

Editorials

Money for Greek court should go elsewhere

The Elon College Board of Trustees authorized funds for the construction of up to six houses on the campus. The Greek court will be located between Williamson Avenue and Bakatsias soccer field.

The houses will cost an estimated \$100,000 each and will be leased to the Greek organizations.

Many students are excited about the Board's decision, but it is doubtful that those living in the Best Western Motel feel the same way.

Those students are missing out on an important part of college life, and not by their own choice. They have to ride a bus to campus for classes, meetings and even meals. And they live there knowing that when a room on campus becomes available, they will be uprooted and placed in a new environment at any point in the semester. The college's first priority should be to accommodate all incoming students on campus.

It is also unlikely that the handicapped students are in favor of the new Greek houses, because of the lack of proper facilities for themselves. The \$600,000, or at least part of it, could be spent on much-needed elevators, electric doors and ramps to better accommodate handicapped persons.

These two groups of students are being neglected while social organizations are being awarded brand new houses. The college should instead be trying to create more dormitory space for students in general, not just those in fraternities and sororities.

That is not to say that a Greek Court is not a good idea. Such a court could have many positive effects for the organizations as well as the school. But these other issues are more important, and action needs to be taken on them first.



"Maybe I should join a frat so I can live on campus"

Letter to the editor

Peacemakers speak at Elon

To the editor:

President Reagan and Soviet Premier Gorbachev will soon meet in Geneva, Switzerland. Most of us hope that somehow the momentum of the arms race will begin to be turned around through this meeting. We stand by, however, rather helpless, believing that we cannot much influence the outcome of the meeting. Perhaps we cannot. If, however, there is to be any change effected through this meeting, it really must begin with us. We ourselves must firmly realize the momentous danger that the arms race in-

volves for everyone on this earth.

Next Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon in Whitley Auditorium, we will offer "Things That Make for Peace," an offering of prayers, music, scripture readings and films. Our hope is that many will join us and find through what we have to offer new light and new strength to combat this terror. New light and new strength to commit themselves to the doing of those things that make for peace.

Rev. Robert Wiesenbaugh
Peacemakers of Alamance County

Town elections need student input

The Elon College town elections will be held next week. Unfortunately, many Elon students are unaware of the issues and concerns that face the town during this election. Perhaps some students feel as though the local government doesn't concern them: students are preoccupied with classes and what goes on within the college walls, not the surrounding community. On the contrary, the college-community relationship is very important to the atmosphere of learning. Students often complain about "the way things are," and wish they could have a say in the matter.

The town of Elon College is run by the mayor and a Board of Aldermen. Every month, issues concerning the town are discussed and planned by this small

group of individuals. They make decisions that affect every citizen in the town. Although they do not make decisions that affect the college, they have the power to make changes concerning the town—a place that the students live in when schools is in session.

Elon students are able to vote in the town elections, if they are full-time students. They only have to register to vote. Students should take the opportunity to attend the town meetings and let their voices be heard: the opportunity and invitation to attend these meetings has always been open to students and involvement (even if it just means sitting in on a town meeting) can make the difference between ignorance and knowledge.

Exercising the right to vote is an American privilege that should

be utilized to the fullest extent. People shouldn't let an election year keep them from participating in an election. Students and town residents should become involved in a very important aspect of voting—the local government.

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