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Rudeness prevails

A few can spoil a good reputation of many. Such was the case at the Homecoming football game last weekend.

A sizable number of students brought liquor to the game and proceeded to become intoxicated. These students then began to scream profane remarks at each other, football players, and referees. Also drinks and ice were tossed in the crowd periodically.

To make matters worse, several groups of students huddled together smoking marijuana openly in the stadium.

These undesirable habits are not only annoying to others attending the game, but present an embarrassing example of students to returning alumni and parents.

Besides this, the consumption of alcoholic beverages at sports events and the smoking of marijuana are illegal actions.

Do Elon students wish the alumni and parents attending the game to leave with a low impression of their alma mater or of their sons' or daughters' school?

Either these students should conform to the rules governing sports events or not come to the games at all.

Possibly, women's handbags and men's coats should be checked before they enter the stadium.

Elon has too much to be proud of to allow such illegal behavior which gives visitors a wrong impression about the majority of the students or to allow this type of behavior to continue.

Register carefully

Many people complain about long lines and closed classes at preregistration time. But, due to the hard work and good planning of Mark Albertson as registrar and the others working in the registrar's office, this situation is improving with each semester.

For example, winter term's schedule contains about 100 classes and only 10 were closed as of Tuesday. Then, out of a choice of more than 600 classes for spring semester, less than 50 have been closed, according to Albertson.

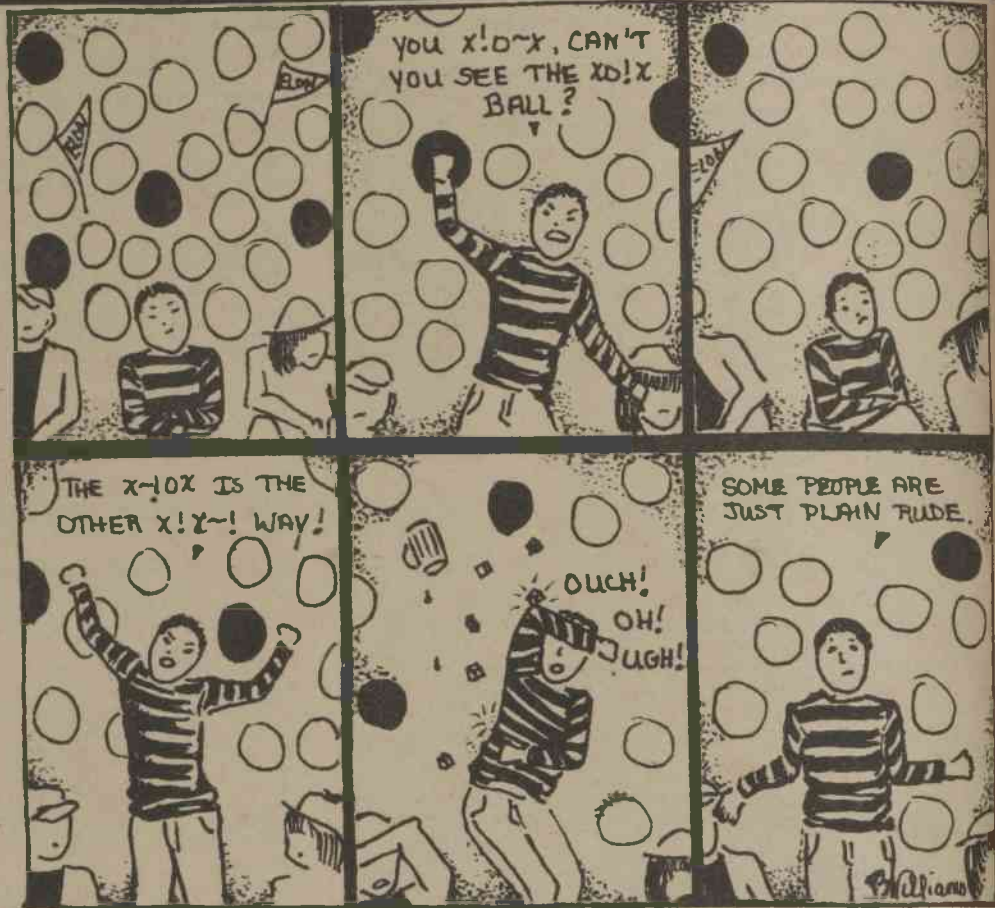
This should leave plenty for students to choose from when setting up their winter and spring schedules and should alleviate the problems of class conflicts.

Students who are preregistering should carefully go over their schedules before they go to the registrar's office. This would help prevent the ever-increasing problem of students planning to take classes and labs which are scheduled at the same times. When this happens, this slows the entire process down and makes everyone wait longer.

Students are always being encouraged to pay their tuition early to avoid the long lines later. This system has been set up to help everyone, especially the students who have to stand in line, and it should be taken advantage of.

Overall, the process of registering for classes has been greatly improved and if students cooperate and are careful while filling out their forms, everyone can avoid long lines, get the classes they want and need, and still go home early.

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...

R.C. praises student affairs

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Student Affairs staff for the past weekend of Nov. 14, 1981. They took on the responsibility of extending the visitation hours for the residence halls so that the well-planned weekend by the SGA could be enjoyed even

more.

The additional hours contributed to the weekend by eliminating some of the tension felt by many people living in the dorms. Many people tend to forget the problems that limited hours on the weekend can cause.

It was a luxury and a

comfort for me, and I felt that these were the feelings of other people as well.

Again, I would like to thank the Student Affairs staff for its continual support of the students at Elon as well as our needs.

Tracy L. Owen
Resident Counselor

Reader questions Kreskin story

To the Editors:

I am writing with regard to Jo Craven's article entitled, "The Amazing Kreskin astounds audience with fabulous feats," found in the Oct. 29th issue of the Pendulum. There are some comments in this article which fail to relate the truth of Kreskin's show.

In the second paragraph, Craven states that Kreskin interprets "The thoughts of others — without their oral assistance." As a member of the audience, I can say this was not true. Whenever Kreskin tried to read someone's mind he had to ask questions and receive verification of his thoughts.

As for the trick involving the random number of cards, Kreskin did correctly name all the cards, but the writer fails to add that Kreskin made several incorrect guesses.

It is true that there were about 44 volunteers on stage

during the second part of the show; however, the writer goes on to say that they "felt their hands inexplicably forced together and glued to their faces." This is a big generalization because it sounds as if all 44 succumbed to be "hypnotized." About 15 abandoned the experiment — hence, not all 44 were under his control.

The article repeatedly

suggests how amazing Kreskin was, making him sound like an astounding mentalist. Granted, his "extra" mental abilities are developed more than the average person's, but I think one should consider that his showmanship made his demonstration seem more supernatural than it really was.

Mary Lou Sayre

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