

Editorials

Handicapped students deserve better facilities

Elon needs to improve its facilities for handicapped students. The lack of elevators and ramps on campus limits some of these students to classes which meet in the first-floor classrooms. However, even these classrooms are not always accessible to the handicapped, as there are no electrically-operated doors into the buildings. It is true that there are usually other people around, but sometimes there are not. It is not that people at Elon aren't more than willing to help, but it is unfair for the handicapped to have to depend on someone else to open a door for them.

The situation with residence halls is even worse. None of the dormitories on the upper campus have wheelchair ramps. These dorms are the ones which should be equipped for the handicapped because of their convenient locations.

There is only a small number of handicapped students at Elon, but there are enough to justify making some improvements for them. And with such improvements, more handicapped people might choose to attend Elon. The way it is now, they have little choice but to attend large, state-supported institutions. Those schools, however, are not for everyone. The rest of us can attend almost any kind of school we want, and handicapped students should have the same choice.

Granted, it would be a costly effort, but so is the new Fine Arts Center. It seems if Elon can come up with millions of dollars for a project like that, it could somehow find some funds for such an important issue as improving facilities so handicapped students can receive the same education as the rest of us.

-By Jane Kidwell

Homecoming weekend proves to be success

The 1985 Homecoming weekend was successful especially through the involvement, participation and responsibility that were exercised by alumni and students alike.

Elon's first Homecoming parade was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of students, faculty, administrators and townspeople. The parade was followed by a well-attended pep rally on Scott Plaza with the show band and the cheerleading squad. And a record crowd of about 6,500 people appeared to see Elon defeat Lenoir-Rhyne at Saturday's football game.

But the greatest success was, perhaps, found with the concert by Sugarcreek in Alumni Gym. An audience of an estimated 1,000 people enjoyed the free concert on Friday night.

This concert was the first in several years to be held in Alumni Gym, and administrators were probably leery of allowing it. However, the students who attended proved themselves to be very responsible. Only six beer cans were found in the gym after the show.

The excellent turnout and good behavior at the concert, I think, prove that there is substantial student interest in such activities. There is at least enough to justify the consideration of having more weekend concerts in Alumni Gym.

Next year, with the new legal drinking age, most students will be even more limited as to where they can go for nighttime entertainment and socializing. Concerts such as last weekend's would probably draw even larger crowds under those circumstances.

I sincerely hope that the school will consider scheduling more events like the Sugarcreek concert in the future.

-By Jane Kidwell

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THE FIGHTIN' CHRISTIANS' SOCCER TEAM: ANOTHER ONE OF ELON'S BEST KEPT SECRETS



Letter to the editor

Student praises fraternities' efforts

To the editor:

Having served as president of Sigma Pi Fraternity for two years and having been active in the Interfraternity Council, I have watched with consternation as Greek organizations on the Elon campus have undergone a great deal of undue criticism and "taken the blame" for many problems for which they were not responsible. At the same time, fraternities and sororities have been working dilligently to earn the reputation that they deserve: as valuable and constructive groups whose active members and alumni alike contribute a great deal to the college.

I have been particularly upset about the negative reaction among faculty and students alike about this fall's Dry Rush rule,

passed by the IFC. The fact that some may have violated the rule should not be criticized—rather, fraternities should be praised for trying to change their rush practices and make it more constructive. This has been a positive step, and I am confident that dry rush will become a reality for everyone by the spring. That fraternities are voluntarily changing their rules and traditions to take the alcohol out of rush should be commended, rather than the violators criticized.

Fraternities and sororities on this campus have given this school most of its campus leadership in past years. Their alumni contribute at a level far above average in the Phonathon each year. And they perform many

worthy services to the school and the community. We are so organizations who contribute much more than parties, and the fact that we are not commended only criticized, is completely wrong.

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