

The ol' tradition

We hate to differ with the ol' college tradition, but are panty raids really necessary? Some people feel that the entire first semester would not be complete without a little hell raising.

Although a lot of people had a good time during the raid last week, much destruction and a few injuries were reported. According to those present, one guy threw gravel in a girl's face "accidentally" while she was walking home from the library, another had to have stitches in her fingers. Water was thrown in the windows of girls dorms, and much personal property, including rugs, bedspreads, and a guitar and case were destroyed. Electric fans were also damaged by shaving cream and water.

Memo boards were ripped down and obscenities were chanted. Does this sound like the actions of mature college adults? Or even immature college freshmen? How about high school students? Shall we try first-graders?

It's time for the students of Elon College to clean up their act. Otherwise, we the students, will not be treated as adults by the administration.

Productive changes

Some students think that the student newspaper is a waste of good paper and ink. But have these students ever stopped to think how many times the newspaper has helped to change things here at Elon?

The Pendulum was the first one to suggest a Community Watch program. Last year Harper Center tried a community watch system that worked, and this year the security program is in the process of establishing a campus wide system.

The Pendulum also ran editorials and letters to the editor on parking woes. This year we have a new parking lot that is well lighted and multi-spaced. The Pendulum showed student demand for telephones and they were installed. Last year our pleas helped to get the first campus wide directory.

This year with the addition of an opinion page, the staff hopes to get more comments and suggestions from the college community and bring to light some of the problems or injustices that are present in our system.

A student newspaper should reflect the college and the students it represents. It should present the news, focus on areas of student life and living and present to students a forum they can use to express themselves.

Students who find the paper boring and time consuming are usually the ones who are complaining that they don't know what's going on or how to find out about changes in student policy.

Use the newspaper to your advantage because it is a student paper and should reflect how each student thinks and feels.

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Letters to the Editor

Female athletes claim discrimination

Dear Editor:

It is ridiculous in the year 1980 that such a successful team representing Elon College is without dressing facilities. We are referring to the women's basketball team.

Since the beginning of pre-season football practice, the women's locker room in Alumni Gym has been taken over by the freshman football players. We consider

this to be a great injustice to women's athletics at Elon. Last year a lot of time, hard work, and money from our own pockets went into the rehabilitation of our locker room. All this work was necessary because of the destruction the football team caused the year before.

Last year the women's basketball team compiled a record of 23-3. What other

team can compare with outstanding record such as this? We think the time for a change is now!! Will the Athletic Department personnel be willing to give up their offices for dressing space if our locker room is not returned to us by Oct. 13, the first official day of practice?

Elon College Women's Basketball Team

Immaturity of weekend graffiti

Dear Editor,

The trash littered upon the beautiful ground of Elon after a "fired up" weekend is very unnecessary. Graffiti scrawled about the announcement boards and

sidewalks is not only childish, it is destruction of school property.

To many of us, this will be our home for the next nine months, so let's try and keep the campus as we

found it on the day of our arrival — free of empty bottles, shaving cream, and toilet paper.

Sincerely,
Ashley Taylor

Fall break needed for escape route

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that Elon's failure to include a fall break in the academic calendar is very harmful to the students as well as the professors.

Attending and instructing classes for three consecutive months tends to become monotonous for everyone involved. This monotony, in many cases, results in students skipping classes or neglecting their studies. Teachers

too become tired of the daily routine and lose enthusiasm.

For out-of-state students,

the fall semester can be a very difficult time. They have no weekend escape and therefore are confined to campus life for three straight months. A long weekend would make a trip home worth the traveling time.

An ideal time for a fall break would be immediately after mid-term exams. This would give the students time to relax after their testing and also allow the professors time to carefully correct the exams. Both students and teachers could then return with a fresh outlook.

A fall break could be

nothing but beneficial to everyone involved here at Elon.

Terri Miller

Prof. podium

A new column called "Professor's Podium" will be featured in the Burlington Times-News. This will enable the faculty and staff here at Elon College to have their say in the newspaper.

The articles, which will be limited to 600-700 words, may concern the professor's specific field, or another matter that he may wish to write on.