

# Good sportsmanship

Profanity is becoming a way of life for many Elon students. An example of this occurred at a recent Elon basketball game. A group of male students, perhaps in response to the scoreboard, stood up and shouted obscenities at the other team. Unfortunately, one of the people on the other side was the Elon College chaplain, Bill Sharpe.

In response to this action, Coach Bill Morningstar sent out a memo to the students of Elon requesting them to be more considerate.

The incident may have seemed funny to some participating students, but other students were embarrassed and upset. What a student does in his dorm room is his own business, but to embarrass the students and faculty of the college is beyond reproach. Such immature actions help label Elon with a bad name. The action is also unnecessary and unwarranted.

Surely students can think of better ways to ventilate their anger than to orally humiliate their guests. Let us hope that most students of Elon are more adult than to shout obscenities at opponents.

Surely good sportsmanship means an ability to take a temporary game set-back or even a loss with equanimity.

# Winter-term changes

Winter term has come and gone. For some, winter term meant touring England or Hawaii. For others, the month of January was spent in hours of intense study. Each day of class was equivalent to a week of class, and the January month of study was concentrated.

Some important changes have occurred since exam time in December. Elon College now has a football team that is number one in the nation. Howard Southerland, director of A.R.A., has left Elon for Chapel Hill. Mr. Ownby is now heading up the cafeteria services.

On the lighter side, January was filled with much partying, including a party in honor of the hostages who were freed from Iran. One amusing incident was the condition of the television set in Harper Center. It had no picture but several dedicated soap opera fans gathered around in the early afternoons to listen to the continuing sagas. (According to Jack Murphy, the television should be repaired soon.)

For several days, the folks at Harper Center had to eat all their meals across campus. Mr. Southerland later agreed to open both dining halls.

Yes, winter term has come and gone. Now it is time to look to the spring semester.

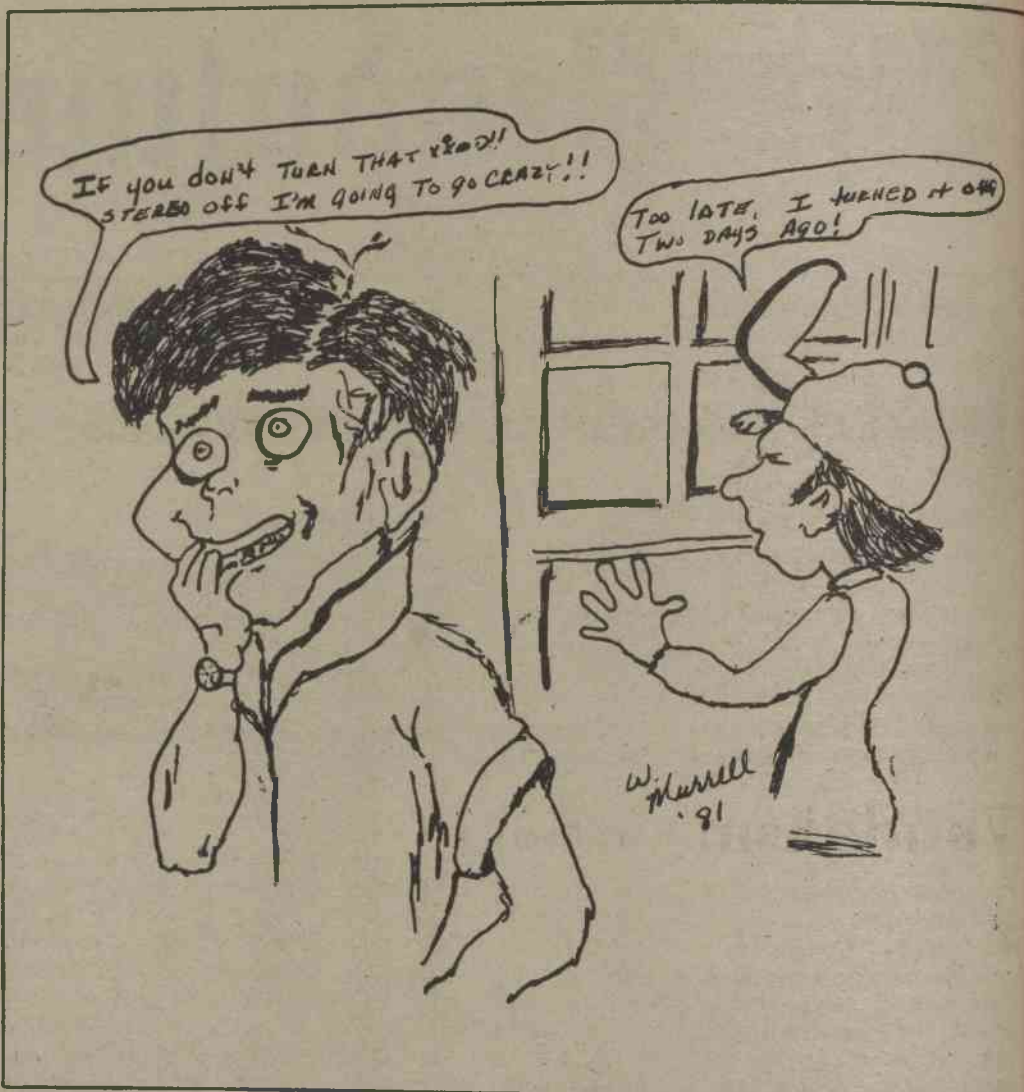
## Newspaper staff opening

Positions are now open for newspaper lay-out personnel. For further information, come by the Pendulum office today at 3:30.

# The Pendulum

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# What our readers say

## We need outside coverage

To The Editor,  
Although the Pendulum keeps us informed about campus activities and events, I think it should also help

keep us in touch with the world outside the walls.  
Not everyone at Elon sees a daily newspaper, and I think that news coverage of some of the more news-

worthy items of the past week on state and national levels would benefit the student and the community as well.

Chris Christopher

## Helmets help prevent injuries

We need your help in bringing an important safety message to motorcyclists.

Thirty-one states currently do not require that all cyclists wear helmets when they ride, and other states

are considering repeal of their mandatory laws.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation — a non-profit organization whose goal is to reduce motorcycle accidents and injuries — believes

that most riders will still wear their helmets voluntarily. Unhelmeted riders triple their risk of death in an accident. Won't you help us convince them?

Caryn Furst  
Motorcycle Safety Foundation

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Valentine carnations

The little sisters of Pi Kappa Phi invite Elon students and faculty to purchase red or white Valentine's Day carnations for their sweethearts at \$1 each. Orders will be taken from any little sister during the week of Feb. 9-13 and will be delivered on campus Feb. 13.

### Pledges at ZTA

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha welcome their new pledges. They are Lisa Perricu, Cindy Cline, Marcia Farrar, Lisa Crawford, Cheryl Crawford, Lisa Abernathy, and Kim Oakley.

Zeta sisters are also congratulating the pledges from other sororities who were extended bids over winter term. They also extend spec-

ial congratulations to the newly elected president of ZTA, Laurie Michaud.

### SUB meeting

The Student Union Board (SUB) welcomes new members to their meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m.