

'Get up and leave'

Many students around here know the grinding frustration of being kept in class after the time for that class has expired. Instructors just don't seem to care that students have other classes to go to after class is over.

It's understood that certain materials need to be covered fully and at the time they're brought up, but when the class time runs out, the students should be able to leave and go to their next class. If the instructor keeps the class over, we suggest that the students remind the instructor of the time. If he or she continues, students should get up and leave.

Students pay a lot of money to attend Elon. Having paid, they become inactive and actually passive about acts of the faculty and administration. We think that if they were more aware and active, visitation could have been passed several years ago, along with other matters of importance.

By student activism we don't mean vandalism and theft, but instead use of existing college channels such as this newspaper to get your opinions across. Your problem will be made known to the administration. Last year, action was taken on a student complaint within half an hour after it was read of in the *Pendulum*.

If you want to continue to be passive about your rights, go ahead. They'll be trampled on and so will you.

A march in protest

This past Saturday the nation was horrified by the killings which took place in Greensboro. Not only were two radical (far left and right) groups involved but the five persons who were killed or fatally wounded were innocent bystanders for the most part.

President Carter has ordered an FBI probe into KKK activities, and a considerable number of agents are investigating Saturday's incident.

The Klan has been a disruptive element in the South since the end of the Civil War, indulging in activities ranging from cross-burning to outright execution-style murders. They showed their true colors Saturday. We think that there are better ways of showing disapproval.

If Carter is going to investigate the Klan, which allegedly is pro-American, he should at the same time look into the activities of the Communist Workers' Party, which has as its avowed purpose the overthrow of the U.S. government and economic system.

We believe that everyone here was and is shocked by this incident and we hope it won't escalate this Sunday when the CWP is to march in memory of those killed. They will march in spite of a court order banning such activities.

Our government's lack of backbone where such groups' defiance of the law is concerned will probably result in another tragedy.



The problem of parking at Elon is bad enough without some students using twice as much space as necessary to park. This inconvenience causes many students to lose time seeking another parking spot. Perhaps tickets should be given for such an infraction. [Photo by Mark Richards]

Letters To Editor

'We'll boycott the Pantry'

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to the recent letter submitted to the editor by the Pantry staff. On behalf of the infuriated students here at Elon I would like to reflect for a moment on the Pantry's behavior and attitude toward students.

The workers at the Pantry are, to put it mildly, bellicose and rude. It seems that since the Pantry's commodities are so overpriced that they would be more conscious of their behavior and go a little out of their way to be nice. However this is not the case at all.

All other local merchants extend a welcome hand to Elon Students by offering us discounts or allowing us to

cash our checks (regardless of what state and town our banks are in). Unlike the Pantry, these merchants practice good, friendly business. Since the Pantry is in a convenient location to the campus and is open 24 hours a day they feel that they can monopolize the students by so graciously allowing us to pay their outrageously unreasonable prices.

The Pantry workers' asperity has led me to conclude that they do not even want our business. If this is the case then so be it! We, the students, can boycott the Pantry and take our business elsewhere, like about a fourth of a mile down the road from the Pantry. There we can find a friendly face, lower prices, and even get our checks cashed. By

doing this we will not only alleviate the Pantry's monopoly but at the same time save money. I know at times this may be an inconvenience, but we can no longer humiliate ourselves (or be called children as we were in the Pantry's letter to the editor.)

We cannot continue to trade with these merchants who manipulate us and act as though they care nothing for our business. Are we going to sit passively by and let the Pantry "put restrictions on the use of their store?" No. We cannot allow this tyranny — they can have their store. Buy your food, toiletries, and party supplies at the super-market down the street from the pantry; you will save money and, above all, your pride.

Robert Ruggles

Not all students are crude

Dear Editor,

I am a Pantry employee and also a student at Elon, and it seems that a few of the students here at Elon did not like the recent letter written to the editor from the Pantry. They seem to think our judgement of Elon students is unfair. Not all students are crude, but there are some who act very immature for their age. I work the third shift at the Pantry, and therefore I run across most of the students who are late night people.

I have caught several Elon

students shoplifting but instead of turning them in to the police, I just asked them to hand over the merchandise and not to do it anymore. I have broken up three fights in the store where students were knocking over displays and shelved goods and breaking merchandise that was never paid for by them. In one of the fights I got hit and had a bruised eye for several days. One Elon student I tried to stop from shoplifting bottles of wine, and got thrown through the entrance doors. I sat on the floor with about 10

students standing there drunk and laughing while the shoplifter got away. Nobody offered to help.

At 3 a.m. I have to clean the store. This includes emptying drink cans set back on the shelf after someone consumed their contents, opened bags of potato chips or other snacks after students pile in the store all at one time and some of them duck down behind the shelves to eat the merchandise without paying for it.

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