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## Censorship vs responsibility

In a recent visit to Duke University, Ed Bradley, chief White House/ correspondent for CBS-TV news stressed an age-old phrase well known to many journalists: "freedom of the press." Press freedom has been a major concern of journalists since before the days of Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer.

Bradley discussed censorship versus responsibility. The Pendulum staff agrees with Bradley in that the press, to remain free, must be responsible. Journalists must put aside all personal biases to uphold the responsibilities of a free press. In his talk Bradley quoted Albert Camus who said, "A free press can, of course, be good or bad. But without freedom, it will be neither good nor bad."

The media provides the people with a large percentage of news and information. It's a primary source of information. Censorship deprives the people in that they can't see the untold story. Bradley, in his Vietnam experiences, said, "They wanted us to withhold the bad news, and report only the good news." This type of censorship takes away from the responsibilities of a journalist who must report the bad and the good.

Freedom of the press is a constitutional right, but many times it is held in question.

Ali versus Spinks was once considered the fight of the century; however, censorship versus responsibility has now taken its place.

Congratulations to homecoming queen Bonnie Irby and her court.

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# Letters

## Better services for Elon students

Dear Editor,

This week I would like to discuss briefly the value of student services at Elon. Since Elon is an established small, private, four-year liberal arts institution, the state and federal governments do not wield the power they have at state schools. However, just because Elon is a private institution, it should not be excused from providing the basic student services.

Granted, some student services are money-making ventures (i.e. the campus grill), but there are times when students should and must come before the dollar sign.

Although the administration seems capable of sincere concern for Elon students, I would add constructive actions to sympathetic understanding. We, as students, cannot fully appreciate our new skills lab or the proposed fine arts center unless we remain in sound mind and good health. With all the donations from various campaigns it seems a shame that no funds have been allocated

for improved student services.

Perhaps now that the campus life committee of the board of trustees has requested health care hours on a trial basis for Saturdays, we

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will see how much weight the administration places on the well-being of Elon students.

Sincerely yours,  
Robin Moser



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SGA President

### Guest comments:

## Diplomas for the dogs

NEW YORK, NY (CPS) — Diploma mills — those businesses at which you can buy facsimile college degrees — are roundly deplored by academics who see them as a threat to the value of diplomas earned through hard work. But not even the angriest academic could have foreseen that diplomas would have gone to the dogs this soon.

But Shanna, a German Shephard, has been guaranteed a doctorate in recreation management and supervision from Pacific College. The degree costs \$150.

Shanna's friend, a human named Leonard Stavisky, purchased the Ph.D. to prove a point about diploma mills and correspondence schools.

Stavisky happens to be a New York state legislator out to stop what he calls "unscrupulous diploma mills." He saw an ad for Pacific College in Esquire magazine, and asked Shanna's owner, Sharon Shiffman, to apply. On the application, Shiffman explained that Shanna not only had no previous education, but was under-age. Shanna is a six-month-old puppy.

## Angry student

Dear Sirs,

I would like to present a problem I have observed here at Elon. That is the problem of gas-cap theft. Recently, I have noticed quite a few cars in the parking lots without gas-caps.

My roommate had a cap taken from her car and replaced with a rather beaten-up cap. Later, that cap was taken, and now she has none! Can't this person or persons find anything better to do than steal gas-caps? Maybe to you it's a game, but to some of us it is important, so please try to get your thrills elsewhere.

Tammy Winstead