

# Editorials

## More lights needed to make campus safe

Two Elon co-eds have reportedly been attacked on the Elon campus in recent weeks. The first attack took place on Oct. 15 between Hardee's and the Oaks. The second attack was on Oct. 23 at the old track by a man of the same description as the first assailant.

Hopefully the administration will not attempt to keep these reports quiet. It is bad publicity for the college, but the students need to be informed of the attacks. It is also likely that publicity will subdue the attacker or attackers.

Many female students go out alone after dark without thinking twice of possible danger. They walk home from the library and the bars and even jog at night. These co-eds need to realize that this is dangerous even in a small town like Elon College. And it is not necessarily safe for girls to even go out in pairs. For instance, several months ago, two University of North Carolina co-eds were abducted near the Chapel Hill campus, and one of them was murdered.

The lighting situation on campus and in the town will have to be improved before the danger is reduced. With the recent reversion to Eastern Standard Time, it is dark by 6 p.m., and it is impossible to expect female students to not go anywhere after that time. Thus, it would be a good investment for the school to appropriate funds for a better lighting system.

But until something is done about the current situation, female students should be extremely cautious and use good judgment if they must go out after dark.

-By Jane Kidwell

## Student defends Greeks

To the editor:

In your last issue of *The Pendulum* you printed an editorial entitled "Money for Greek court should go elsewhere." In this editorial you noted \$600,000 that were authorized to develop the area north of Bakatsias Field for six proposed Greek houses.

Your editorial claimed neglect for two groups of students, those freshmen in the Best Western and those handicapped students attending Elon. You felt as if the finances used on Greek houses could be better spent elsewhere.

I do not doubt that these are valid concerns, both groups do require attention; but so, too, does the Greek system.

The Greek system at Elon is 10 organizations strong, entailing about 400 students. Elon's Greek system is strong compared to other schools of comparable size, and is becoming stronger still.

Elon's Greek system contributes greatly to Elon in all fashions: spiritually, financially, charitably and in recruiting, as well as socially.

Throughout the years the Greek system, the community, and the school have had many difficulties involving the Greek houses and parties, noise and litter. The proposed Greek court will alleviate many of these problems.

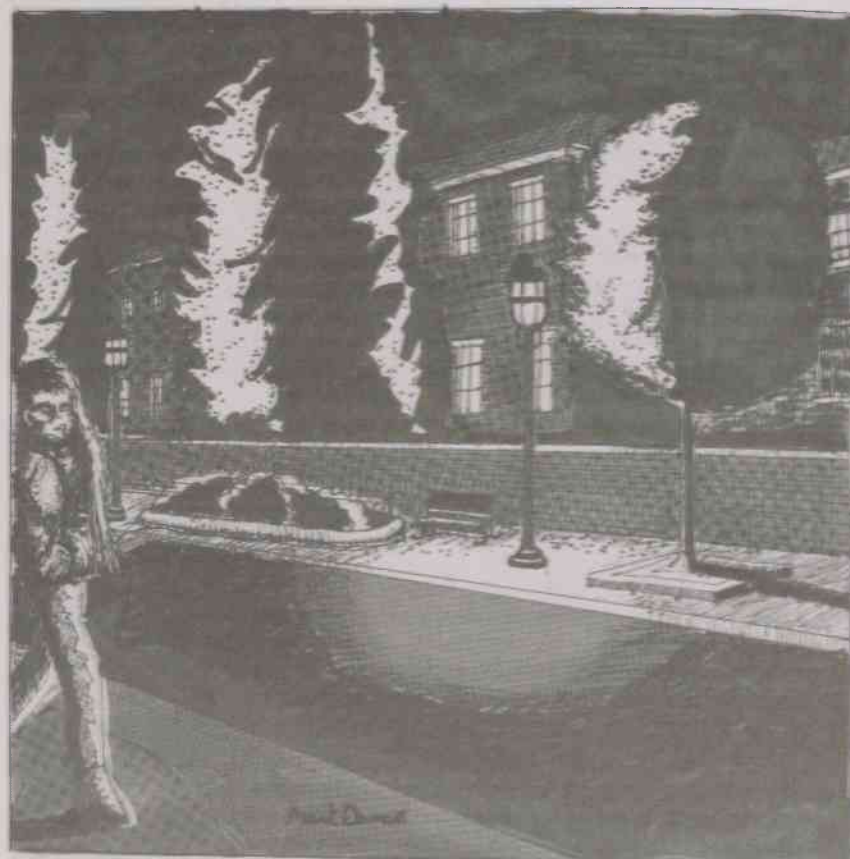
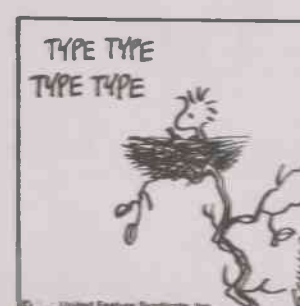
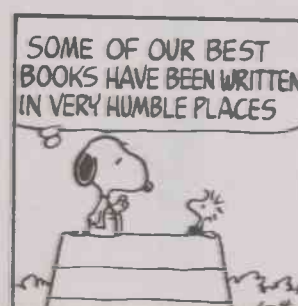
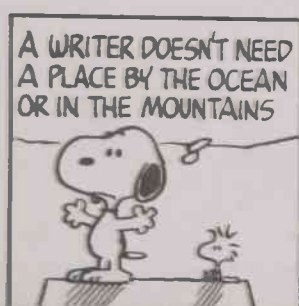
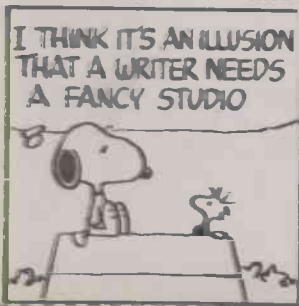
This is not to say these other concerns are invalid. These are strong concerns and should be looked into and acted upon. Something is being done for the Greeks at Elon, and this started out of a valid concern.

Do not condemn it because wrongs still exist.

I feel that the college has begun working with the Greek system, and I hope that Elon will continue to work with it not only for its size but also for the potential good it can do for the college and the community.

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I sure am glad they decided to turn on those lights. I feel alot safer, NOW!

## Student disappointed with editorial

To the Editor:

The editorial concerning the new Greek housing approved recently by the Board of Trustees was irresponsible and was not well thought-out. I was also surprised and disappointed that the editorial was not signed. The *Pendulum* has displayed editorial responsibility in the past by having the authors of editorials and letters to the editor credited for their opinions. I hope that this was an oversight this time, and not an indication that the author does not wish to take responsibility for his or her opinion.

The editorial stated that the funds being used to construct Greek housing could be better used to build a new dormitory, and end the need to house students at Best Western motel. The author of the editorial did not do his "homework" on this point. Each spring, thirty or forty spaces are open on campus. It would be ludicrous for the college to spend

money on a new dorm that would only create more empty space on campus in the spring. Also, the Greek houses will free up some space for non-Greek students to live in on campus.

One point made in the editorial was valid: That the college needs to have better facilities for handicapped students. However, I do not believe that the number of handicapped students at Elon validates a large expenditure of money at this time (particularly \$600,000).

The college and board have made a good decision in building new Greek housing. The three existing fraternity houses are dilapidated fire hazards and cannot be considered proper housing for anyone. Fraternities and sororities on this campus are vitally important to the school and they can thrive even more with proper housing facilities. The fact that, under the housing plan, the organizations will be paying the

school back for their houses, means that the college will end up spending very little (if anything) on their construction. New Greek housing will be an asset to the college in many ways, and the campus newspaper should be supportive of any effort be the school to enhance student life in this way.

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