

Viewpoint

Students need to help combat AIDS crisis

A few weeks ago, Greek students were required to hear David Atkins talk about AIDS awareness. Atkins used to be the Director of Greek Affairs here at Elom and left his job to dedicate time to caring for patients living with AIDS.

During his speech, Atkins explained his job at Alumnae Care. He used to draw blood from patients and test it for the AIDS virus, but after having to tell patients that they are living with AIDS, he quit doing the tests. It was too painful for him. Now, he counsels and cares for his patients. He has even held people as they died in his arms.

Atkins receives a small amount of money to care for the patients. It is obvious this is something he feels strongly about, and the government gives him barely enough to take care of these patients.

Because he has worked so hard for Elom in the past, we should work hard to help him. How about sponsoring a canned food drive? It doesn't take much to bring a can or two of food to a box located in a convenient spot on campus.

At least we, as a school, could show our support for Atkins' work. If not a canned food drive, we could have a penny drive.

I think we should try to help someone out who is dedicating his time to taking care of people with a disease that is spreading QUICKLY across college campuses. We are all at risk!

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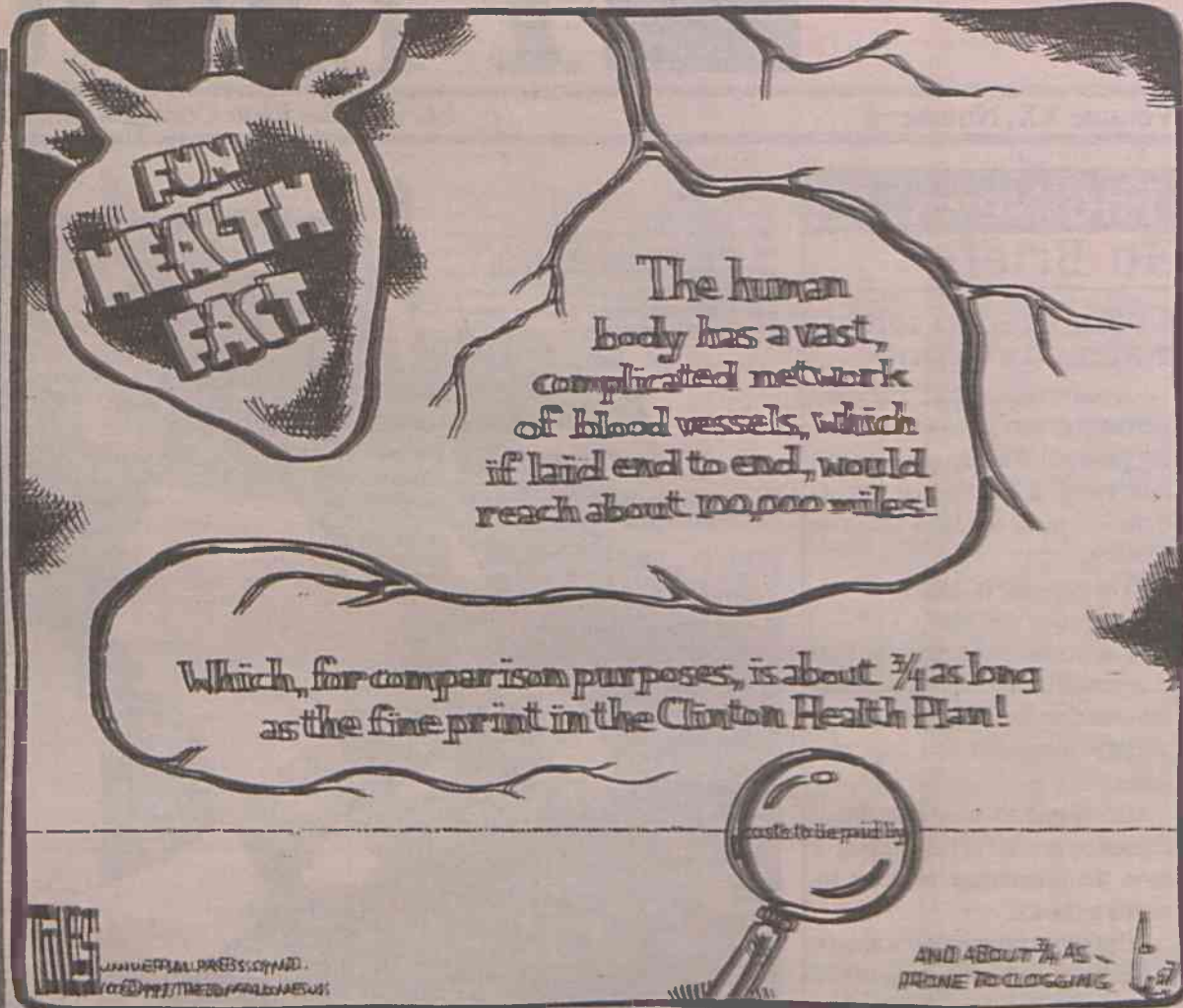
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Here comes big brother

Big Brother is coming. Guess what? It is not the fascist military-industrial complex that Ike (and Oliver Stone) warned us about. It is not the Religious Conservatives who think a kiss before marriage renders a woman "unclean." It is not the Republicans. WE live by the Constitution. (I think that Lincoln would roll over in his grave if he knew that Helms and Thurmond considered themselves Republicans) No, Big Brother is coming... and her name is Janet Reno.

Last week Attorney General Janet (I think I'll vacation in) Reno testified before a Senate committee hearing on the issue of violence in television. She came out strongly in support of three bills that, with varying degrees of harshness, will essentially censor TV and what can be put on it. Typical liberal, Politically Correct, out of reality sentiment. Hey, let's talk away the guns and then what they see on TV and then all violence and unreasonable crime will stop. All that's missing is the fairy godmother (Hillary) to tell Reno to click her crystal slippers together three times to achieve these results.

We need some morality.

Scott Miller



Family values, whatever you call them, we need them. Now, I'm not talking about anything too serious here, just a guardian-type figure sitting down with the kid one day and laying out the facts of life.

Fairly simple stuff, like: When you see tourists at the rest stop, don't blow them away. I know you have a temper but try not to throw bricks into people's heads. Don't go out in the middle of the street and lie down. It will NOT help you get chicks or improve your time in the 40.

I know that I am preaching a hard concept for some of you out there, but it is responsibility that is going to put this country in the right direction. Every individual must get a healthy dose.

Aw, but what about poverty man? I mean, if there was no poverty than we wouldn't have this big crime problem. You've all heard this idea before. If I were a working poor person (instead of a capitalist swine, like

I am) I would be about as highly insulted as I could be. By that doctrine, every single person that makes less than X number of dollars per year is a crook. Every single poor person is incapable of rational thought or idea. They are all savages that live in a state of perpetual crime. Come on! There are thousands of homeless out there and people who are living check to check who have never committed any crimes whatsoever and exist in the best way that they know how.

Those of us in the real world know that a lot of violent crime (the kind of crime our top cop is going after on TV) today is committed in the pursuit of drug money. How many of Washington D.C.'s 355 murders this year were over someone trying to get money to feed their family? I don't know but I bet that the number is pretty darn low.

If parents do their job right the child will mature to be a responsible adult no matter how much gore they see on TV. The "Hero of Waco" (She who said, "The back stops here" proved the value of having a pocket version of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations on the way to Larry King) is showing why she was number four pick for Attorney General.