

The

Pendulum

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A time for thanks

As the fourth Thursday in November approaches rapidly, the true meaning of that day fades away just as fast. Thanksgiving, essentially a harvest festival, owes its origin to the Pilgrim Fathers. Despite a lean harvest in the summer of 1621, Governor Bradford decreed a day of Thanksgiving and rejoicing after the scanty crop had been gathered in. The pilgrims had been faced with harsh winters, death, starvation and much more. At this point in their lives they had much to be thankful for—life itself.

The seriousness of this day has been somewhat distorted by commercialization: however, religion tries to remind us of the true meaning.

Historically the day itself has faced a few problems, that is, in the matter of dates. Way back in 1863 President Lincoln set Thursday, Aug. 6, as a day of Thanksgiving. From 1864-1939 the last Thursday in November was proclaimed annually by the President as the day of national Thanksgiving. Thanks to the concern of President F.D. Roosevelt, in 1939-41, the date was moved up one week to leave more time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In December, 1941, the fourth Thursday in November was officially designated as the date for Thanksgiving Day, a day that is highlighted for the gourmet cook by the preparation of the renowned Thanksgiving dinner; for the student, four days of rest; for the sports fan, the Dallas/Washington football game; for the merchants, a headstart on Christmas; and for the kiddies, a sneak preview of old Saint Nick.

Whatever your category, take time to think about what makes this all possible.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Editor's note:

Because of the short Thanksgiving Holiday week, the Pendulum will not be published next week. Publication will resume on Nov. 30.

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Letters

The Pendulum reserves the right to edit any letter for length and to avoid libel. All letters to the editor are welcomed and must be submitted with author's name, address and telephone number.

Gun control strict business at Elon

This week I would like to devote the space of my letter to the editor to state a growing problem on Elon's campus — gun control.

In section six of the campus code, page 38 in the student handbook, you will find "Possession of firearms or weapons on campus." The

handbook clearly states the offense by dividing the clause into three key areas.

First, possession of firearms or a weapon on campus whether openly or concealed, by definition includes but is not limited to: guns, rifles, pistols, powerful explosives, bowie knives, daggers, switch-blades, knives, metallic knuckles, and any other weapon of any kind. It should be noted that one may be charged with the offense for possessing a weapon even if someone else discharges it with or without the owners consent. In simpler terms this implies that if you own a firearm and your roommate fires it without you even being present you will be held accountable by the appropriate judicial heads.

Next, the clause includes the scope or range of the offense which encompasses the entire campus, including automobiles on campus. Any offenders are also in violation of North Carolina Law-GS 269.2.

And finally the penalties for being found guilty of this include: first offense, suspension for one academic semester; second offense, permanent separation from the col-

lege. I would like to emphasize that knowledge of the campus code prior to receiving any disciplinary actions from the administrative judicial council is infinitely more desirable than knowledge after you have committed the offense. Since this is a prime time for hunting, please realize that in practicing your marksmanship you may well become the victim of a situation with undesirable consequences.

Robin Moser
SGA President



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Bike-a-thon today

Dear Editor,

Today's bike-a-thon, sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, is being held in the student union from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The four sororities on campus are working together in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This marks Panhellenic's first attempt at a fund-raising project.

Several members of the Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities will be riding the bikes in order to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Each participant has received sponsors to pledge money for the number of miles they will be able to ride. The pledges will run anywhere from one penny to several dollars according to the miles ridden.

Each sorority will have one faculty member riding for them. The sorority which earns the most money for C.F. will receive a plaque in recognition of their hard work.

Don't miss the fun and don't forget to donate to this worthy cause.

Kandy Arthur

Pitch pennies for HOPE

Dear Editor,

Phi Mu Sorority is sponsoring "Pitch your pennis for Hope" through Sunday at Holly Hill Mall in Burlington. The coins collected from the fountain in the center of the mall will be given to Project HOPE, Phi Mu's service pro-

ject. The sorority wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to this worthy cause since the "Pitch your pennies" began on Monday, Nov. 13.

Rhonda Apple