

Lights prevent crimes

Not only is security still a problem at the college, but so are the lights around campus. One cannot help but notice how dark this campus becomes at night. It is not well lighted, and this fact presents problems.

Better lights are needed to prevent crime. Students cannot even walk to the library without feeling insecure. Around the gym parking lot there are not enough lights. It is not safe for commuter students who have night classes and have to walk to their cars. The gym lot should be adequately lighted.

At Harper Center, only one light shines in the back parking lot in one little spot. Many students return late at night, and the parking lot may be dangerous especially if one is by himself or herself. Brighter lights should be put in along the sidewalk from Harper Center to the main campus. A girl cannot feel safe walking by herself.

The campus as a whole needs better lighting. Something must be done for the safety of the students. Crime cannot be stopped until brighter lights are put up around the campus. In the meantime, students should be careful when walking to the library or to their cars.

Pay the penalty

The majority of students at Elon College are basically honest. They do not take things from other people with the intent of converting them to their own use. Larceny, petit or grand, is not in their vocabulary.

But some students do not fall into this category. They apparently feel comfortable taking things from other people as long as they do not have to suffer ill consequences. Several incidents of vandalism and stealing have occurred recently on the college campus and in the town. Students have been caught with the goods. Most persons who steal are caught, and they have to face a judge and have punishment meted out to them. Not so with students, it seems. The college forms a net into which they fall for safety from what other adults must face; that is, responsibility for their own actions.

Most students are not minors. They say over and over, "We are not children. We want to be treated like adults." Then they should know that theft carries punishment varying with the value of what is stolen. And punishment includes many years in prison. Laws are set by governments to protect people, not as traps.

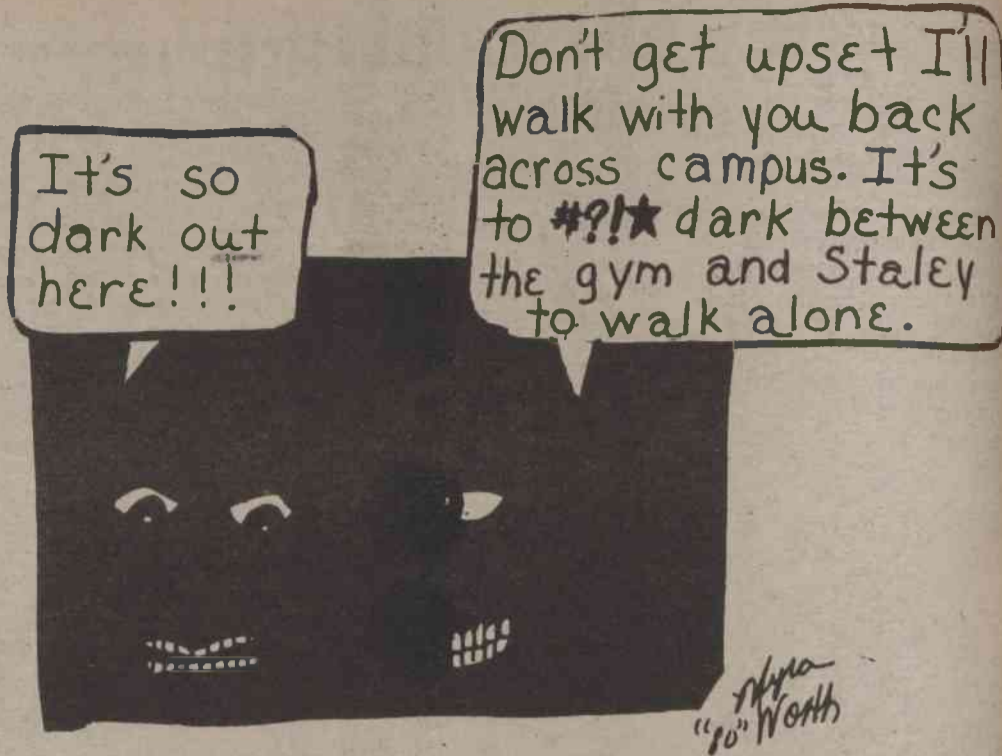
Nationwide, crime is increasing. To halt this rise and to protect ourselves, we must work wherever we are to set goals of plain honesty and responsibility, not least in a small college. We must demand that ethics and values in life be taught to all, and that the college itself does not deflect the normal course of justice by coddling those who break the law. Some time a college man and woman must face life. Why not here and now? If they learn from an experience, let them tell us all so that the damage to us and to them may not be repeated.

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Letters to the Editor

Problem for late-comers

Dear Editor:

Too many women students are uninformed about the combination door which is the only entrance after 11 p.m. for resident students of Virginia and West Dorms.

Living on First West, I am very aware of the great number of girls who must pound on the door or yell to anyone inside to let them in. These women should have been informed the first day of school of the combination

which would unlock the door. Since it was neglected at the beginning of the semester, information should be given now before anything harmful happens.

Teri Miller

More questions for politicians

To the editor:

A newspaper article is supposed to be non-partisan. In last week's edition, "Economy, foreign policy concern candidates," was full of biased opinion, incorrect information and only part truths.

Carter does not support a \$727.6 billion tax cut. The budget for the fiscal year of 1981 is less than \$625 billion.

On defense Reagan, as well as Carter, supports more spending in this area. In 1976, Carter promised to cut defense spending, but as he has said, its been increased every year. You failed to mention that while Carter supports draft registration the Democratic platform calls for a peacetime draft. Reagan is the war-monger?

While Reagan opposed SALT II, he has said that negotiation for SALT II should be started.

Carter has said that he would not interfere in American farmer trade. As one can see from the Afghan invasion, Carter has not

kept his word and the worth of the grain embargo has proved no good.

Are civil rights, ERA, and mass transit the most important issues this year? Since 1964 civil rights have improved. True, everything is not perfect, but it is hard to erase 300 years of history in 15 years. I support equal and civil rights because everybody is guaranteed these in the Constitution. During the four years that Carter has been in office not one state has passed the ERA. In fact several have repealed it.

Why has it taken 35 years to develop synthetic fuel capabilities? During the last years of World War II, Germany operated on synthetic fuel. Democrats have controlled the White House for 19 of those years and Congress for 25 years. Maybe somebody should talk to the oil companies.

A lot of people complain about nuclear power. People can have high prices because of oil or "dirtier" air because of coal. Unless they have a better solution quit

complaining. Solar has not been proved to be cost effecient at this time.

You also failed to say that Carter wants to spend another \$12.5 billion of our tax dollars. Is that non-inflationary? On the tax cut issue Carter says the Kemp-Roth tax cut would be inflationary. "What's the difference between giving people the money to spend and letting the government spend it?"

Since September the Pendulum has run only 4 or 5 articles or editorials on the elections. With county, state, and national election, as well as a N.C. constitutional amendments and local referenda, being held this year it appears that you have been somewhat lax in your coverage. An Elon student is running for the N.C. House of Rep. and no mention is even made of it. A candidate for the U.S. House of Rep. was on campus and again there was no announcement or even coverage of his presence.

Keith Nelson