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Students get deaf ear

Learning how to respect and earn respect of others is an important phase of both personal and academic growth. A strong, active college administration is supposed to set an example and encourage such positive actions as respect.

Elon's administration has a strange policy; officials expect to get the respect of students, but they fail to return that respect.

Respect as defined in the American Heritage Dictionary is "to show consideration." This definition brings us to the heart of the problem—the lack of consideration by college officials that leads to a lack of respect toward the students.

Several students returned from Christmas break not only to face a new semester, but a new unexpected roommate as well. None of the students receiving new roommates was notified beforehand or given a chance to choose whom they would live with. Just common courtesy toward students requires that they be informed of a new roommate.

Still another recent example arises. Power blackouts have been frequent for various reasons. However, students and faculty never know when, why, or for how long the power will be off. A quick phone call to let area coordinators, resident counselors and others in the offices know the cause and length of the blackout would be simple enough.

College officials expect students to respect their rules and actions, but they consistently show disrespect from their end.

If the college wants to maintain the respect of students, it should consider more carefully the implications of its actions towards the student body.

Why leave Elon?

Elon College — the famous suitcase college. A rather dubious distinction, and a distinction that should not be here.

Every weekend many students pack up and head for home. Why? Perhaps many are not aware of the facilities and entertainment available for them here at Elon on the weekends.

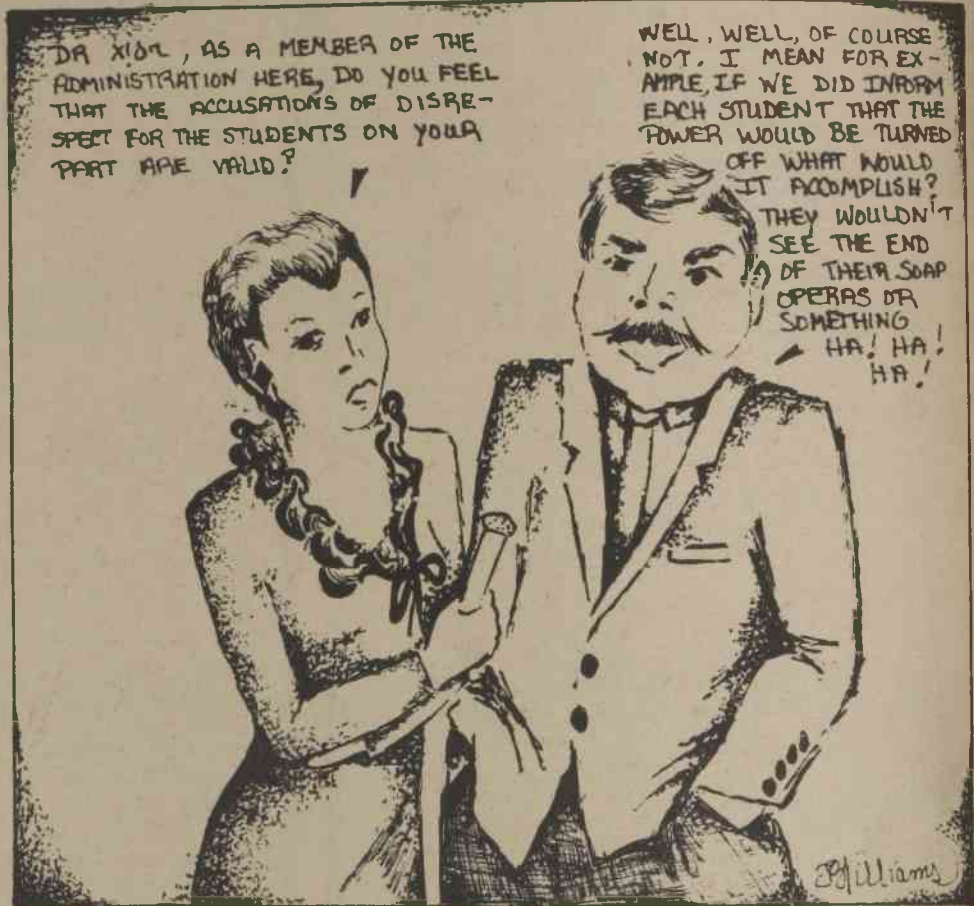
For example, SUB and student activities have worked long and hard to provide us with free Friday night movies of high quality and even ski trips to Seven Devils. But are people really taking advantage of these opportunities? Some are, but more should do so.

The Varsity Grill's hours have also been expanded to provide students with more opportunities for socializing, snacking, and T.V. viewing.

The Grill will now be open on Fridays until 10:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. But these hours are only an experiment by the college, and if students do not take advantage of this extra time, these added hours will probably be stopped.

Yes, Elon College may be another suitcase college, but whose fault is that really? It makes one wonder....

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...

Commission chairman lauds SGA

[Editor's Note: This letter was sent during the Christmas holidays].

Editor:

The Elon Christmas Tree is shining forth once again. Our thanks go to the Student Government Association of Elon College, Mr. Dan Daly, president, for the contribution of \$50 to help replace damaged lights and the stolen star.

Other friends, anonymous contributors of lights and money, share our thanks as well.

We shall enjoy the tree once more because Mr. Don Wagner and the crew of our Public Works Department spent another cold afternoon on the cherry-picker decorating our tree again. This effort, over and above their regular responsibilities, will be remem-

bered by the whole town throughout the holiday season.

The tree represents something different and special for each of us. The Appearance Commission wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sherley M. White,
Chairman
Appearance Commission
Town of Elon College

Classes freezing in Alamance

To the Editor:

Why doesn't the top floor of the Alamance Building have any heat?

While temperatures during the past week and a half were often in the below-zero range, students attending classes on the third floor of Alamance found no relief from the bitter cold in the classrooms.

One particular classroom, room 312, was especially chilling. Frigid winds whipped around that area and came in through cracks in the window sills. The radiators, although they were on, offered little warmth to the students or instructors. Students had to keep their heavy winter coats on, and it was too cold to write, much less concentrate on what the professor was teaching.

If thousands of dollars

can be spent renovating the first floor of the Alamance Building, why can't Elon officials take the time and the money to make sure that classrooms are heated to a comfortable temperature for students?

The Alamance Building

did need the structural changes made, but students also need warmth. With colds and flu on the rampage, proper heating only makes sense.

Sincerely yours,
Sherri Moore

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