

# The

# Pendulum

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## Letters to the Editor

### "Too late! Can't go in!"

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to Elon's College Programs. I think this is an important activity and I have enjoyed them all three years I have attended Elon. However, I think the manner in which they are run needs definite revision. To support this suggestion I refer to the program on November 14. I understand that the coordinators of this activity feel they must have a cut-off time for admitting students into the program. On the other hand, I feel this decision needs some thought. I realize they may feel it is not fair to the students that get there on time to allow other students to come in after 9:35. But is it fair to those students that do not waste any time and get to the program as soon as they can, say 9:36, to not be allowed to see the program? This does happen. These students are being cheated. This past Tuesday morning, one student just finishing a test was not allowed in because she was 30 seconds to a minute late. Last Tuesday morning after class I moved my car off the street and then went straight to the college

program; because I was about a minute late I was not allowed in. I feel I was treated unjustly. It is also upsetting to the commuter that will leave early and drive five to twenty miles to catch the program and then if they are a minute late, be told they cannot go in.

I would also like to discuss the effects that not being able to attend a program may have. I am a senior and will be doing my block courses and student teaching during the spring semester. Obviously I will not be able to attend the Tuesday morning assemblies. It would also be very difficult to come 20 miles at night to catch the programs while teaching during the day. Therefore, I need to attend every Tuesday morning this semester plus several night programs to get this credit, which I need to graduate.

My last point concerns the behavior of the people that "guard" the door. Not all, but some of these students could use a course in public relations. Rather than telling people they were sorry that it was too late and explaining, I heard "too late, can't go in."

I realize that if there is to be a cut-off time it must be enforced, but it need not be done in such a rude and overpowering manner.

I feel sure that the persons in charge of college programs direct this activity in the manner that they feel is best. After becoming aware of the above points, however, I hope, as I'm sure many other students who have had these experiences, that the management of these activities will be revised.

Maria Perry

### Students appeal to president

Dear Editor,

The purpose of our letter is to bring to light the absolutely horrible conditions of Elon's dormitories.

In our dorm section, (Carolina) 28 men must share one bathroom. This is a problem in itself; however, it's compounded by the fact that only one shower works properly and there is seldom enough hot water. Furniture that was promised to us in the fall has never arrived. The heating system is a farce. It's either too hot or there is no heat at all.

Needless to say, these conditions are driving more and more students off campus, lessening interest in school activities.

Reasonably good conditions are needed to justify the high cost of campus living.

If President Young knows what it feels like to take a cold shower and return to an unheated room he will appreciate our situation and correct these problems.

Kevin J. Robinson  
Ken Gould

[Editor's Note: Please see last week's Pendulum. Carolina and Smith are first on the list for renovation next summer!]

### "As the Senate meets"

The consistency for which the Elon College Senate prides itself has recently been questioned after the passage of two Senate bills. A bill to allocate funds for the Elon College Lacrosse Club to purchase equipment and supplies and another to appropriate funds for the Black Cultural Society's celebration of Black History Month, have aroused such a question.

Senate bill 78-12.2 (The BCS bill) was introduced in December, allowing ample time for the Senate Finance Committee to meet on the bill and make the necessary changes or corrections for its approval and also keep in mind that the Senate would not meet during winter term. The Society, too, submitted the required written budget for a speedy decision.

After the Senate had reconvened for spring term (one called meeting later), Senate bill, 78-12.2 still hadn't seen the likes of the Finance Committee. However, two days later in a regular Senate meeting, Senate bill 79-2. (the Lacrosse Club allocation) was introduced, put in the Finance Committee, taken out of committee, discussed and passed, all in one meeting.

All of this was done without the necessary written budget that the Senate requires; however, there was one consolation. There was an amendment to the bill that a formal written budget be submitted to the SGA. This seemed to satisfy the Senate.

Senate bill 78-12.2 (BCS allocation) was also brought out of committee and passed during this same meeting. This was the middle of February, Black History Month, and the bill had been written in December.

The necessity of these funds by these two campus organizations is not the question, but the consistency of the Senate is. Neither bill went through the proper channels of the Senate, yet they were passed. One bill stayed in committee for two months, and the other for ten minutes; yet they were both passed. One bill would be considered only with an attached written budget, whereas the other bill passed without a written budget.

Consistency is defined as possessing firmness or steady continuity, a complete contradiction of the recent actions of the Senate.

The SGA President stepped in to try to save the Senate by vetoing the two bills, giving the reason that they didn't go through the proper channels for passage.

So what happens to the funds for the Lacrosse Club game this weekend at Georgia Tech? What happens to the celebration of Black History Month? Should these organizations have to suffer?

Stay tuned tonight at 6 p.m. for "As The Senate Meets."

### Title IX overlooked

Dear Editor,

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate your staff on a well-written newspaper. It is probably the best small college newspaper I've ever read. I especially enjoyed the horoscopes and crossword puzzle on the feature page; however, I understand that they don't help as much as writing does in the national evaluation of the paper. The readership should be made aware of this.

Another area of importance

is the sports page. The coverage for men's sports is top notch, however, you really don't do justice to Title IX (women's sports).

Elon has a women's basketball team that has made it to the state tournament. They stand third in the conference and seventh in the state. They deserve more space than they usually get; not only women's basketball but all women's sports. I also understand that an improvement in this area will help in your evaluation.

L.A. Phifer