

Don't waive rights

Most students fear going to student courts and waive their right to a hearing. By waiving this right, they agree to take any punishment that the dean of student affairs imposes.

If a student chooses a hearing, then he will be tried, judged, and, if convicted, sentenced by fellow students. The accused also have certain rights.

The student has the right to an open or closed hearing which means he can choose whether or not he wants to allow anybody to come in and observe. The student has the right not to testify against himself. There is also the right to call a character witness. In the student handbook, all rights and explanations are given in greater detail.

The courts are divided into two sections, the general and the honor councils. There are six associate justices and the chief justice who are students on the general council. The honor council is divided into half faculty, half students, and the chief justice.

During the hearing, witnesses are called, and the student attorney general and defense attorney question them. After witnesses have answered all questions, the justices may then question the witnesses.

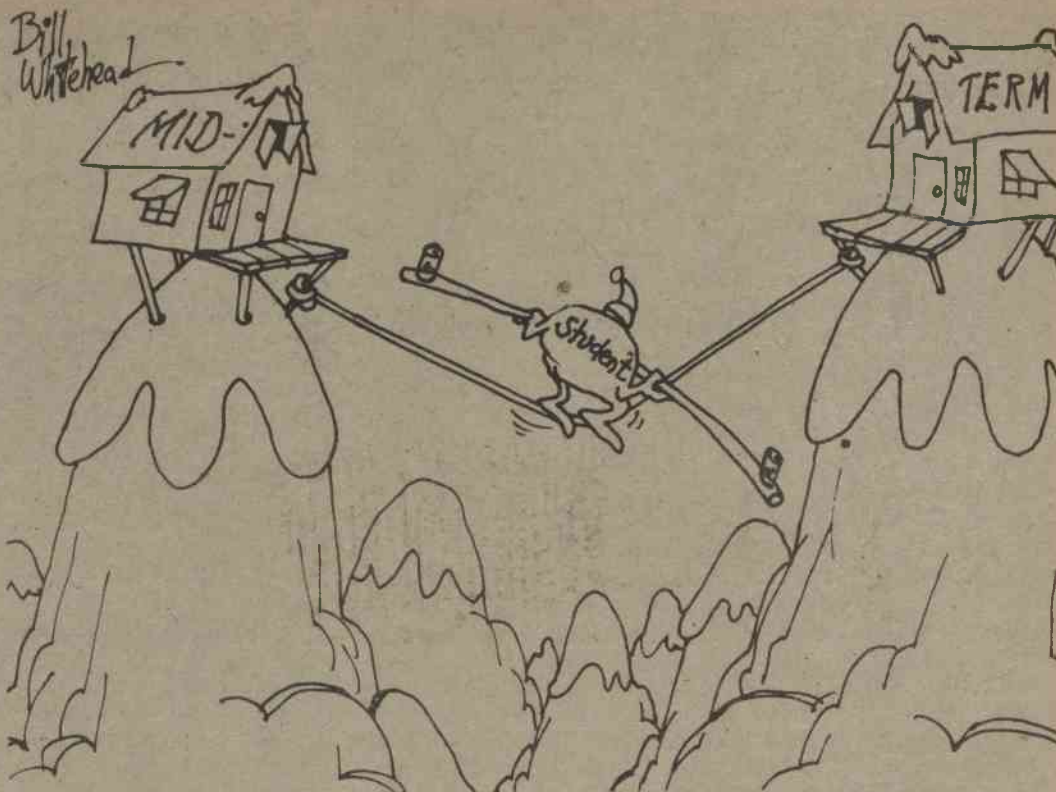
The councils were set up to give the students the chance to appear before their peers to answer charges. These councils are a part of the student government and receive this power from the SGA constitution.

We believe that students should not waive their rights to hearings. Before the student councils, an accused student would have the opportunity to present all of the implications of the alleged violation. The student courts are also an important part of self-government.

Enjoy autumn beauty

Newcomers to North Carolina should prepare to enjoy the colorful display of foliage as the fall season opens. This state is beautiful in the spring as azaleas, wild laurel, and rhododendren and dogwood fill the woods. But the full colors of the fall are even more spectacular.

A trip to the mountains should be carefully planned as to time and route to see the most in beautiful scenery. Driving along I-85, taking off on 40 and then 421 west can take the curious to Boone, Blowing Rock and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Then one returns to see that the Piedmont is a blaze of reds, yellows, and orangey browns. The stay-at-homes have a display of Nature also.



Letters To The Editor

Prejudice is unfair to everyone

To the Editor:

How can some people go away from home with prejudiced thoughts knowing that they may have to live with people of another race? When one goes to college he/she should expect to meet and/or live with all races.

We feel as though there is entirely too much prejudice on this campus. It's not so much that the white people don't like the blacks, but it works in both ways. Because we pay so much to attend school here, we feel as though no one should be subjected to this kind of unfairness.

Many students on this campus may not be aware of the racial prejudice that is surrounding them. Several girls, for example, were forced to move out of rooms where one or both of their roommates were prejudiced. Is this any way to treat another individual?

If this prejudiced group of individuals would think about how obtuse and bull-headed they are, maybe they would then realize where we, the non-prejudiced students, are coming from. This is the 20th century and prejudice could die out if they would let it.

We wish that all the prejudiced people on this campus would just think about all the people that they hurt by being so old-fashioned. Who gains from this line of thinking anyway? Well, we don't! We would like to see an end to prejudice in the near future.

What can be done to bring this problem up front and somehow lessen its severity? Signed

Greta Marrow, Janice Watlington, Missy Orcutt, Susan Davis, Pat Brown, Alice Allen, Beverly Barnwell, Cheryl Evans, Kelly Davis, Dorene Spaulding, Vivian Miller, and Tobi Arledge.

Weight room equipment confused

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend your staff for dedicating such a large portion of the *Pendulum* to the Elon weight room. That had never been done before. However, I feel it necessary to point out that in your article you failed not only to correctly distinguish between equipment in the room, but you also confused the exercises being done. These mistakes could have been avoided.

This college does not have a lat machine that has a 500 lb. capacity, nor does it have a student on its campus who is capable of using such a weight! Another sore point of the article was the \$1,000 reportedly spent on new equipment. If investigated, your article could have pointed out that the figure quoted produced only some

new carpeting, a new pane of glass for the door and one of the two bench presses that were made this past summer.

I am sure that these things do not resemble the "added weight" that was bought. In fact, there has not been an increase of weight in the last couple of years. Students who have graduated from the machinery work-

out system above have been forced to share one Olympic bar for the last three years, because the second bar is bowed so badly that maintaining a true balance while bearing weight is impossible.

I suggest that your staff look into these "real advantages" of the Elon College weight room.

Perturbed Student-Lifter,
Ken Green

To the Sophomore Class,

As president of the sophomore class, I feel we have the potential for an exciting year. But your input and support are needed to get this year off to a great start!

A meeting to discuss our homecoming float, nominations for homecoming queen, a golf tournament to raise money for the class, and involvement in the upcoming talent show are only

a few of the ideas on the agenda. The meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 in the large lounge.

So let's make some of these dreams become reality — and make the sophomore class the best ever. Throw student apathy out the window and please come on out to the meeting Wednesday. See you then.

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