

## Viewpoint

### Sex sells Elon athletic program?

Attention women of Elon College! The opportunity to become the next best thing to a Hooters girl is right here on this campus. Diamond Dolls. The typical 'scantly clad' Hooters girl hustles hot wings to male customers and a Diamond Doll sells the Elon College athletic department to potential baseball players and hands out flyers for upcoming baseball games.

The question is, "Is that all they are selling?" Shouldn't talking to the coaches, meeting the current team members, an introduction to the academic programs and the overall campus atmosphere be enough to sell the average aspiring college athlete. According to Coach Best and the college athletic department, apparently it's not enough. Let's throw in women to sweeten the deal.

I was sitting in *The Pendulum* office on Tuesday when, per usual, another unfamiliar face enters with a piece of paper in hand. She handed me something that she said Coach Best would like printed in the next issue of *The Pendulum*. I responded that this information may be considered an advertisement and made the decision by reading it myself. At first I thought it was a joke, then I showed it to another female staff member and she was appalled.

This is yet another example of the overt sexism and chauvinistic attitudes that are being perpetuated everyday in this society and in the small isolated world of Elon College.

Questions: How does the Athletic Department plan to narrow down the selection of applicants for these positions?

What are the specific requirements for becoming a "doll"?

A bright and bubbly *personality*, I'm sure.

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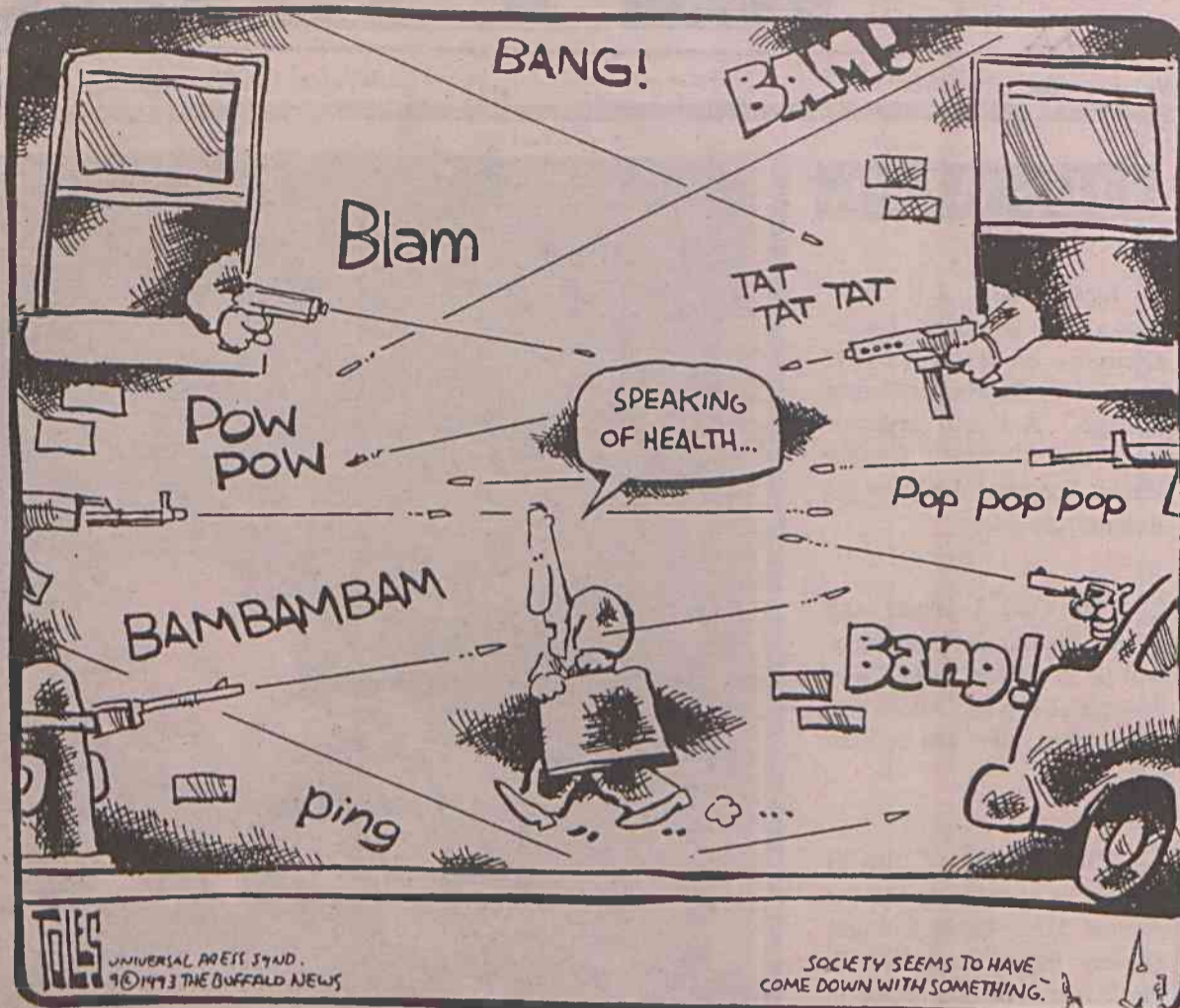
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## Revisionism, Elon College Style I

During last Wednesday's annual fall convocation here at Elon College our guest speaker Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus spoke of the beauty of living in our great society. "You have the ability to teach the truth... as you see it," he told our faculty.

This leads us to a major fault that the student body should have with the faculty at Elon. The history department is simply too liberal. The part where Governor Dreyfus says, "as you see it" is absolutely critical in history.

History is critical because it molds the way that we look at things and shapes our policy for the future. By my unofficial tabulation eight out of ten history professors at Elon voted for Bill Clinton. So what? They would report the facts just like any group of conservatives and would never let their politics enter their lecture. Hmm, maybe and maybe not.

I believe that the teaching of history is a little bit like journalism. MTV entered the political process last year with allegedly unbiased reports on the presidential race. But, anyone who watched more than ten minutes of coverage can see that their bias is clearly in favor of Bill Clinton. Examples of their bias are far and wide.

### Scott Miller



Back to the concept of history as a means of communicating political theory. I am certain that no professor does it intentionally, but the way that they lecture can often be an indication of their political beliefs. That professor, by using one phrase or another gives an indication of what they feel are important.

In American history a liberal might convey the stories of The Bay of Pigs invasion, the possibility that the Tonkin Gulf incident never really happened and the downing of Francis Gary Powers in the CIA plane. A liberal would also talk about the illegal aid to the Contras but yet fail to mention the brutality of the Sandinista regime which we were trying to help stop. I am not trying to justify breaking the law (I can in this case) but without that extra perspective people will have a warped sense of history. What conclusion might a essentially uninformed

student come up with? Well, the cold war was the United States fault. If only we could have understood the Soviet's a little bit better. Let's cut the defense budget 40 percent because they really were just misunderstood. I am convinced that a poor sense of history is why so many young people supported Jerry Brown during last year's presidential race.

A conservative would point out the bloody putdowns of freedom movements in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the hundreds of people who were shot trying to escape over the Berlin Wall, and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. There are also many other examples of Soviet violations of basic human rights that are of great importance.

There is no problem whatsoever with having a liberal point of view (except that your wrong) because the controversy between liberalism and conservatism has kept our country on track for the last two hundred years.

The history department is the viaduct to people's policy forming information in life. We need to make sure that it is balanced in it's views of history or otherwise we can be certain that we will suffer as a result.