

Shed light on cars

Lighting poses a serious problem on Elon's campus, especially in the various parking areas provided by the college. The only illumination at night in these areas is the headlights of cars entering and leaving. Not only does this darkness create nearly ideal conditions for vandals, but it puts fear into students who must walk in these areas.

Elon has been relatively free of mugging in the past several years, but vandalism has been a major problem. Gas caps have been stolen and cars vandalized. While North Building was located in the parking lot, people frequently tried to break into the maintenance area. Vandalism on campus has not been much of a problem this year, but last year we were plagued with it.

A preventive measure might be to put up a few lights in each lot. We think that all persons concerned would applaud this move, since faculty and staff also have to park on campus. After all, it's a small investment to make the students and their property safe.

Another solution might be to ask the Elon College police to patrol the parking areas at night, especially on weekend. Elon's own security staff has enough to do, apparently watching over the buildings. Since the town asserts the right to zone college land, they should also protect the people who live and work here.

We think that a small number of lights in the parking lots would prevent many problems for a lot of people, and hope that those responsible will give serious thought to installing some soon.



Food goes down easy

Food quality at Elon has recently improved greatly, according to some students. In the past year or so, the quality of both food and service has been low. However, with the return of Howard Southerland, things have improved considerably already. When one student complained about her hamburger being cold, it was removed immediately and a fresh, hot one brought to her.

According to some students, the food seems to taste better. It is said that for the amount of money that the cafeteria has to work with, they do well. The new computer used in the kitchens controls the preparation of foods and the amounts used for all meals, so that shortages should no longer occur.

Lines move more quickly this year, and the staff seems friendlier. Things could move faster even yet. Perhaps the hole-punch system could be improved, and the seating might be rearranged to give people more room to eat. This could easily result in an even better cafeteria; both for the staff and for those who eat there.

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Letters to the editor

118 fail to sign checks for \$220,000

To the Editor:

On Tuesday of this week 26 students had their names removed from their class rolls by the Business Office. Since this is a major harassment for students and faculty, not to mention the registrar's office, a word of explanation is needed.

This fall, in an effort to "dehassle" students, the business office initiated a new policy for pre-registered, pre-paid students who receive financial aid. Instead of returning to campus early to endorse their checks/loans or risk losing their class schedules, students could sign their checks during the first two weeks of class. No pre-paid, pre-registered student lost classes because checks/loans had not been endorsed during registration.

The business office hired additional personnel and a table was placed in the rotunda of Alamance for the convenience of students from Sept. 7 through Sept. 21.

As of last Friday 1,069 students had taken advantage of the new system. However, after an extended period of grace, 118 students continued to neglect their fiscal responsibility. These unsigned notes involve approximately \$220,000 that the college cannot deposit until the students' signatures are attached to the checks/

loans. Over the weekend additional personnel contacted each of the 118 students to complete their financial obligations by Monday at 4 or face the penalty of being withdrawn from class, and paying a late registration fee to get back

into their classes.

It is a disappointment to me that 8 percent of the students who receive aid can spoil a system which functioned effectively for approximately 1,100 students.

Lela Fay Rich
Student Ombudsperson

'I appeal to students'

Dear Editor:

The Elon College Student Senate is a legislature of elected students whose job is to represent the entire student body. Each senator is a delegate from his respective precinct, it is his job to voice the concerns and needs of his constituency, thereby raising issues which concern all students of this institution.

Collectively, the Senate is the official voice of the student body. Legislation passed from this body is forwarded to the president of the college, as well as to the various administrative deans. In order for these college officials to receive an accurate picture of what student concerns, gripes, etc., exactly are, sufficient input from students must be received by the senators. Anyone who has an issue of any consequence on his mind should make his thoughts known to his senator. We in the SGA actively support any ideas which will benefit this institution as a whole, and students in particular.

I appeal to students to stop by the Senate bulletin

board (which is located in the Student Center hallway near the campus grill) to see what your elected officials are doing for you. Find out exactly who these officials are and let them know what you are thinking. Above all, if you have a complaint about anything on campus, don't get mad and do nothing—voice your complaint. (Letters to the Pendulum serve as an excellent forum for your ideas.) If you don't put your own two cents in, how do you expect any change?

J. King White
Speaker of the Senate

"Look Homeward, Angel," the Gallery Players' first production of the year will open at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Burlington this weekend. For ticket information call 227-1658, 227-6207 or Priestley Fine Art.

The Rumanian Folk Ballet will be at Williams High School in Burlington Tuesday night, Oct. 2. The 8 p.m. concert is free to students, faculty and staff, presenting an Elon College I.D.