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Singing the praises of chocolate

Chocoholics, unite. This is it. It's that time of year . . . the week after Valentine's Day. The week that those cleverly-shaped boxes filled with chocolatey confections go on sale.

That's right. You can pick up a box of 48 assorted chocolates for half price. But you have to get out to the stores now. The longer you wait, the worse the selection. Before you know it, all that's left is the "chocolate and fruit" variety packs. Chocolate should never touch fruit. It can coat nuts, crisped rice, toffee and even caramel . . . but never fruit. And it should never, never be used in conjunction with marshmallows.

Once you've made your chocolate selection -- whether it be Russell Stover or Whitman's or Godiva (the queen of chocolate) -- savor the first seven or eight pieces. Then put the box aside, telling yourself you'll save the remaining candies for a later date.

That later date will prove to be ten seconds later, when you once again rip open the box and this time inhale the rest of the contents. Go ahead, though. Indulge yourself. After all, the next chocolate-related holiday won't come around until Easter.

CORRECTION: Last week's article about the new Book Gallery contained an error. As of February 12, the Gallery's hours are 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students will not need to place orders in the Campus Shop. The Pendulum apologizes for any inconvenience.

Pausing to say thank you

As I was driving through the grocery store parking lot today, I saw something that really made me think. I stopped the car to let an elderly man and his wife cross the street.

The wrinkled fellow had on an old man hat, the kind that really makes me look forward to aging so that one day I'll be able to wear my own old man hat. It took a long time for the gentleman in his coat and tie to complete the seemingly short journey across the two lanes.

You see, besides the fact that each six-inch stride seemed to require all the effort he could muster, the man was having to push his wife and her wheelchair along in front of him.

As the couple approached the midway point, the man paused

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and looked up, above my car, above the stores, above anything touched by man. I know I saw this man look at God. I don't care whether you're Buddhist, atheist, Jewish, or Christian; if you had seen what I saw, you would have known that at that instant that man had spoken to someone a lot larger than any of us.

At first I thought that he was asking for help, some divine inspiration to help him keep pecking away at his six-inch strides. But as I drove down the road I began to realize how wrong I was.

Here was a man that may have been forced to walk with a cane or a walker, but instead had under him the one that he had loved for so many years. Here was a man that still had the opportunity to help someone, perhaps long after many of his friends had given in to stages of dependence. Here was a man that had been blessed with a lasting purpose.

I realized that he had not looked up to ask for help. He had just paused to say thank you.

Faculty members look for student interest

To the Editor:

Plans are currently underway for the fifth annual Senior Showcase, in which selected graduating seniors will speak; dance; sing; play an instrument; or read from their original poetry, fiction or essays.

The Showcase will be held on the Friday evening before graduation, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The Senior Showcase Committee is actively searching for seniors who represent a high quality of achievement in a variety of areas. Faculty members have been invited to make nominations.

In addition, any graduating senior who would like to be considered for the Showcase may submit his or her name and a brief description of a proposed three- to five-minute talk, reading or performance.

This information must be placed in campus mail no later than Friday, February 23, addressed to Dr. Helen Mackay, Campus Box 2254.

Alternatively, students may discuss possible topics or performance areas with a faculty mentor who might then nominate them.

Other members of the Showcase advisory committee are Vice President Warren Board, Dean Gerald Francis, Dean

Ronald Klepcyk, Chaplain Richard McBride, Dr. Clair Myers, Professor Fred Rubeck and SGA President Ed Boswell.

Dr. Helen Mackay

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to the attention of our students the establishment of a model United Nations club on the Elon College Campus. Although some Elon students have participated in the past several U. N. conferences, our campus lacked a formal organization. Now that such a club is being organized, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage and invite students to be involved in such a club.

A model U. N. can be a wonderful and exciting educational tool and experience. Basically, a model U.N. is a simulation of the U. N. system. Students assume the role of diplomats and ambassadors to the U. N. and through the debates which characterize its sessions attempt to find common solutions to the world's most urgent problems.

The problems of war, arms races, terrorism, environmental degradation, poverty, hunger, debt, drug trafficking, human

rights violations, etc. are matters that would be discussed thoroughly. Needless to say, the experience acquired through such simulation and role modeling enables the student to develop critical thinking, leadership skills (especially on the areas of conflict reduction or conflict resolution) and to have a broader, more humane and more enlightened perspective.

According to the U. N. Association of the U. S. A., over 60,000 high school and college students in the U. S. are benefitting from the model U. N. program. This program too is not limited to the U. S. Major U. N. Conferences are held annually in Canada, Malaysia, Egypt, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Mexico, Soviet Union, and the Netherlands. The trends point to further expansion of this program internationally. We hope that at some time in the near future Elon College students will be able to participate in these international conferences.

The elections of officers for the club has been tentatively set for Thursday, March 2 and Thursday, March 8. Place of meeting is to be decided later. I would like to invite all interested students to attend this election meeting.

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Elon College Model U.N.