

# Editorials

## The PENDULUM

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### Letters to the Editor

## Publicity feedback appreciated

#### To the Editor

It is always productive to receive feedback from the students. Thank you Jonathan for your constructive criticism on the lack of publicity on the "Denny and Lee" magic show.

As president of the Student Union Board, I will make a concerted effort to assure the Elon College community a more efficient way of communicating the upcoming events on campus.

Taking this opportunity, I urge every student, faculty and administrator to come out and participate more in the shows sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Sincerely,

Mauricio Araya  
SUB President

## Fans asked to stop cheering

#### To the Editor

Elon's 1987-88 home basketball season came to a close last Monday in Alumni Gym, and unfortunately it had to end on a sour note. No, the Christians did not lose the ball game, they rather handily downed Lenoir-Rhyne 93-65. Where Elon College lost was in the stands.

An incident occurred which was ridiculous and uncalled for, and for a brief period of time, took away from the exciting atmosphere of college basketball.

The incident centered around a group of individuals who have been in attendance at nearly every home game this season. The group has added a great deal of enthusiasm to the games throughout the season, and if it were not for this group getting the other fans into the game, you might have thought you were at a mortuary and not a college basketball game.

The incident in question centers around this group and the town police officers. A foul was called

on a L-R player, and this group followed with the customary foul chant "YOU, YOU, YOU . . ." For some unknown reason the officer found that derogatory and asked them to stop or leave their position behind the L-R bench. A series of discussions between group members and the Elon cops followed, and eventually the group members were asked to leave the gym.

They finally did return, with even more enthusiasm than before and cheered for the remainder of the game.

The action taken by the Elon officers was, like I stated earlier, ridiculous and uncalled for.

College basketball is one of the most enjoyable spectator sports in the country, and one of the main reasons is the fans, and the enthusiasm they generate in college gyms throughout the country. By telling fans to stop cheering at games would be like telling the coach to stop coaching.

Look at college basketball at any level, NCAA Division I through the NAIA ranks, in many of these cases the fans add so much to the atmosphere in the arenas that they get attention from opposing coaches and the media.

One of the first groups that come to mind is only a few miles down the road in Durham, home of the Duke Blue Devils. The fans there have often been called the "Sixth-Man" because they add so much to the game. Their antics have been given national attention, and if you have ever witnessed a Duke game on television, you know what I am referring to. This same type of enthusiasm, although maybe not on the same level as the Duke antics, is present throughout the country.

The Elon group should be commended for their efforts in generating enthusiasm in Alumni Gym for home games. They have used similar cheers to those of Duke students, but one thing seems to stand out that differentiates the Elon crowd with the one at Duke. True, the size of the crowd is quite different, but I have never seen a Durham police officer tell the Duke students to stop cheering.

The crowd this year have brought back some memories of the crowd's enthusiasm generated in the early 80's, and wouldn't it be a shame to future crowds to not be able to cheer at games because the Elon police officers would not let them?

Jeff Marcin

## The three types of students

There are three types of students here at Elon. The first type is the student who gets involved with activities, programs and performances. This student gets a true understanding about his or her major by getting experience in their field while they attend Elon, not putting it off until they get out.

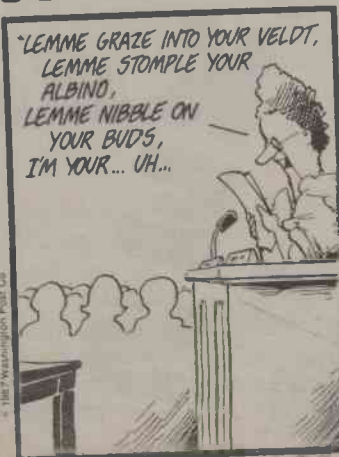
The next type is the student who belly-aches and complains that there is nothing to do here at Elon. This is the student whom Director of Student Activities, David Atkins, told me about recently. He said, "There are students here who gripe and complain about being charged three dollars to see a concert on campus, and then go and spend their money on beer at the Lighthouse."

The third type of student is the one who doesn't care what happens here. He or she does just enough to get by so he/she can get out without doing any more than what is necessary. This is the student who asks "What's that new building across from the Oaks dorms, used for?" Trust me, there are students here like that.

So, which type do you consider yourself to be?

John Hoyle - Editor

## BLOOM COUNTY



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