

Viewpoint

Elon has its Heroes

This paper is filled with stories about Hurricane Fran. This is not exactly an "article" about Fran, but it is meant to inform.

When disaster strikes, many things happen. Grocery stores make tons of money. People flock there to buy milk, bread, drinking water, batteries, flashlights, candles, etc...

On the same note, restaurants (and once again, grocery stores) who survive the disaster profit as well. People without power long for a hot meal.

The best thing that comes out of a situation like Fran is the kinship between strangers. Even though it's tragic, heroes are born.

A hero can be someone who saves a life or helps pick up the pieces. Some Elon students were heroes this past weekend.

There were volunteers helping Elon staff clean up the broken branches and the toppled trees.

It makes people feel good inside to know that "Generation X," which every college student is part of, can put aside petty differences and beliefs to help one another (and others) in a time of need.

It's not often that these people, no matter how small they believe the task to be, are commended.

It's important to remember that by helping others people can help themselves. Their kindness will be remembered when they need help. It's not hard to remember, really.

Smells Like Team Spirit

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"We got spirit, yes we do. We got spirit, how 'bout you?" Andrea Stoffer wrote in her August 29 letter to the editor. Andrea had a good point, and so I would like to add my own two cents (because it's what I do):

"WE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO, DAMNIT!" (Silence)

Apparently nobody is yelling back. This is the state of things at Elon athletic contests. Be it soccer, football or baseball, you'll find more parents and faculty than student fans.

Parents of players count as support for their kids, but they can't properly represent the whole school.

No, in order to do that you must have many, perhaps dozens of students at these games yelling at the team to "Go! Fight! Win! Kill that guy! Take his head off!" (And that's just baseball!)

At other schools you will find fans who, after getting "un-inhibited" if you get my drift, will strip off most of their clothes and paint their school colors on themselves in indelible ink.

For up to a week after the game (win or lose) these students can be seen with shaved heads and full-body temporary tattoos of a Blue-Devil or a Tarheel (a small, horned,

mythical creature).

At Elon, the average fan shows up at the game in a pair of shorts, a T-shirt (usually Notre Dame or Michigan), a baseball cap (da' Bulls) and a ready-to-lose attitude.

I think the school should spend time recruiting at high school basketball and football games to find the rowdiest, face-paintedest, loudest fans and offer them a full scholarship to Elon if they promise to go to a few athletic contests each week.

This would come with the condition that they had to be hoarse by the end of each game and they had to produce a sufficient amount of sweat to prove they did their job.

In the last few years there have been a group of rowdies at basketball games who were dubbed the "Koury Krazies." They were loud and disruptive to the other team. Foul shots were missed. Cheap shots were taken. Refs insulted. It makes me proud to know that I am a student at Elon.

But this year is different. It has a different flavor already. I know we've only had one football game so far. And it was upwards of 120 degrees outside with 200 percent humidity. But is that really an excuse? Did the cheerleaders leave at halftime? No. Did the football team leave at halftime? Maybe, but that's not the point.

I spoke to several people at the game last weekend and asked all of

them to sing the school fight song. Out of the 347 people I asked, (OK, out of nine) only one knew the song and was willing to humiliate herself on videotape (available in the campus shop). This courageous individual was the cheerleading coach, Susan Shirley, who I promised not to embarrass.

Is this old song important to show spirit? No, but it sure is fun to watch people sing.

Here are my suggestions to Elon students:

First, go to the SGA-sponsored tailgating before home games. Strip yourself of your inhibitions. Lather up your friends and shave each other's head and chest.

Next, get some heavy-duty outdoor paint at Home Depot in maroon and gold and make each other look like Satan's minions.

And finally, go to the game, proud to be wearing your school's colors and possibly causing serious damage to your skin in the process.

This is the only way to bring us the glory that other schools are proud to bask in. Let's raise a beer to Elon...and pass the turpentine.

The next home football game is on Saturday night, 7 p.m., at Burlington Memorial Stadium. Be there!! (Body-paint not provided.)

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Speaking of...

This Week:

Hurricane Fran

What did you think about Hurricane Fran?



Brian Skeen, freshman: "It blew."



Carol Passaro, junior: "I didn't really think much of it...until I saw the damage it did."



Stephen Davis, sophomore: "It wasn't a hurricane, it was a nor'easter."

Liz Tuttle and Alicia Carroll, freshmen: "We were scared because a tree fell outside our window."

reliever."

Heather Cornell, sophomore: "I thought it brought about a reaction much like that of a snowstorm in the north."

Todd Grassi, sophomore: "The mudslides were great. Playing in them was a great stress

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