

Student praises Open House

To the Editor:

It always seems to be announced when the fraternities have had some misfortune in the conduct of some of their members, or their houses end up looking like the Titanic on Sunday mornings after a stampede of party goes head through. I think that it is about time somebody other than a Greek spoke up in favor of

the fraternities. The fraternities are just about the only available social life for the students on weekend that Elon has to offer.

I believe that anybody who attended Open House last Sunday will know what I am talking about. Each fraternity worked very hard in cleaning up its house and preparing different appetizers and drinks for guests.

Not only were the houses clean, but also the appearance and manners of the brothers were as well.

Fraternities, thank you for a job well done. You seem to take the bad breaks for the conduct of all the Greeks as well as a lot of students who are not Greeks. Maybe the ones who condemn you should see more days like last Sunday.

Debra Burke

Elon splits pair of games — drops one to Belmont Abbey by 6, defeats Atlantic Christian Saturday

by Kevin Wilson

Elon hosted non-conference Belmont Abbey and conference Atlantic Christian last week to split a pair of games in Alumni Gym.

The Fighting Christians' 2-3 zone defense was unable to shut down Abbey's offense on Feb. 12. The visitors scored inside and outside at any given moment. Elon played the same style of defense as Drew VanHorn and Lee Allison provided outside jumpers to keep the game close. For a major part of the first half both teams illustrated a "you score, I score" type of game.

With 9:21 remaining before the half, Lee Allison hit a jumper, sank two free throws and scored the go-ahead basket to put Elon 18-17. The shooters of Belmont Abbey roared back with two outside jumpers followed by a Clarence Miles slam dunk. Toward the end of the half Lee Allison

scored on a layup to cut the lead by two points, 32-30.

Belmont Abbey reeled off six unanswered points in the opening minutes of the second half. Trailing by nine, Elon displayed a full court press. That didn't irritate the outside scorers of Belmont at all. Throughout the rest of the game the Fighting Christians were playing catch up basketball. With 2:51 to go Allison hit a short jumpshot to bring Elon within five points. To live or die by the jumpshot Belmont Abbey refused to let the Fightin Christians' semi-comeback become effective. Greg Dawson hit two of two free throws for a 63-60 score with 1:49 showing on the clock. This appeared to be the closest Elon ever came until Lee Allison fouled a player to extend their lead to five points.

The senior from Mebane tallied 21 points and made five of five from the free throw line. Clarence Miles

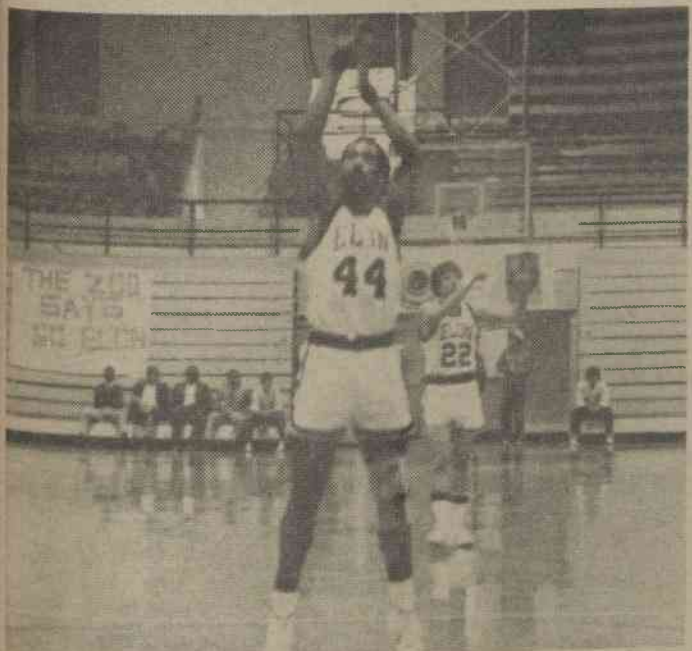
scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds, followed by Gary Shuffler and Drew VanHorn, who scored 10 points each. Elon 71, Belmont Abbey 77.

Two days later, on Valentine's night, Atlantic Christian came to Elon with one thought on their minds. To win. In this specific engagement, Lee Allison played in the backcourt with point guard, Drew VanHorn.

The lead changed hands in the earlier moments. Two jumpers and a dunk by Atlantic Christian had Elon trailing 29-21. The Fighting Christians tried to score inside but the visitors clogged the middle. Two quick jumpers by Drew VanHorn and Lee Allison's three-point play gave Elon a 32-29 lead. Atlantic Christian hit nine points, before the buzzer, to go on top by one point, 41-40.

In the second half of action, freshman Gary Shuffler played like a veteran. He scored at different locations as Elon ran to a ten-point lead. A comeback by AC was in perspective until Lee Allison invented a three-point play for a 66-61 score. In control by five points, Elon's starting five went to celebrate their highest point production this season.

Clarence Miles led Elon with 22 points followed by Lee Allison's 21 points. Greg Dawson came back to normal by hitting 19 points after a three-game slump. Drew VanHorn tallied a season high 20 points as Gary Shuffler added 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Fighting Christians 98-88 victory. Elon stands 12-15 in overall



Lee Allison sinks another foul shot for the Fighting Christians. Staff Photo

Opinion

Who can afford them?

Book costs high

By Susie George

Spring semester is under way, the welcome-back parties are dwindling, and students are settling down into their studies.

At least, those students who can afford their books have begun the daily grind.

This semester there has been an amazing number of complaints concerning the high cost of textbooks. One student with a course load of 18 hours spent \$135. She won the prize of the day for spending the largest sum. It was a piece of bubblegum, along with an offer for the Campus Shop to write a letter to her parents verifying the amount spent was specifically for books. Obviously, something is wrong.

This is not the first (nor probably the last) time students at Elon have complained about the high cost of books. In 1977, PIRG did a comparative study on college book stores. Contrary to popular belief, PIRG found that bookstores do not make a large profit from selling textbooks. They stay in business by selling items such as t-shirts, cards, and shampoo. The sale of textbooks is done as a service to the students.

Most college bookstores have similar policies regarding the sale of books, along with similar prices. For every dollar spent on a textbook, the stores receive 20 cents. After paying the expenses of postage, salaries, rent, and electric bills, only four cents is left over— not an astronomical profit.

Professors at fault

The problem then seems to lie elsewhere. A major difficulty bookstores encounter is professors who frequently change their required texts. This policy drastically reduces the number of used, lower-priced books available to students. It also costs the stores money, as they have to sell outdated textbooks back to publishers for less than one third of the original price paid. If professors were required to use the same textbook for a few years, then at least some students would be paying less.

There are other methods of combatting the rising prices of textbooks. In some

schools, students organize book exchanges of their own. Once established, these exchanges can be highly successful if student dedication to the project remains high.

Throw-away texts

Ford's Insider, a supplement to college newspapers, proposed another solution. They mentioned throw-away textbooks that normally cost one dollar a piece. These would certainly save students money, but they would not be much use for later reference.

Still another answer to high priced books is the rental program. Students at Appalachian State University are charged a flat fee, included in tuition costs. At semester's end, students return their books to the store or have the option of purchasing them. If the books are not returned, then students are billed for them.

These four examples of selling textbooks are only some of the methods used to help rising prices. If any one of them was adopted at Elon, there would be a much happier, not to mention wealthier, student body.

Borrowed books

The best way of fighting the inflationary costs of textbooks is used by a student at the University of Alabama. This student simply borrows books from other students the night before his exams and reads them from cover to cover. In this manner, he avoids spending any money on books.

If all students could be successful with this kind of studying, then there would be no need to do anything about the bookstores. Since this is not possible for the majority of us, something needs to be done. Professors—take note. Before automatically requesting new books for next semester, see if the added material can be instructed without the aid of a new textbook. Students—ask around before you buy. You might be able to trade your Norton Anthology for your roommate's calculus book. The extra effort might pay off.

Orientation Team

All students interested in joining the Orientation team for 1981 are invited to come by the large lounge Thursday afternoons at 3:30.

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