

# Preventive Rx

Although the two nurses and two doctors who run the student health service at Elon are highly competent, skilled and sensitive to the needs of students (and overworked), the facility does not adequately meet the needs of the full-time Elon student.

Nurses Salter and Bryant are in tune with students who are not feeling their best. According to the nurses, the infirmary has been seeing a large number of students.

Two doctors, Dr. Mann and Dr. Phillips, come in twice daily to see students. The busy physicians arrive to an office full of students at 8:30 and 12:30. But what about the student who gets sick after hours?

The infirmary closes at 3:30 p.m. and opens at 8 p.m. Perhaps with the hospital facility nearby in Burlington, the practicality of a full-time hospital facility could be questioned.

But some colleges much smaller than Elon have a nurse on duty at all times. Does Elon not owe to its students the best health care available?

Elon could also be more active in preventive medicine. Workshops, printed literature, on items like weight control, birth control and "how to" stop smoking and drinking seminars could be useful to many students. The idea of preventing colds or sprained limbs before they occur is a relatively new thought. Many Elon students would probably be receptive to this.

A sick student cannot be a good student. To better serve the needs of every student, the Elon College administration needs to spend more money on the needs of the student—that of health care.



## Try fans for cooling

We may not be toting a bale or heaving and ho-ing on a barge this hot weather, but sitting in the historic classrooms of Alamance or Carlton is sweated labor enough.

Take third floor Alamance: the windows are up but no air is moving. Temperatures hover between 90 and 95 degrees F. The professor turns on one bank of lights only, for even fluorescents might raise the heat.

Sweat beads and run down the prof's face. Note paper sticks to notetaker's hands. Yesterday's paper becomes a fan to stir the air around a face. Clothes mop the dampness. The topic is interesting, but brains seem befuddled. Reaction is slow.

If the budget of the college precludes air conditioning of all classrooms, why not try some energy-saving improvements such as ceiling fans? Each fan uses about the same amount of electricity as a 100-watt lightbulb. Moving air drops temperatures at least 10 degrees. In winter a fan at low speed can spread the warm air from the ceiling above.

And add one for faculty offices which have been omitted from the list of modern comforts.

## Letters to the editor

### School improvement needed

Dear Editor:

I have seen some conditions here at Elon that should not exist. What am I talking about? I am referring to the rundown condition of the interior of Elon's buildings. In many places, I have noticed a definite need for improvement. For example, on the second floor of Duke, I noticed the glass in the door going into the Biology Department is very

badly cracked. Not only is this an eyesore, but if it continues to break, it could prove to be quite hazardous.

Another problem I have sighted is the looseness of treads on many steps inside various buildings. When will these treads be repaired? After someone has been badly injured? I assume the treads were put there for our safety, but how safe is a loose tread? In my opinion, that seems to be even more

dangerous than steps without treads. We now have a much needed campus security system, so can't we have security walking down to the steps of our own building?

You may say these are only small concerns, but they do need attention, and soon! So let's get these things repaired and keep the beauty and safety of our campus up to par.

Teresa Warren

### Power of the press assists student to get parking sticker

Dear Editor:

Much to my dissatisfaction this semester I had to purchase a parking sticker, so I could park my car on campus. I was willing to pay \$5 for a sticker that would not assure me a parking place, but would only assure me that I could park somewhere.

After getting up my nerve to march to the Student Affairs office, I was told that I could not purchase a ticket because the person

who gives out tickets had not yet come to work. Well, it was a do-or-die situation for me; I either had to pay the money for the sticker or risk getting a parking ticket from the town because I was parked in a two-hour zone.

I sat in the office, not silently of course, and demanded that I be given a sticker or facsimile.

After several moments of confusion, almost 20, it was decided that I could get a sticker. but I would have to

walk all the way to West to fill out a blue card, and come back to the Student Affairs Office to get a sticker, because they are kept under lock and key.

I finally got a sticker, but with no assistance from the ticket office. But I would like to thank Joanne Soliday and Ellen Gagnon who did try to accomodate my needs, after I threatened to write a letter to the editor of the Pendulum.

Robin Adams

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