

Apathy invades government

Student apathy is rampant in the student government of Elon College. Now before the SGA is a bill that will reduce the number of senators from 21 to 15. But will this bill, if it passes, reduce the problem of apathy?

According to one source in the SGA, an attempt is being made to improve the overall quality of the senators and the sense of pride in government. Perhaps this is why almost \$1,500 is being spent to panel and carpet a senate room. But for what?

With only four senators returning from last year, only two senators have not missed a senate meeting. This record is deplorable.

It has been a difficult year for the senate. All of the bills except one have been introduced by the SGA president, vice-president, or treasurer. In other words, many senators are slack. Twice there were so many senators missing from the regular semi-monthly meeting that a quorum could not be met. Of the 37 senate members, usually about 20 appear at the meetings.

However, after senators miss two

consecutive or three total meetings, they come before the senate judicial review. Several senators are now in senate judicial review.

The SGA should be something that all students consider vital to their well-being. What can be done about the apathy?

Communication seems to be a key that is missing from student government. The student body does not know what the SGA is doing. In fact, some wonder if they are doing anything at all except building themselves a brand new senate room.

The majority of the senators sit at the meetings saying not one word. Students need to tell their senators what they want. The senators should try their best to serve the students through legislation and discussion.

One idea might be to have workshops for those entering the SGA. Only four senators knew what was going on last fall (the four who returned). These informative conventions should be held on campus so that expense would not be a problem.

We need an active SGA. But you, the students must demand it. Have you talked to your senator lately?



What our readers say

Conservative view on 'peace'

To the editor:

The Feb. 12 headline, "Faculty upset with course objectives," is yet another sign of both poor journalism and leftist myths. It is poor journalism since it amounts to an editorial appearing as a news article.

The statement "Many faculty agreed to add this course with misgivings..." conflicts with the reaction of professors I spoke with; at least three of the seven were unaware of the new course and none knew of any opposition. (One of these professors is a respected member of Prof. Smith's

department). The only hint of "opposition" was a recommendation for a "peace studies" course made by Prof. Smith.

"Peace Studies" activities and courses have acted as general leftist propaganda fronts elsewhere—often devoting their time to a mix of

left-wing "causes" unrelated to international relations. Leftist thinking has become a major factor at many U.S. colleges, often in the guise of "Christianity" by attempting to impart a feeling of guilt over American prosperity. "Academic freedom" does not extend to conser-

vatives—note the nonexistence of courses with this viewpoint.

ROTC and OCS have been a route for advancement for many, especially the "underprivileged." Leftism has been only a path to death and oppression. Let us remember this.

Matt Maggio
Editor's note: Prof. Smith's article appeared on Page 3, clearly marked as "What our readers say" and "Opinion." And the three professors should have known about the American military history course approved at the February faculty meeting.

Support men's basketball team

To the Editor:

More fan support should be issued to our men's basketball team. Playoffs are beginning; therefore, more spectators are needed.

The sororities and fraternities were absent at the majority of Elon's home games. The student body, faculty members, and all organizations should follow the team to participate.

As a regular spectator, I saw a great number of

empty spaces in Alumni Gym this season. Why not give a second place team credit when it is due? By showing a lack of support, the members of Elon's basketball team would feel less important. The more people, the better a team performs, is my philosophy. This would help make the play-offs a victorious and memorable one.

I must offer the "Zoo Crew" a large amount of credit. They have expressed

more enthusiasm than all the other spectators combined. The members of the "Zoo Crew" have followed the Elon players in a win or lose cause.

When a team hears their home fans cheering and applauding they can react and play successfully. It's a positive help. So come out and give it all you got by supporting your Fightin' Christians.

Kevin Wilson

Elon Zoo salutes team

Dear Editor,

In response to the article in the Feb. 19 Pendulum by "J.M.," "The Zoo" would like to apologize to the cheerleading squad and the rest of the student body, if in fact an apology is necessary!

"The Zoo" in no way wants to intervene with the cheerleaders and their fine leadership during sports events. Moreover, there have been no complaints registered by any cheerleader to

"the Zoo."

"The Zoo" feels that we simply complement the cheerleaders as there is an apathetic attitude of support projected by all of the other student organizations as well as the rest of the student body!

Furthermore, "The Zoo" would like to salute Mr. Morningstar and the Elon basketball team for their fine performance and support this 80-81 season! Thanks, Bill!

"The Zoo"

TKE collects for fund

To the Editor,

TKE fraternity was selected again this year by the Burlington Jaycees to con-

trol the Elon College area's collection of donations for the N.C. Heart fund.

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