# Stealing hurts us all

The tewn of Elon College suffered its latest act of vandalism early this week as Bare's barber shop was "ripped off." The pole has been in Mrs. Bare's family for a great many years and has a lot of sentimental value, and \$100 is offered by Mrs. Bare for its return. Two weeks ago, \$1,580.20 worth of hand-painted and carved signs were stolen from the Bank of North Carolina. This larceny carries a twenty year prison term upon conviction.

We hope that no Elon students were involved in either action. If any were, they should be aware that in addition to any action the town takes, they can be penalized by the school with a year's probation or suspension for one semester.

The campus has been spared major acts of theft and vandalism so far this year. However, as our security forces cannot fully cover the campus, perhaps a "community-watch" type program could be started here on each residence hall floor. Under this system, the people on each floor would look out for one another, as do the residents of each street in town. This system has been proven effective elsewhere, and there's no reason it wouldn't work here.

With the money that is now paid to our "security" force, the Elon College police could establish a substation on campus from which they could closely patrol areas on campus such as parking lots and office buildings that are vacated during the evening hours. As the town police have arrest power, they will be able to stop or forestall any wrongdoing, not only to property but to persons as well.

We see no reason why we should tolerate these destructive actions when the mechanisms exist for dealing with them quickly and effectively.

# No vote, no complaint

Tonight the SGA Senate will bring the remaining six amendments of the constitution to the floor. Last week the first six were passed with minor changes.

This constitution is the student constitution. It contains the Bill of Rights for students and provides the right to the SGA to exist. The former constitution was

written several years ago and has become outdated.

Because it is a student constitution, the students are to vote on it. To pass it, it must have a two-thirds majority vote of the entire full-time student body. It is the responsibility of each student to vote. If you don't vote, don't complain about the rules.

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## **Letters To The Editor**

## Students protest police crackdown

The article written by Vicki Blankenship in the Oct. 11, 1979 issue of the Pendulum entitled "Local Policeman acts Human say Students" is in praise of Lonnie Tingen, an Elon policeman. Well, recently praise of Elon policeman has been decreased.

One night last week we were returning home from an evening out and were stopped by a certain Officer Somers. The girl driving had run a stop sign while getting directions from a guy in the car. She received a ticket and fine of \$27 from the officer. She was informed that the policeman in Elon were told to "crack down.' Officer Somers proceeded to leave and gassed his car without turning on his lights. All parties in the car said what a hazard his actions were. We believe that a policeman who issues tickets to students for breaking the law should in turn stay within the limits of the

After arriving back in our dorm, we decided to call the station and make a formal complaint. Officer Somers answered the phone. We asked to speak to someone else and was told that he

BCS is having a dance Friday and Saturday nights in the large lounge of Long Student Center, starting at 9 p.m. both nights. was the only one there. When asked if he was on call, he stated that he was. We also asked why he hadn't turned his lights and siren on immediately. He said that they weren't required to.

It is fine to give credit to

the Elon College policemen where credit is due, but when they act irresponsibly, we feel this is unfair and unjust to the innocent students and citizens of Elon College.

> Beth Marshall Caryl Smith

### Thanks from T.K.E.

Dear Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the faculty, staff and friends of Tau Kappa Epsilon who came to our open houe last week. Many myths concerning the Greek system were exploded as well as that old

fallacy that the faculty doesn't care about the students, particularly the Greeks.

Thank you, Michael Robinson, President Tau Kappa Epsilon

#### Weekend social events needed

Dear Sir

We feel very strongly that if there were more social events happening on campus during the weekends, more people would stay.

The faternity beer blast is the first event that the student body can really enjoy since the semester start-

More open visitation on weekends would be a start to keep more students on campus. A lot of the students go home to see their friends because if their friends come to Elon to visit, unless they are the same sex, they cannot come up in the dorms. Therefore they have to go

out and spend money and some students don't have a lot of money to spend. This leaves the alternative of either staying on campus and doing nothing or going home and having fun.

Sincerely, L & B

The Pendulum needs a few news writers. Even though these are not paid positions, the writer can always point to his name in the paper. Interested persons should come to the staff meeting this afternoon at 4 p.m. in 205 Long Student Center.