

The

Pendulum

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Dorm visitation

The Senate last Thursday, after much deliberation, passed a resolution to send a weekend visitation bill to the board of trustees. The bill is somewhat lenient in that it asks only for weekend visitation. Students are at a point now where they will take what they can get.

Upon mentioning visitation, a negative concept is immediately acquired on the subject.

Why? It would take more knowledge than one could conjure up in a lifetime of education to figure this one out.

What if some students (male/female) wanted to study together in a small quiet area — namely, a dorm room? On the Elon College campus this is impossible unless, of course, one waits for the special visitation privileges.

What if a male student's sister brought supplies from home to her brother in the dorm? Much of her time would be spent trying to find someone to go up and get him.

Many people don't realize that visitation, like drinking at one time, is only a problem because we don't have it. It was once said by an Elon administrator that there is less drinking on campus, now that it is legal than it was when it wasn't allowed. Visitation will probably be just like this. It won't be a big deal anymore.

It is a fact that the dorms take on a new look when special visitation is allowed. Students in a sense try to be impressive and clean up to improve the appearance for visiting students.

Visitation might possibly solve the weekend syndrome here at Elon. Many students leave each weekend for several reasons, one being "There is nothing to do at Elon on weekends."

According to the Elon handbooks, "Elon College is a four-year liberal arts college created to encourage young men and women to develop to their full potential and enable them to deal adequately with the challenges and responsibilities of citizenship in a free society."

Visitation might just help Elon students achieve this goal.

Welcome to parents

The Pendulum staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all the visiting parents during Parents Weekend. We hope that you enjoy your visit and maybe even stop by our office located on the second floor of the Student Union in Room 205.

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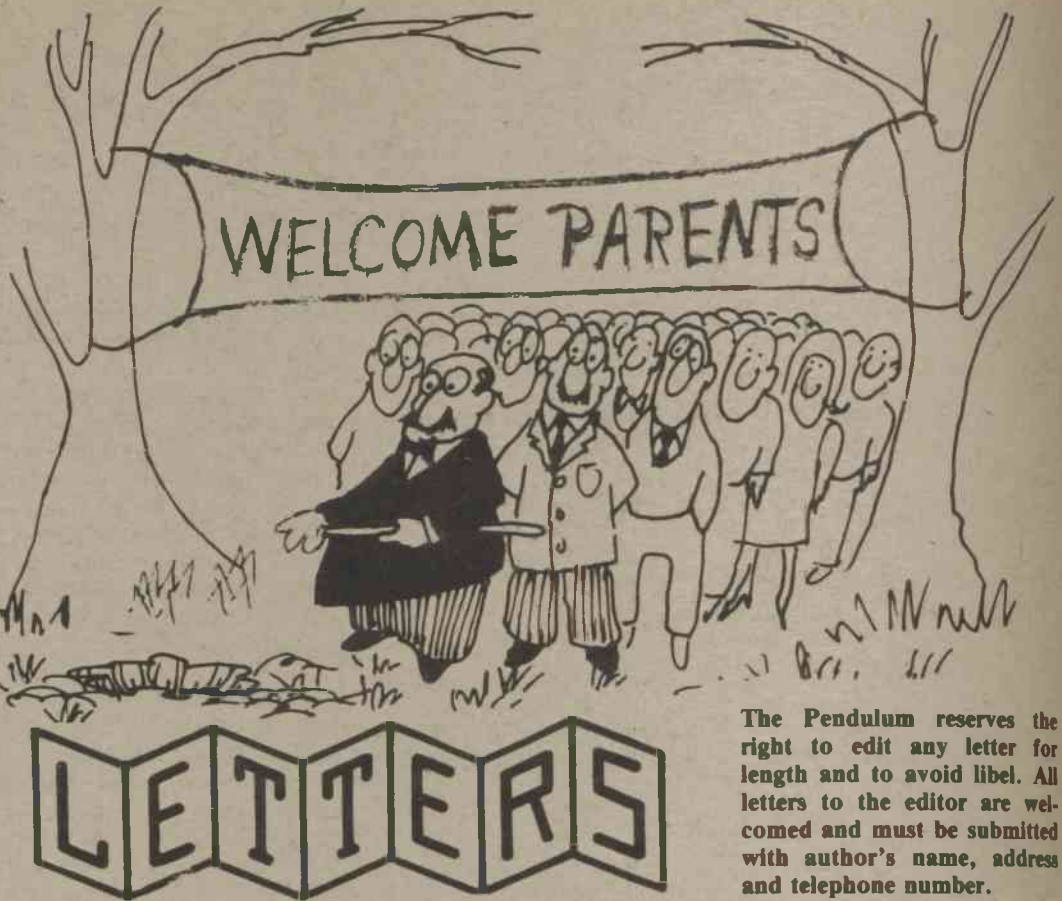
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Victorianism concerns Robin

Dear Editor:

It's that time of year again. Yes, the board of trustees will be on Elon's campus Wednesday, Oct. 18, for their annual fall meeting. You may not meet our trustees; however, don't feel neglected for neither do the majority of other Elon students. The only exception to this lack of visibility rule occurs when Lee, Annette and I meet with the three sub-committees of the board: financial, education and campus life.

The SGA hopes the above described situation will soon be remedied, either by the presence of a student on the board of trustees, or an opportunity for concerned students to meet with the board each time the trustees convene. Some critics of these proposals may cite the fact that Elon's administration enforces policy; therefore students should concern themselves only with administrators. To this I reply, "Why should students not converse with the very people who create our policies? Especially if our concerns have no strong policy guidelines (i.e. visitation)."

When addressing the lack of an adequate visitation policy at Elon, I have heard all the pat answers such as: "Elon's visitation does not differ greatly from other similar 'Christian' institutions." To this I can now reply with an adamant "Not true!" Institutions such as Pfeiffer, Guilford and High Point have long enjoyed a more contemporary visitation policy. As I soon learned from at-

tending several conventions across the country, Elon's student body is being denied privileges which most United States students take for granted. Quite frankly, I'm tired of being laughed at when I attempt to explain a visitation policy which borders on the Victorian in nature.

To modernize this social policy, your SGA Senate, resident counselors, dormitory presidents, hall representatives and SGA officers will work diligently. Several ideas are now being considered: 1) a senate steering committee designed to discover exactly who does not support a stronger visitation policy; 2) a presidential committee composed of any interested students. We plan to distribute a questionnaire to ask if visitation is a concern of dorm students (and not just the SGA president's private interest); 3) a bill will be placed before the

board of trustees concerning visitation on weekends. Strong student lobbying will be our prime concern here. Hopefully, through these three avenues, Elon students will learn the truth concerning visitation or the lack of it.

Perhaps, then the circle of answers such as "the board will not act on any proposals not backed by the administration and the administration does not feel the board will accept any visitation proposals at this time "will cease and we as students can see some results before the estimated "1985."

Robin Moser
SGA President

Sweetheart named

Dear Editor,

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity this week named Sally Peach as its homecoming sweetheart. Sally is a senior music major from Knoxville, Tenn. She has been a member of Elon's "Showband of the Carolinas" for four years. Sally served as president of Virginia dorm and a member of the general judicial council last year. Her interests include music, tennis, reading, photography, and motocross.

Sally says, "Pi Kappa has gotten off to a good start at Elon, and I feel honored to be named their charter sweetheart."

Miss Peach plans to attend an airline stewardess school upon graduation from Elon.

Rick Steele



Sally Peach
Pi Kappa Phi Sweetheart