

## Letters

## To The Editor

## Students say system is broken, needs overhaul

To the Editor:

As usual I was struggling to get up for my 8:00 a.m., everything was normal, that is until I opened my room door. As I looked out into the hallway I was shocked, it was trashed. Garbage cans were overturned, what was posted on the walls was now on the ground, and toilet paper was strung all around. Then I came to find out that it was more than my hall, it was almost every hall in West and Virginia. The lobby was even trashed.

What really upsets me is that the people living in our area will have to pay for the damages caused by the individuals who did this. I do not know what the exact amount of damage is, but I know that I do not want to pay. Granted after the cost is divided up, it probably will not be much. But that is not the point. The point is that we have to pay for what another individual or individuals did.

Jennifer Jung

pedestrians." Oh, don't get me started on resident assistants. A few resident assistants act as though they are the right hand of God. I understand that they have a limited amount of authority, but some exert this limited amount to the point of rudeness. So again, I ask you, is it a requirement to have a nasty attitude in order to work here at Elon?

Terri Fletcher

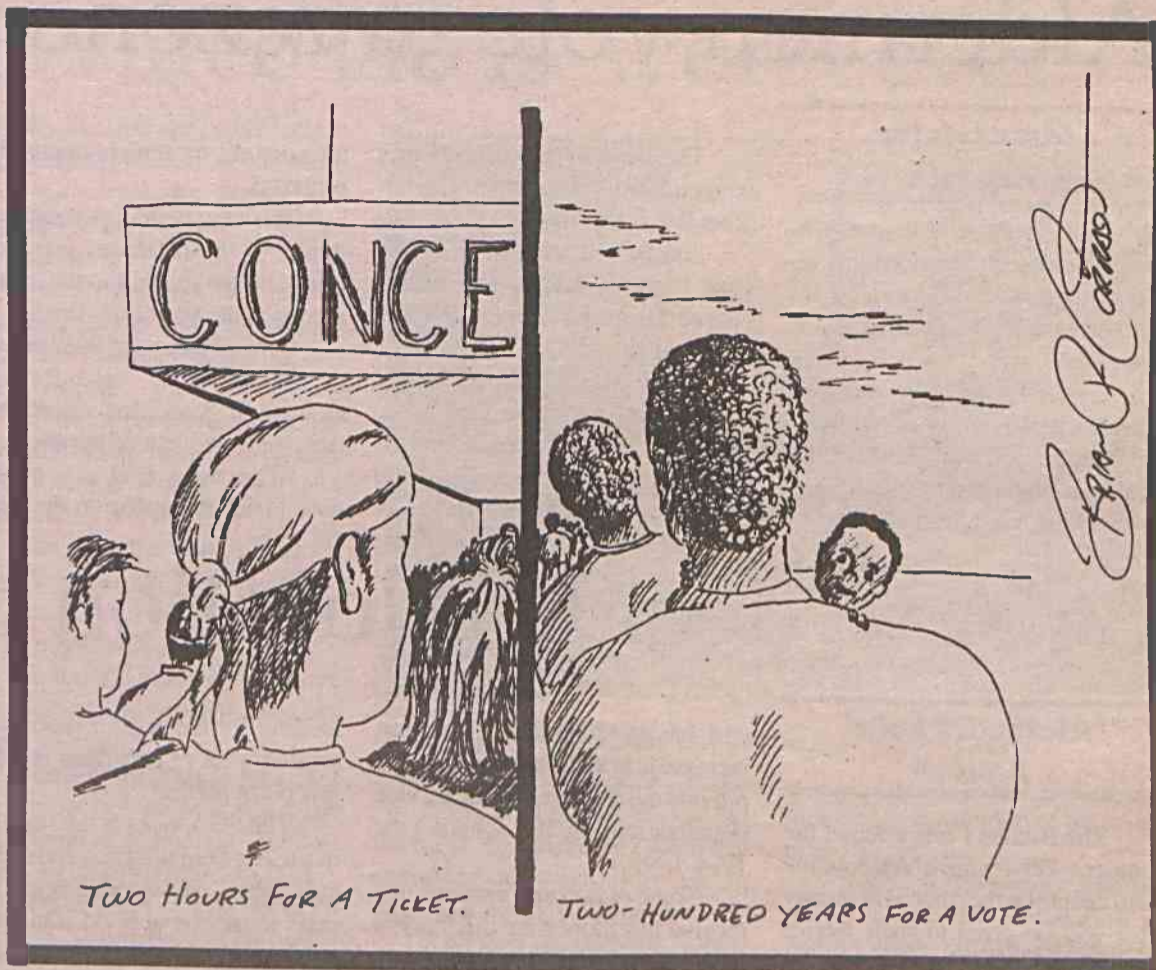
To the Editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of all the uprising sophomores who just went through the very tedious room selection process. Here's the scene: hundreds of freshman are crowded into Harper Center Lounge. It is very noisy and in a general state of disorder. RA's and area directors yell at everyone and go unheard. Really, there must be a better way of doing this. But the disorder of the whole thing is only part of the problem that uprising sophomores have. The big problem is that we can rarely get the rooms we want and have to resort to living in a room we hate. What is the reason for this?

The reason that we uprising sophomores have such a problem obtaining rooms is because incoming freshman get top priority when it comes to room selection. That is the most ludicrous and unfair thing I have ever heard of. Incoming freshman should get last priority.

After all, aren't we the ones who have been living here for a year? Shouldn't people in the higher classes get first choice? For many sophomores, this letter is probably hitting home. I only hope people who work in housing are listening to this. This is a truly unfair process. For the money we pay to attend this institution, we should be able to have a better choice.

Rachel L. Misbin



## Victims' names should be released

To the Editor:

I am responding to Mary Kelli Bridges article in the April 14 issue of the Pendulum that discusses the public's right to police records. According to the article, three lawyers spoke to the Society of Professional Journalists and told them that the Elon College Police Department's policy of withholding the names of rape victims is unlawful. The Criminal Investigative Records Law gives the public the right to this information. Traditionally women have wanted to keep their identities concealed because to be the victim of rape was considered shameful. A good first step towards eliminating this stereotype would be printing the names of the victims. Not printing names implies that the victim has something to hide and also perpetuates the myth that they are to blame. Every other crime victim has their name released by the police department, what makes rape any different? Recently, many rape victims have stood up and announced their identity voluntarily. If women really want to "take back the night" they shouldn't be afraid of standing up and letting

the world know who they are. Rape may seem alot more serious when the victim is not anonymous but has a name and a face.

Wade Williams

## Library needs to be top priority

To the Editor:

I am constantly dissapointed with the Elon College Library. It seems to me that the administration needs to hold off on the flower planting and concentrate some funds on expanding our library resources. Maybe Wilburn's should become a grassy area but not until I dont't have problems finding a book in the library on something as broad as the Middle Ages.

Along with the lack of material is the noise problem. I understand that there should be talking on the 1st floor but people should have enough respect to not be loud on the other two. I recently attempted a power study session on the third floor and got so frustrated that I got up and left. The library is not the place to go for socializing. If you want that atmosphere, go to the bar.

Another problem with the library is its hours. It need to be open later on weeknights and additional expansion in hours on weekends. Those of us who put

off things until the last minute the hours are hard to work with. I realize that it's hard to find students to work late night hours, but maybe the school could find a little extra money to hire people for the work.

Scott Powell

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## Corrections:

*The Pendulum strives to report the news accurately and will correct errors that come to its attention.*

Brian Walrath's name was incorrectly spelled in the byline of his story.

The Black Awareness Program is a visitation program planned and coordinated by the Office of Admissions and Student Ambassadors Committee, not the Black Cultural Society as it was stated in the April 14 issue of *The Pendulum*.