

Editorials

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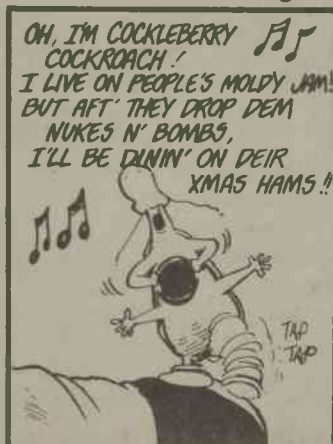
Campus Parking Problems

Elon College has added several new parking spaces over the summer and some are still in the process of being completed. This has not changed the fact that we still have a big parking problem on this campus. If you have tried parking down at Harper Center lately, you'll understand what I'm talking about. A lot of times drivers end up having to park on the grass next to the football practice fields or they have to park illegally on the side of the road.

Not only can parking there get your car muddy but it can also award you a parking ticket. Maybe the system would work better if drivers would just park where their stickers say they should park. The new dorm students should be parking in the gym and commuters lots if they have an "R" sticker. This would free up some spaces for the students who live in North, Moffitt, and Staley dorms. Another logical answer would be to extend the present Harper center lot. This could be done by knocking down some trees and adding more spaces. Whatever the case something needs to be done.

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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Goodbye and thank you, Whitley

To the Editor:

I am a non-traditional student and I have made it through these past three years with the encouragement and tolerance of my husband and four children. It is not easy going to school full-time twenty years after high school, not easy for me or for my family.

One bright spot these past three years has been that when I picked up my ticket for the Shakespeare play, I received a complimentary ticket for my spouse. I never really said, "Thankyou."

Please, know now that the two tickets were enjoyed and appreciated!

Now, this month, in my fourth

(and hopefully final) year at Elon, it's Shakespeare Time! My student I.D. got me a ticket, but free spouse tickets have been discontinued. I have come to the conclusion that the new Fine Arts Center is not so fine.

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It lacks the generous heart and encouraging spirit Whitley extended to us, the non-traditional ones. To Whitley: Thankyou! I miss your fine heart...
To the new fine arts

center: "You're big and beautiful but beauty is only skin-deep. For your large capacity with thought!"

In conclusion, I have my ticket and may not even use it.

Pat Everett

Education 88 Forum Issue

from the

Winston Salem Journal

Education '88, the Presidential Candidates Forum at Chapel Hill last Friday, was most noteworthy for the areas of agreement among all Democratic candidates and the two Republicans who appeared: Jack Kemp and Pete du Pont.

Education may actually prove to be an issue in the '88 race. If so, it will be because a series of non-partisan studies and polls have placed the national agenda.

Harris and Gallup polls, Carnegie study, the recent NEA study and panels make up of corporate executives and professional educators all suggest an emerging consensus.

It involves the realization that education is not in any sense an ivory tower issue, but as bread and butter a concern as there is.

Disadvantaged students can lose their chance for an education and social advancement early on before school even begins.

Furthermore, all students need more rigor in the classroom, more substance, greater discipline, higher standards. And schools must be more accountable, must pass tests at least as tough as those prescribed for the students. Achievement must be mandated. And a minimum core of basic skills and knowledge must be required.

Here, the disagreements are often sharp. But the unanimity of underlying fundamentals suggests a lively debate of real substance on hard nuts-and-bolts issues is possible in the year ahead-rather than platitudes, political puffery and pandering to interests concerned with peripheral issues.

That's good because it may convert education from a political sideshow into what it should be: one of the main events in the political and economic life of the nation.