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Hungry, anyone?

Students often complain about Elon's food services but rarely is the cafeteria food service commended for its cooperation with the college and students.

Scott Ownby, director of ARA food services at Elon, has recently responded to student complaints of overcrowded dining halls in several ways.

Tables that had previously cluttered the area around the main serving lines were moved to make the area more open and easy to walk through. Second floor McEwen Dining Hall was opened during lunch hours for students who wish sandwiches, soup or salads.

Not only does the cafeteria respond to direct student needs but it serves many student organizations as well. Scott Ownby rarely turns away a student organization when members request supplies for social or banquet events. Organizations taking advantage of ARA for these purposes usually find reasonable costs plus a wide variety of foods to choose from.

Employees in both cafeterias are friendly and always willing to take that "extra step" to make a student happy. More than this, all employees help with a smile and appear happy in their jobs.

Although students have and probably always will have some complaints about institutional food, they should also look at the good things that Scott Ownby and his staff do for the college community.

Lock your doors to prevent theft

The recent rash of dormitory burglaries may have caused Elon students to become more careful about locking their doors when they leave their rooms, but sometimes this is not enough.

In fact, students may think they are locking their rooms when, actually some dormitories' doors must be locked with a key from the outside. Otherwise, the door unlocks when it is shut.

In dorms with suite bathrooms, these bathroom doors should also be locked to prevent a burglar easily going from one room to another through the bathroom.

Students should have their valuables engraved with their driver's license numbers to help prevent theft. If these engraved items are then stolen, this identification may aid in their recovery.

Rooms should be locked at all times as these burglars have been randomly opening doors and then pretending to be looking for someone else if that room is occupied. If no one else is in the room, they then proceed to steal the valuables there.

One of these men has been caught, and the campus security guards have begun patrolling the dorm hallways regularly. But the cooperation of students is necessary to put an end to this type of theft.

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.



What our readers say...

Plans for philosophers abroad

The philosophy course in the "Studies Abroad in Great Britain" in January blends the history of ideas with observation of the living embodiment of those ideas in English institutions. Our hotel is only a few steps from the beautiful and historic Bloomsbury section of London (home of Jonas Hanway, the first Londoner to use an umbrella). There we'll wander through streets and parks frequented by the major English philosophers of the 19th Century — Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill — and through the campus of the University of London (which Bentham helped to establish). Near the University we'll visit the British Museum, probably the finest in the world—and of particular interest to philosophers for its collection of original philosophical manuscripts.

On another day we'll drive up to Oxford, and meander through the serpentine streets of that medieval town. We'll walk among the colleges where many of the greatest philosophers, scientists, poets and scholars—from the Middle Ages to the present—have written, studied, and taught. We'll have lunch at a pub that has served Oxford students and Oxford dons for many centuries.

We'll also see in action

some of the most important ways in which philosophical ideas have currently taken form. One evening will be spent at the debates in the House of Parliament; a morning, at least, devoted to the Old Bailey—the most famous criminal court in the world—watching cases being argued by eloquent barristers before wigged justices, with an uneasy defendant observing the proceedings from the prisoner's dock. In the afternoon we'll observe—maybe take part in—the public debates at Hyde Park, which symbolize the British devotion to freedom of speech.

Other likely stops are St. Paul's Cathedral (site of this summer's royal wedding, near the Old Bailey); the Tower of London; and perhaps—by way of a half hour

cruise down the Thames—Greenwich (and the Maritime Museum and Greenwich Observatory). All this plus theater, music, friendly neighborhood pubs, and time for pursuing individual interests (including a free week for travel)—as well as all the regular tour events, such as Stonehenge, Dover Castle, Windsor Castle, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, Westminster Abbey, Winchester, Salisbury, Canterbury—make up 1982 winter term philosophy in England. We'll leave Dulles International Dec. 31, and transportation to Dulles from Elon will be available. For more information, call or see me, Carlton 313, extension 273.

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