

Where's a phone?

Although Elon attempts to provide high standards for dorm students, it has failed in one major area—the campus phone system.

Even though students can have telephones installed in their rooms through Southern Bell, no phones are provided in dorm lobbies for friends or dates to contact residents when they arrive.

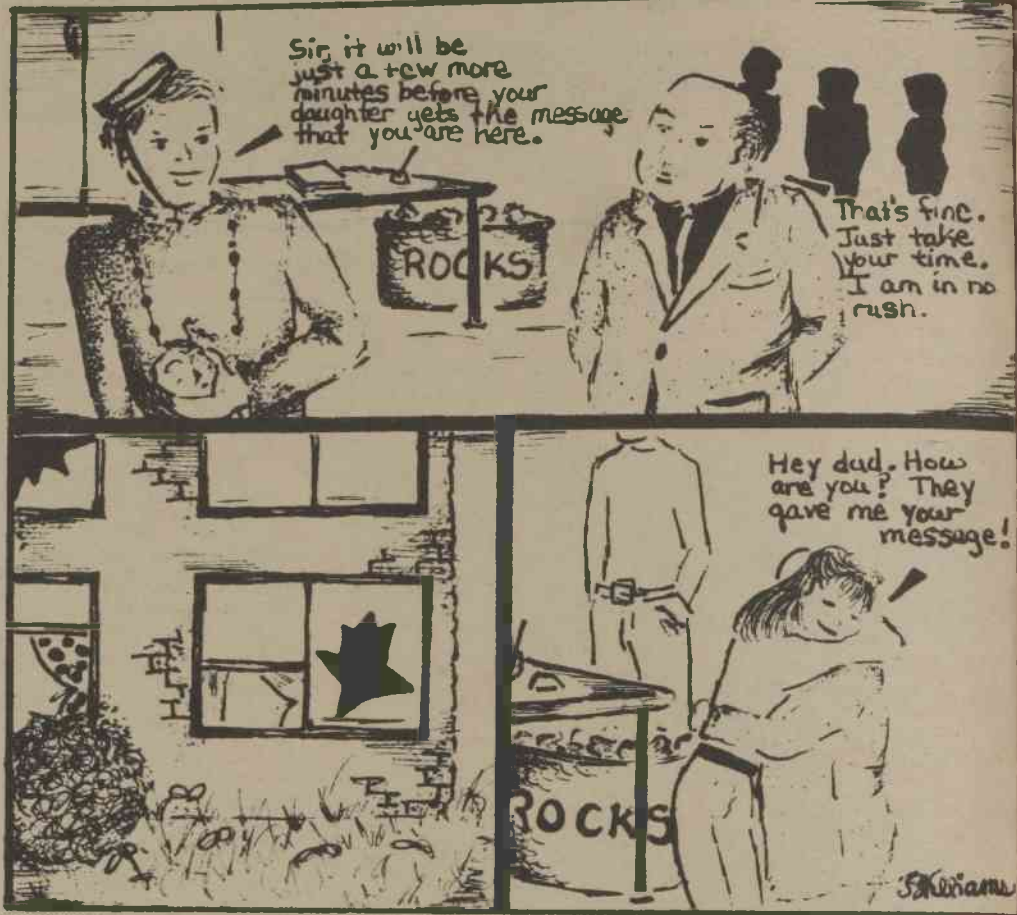
Elon's visitation policy prohibits men and women from entering their respective dorms except during specified weekend hours.

How can the college expect students to obey such rules without providing an adequate means of communication?

A telephone is needed — whether a free one for all students and visitors or one manned by a "dorm secretary" who notifies students of their guests' arrival.

This inconvenience was pointed out to the dean of housing the first week of school. Ample time has passed to alleviate the problem, but there are no results thus far. "We're still working on it" has been the prevailing answer from the dean.

Surely, if the college can afford to renovate Alamance Building, and construct a new dorm and Scott Plaza, they can afford to install an adequate campus phone system.



Who has fire drills?

Do elementary schools have fire drills? Yes. Do high schools have fire drills? Yes. Do college dorms have fire drills? . . . that's a good question. Do they?

At many colleges around the nation fire drills are held in the dormitories, and certain guidelines are set up that must be followed. This is done for the increased safety of the students residing there.

But what does one do if a fire breaks out in one of Elon's dorms? There would probably be mass confusion as students rushed to get out. Or even more likely, many students would ignore the alarm and roll over to go back to sleep, thinking this alarm was just another of the many college pranks.

Fire prevention experts warn that fire drills should even be practiced in the home, so why are they not practiced here at Elon?

This sort of practice would inconvenience a few, but it could save the lives of many later. It is up to Elon officials to decide which is more important. And it is up to Elon students to cooperate with these fire drills if they are put into practice as they should be.

What our readers say...

Student blasts visitation policy

Dear Editor,

The Elon College visitation policy is hard for out-of-state students to live with.

Most students, being 18 years of age, are old enough to vote, buy beer and wine, and make decisions on their own. If a student is old enough to come to college and be independent, they

should be old enough to make the decisions of whether or not to have a member of the opposite sex in their rooms at any time.

If an out-of-state student comes to visit a friend at Elon, they have nowhere to stay, unless you have a male or female friend who has an empty bed or your friend wants to pay \$30 a night for

a hotel room.

I feel that we are old enough to make these decisions ourselves. Limited visitation is okay to a point. We do need time to roam the halls in our pajamas, but a wider balance of visitation hours would greatly improve campus life.

W.T. Maness

Elon police harass partygoers

Editor:

Recently, while at a party at the College Garden Apartments, I witnessed a show of force by the Elon College police that was unprovoked and unnecessary, and one that was nothing less than a deliberate act of intimidation.

Not one, but two, squad cars cruised into the parking lot and the chief immediately began demanding that cars be moved or towed to

make room for fire trucks in an area that is not accessible to trucks that size anyway. Obviously there had been no complaints about noise from the townspeople, because they didn't complain about

They accomplished what they had set out to do; they ruined another good party that was causing no one any harm. What is worse, they inflicted a negative attitude toward authority in everyone's mind, and they won-

der why there is vandalism.

Surely this is not the first time that the Elon College police have used their authority, and likely it won't be the last. But we as students don't have to like it or put up with it.

Speaking for myself, I feel that the community of Elon is in the Stone Ages. Their intimidation will never stop students from partying; it will only make them angry partygoers.

Don G. Fisher

The Pendulum

Co-Editors

Sports Editor
Features Editor
Head Photographer
Advisers

Teresa Warren and
Mari Behrend
David Temple
Joy Hamilton
Nader Hamidpour
Mary Ellen Priestley
and Robert Nowell

The Staff Meets Thursday
at 1 p.m.

205 Student Center

Published by the Communications Media Board of Elon College. Founded on October 14, 1974, as the student newspaper serving the Elon College community, the Pendulum is published each Thursday during the regular terms except for examination and holiday periods.

Positions for freshman class president, vice president, and treasurer as well as two senate seats will be open in each of the three campus precincts (commuters may run in the precinct of their choice.)

Applications and instruc-

tions for filing, including precinct information, are available in the SGA offices in 209 Long Student Center. Office hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 to 3 p.m. Friday. SGA officials will be available to answer any questions.

The Pendulum welcomes letters, limited to 250 words, from our readers. Letters should include name and phone number where the writer can be reached. Longer material may be submitted as opinion articles for page 3. Editors reserve the right to edit for length, libel, good taste and accuracy.