

Use common sense

The citizens of Elon are up in arms concerning the noise and littering problems they attribute to the Lighthouse tavern. SGA President John Sadler has vowed to seek more student input into the town policies.

As for drinking, it can be a problem— if it is not done properly. A key to responsible drinking habits is plain common sense.

The first common-sense rule is to drink at home or in your dorm room and to avoid the dangers of drinking and driving. Elon students are fortunate in that the town of Elon College has several pubs or taverns within walking distance. Students then don't endanger the lives and safety of others by operating an automobile.

Another common-sense rule is not to drink fast or on an empty stomach. One is less likely to become intoxicated if one downs some food with that "cold one."

It seems only good sense to practice "moderation" while drinking. Drinking often changes the temperament of a person and slows down one's body reactions. By no means should any kind of medication or drug be combined with alcohol. The results could be deadly.

Sadly enough, many students turn to drinking to escape from the pressures of grades and academics. But these problems don't go away or disappear miraculously. It's simply a temporary "escape."

Drinking can also lead to destruction — of brain cells, and of personal property, as in the town of Elon College. This is not a prime example of "responsible drinking."

The responsible drinker does not pressure those who don't have drinks in their hands. He handles himself in an adult manner.

The urge to drink away from the watchful eye of Mom and Dad may be only a rebellious stage. At any rate, be a responsible drinker if you must drink.

Library nets loss

Over \$36,000 worth of books are stolen from the library every year. Most of these books are the core of the collection.

Something must be done to correct this situation. One recommendation is a security system, costing approximately \$16,000. But where is the money to come from?

Perhaps the SGA or a wealthy alumni could at least contribute to this worthy cause. It would be an excellent project for clubs and organizations.

Students should also take an active stand against those who are robbing the school. It's essentially the right to an education that is being taken away. And how much pleasure can be derived from reading a stolen library book?



Letters to the editor

Students will soon be alumni

Dear Editor:

For one reason or another, most graduates of Elon College do not discover the benefits of the Elon College Alumni Association until after they have left the campus. As a recent Elon College graduate who is now in charge of coordinating the alumni affairs of the College, I feel that students should be made aware of the work the alumni association does so that they are better prepared for the time when they, too, become alumni.

The Elon College alumni Association is separate from but closely related to the College and has its own national officers and executive board. The Office of Alumni and Parent Programs acts as the central

organizing body for the alumni association and also coordinates all-campus functions such as Parents Weekend, Homecoming, and Alumni weekend. Away from campus, several regional alumni chapters meet regularly for social events. These are just a few of the activities in which Elon College alumni may participate.

The purpose of the Alumni Office is to serve the needs of the alumni. Accurate address records on each graduate are maintained to ensure that they continue to receive scheduled college mailings, such as the bi-monthly publication, *The Magazine of Elon*. The friendships that one makes in college often prove to be the most lasting and mean-

ingful ones. To ensure that these friendships remain close, the alumni association sponsors a variety of activities so that Elon College alumni can stay in touch with each other and with their alma mater.

I hope to make today's students— tomorrow's alumni— more aware of the benefits which await them through the Elon College Alumni Association, and I welcome the participation of students who want to become involved in our programs. I extend an invitation to all students to drop by my office, Powell 101, for more details.

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PIRG guide lists area housing

A 1980 Guide to Off-Campus Housing and Utility Deposit Regulations has been released by the Elon College chapter of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). The guide is free to students, and copies may be obtained from Joanne Soliday's office in Alamance Building.

The 1980 guide lists apartments in the Alamance County area, rental rates, whether furnished or unfurnished and the security deposit required.

NC PIRG staffperson Art Donsky said, "We've also added a new section on utility deposit laws in the 1980 guide. It's important for students to know their rights with regard to the

various utility deposits. In some cases students may not have to pay out huge deposits, or they may be eligible for a refund of their deposits."

According to Donsky, some of PIRG's projects for this year include studying the prices of prescription eyeglasses, comparing grocery store prices, and researching the impact of students of the state's food sales tax.

Elon PIRG has been active in the working for increased student rights, studying price differences in generic and brand name drugs, preparing a report on energy alternatives and conservation for the Elon cam-

pus, and in preparing two previous off-campus housing guides.

"NC PIRG is optimistic about the Elon chapter having another active year," Donsky said. "We hope to continue to build on the solid foundation that has been laid."

Elon PIRG will hold its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Large Lounge, second floor, Long Student Center. Interested students are invited to attend this organizational meeting.

"We will be discussing many possible projects at the organizational meeting as well as planning for the upcoming legislative session in Raleigh which begins in January," said Donsky.