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College Killer?

We all know rules are meant to be enforced, but sometimes a rule needs to be bent.

While enroute from a fraternity-sponsored Octoberfest, several students were involved in a minor accident and another was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Organizations are forced to hold all beer-drinking events, like the Octoberfest, off-campus because the college prohibits beer blasts on campus.

Why should students' lives be endangered because they have to drive to such events where alcohol is served?

The college should give special permission to organizations allowing them to hold their annual beer blasts on campus.

The field behind Harper Center is an ideal spot for such socials. Few, if any, neighbors to the college would be bothered by the noise at a beer function held there. More than this, however, students could walk to the party and alleviate the risk of driving, even if they don't drink.

Elon has been lucky so far because students have always returned uninjured from such events, but sooner or later, a student is going to end up in the coroner's office because of Elon's policy on beer blasts. What will the college say then? "I'm sorry?"

Children at play

Vandalism and theft are problems on many college campuses, but this does not excuse their presence on Elon College's campus.

This past Halloween weekend was relatively peaceful, but some incidents did occur that should not have. For example, trash was thrown around the campus in several places and even in the lobby of Long Student Center. This, no doubt, created an embarrassing situation for the college before the many parents here for the Parents Weekend activities.

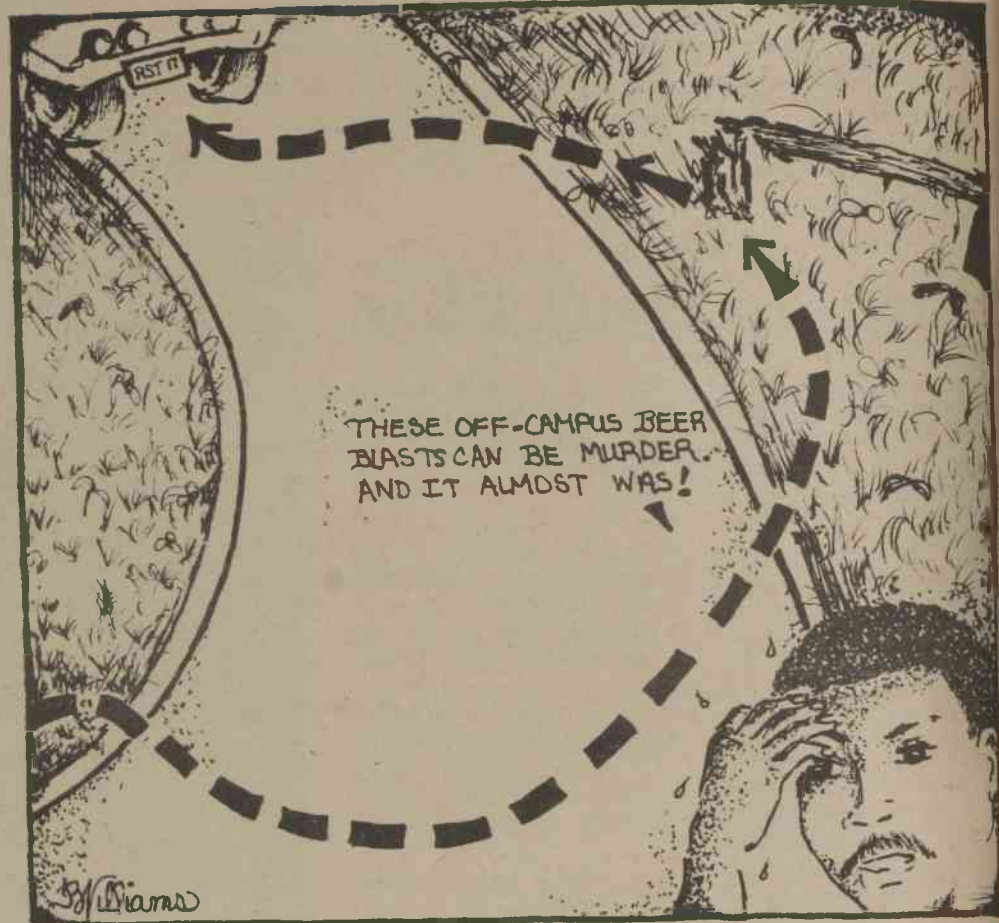
The Student Center was also recently deprived of its one *Pendulum* rack. The *Pendulum* staff now has only one newspaper rack left to serve the entire campus and town.

Not only was this rack full of papers when it was taken, but it was also not worth much except to someone who wished to get a copy of the *Pendulum*. However, someone obviously decided differently about the monetary value of the rack or just wanted "something to do" and felt that stealing a small newspaper rack would be a great way to amuse himself.

This shows a great lack of responsibility and maturity on the part of a person or persons who would stoop to this type of petty theft and vandalism for "kicks."

Elon students are constantly calling for the administration's recognition of them as mature, responsible adults, and the Student Government Association tries hard to present this image as it is reflected by many students, but until this minority of malicious vandals and thieves is stopped, few changes in attitude and action can be expected or hoped for.

The *Pendulum* welcomes letters, limited to 250 words, from our readers. 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...

White thanks college community

Dear Editor:

I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the college community — students, faculty, and staff — who helped make Parents Weekend so enjoyable for the families and friends who visited Elon this past weekend. By all accounts, this was the most successful Parents Weekend celebration

held to date.

The list of individuals whose work during Parents Weekend should be commended is too long to note here; however, a special note of thanks goes to Dan Daly and Mary Watson of the Student Government Association for helping make Saturday night's "5th Quarter Social" so enjoy-

able. Over 400 parents, students, and friends of the college celebrated Elon's victory over Gardner-Webb at this dance.

Thanks, again, to everyone.

Sincerely,
J. King White
Director of Alumni
Parent Programs

New religion classes offered

To the Editor:

The Department of Religion is offering three new courses during winter term, 1982. The courses focus on a wide range of religious subjects including the study and practice of Zen Buddhist meditation, the problem of the existence of evil in the world, and the search for the real or historical Jesus behind the various images which depict Him.

The three courses, are as follows:

"The Dimensions of Job," taught by Dr. James Pace, will examine the literary and historical background of Job.

"The Way of Zen," taught by Dr. Larry Willson, will look at one major world religion, Buddhism, as it focuses on the most intellectually disciplined school, Zen Buddhism.

"Twentieth-Century Images of Jesus," taught by Dr. Bill Rich, will explore the questions of who Jesus actually was.

In addition to these courses taught on the Elon campus, Dr. Carole Chase will teach religious studies in England during winter term.

A few places remain in the course taught on Elon's London campus. For further explanation and details regarding these courses, consult me or the individual instructors.

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