

Registration nears for college students

The Elon College Chapter of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group has announced that it will urge students to register to vote for the upcoming general election in November.

PIRG staffperson Art

Donsky said, "The Elon Town Hall will be open Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. so that people who wish to register to vote in November may do so."

The group plans to encourage students who consider themselves Elon residents to register. Dan Besse, another PIRG staffperson and attorney said, "It is a question of the student's intent. Both commuting and dorm students are eligible to register in Alamance County if they consider it, rather than their parents' home, to be their full-time home at least until they graduate or leave school." Besse continued, "This applies only if the student does not intend to return to his or her parents' home after graduation. Also, students can be required to provide proof of their intent, such as driver's license or bank account listed at their school address."

The last day to register for the November election is Monday, Oct. 6.

All students who will be completing graduation requirements at the close of the fall semester, winter term or spring semester must file an application for degree in the registrar's office by Oct. 15.



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Health Hints

On keeping well

By Mildred B. Lynch

The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning last week against the use of Rely tampons.

The warning was an upgrade from a previously issued advisory and was the result of a second study showing a close correlation between toxic shock syndrome and the use of Rely brand tampons.

The Greensboro Daily News recently reported the death of 16-year-old Robin Spooner of St. Louis County. Robin became ill on her 16th birthday with what was diagnosed as toxic shock syndrome.

On Aug. 26 she awoke feeling nauseated and fever-

ish. Her fever reached 103 degrees by the next day, and on Aug. 28 she complained of stiffness in her neck and aching all over.

Robin entered Children's Hospital on Aug. 28 and died Sept. 23.

Toxic shock syndrome is characterized by high fever, abdominal pains, a rash, vomiting, and diarrhea. It is bacterial infection that the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta linked earlier this year with the use of tampons by women.

The disease is believed to be a tissue reaction to certain materials in the composition of the tampons. It is more likely to occur if there are minute breaks in the internal

tissues.

The frequency of occurrence is estimated at three women in 100,000 and the mortality rate at one in a million— pretty good odds, but not worth the gamble.

The Newspaper Fund will again offer college juniors and seniors paid summer internships and scholarships for the 1981-82 school year. The two programs offered are the Editing Internship Program (for juniors) and the Minority Internship Program (for seniors who plan to enroll in graduate studies).

Traffic action sorely needed

By Mark Richards

The new parking lot near the power plant may have some advantages to a minority of students, yet for many the facility is more trouble than it is convenient.

Accessibility to the lot can be difficult and time consuming if a left hand turn from East Haggard Avenue on to Isley Avenue is attempted. This is the chief route of traffic into the parking lot, and the traffic signal makes the access even harder. Often, the motorist

must wait through several cycles of the stop light before he is able to enter the lot. A more efficient entrance lies off O'Kelley Street, located near the front of Carolina Dorm. There is no traffic signal at this intersection, making accessibility to the lot much easier.

A potentially dangerous area exists in the parking area itself. The maintenance area, located adjacent to the lot presents a hazard to motorists in that the covered fence surrounding the area creates a "blind corner," which could, and undoubtedly will, cause an accident. The probability of an accident is increased as the chief flow of traffic intersects with cross traffic at this "blind spot."

One idea to alleviate congestion is to install advance left turn traffic signals at the intersection of Williamson

Avenue and Haggard and at the Haggard and Isley intersections. This would lessen the traffic flow considerably.

Another solution involves the blind corner. Possibly the installation of a three-way yield sign would decrease the probability of an accident. The area is now unmarked— a dangerous situation for the motorist. Proper action should be taken as soon as possible.

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Student disagrees with required course

The suggestion (Sept. 18) of yet another required course is a matter of concern for all Elon College students. Grammar (English 250) and Library Science are two of the latest proposals. Neither should be a required course here.

English 250 is a course intended for prospective public school teachers, not as a course for all students. It is required for secondary certification in English. From previous Pendulum articles and the description in the catalog, it is apparent that this course's content is structured with this "market" in mind. Thus, neither the prospective teacher nor the deficient writer would benefit from the latter's inclusion in the class. Elon has plenty of remedial courses for those who need them, and free tutoring is available in the Learning Resources Center.

Elon has managed to keep and (expand) its enrollment during a period of declining enrollment at many small

colleges. It has been able to do this because of its emphasis on strong career programs. For the college to move away from this principle towards one of more "general requirements" would be to commit institutional suicide.

Requiring English 250 cannot guarantee adequate writing skills on the part of all students. (Much of the "mechanics" of writing is covered in English 111, and the proponents of a required grammar course find the skills of those who have passed that course deficient.) In the editorial, the writer

(who has proofreading experience and is in English 250) has made at least two errors in diction (using "well" in place of "good" and "mirror" instead of "reflection"). If a writing proficiency test were to be required (which I consider a much better idea), it should be at the beginning of English 111. The end of the sophomore year is too late a time for such an examination, as it would worsen this college's problem of juniors and seniors who have not completed required freshman courses.

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