

# A room: prize of 1981-82

Getting a room at Elon is like getting a ticket to the superbowl.

Students must pay a \$75 deposit and have full occupancy in a room to sign up. Neither guarantees a room.

Students sign up over a three-day period. Those students who are keeping the same room and roommate(s), and those rooms with graduating seniors sign up the first day. The next two days are for those changing rooms within a dorm and those switching dorms.

The problem is that about 60 percent of rooms in each dorm go to incoming freshmen, leaving only 40 percent of the rooms for upperclassmen.

This 40 percent fills quickly, usually the first day, leaving the student who is changing rooms or dorms little chance.

Another problem is that many students lucky enough to get a room did so by missing classes to join lines waiting to sign up.

Incoming freshmen deserve the rooms allotted them, however, the

system of sign-up is the problem, not the number of rooms open.

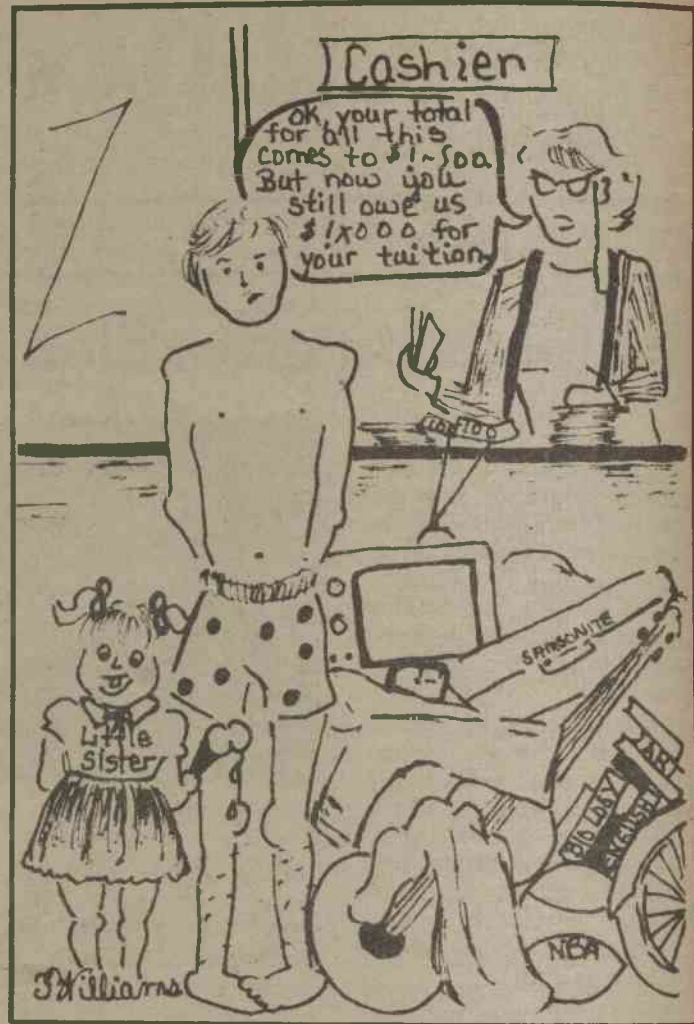
These situations could be easily avoided by having students sign up for rooms on a first come, first served basis without having to fill all spaces in a room.

Although this method would interfere with putting freshmen together in rooms, the same problem arises when a student not returning to Elon pays the deposit, and signs up for a room. His or her roommate then can keep the room and the student withdraws the deposit afterwards, thus leaving a vacancy.

A first come, first served system would give all students an equal chance of getting a room on campus.

Another solution would be to keep the system as it is now, but to allot a certain percentage of rooms to be assigned each day. This way, students who wish to change rooms or dorms have a better chance of getting their preference.

As for the students missing class, why not hold the sign-up on a weekend?



## What are readers say... What our readers say

### Ms. Adams invited to give ideas to SUB

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the article in the last edition of the *Pendulum* regarding Ms. Robin Adam's feelings toward the Student Union Board and our work this semester.

First, the Student Union Board has never refused to listen to a suggestion as to the kind of entertainment we are providing for the students at Elon. If anyone has any such suggestions, let me suggest that they attend one of our meetings on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. in the large lounge of the Student Center and make their suggestions then to the appropriate committees.

Second, we have never planned "a concert to the taste of 50 students." We held a survey at the beginning of the fall semester to determine the students' personal preferences of the groups in our price range touring this area.

It is understandable that UNC-CH would and probably always will have more events and better concerts than Elon because they have a budget of \$175,000 and we barely have \$30,000. We do what we can with the money

that we are given. Now, if someone would like to loan us between \$25,000 and \$50,000, we might be able to get Commodores or Styx or Billy Joel or anyone else in that realm of fame and fortune.

In response to the suggestions that we have a formal spring dance or otherwise, we have some people that have been trying to arrange just such an event. However, problems do arise, and schedule conflicts also occur and things get postponed. Unfortunately the members of SUB are not numerous, and we do what a limited number of people can. With more people we could do more.

To defend David Willis' show, it needs to be pointed out that between 150 and 200 people were at that show. Evidently, Ms. Adams was not in attendance; otherwise, she would have realized that he was not just a magician and that the audience enjoyed the show.

The Student Union Board has sponsored more than 40 events since the start of the fall semester. I cannot think

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### Take time to visit SUB meetings

To the Editor:

I write this letter as a response to the article about the Student Union Board in last week's *Pendulum*. As it seems, some students here have acquired an attitude of criticizing, rather than offering any constructive alternatives in order to improve the existing situation.

If more students realized the amount of time that's required to plan and carry out the activities, they would be less inclined to criticize. It makes the job more laborious when the only feedback happens to come in the form of complaints.

I believe that it would be to the benefit of all students if they would show the courtesy of attending at least one meeting before forming an opinion. I understand that the complaints signal a need for some type of change, but how are we to evaluate the complaints when no one bothers to come and state their case at the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. meetings?

Our SUB is designed so that anyone with a suggestion can have it heard and respected. It's impossible for such a small group of students to plan activities for

the entire college without some external input.

At the beginning of this semester, the SUB members campaigned for campus-wide involvement. It is my personal opinion that if people don't care enough to come and participate in the meetings, thus show interest in how funds are spent, they

should not take up space in the paper complaining.

If the SUB has become a select group of students attempting to plan activities for the entire campus, it has evolved into that because those who could become involved decide only to complain instead.

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