

'Not the same'

The athletes have gone home, Emery has finished its jobs, Maxwell House coffee is not being made, and the U.S. won the gold medal in hockey for the first time since 1960. The XIII Winter Olympics is over. But what about the Summer Olympics in Moscow?

All eyes are being turned to Moscow and the United States Olympic Committee. Some 50 nations have agreed openly or behind doors to support a boycott of the Moscow Olympics. On April 13 the USOC meets to discuss the boycott.

The Soviets are saying that we're using the Olympics as a political toy. Does anyone ask why the Soviets called for the African nations' boycott of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal? No, but here's their explanation.

New Zealand played South Africa in a rugby match. The Soviets opposed such contact and called for an African boycott in protest of New Zealand's actions. This "non-politicalization" of sports by the Soviet Union is, as they say, "not the same."

They were protesting the action of a government and we are protesting the action of a government. The U.S. has a legitimate gripe and should chastise the Soviets with no dollars, games or trade.

Improve security

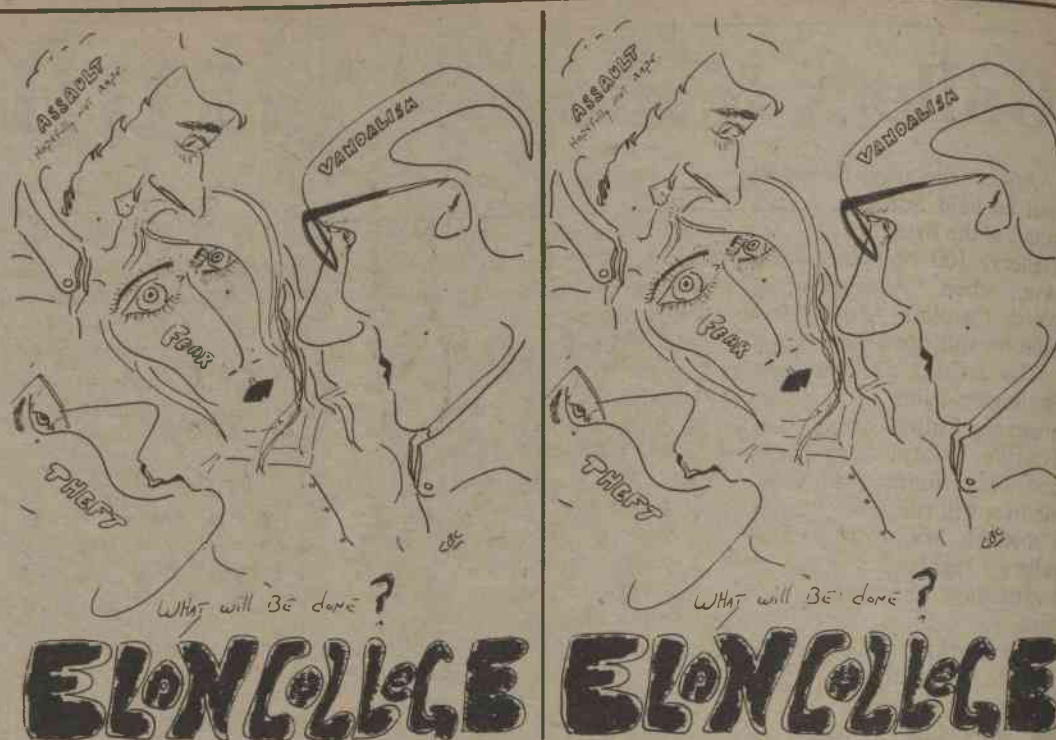
Recent developments have shown that the present form of security system is inadequate. Last week a letter from a woman student told that a man was sitting on her bed at 6:30 a.m. Granted, leaving a door unlocked is unwise, but it is also a visitation violation. If the man is from off campus, he should have never been able to enter the building. What happened to combination locks of yesteryear?

This is not the first time that such an intrusion has occurred. Just last week, a student's car battery was stolen. Where is the security in our security system? True, nobody can be everywhere all the time. What's the use of having a security officers if they have to run to the nearest pay phone to report any crime to the Elon police?

Elon spends about \$40,000 a year on security. More efficient means are available to the college. Spending a little more money for two-way radios for security could help. Public Safety Chief R.D. Seagroves, who has experience with Duke and Durham, could give the college some ideas. A community watch program, like the one at Harper Center and proven at other locations, might work inside the walls.

A proposed student security system has little chance of succeeding. Students do not want to "fink" on their peers. The biggest reason is that people don't want to get involved.

What Elon needs is an open mind on security problems, as well as some professional help.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Know your student defenders

To the Editor:

Occasionally students find themselves in trouble with the deans or student attorney general for actions which may require disciplinary actions. The vast majority of students are totally unaware of Elon's system for handling such cases. As student defense attorneys general, it has been our experience that students are unaware of Elon's judicial system simply because they do not think they will ever become involved, until suddenly they find they must.

Elon's judicial system is set up to help students to do what is best for them. Our system's intentions are to of course expose all of the facts, but what is more important to go deeper and look into each student's life as an individual, so that the best possible thing can be done. This is, and should be, the primary goal of each council. It is a tribute to our system, despite its many faults, that students who find themselves involved in the judicial system are treated with great respect and

sensitivity.

Any students may find themselves having to get involved in the judicial system. We have dealt with many students in trouble. Some of these students have committed serious crimes, such as the selling of drugs; some have had serious social and personal problems. But the majority are simply average students, not criminals or habitual trouble makers. Most are just students who make a poor decision or go just a little too far, and almost all are freshmen who do not understand the nature and seriousness of the act they have done.

It is our wish that students who find themselves in trouble will not hesitate to come to us with faith that they will be treated fairly and with understanding; and that all students remember that it's very, very easy to make mistakes. In conclusion, students who feel they have been wronged or find themselves in trouble should contact the Dean of Student

Affairs, the student attorney general, or ourselves.

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Driving blind

To the Editor:

During the last semester, I have noticed that the entrance to the parking lot of Sloan and Virginia dormitories is very hazardous.

At the entrance, a driver's view is obscured by the wall that encircles the college. You have to drive out into the highway blind. There hasn't been a major wreck at the entrance that I know of, but one day there will be. Someone is going to come speeding through the stoplight and ram into the side of a car pulling out of the parking area.

One way to answer this problem is to enclose the entrance, but that will make the students park out of their way. Another way to correct this problem is to remove the wall from around the entrance. The students could then keep their parking area.

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More obeying the rules

Dear Editor,

A problem for Elon College students is parking. There are not enough parking spaces for the students who own cars at the school. More people have cars than the school expected, and this causes students to have to park in unsafe places and even to go as far as to park in fire lanes.

This is unlawful and the

students know it, but it is much safer. The result of this problem is students park illegally for safety purposes. A solution might be to allow only a certain number of students to have parking stickers. This would eliminate the parking problem and result in fewer parking fines and more students obeying the rules.

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The Pendulum needs a sports-writer or two to cover women's sports. Interested persons should come by Long Student Center 205 during the Pendulum staff meeting today at 4, or call Ext. 386.

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