

Letters

To The Editor



Racial understanding needed at Elon

Dear Editor,
Elon consists of a great diversity of people and we have a lot to learn from each other. Every person on this campus should try to learn about other racial and ethnic groups. Elon has many African-American studies classes and a resource room. We also have other classes that cover other races and cultures. There are many international students here who can fill us in on how the rest of the world sees things. I think we need to use these opportunities much more. Everyone should get to know people in

all the groups. The more we understand each other, the easier it will be for us to get along and succeed. We do not have to agree on everything, but we must understand each other's point of view. Sometimes it is easy to have our friends and not reach to others, but we must go beyond this. Each person, race, culture, and gender are better off when we learn to understand each other and value one another. No organization or group on this campus is racially exclusive so let's use the freedoms we have to learn about each other. Lets take a cue from the

Bible, "Love your neighbor as yourself", Mark 12:31. Every one in this world are neighbors so let's start acting that way. This letter is not a complaint or a condemnation. It is a call to unity. As Martin Luther King said, "... sit down together at the table of brotherhood." The benefits are harmony, unity, justice, understanding, and peace. Who in this world would think we don't need more of these things?

Unity in Christ,
Geoff Gentry

Criticizing is easy when looking in from the outside

Dear Editor,

I don't understand why people on this campus are so quick to criticize. It seems like they don't care whose feelings they hurt in the process. So far this year, I've heard that the cafeteria has a terrible selection and *The Pendulum* sports section sucks. The only thing that I find horrible here is that no matter how much time or effort people put into organizations, they never get appreciation.

If you were to visit UNC-Chapel Hill and grab a bite from their cafeteria, which is also run by ARA, you would be surprised. It is not all you can eat, and although they have a nice selection, you are hungry two hours later. Our cafeteria has a budget and they do whatever they can, with what they have, to please us. It would be a miracle if someone could come up with a system that stays within the budget and pleases everyone. If you hate it that much, you should try getting your money back and see if you can provide yourself with meals off campus. Save yourself a quarter to call home for more money, because after a month you might be broke.

As far as the sports section

goes, I do not see a problem. I see an obvious effort by *The Pendulum* to make sure that they have different teams or sports in the paper every week. If a team doesn't have an article, at least their results are shown in the box scores. There is even a box that contains the upcoming sporting events, for those who attend. With only two pages to work with, I think the sports section does a nice job. There isn't a lot of room and there are so many sports to cover. Also, I've noticed that the same four reporters write all the stories. These reporters are volunteers who go out of their way to write and I wouldn't be surprised if their feelings have been hurt.

My point is simple. It's so easy to sit back and look at things from the outside in. Nobody ever has an understanding of how difficult something is unless they are actively involved. Why not make a conscious effort to try and develop an understanding or ask questions to find out what really happens before we criticize? Maybe then, life at Elon won't be so difficult.

Karen Schiavelli

Airport shuttle needed for Raleigh-Durham

Dear Editor,
This letter is in regard to the airport shuttle system that is offered to students over the holiday breaks. I feel there should be more than the offered shuttle to Greensboro's Piedmont Triad, but also to the airport at Raleigh-Durham.

The idea of a shuttle is great,

but I feel that those students flying out of Raleigh (and there are many) should be given an equal opportunity to avoid high taxi and plane fares depending on their destinations. We should also be guaranteed a safe ride to our destinations. This adds unwanted stress and confusion in trying to find a ride to and from the airport making sure we

are at the right place at the right time.

I didn't arrange my travel plans around the shuttle system, but I don't feel it's too much to ask the college to provide a shuttle in both directions. I hope this is taken into consideration in the near future.

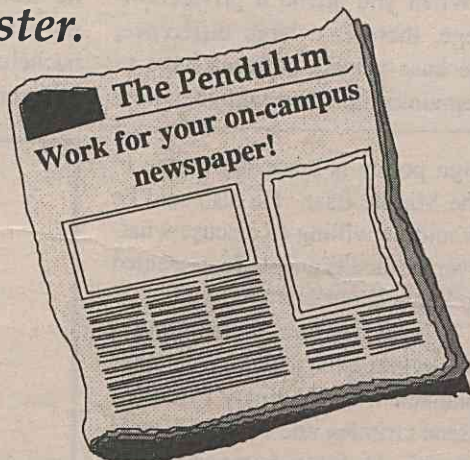
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The Pendulum strives to report the news accurately and will correct errors that come to its attention.

The Pendulum incorrectly stated two SGA Officer's titles in last week's issue. Matt Belardi is sophomore class president and Stacey Draper is sophomore class vice president.