elements by arming the fielders with rakes and shovels, but the clever way the potholes are camouflaged by the overgrown grass adds to the challenge of staying in one piece. If we have to play on these alleged diamonds I wish the intramural office would take some measures to make these fields a little more playable. We have considered playing our next game in padded suits with football helmets and face masks to shield us from flying rocks in the wake of a ground ball.

The Diamond Dogs

Poor reflection

Dear Editors:

It has been brought to my attention that the students at Elon have set a precedent in the annals of apathy this year. I am referring to the lack of interest in filling the jobs of SGA officers, photographers, and editors of the yearbook, newspaper and *Colonnades*.

At this time the Communications Media Board has received only one application for editor of the *Pendulum*, none for the yearbook, none for *Colonnades*.

Only one person has expressed interest in running for SGA president, and no one has announced candidacy for the other SGA positions. The deadline for accepting applications for the editor positions was originally March 18, but because no one applied it was extended to March 31. I think this a damn shame.

A student body that cannot produce enough people that care about the school is a poor reflection on the college itself. As a graduating senior, I would be comforted to know that the SGA as well as the campus publications continue to operate but I see no evidence of this. People will be getting these jobs by default rather than by qualification.

If at the end of the year no yearbook was available students would be raising hell, but no one would think to do anything about it. Seeing these jobs given to untalented people and SGA candidates run unopposed doesn't say much for Elon. Could 1977 be the last year Elon as a newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, SGA and photographers? Yes, it could.

Bill McKinstry

Student Life Forum offers outlet for opinions

by Bill McKinstry

Many students at Elon complain about one thing or another, but how many people do something about correcting the problem? The Student Life Forum allows students to voice their gripes and suggestions to Bill Sharpe and other members of the student life committee.

The Student Life Forum meets on the first Monday of each month in the large lounge of the student center at 3:30 p.m. The forum is open to the entire student body and encourages them to attend. The topics or problems brought up by the students during the forum are then discussed by the student life committee which meets on the second Monday of

each month. The committee consists of four students and four faculty members and is chaired by Dean Long.

Bill Sharpe said many times the forum's only subjects are trivial ones, but if more students attended, topics of greater importance could be brought up and discussed. He also stated that if a topic of major concern arose, it could be possible to ask certain college administrators to attend the forum.

So the next time you hear someone complaining about something or questioning college policy, remind them to go tell it to the Student Life Forum, and maybe something will be done about it.