

When will it improve?

In light of recent incidents, it seems that women students aren't safe in their dorms anymore. Intruders are apparently coming into the dorms at night. They simply walk into rooms, terrify the occupants, and walk out. They have no fear of retribution, and we can see why.

The "security men" who lounge around Alamance and other buildings at night have no authority or inclination to stop such activities. "We're here to look after the buildings" is a familiar excuse. We think their services can be safely dispensed with.

The recent student patrol system probably won't be much better. Aside from the fact that students don't have arrest power, few of them will report on fellow students. Why can't we get regular police protection? The money that is now wasted on the above-mentioned efforts could be better spent.

Regarding the dorm situation, R.D. Seagroves, chief of the Public Safety Department in town, recommend the following course of action:

If an intruder is seen in a hall, the R.C. or the person "visited" should call the police at 584-1301 and notify them of the hall and floor affected. An officer will come to the dorm's main entrance within minutes and should be met by the R.C. of the affected hall.

Seagroves further stresses that all room doors be locked and that hall doors be locked after hours. This is very important.

We want to ask a final question: Will the administration wait until someone is molested or killed before getting an efficient security system?

Custodians do well

Congratulations are in order for the custodial staff at Harper Center, who so far this semester have kept the area in a good state of cleanliness. According to some students last term, the situation was pretty bad. This was because there was only one person responsible for both Moffitt and Staley. Obviously, he couldn't do it all. Now there is an adequate staff, and they seem to be doing a fine job.

Keeping the residence halls clean is not entirely the responsibility of the janitors. Students must share the work. If the janitor has to spend hours picking up beer bottles and mopping up spills, he can't get to the more important work of cleaning bathrooms and generally cleaning the whole hall. Dirt and messiness, in turn, causes students to get angry and make trouble in the Student Affairs Office and elsewhere. A little more cooperation between students and staff would work wonders.

We think that Elon has a good janitorial staff. They really try to make the classroom, office, and dormitory buildings look the best, and they should have more of our help, if only in our not throwing "empties" and waste material all over the place.

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HAPPIN' HAGUNS, HOW YA DOIN' ON YOUR MID-TERMS, DAD?

WELL, IF I COULD JUST SELL THIS LAST BAG, I COULD BUY MY BOOKS AND THEN I PROBABLY DO ALLRIGHT. THESE MID-TERMS ARE SUCH A CRISIS SITUATION, YA KNOW.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CROP fast receives wide support

Dear Editor:

In Cambodia, a little country in Southeast Asia, an estimated 1,000 human beings are dying every 24 hours as the direct result of starvation and hunger-related causes. On March 25-26 Elon College will hold its fourth annual spring CROP fast for a 28-hour period. Every penny we raise will be sent through Church World Service channels to Cambodia to keep some people from otherwise inevitable death due to starvation.

I am using this medium as a platform from which to urge every member of the Elon College community to become personally involved in the fast this spring either as a participant in the fast, or as a sponsor of one or more fasters. It seems to me that

with campus-wide cooperation and involvement we ought to be able to raise at least \$3,000.

In case you have already signed up to fast, or are planning to do so, I want to make certain that you know that the date of the fast has been changed. Places and times of meeting all remain the same, but the fast will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 instead of on Wednesday, March 26. I would appreciate the help of everyone concerned in spreading the word of the change of date so that the entire campus will be fasting at the same time.

The fast efforts are getting all kinds of strong and generous support from many individuals and groups on

this campus and I want to say a sincere thank you to Howard Southerland, Buck Bayliff, the fraternities, sororities, various religious groups, Daytrippers, the Pendulum, the Religious Life Committee, and individuals such as Jack Murphy, David Joyce, Lela Faye Rich, Bill Sharpe, and others who are involved in making this the best fast we have ever had on our campus.

Faculty, staff, administration, students, please support this crucial cause. If you wish any further information, contact a member of the Religious Life Committee or try to find out who your dorm, club, or fraternity/sorority representative is. Thank you!

Carole F. Chase
Chairperson, Religious Life Committee

SGA supporting student affairs

Dear Editor,

There have been several articles in the Pendulum pertaining to campus security. There have also been quite a few incidents which tend to hold our present security system in question. I would like to commend this type of student input in the form of letters to the editor.

I would also like to reiterate a concern expressed in an earlier letter about letting the Student Government work for you. Students deserve the type of government they get. The more one puts into it the more one gets out of it. Let me assure the student

body, at this time, that the Student Government Association is solidly supporting the efforts of the Office of Student Affairs in their proposal of a more effective campus security system. We have mutual goals and that is to look after and to protect the general welfare of the students.

One thing disturbs me at this time: no matter how much protecting is done or how much security is added, it will not be effective if the students don't play an active role in this issue. In our case, the students don't play an active role in this issue. In our

case, the role is as minor as locking our own doors. Many of the campus incidents have occurred as a result of unlocked doors. Whatever happened to the idea of looking out for "number 1"? Maybe we need to emphasize this somewhat selfish attitude.

This issue merits our immediate attention, and it is getting this and more. Everyone has a part to play. We are doing ours, so please do yours. Remember, look out for "number 1" by locking your doors!

Bryant M. Colson
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