

Commuter mailboxes installed in Long

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Commuter students returning from Christmas vacation found a pleasant surprise in the second floor of Long Student Center. Over 870 new mailboxes have been installed to keep commuters informed of campus happenings.

According to Chuck Sparks, mail supervisor, commuter mailboxes were put in about one week before Christmas, "mainly to save postage from mailing off campus."

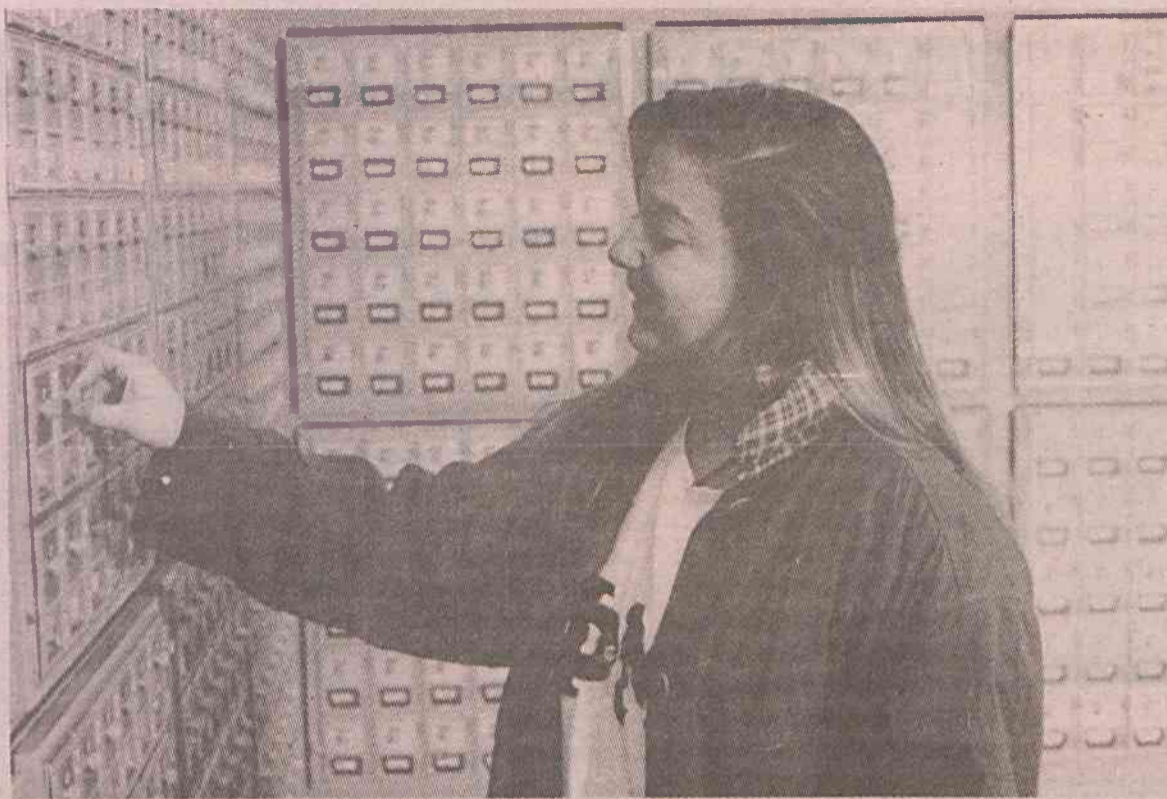
Sparks said the boxes were built because commuter students kept wanting to know what was going on around campus. The new boxes help the mail room know where each student is located, on and off campus. "We know where everyone is now," Sparks said.

The new mail room is located across from the Student Activities Office on second floor Long. There are two students per mailbox, and, according to Sparks, all the boxes haven't been filled yet. The boxes are numbered starting at 6001 and go to 6871. So far, the boxes are only filled to 6684.

According to Sparks, they haven't gotten every commuter in a mailbox and notified them yet. All this will be finalized by Wednesday or Thursday, Sparks said.

Many students have different feelings about the new mailboxes. Commuter Lisa Harrington didn't like the idea at first.

"Initially, I wasn't happy. I didn't like the fact that I had to share it with another student," Harrington said. "If important information (grades) got knocked out and lost, then I



Kim Encarnation tries out her new commuter mailbox.

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wouldn't know about it. I think it's more efficient to get them mailed to individual homes."

Apparently commuter Lisa Stephens hasn't received her mailbox yet. "I didn't know

anything about it," Stephens said.

What will happen to the mailboxes after the new student center is built? According to Sparks, the commuter boxes,

along with all the other on-campus student and faculty boxes, will move to one location in the center. "Right now, we have five different mail rooms," Sparks said.

Fire

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and the rest, he says was "simple boy scout stuff."

Minutes later, the Elon College Fire Department arrived and secured the building.

The cause of the fire is not known.

Chief Eddie King of the Elon College Fire Department said several other trash can fires have occurred in Sloan Dormitory this year.

King said the problem centers around students who take the trash cans or abuse them so that eventually they have to be replaced again with plastic ones.

What can be done to prevent people from trying to start these trash can fires?

"You can't do but so much," King said.

"We've worked with Andy Carroll to replace all the plastic trash cans with metal ones, and that's helped," King said.

The last trash can fire in Sloan was in the fall on the second floor, said Michael McCarthy, resident assistant in Sloan.

Chris Gallavan said that he wasn't sure if putting out the fire himself was the right thing to do. He it was better than just letting it burn.

As for the frequency of fires and fire drills in Sloan, Gallavan said, "I've lived here three years, and every year somebody has tried to burn something."

College

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the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools."

Accreditation impacts the college in a number of different ways. It affects external funding from foundations as well as academic credits when students transfer to other schools or apply to graduate school.

One of the most important parts of the reaccreditation evaluation process is a self-study report, a three volume document prepared by committees composed of faculty, staff, students and members of the Board of Trustees. Approximately 100 committee members contributed to the report over a two year period.

"The self-study report exposes the strengths and weaknesses of the college. In addition, it makes recommendations as to things that we might hope to accomplish over the next few years," Board said.

The need for a new campus center and renovated athletic facilities are examples of the type of recommendations documented in the report.

"The self-study report was beneficial for committee members. The people involved in the project became interested in who we are and how we can improve ourselves," said Susan Klopman, editor of the self study project.

Ten copies of the self-study report are on reserve in the library for members of college community to view.

Marijuana

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produce a variety of effects (e.g. low weight) on the fetus. As a general rule, it is very ill-advised for a pregnant woman to take this, or other recreational drugs.

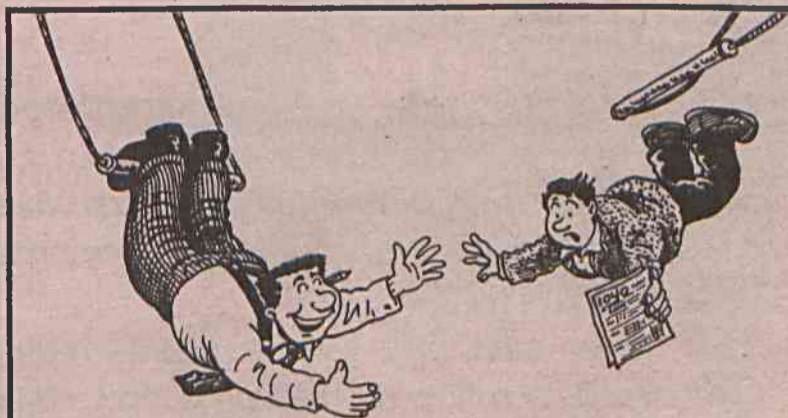
One biological issue is the likelihood of dying from an overdose of marijuana. The best research from a variety of sources

is that it is extremely unlikely. Some reports have concluded that death from marijuana overdose in fact never occurred.

Let me return to the original question of whether marijuana is harmful. The answer is that in many ways it is (or seems likely to be), and in many other ways, sometimes the most widely assumed, it is not. Reputable scientists in this field repeatedly stress the need for more research before a full understanding of marijuana may be reached.




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