

editorials



Does SUB spend wisely?

During Freshman Day this weekend, students who have chosen to attend Elon in the coming year will get a good look at the school.

Various things attract students to Elon. For instance, the campus is attractive, all campus buildings are easily accessible, and its size allows for a fairly successful security system.

The atmosphere is intimate enough that one can become friends with many other students on campus, and the size of the student body allows students to get to know their professors and get more individualized help.

The Student Union Board (SUB) works to provide weekend entertainment. This year's board is divided into five committees that sponsor specific activities. These committees include movies, sidestage productions (coffee houses), special events, performing arts and lectures and concerts committees.

These student-run committees working under the guidance of adviser Bill Clarke, coordinator of student affairs, and within a \$45,000 budget have selected many of the entertainment acts that have come to Elon this year.

SUB provides students with movies on most Friday nights.

The SUB Sidestage Productions committee brings musical entertainment to the Long Student Center grill and a concert committee brings bands to Elon.

SUB also sponsors performing arts and lectures, and special events like Almost-Anything-Goes Weekend.

Other than these and perhaps seasonal sports events, Elon students are left to fend for themselves on weekends.

Bill Clarke, coordinator of student activities, estimated the average turnout for this school year's SUB-sponsored activities. He estimated that 100 to 150 students turnout for Friday night movies, 300 for concerts, 100 to 150 for coffee houses, 100 to 200 for lectures, and about 70 participate in Almost-Anything-Goes Weekend.

This is out of about 2,500 students. What do the rest of the students do on

weekends at Elon?

Many are involved in fraternities and sororities which make their own entertainment with parties or planned events like Greek Weekend.

About 40 percent of Elon's students are commuters, who are not inclined to spend weekends at Elon; and still other students just pack their bags and leave on weekends, giving the school the reputation of being a "suitcase college."

Although SUB works hard to give students something to do on weekends, apparently second-run movies or little-known musical acts are not enough to attract a majority of students.

Clarke said the reason more popular or larger name acts are not scheduled is because "it's cost prohibitive. Our philosophy here is: Why spend your money on a few big shows and have nothing for the rest of the year?"

A major band alone would cost \$25,000 to \$30,000, Clarke said, and only about 3,500 people can be put in a gym. He said there is no way to make money on such a production.

SUB receives its funds from the Student Government Association, which gets its money from a \$20 student activities fee per semester from all full-time students.

SUB seems to realize this problem and is making some attempt to overcome it. SUB is sponsoring two larger name performances for Spring Fling Weekend: Mike Cross and Pure Prairie League. The movie committee of SUB is also sponsoring "Raiders of the Lost Ark," a more recent box office hit than some of the movies brought to Elon.

Student attendance at any activity helps determine its success. Judging from the attendance, SUB must determine whether the activities warrant a slice of the year's budget or whether it should consider staging fewer but larger name acts.

The Student Union Board provides entertainment that it believes will best serve students. However, if this programming is not attractive to students, it should be changed.

Nuclear questions to be addressed

To the editor:

Nuclear arms and nuclear power have become rallying points recently. Some people denounce arms and power in the same breath; some say the presence of nuclear arms is not safe but that nuclear power is safe. Often we make statements without proper knowledge about the subjects.

There is now an opportunity to resolve these questions and learn what the true issues are.

Tuesday, April 26th, will be Nuclear Arms Day. At 3:00 a representative from the Pentagon will be speaking in Whitley Auditorium. This speaker will be presenting the government's view of nuclear arms.

At 7 p.m. Sanford Gottlieb will be speaking against nuclear arms. Dr. Gottlieb is the Executive Director of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War. This organization, located in Washington, D.C., is composed of college faculty and students working to understand and prevent the threat of nuclear war. This will be in the second floor of McEwen.

Wednesday, April 27th, will be Nuclear Power Day. At 3 p.m. Wells Eddleman, from the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group will be speaking against the use of nuclear power. Dr. Eddleman is the Staff Scientist of P.I.R.G., dealing with research of nuclear energy and other areas. He will be speaking in Whitley Auditorium.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Joe Maher will be speaking in favor of nuclear power. Mr. Maher is a representative of the Duke Power Company. A dinner will precede his speech in second floor McEwen.

This is an excellent opportunity for students and faculty to receive first hand information concerning these issues. The purpose of this Symposium is to bring together diverse views and present them clearly to the college community.

Speakers from the Pentagon and a power company juxtaposed with speakers from anti-nuclear groups should be very interesting.

College Program credit is offered for all speeches.

Kelly Crissman

Record set straight

To the editor:

In response to the letter to the editor in the April 14 Pendulum entitled "Reimbursement may be due," let me take this opportunity to clear up some misunderstandings.

After the beginning of Winter Term, records were reviewed to determine which students were not enrolled in Winter Term that had been dorm residents for the Fall Term. A letter was mailed to each of these students the middle of January at their home address informing the student that credit for Winter Term board was being credited to their

account. This letter also included a form to request a refund if desired. Approximately 350 students or parents requested and received this refund.

As a point of interest, the parents of both of the authors of the April 14 article requested and were mailed a refund in February.

If any student who was not enrolled in Winter Term who was a dorm resident for Fall or Spring Term has any questions concerning this credit please come by or call the Cashier's Office for assistance.

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