

Viewpoint

Symposium celebrates the First Amendment

The year 1991 marks the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Elon College is celebrating this American declaration of human rights.

This year's fall symposium is a four-day event with scheduled speakers on religious freedom, rock 'n roll censorship, freedom of the press and various ways the First Amendment applies to other areas of our lives.

The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

In wartime, the newspapers are first to be overtaken to squelch the free flow of ideas. We live in a country which not only encourages free thought, but protects it by law.

If that sometimes means we have to put up with ideas with which we personally disagree, we still have the freedom to express our disagreement. We as a nation take these freedoms for granted. These are freedoms the Soviet people are now obtaining a little bit at a time.

We lose a little bit of those freedoms when we are apathetic, when we are not interested, when we don't involve ourselves in that free flow of ideas. Attend one or more of the lectures on the First Amendment, broaden your knowledge, appreciate your heritage.

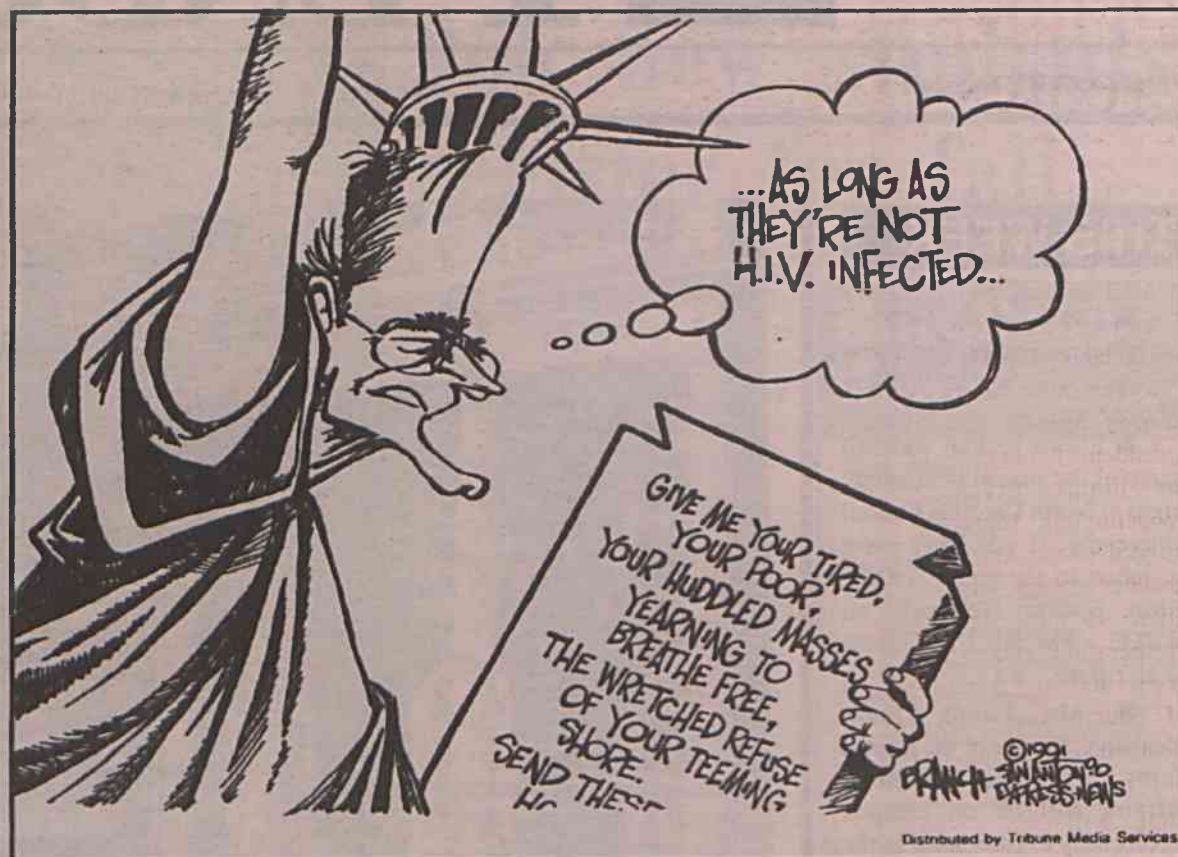
Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

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Freshman 111 - Assignment write home

Have you sat down recently to write a letter to Mom and Dad, or to a friend in your home state? Do your parents keep sending notes for you to tell them everything you've done?

It's tough to sit down and write a letter describing your first two weeks of college. There are so many things to say, so many things you have done, and so many new people to introduce. You are bound to forget something, and naturally you won't realize it until you drop the letter through the mail slot.

It is for that very reason that I have composed a little list to get you started...

25 Things to Write Home About:

- Waking up at 7:59 for your 8 o'clock class.
- Adjusting to the complicated A/C system; (opening the



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window)

- Learning the Greek letters.
- Falling in the fountain.
- Wal-mart running out of double-sided tape.
- Buying stock in Vivarin.
- Missing your boyfriend or girlfriend who is eight hours away.
- Watching the cafeteria food crawl off your plate.
- Long walks to the Pantry.
- Hitting your head on the ceiling.
- The Volleyball Tournament.
- Evading curfew hours.

- Finding the mall.
- Staying awake in study hall.
- Reading 50 pages a night.
- Sharing a bathroom with entirely too many people.
- A roommate who steals your clothes and eats your food.
- Fitting all your stuff in a shoe-box sized room.
- Spending \$10 in quarters to wash your clothes.
- Shaving your legs in a shower built for Barbie.
- First football game.
- Discovering your roommate has all of your bad habits.
- Going to the wrong class.
- Tripping over a loose brick in front of an upperclassman.
- Fighting Freshman 15.

Now that you've got your list, don't forget to ask for money and mail; two things a Freshman can never get enough of.

Schedule for Tuesday

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| ■ 8-9 class will meet at 8-8:50 | ■ Convocation 11-Noon |
| ■ 10:10-11:30 class will meet at 9-9:50 | ■ Campus Picnic 12-1 |
| ■ 11:40-1 class will meet at 10-10:50 | ■ Noon labs will begin at 1 p.m. |

Afternoon classes will meet at regular times.