

Editorials



Moser's experience a plus; voter apathy clouds elections

The voter's in last week's executive elections for Student Government president made a wise choice in Bob Moser. Moser has management and organizational experience through his year as Student Government Vice President, that will aid him in his new position. Moser is fully aware of the workings of the SGA as well as the administration. Under his direction, the SGA Senate has conducted numerous surveys to learn what the student body wants. As he moves in the position of president, those ideas have a greater chance of seeing reality than ever before.

Regardless of the victory, there is still a problem with voter apathy. In the run-off election between Chris Farris and Moser, there were only a total of about 400 ballots cast. This is a pitifully low number of voters, considering the entire 2,700 student body who attend Elon in some capacity, whether full-time or part-time, all of

whom are eligible to vote.

Voter apathy is something the SGA has had to contend with for several years. In fact, it is interesting to note, that up until this year, there was difficulty finding candidates to run for these offices. Fortunately, there was more competition in the executive office elections, as well as the senatorial elections.

It would be impossible to gauge every student's reason for not voting. Perhaps lack of publicity is a problem. The area that commuters frequent are limited, and as a result, they may not have been totally aware of when they could have voted. Too, there are the students on campus who may not have had enough exposure to the candidates and their ideas. It is often difficult to get the complete side to a candidate in a one-time speech appearance two days before the run-offs. The only thing many people

have to go by are flyers and a fleeting memory of signing someone's application. This only leads to confusion and cold frustration when the voting date rolls around and a student wonders what the advantages of voting will be.

Clearly, the SGA has a great deal of potential influence at Elon. However, at the present time, it seems as though they are having some of that potential power taken away from them because there isn't enough backing behind them—backing that they need from students.

SGA, annually deals with a large budget, solely for the benefit of the student body. That may be in the form of entertainment or study aids. If the SGA adopts some sort of policy with the campus media or comes up with an idea of their own to improve student relation, they may get their student attention and more of their concern.

Letter to the editor

Noise disturbs dorm study

To the editor:

On a typical evening at Elon, you can walk by any of the dorms and hear loud music, talking and shouting from parties that seem to be held every night of the week. I believe that all this noise is a violation of the students' personal rights. It is nearly impossible to study in the dorm rooms due to the interruptions of people in the halls, and loud music. But the noise does not subside later in the evening. It continues way past midnight much of the time. It is difficult to fall asleep until nearly one a.m. or later. The result of this is tired students, and diminished performance in class.

The blame cannot be attributed totally to the R.A.s. They too are students, and cannot be expected to police the halls every hour of the day. I'm sure the R.A.s also find it hard to study on their halls.

They also must leave to find a quiet, more peaceful place. But perhaps the R.A.s do not try enough to rectify this situation.

So what can the college do to correct this problem? The answer seems fairly obvious and simple. Security guards should be hired to work from five until midnight. There should be one guard assigned to each dormitory, responsible for each floor of the dormitory. The simple knowledge of the presence of a guard would have an effect on the noise level of the halls. But also, the guard could personally confront violators and break up parties which have grown out of hand. In addition, the guards would also be on hand to deal with emergencies.

Yes, the guards will cost money, but the benefits of the guards will far outweigh the financial aspect. Without these guards, the problem will only continue

to grow. It's time the administration did something about this problem.

K.H. Barber

The bright side

Easter puzzle

It is puzzling why Elon does not get an Easter break. Given the religious significance of Easter, and given that Elon is a church-affiliated school, it would seem fitting that the school calendar would have allowed a holiday on either Good Friday or Easter Monday.

After all, down the road from Elon at that "hotbed of atheism," UNC-Chapel Hill, there were no classes on Easter Monday. It seems that taking a day off here wouldn't have caused that much of a problem, either.

Bayer facts

In this nasty weather, the Bayer facts are that many people will be coming down with, colds, flu, sore throats, Excedrin. Of course this will be a shame An-a-cin, but St. Joseph doesn't have a direct cure for the ailments.

The sufferers just need some pamperin' and Bufferin to ease their aches and pain. They should avoid drafty Hall's so they can feel N'ICE sooner. Above all, they shouldn't come in Contac with other sufferers.

If you should happen to catch one of these common illnesses, (please don't think we're a'Luden to any in particular), check your drugstore for a helpful product to ease you pain. According to the ads, all you need is Comtrex — "that's all, nothing else" — but we hope that a review of today's editorial page will ease your pun.

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