

Viewpoint

As we are sure everyone has heard by now, Elon College President Fred Young will be retiring at the end of the year. Dr. Young has been at Elon for almost 25 years and the school has changed dramatically under his leadership. The academics have improved, the campus has grown and many of the buildings where we live, work and play have been built. In the eyes of many people, President Young is Elon College.

As members of the student media, we work closely with President Young. We have dined with him, met with him, talked with him. Our current Editor in Chief even spent the day with Dr. Young for an article last spring.

We have seen the emotional, human side of Dr. Young as he viewed the AIDS Quilt when it visited Alumni Gym last spring. And we have seen the businessman as President Young has helped coordinate and plan fund-raising campaigns and building efforts.

President Young is an incredible man. His broad vision has helped to make Elon College the wonderful institution that we have all chosen to attend. And while he says he is retiring so another person can take Elon into the 21st Century, it is because of Dr. Young's efforts that we are more than ready for whatever the future may bring.

To the man affectionately called "Fred" by his students, *The Pendulum* says good-bye. We have enjoyed working with you and getting to know you and look forward to the rest of our time together.

Elon College will miss you. It is because of you that Elon is the wonderful place it is today, and it is because of your efforts that Elon is the school we love. Your successor has some very large shoes to fill.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. You will never be forgotten.

• *The Pendulum* editorial staff

Have a merry Anti-Valentine's Day

Chuck & Carrie
Buckley Lanco

Carrie: I don't know about you, but I'm planning on crawling under my blanket February 12th, curling up into the fetal position, and sleeping until Sunday. There is no way am I taking chances with either the 13th or V-Day.

There's nothing quite as refreshing as capitalizing on an otherwise wholesome emotion one day of the year. Just look at Arbor Day. Blasphemous! It's the American way.

Chuck: I refuse to participate in this double column thing. You're going to do what you did last time. You're going to change what you said to make me look stupid. Well that's not gonna cut it today little missy. I ain't saying a bloody thing.

Carrie: Oh, don't be a killjoy Chuck. At least we agree on this one. Valentine's Day is a diabolical plot to undo all the good work done by years of expensive therapy. Perhaps I overreact, as per usual. I suppose I'm just bitter because I'm single. You have to sympathize with that, brother critic.

Chuck: Alas yes, this Valentine's I sadly am going to be without, but even if I did have a girlfriend, I don't believe that we

should set aside one day to appreciate the other person in our life. I think that you should do that everyday that you are with someone because you love them, not because Hallmark says it's time to get laid. Isn't it wonderful?! The holiday industry is now controlling our breeding cycle by giving us this day in which weasel love is the rule of the day.

Carrie: It's a simply delightful holiday, n'est pas? It reminds all of those much maligned independent women like myself that we supposedly cannot survive without chocolate and dead flowers. After five years of singlehood, watching a friend of mine receive a big bouquet of stinky shrubbery or a box of naughty truffles no longer irks me. Valentine's Day, on the other hand, seems to serve no other purpose than to rub in our faces the love and joy of happy-go-lucky couples.

Chuck: Damn Straight.

Carrie: There can be nothing better than a day solely designed to take your fragile self-esteem and plunge it down into the ninth level of hell. No wait, the only thing that can be better is having a Friday the 13th right before it. Why not haunt me with superstition before oppressing me with your ridicu-

lously cliches d'amour?

Chuck: What I don't get is why the holiday is set up so that if you don't have a significant other you are not really a whole person. I don't want to be a bitter little monkey but this day brings out the worst in us single folk. It takes our crushed repressed libidos and gives them something to do beside pine over whatever distasteful piece of flesh that we don't have! Aarrgh! I'm not a second class citizen!

Carrie: It makes you wonder why there is not a Single's Day, an Anti-Valentine if you will. Just think: You could still send cards or what have you to people, but there would be no strings attached. It would simply be an expression of "Hey, I see that you are single. I'm single too. Now I can proceed with my life, or complete lack thereof."

True, this sort of holiday may cause one's delicate self image to shatter and an already fractured heart to disappate further. Nevertheless, Valentine's Day has served in this function for heaven knows how long, Hallmark might as well take advantage. Think of the sympathy card sales!

Chuck: Hey Carrie, will you be my sympathy Valentine? Ow!..uh!..Stop with the hitting!!!

Happy Valentine's Day.



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Speaking of ...

Valentine's Day

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



Brian Wiltsey, junior: First I have to find a date, then I'll decide from there, depending on the date. I'll let her pick what she wants to do... actually, there is an Edwin McCain concert on Valentine's night so I'll probably go to that.

Heather Doss, sophomore: I'm going to wake up after about an hour of sleep and go to Bid Circle and get our new girls and have fun with them.



Mary Love, freshman: I probably won't get any roses this year, but I don't really want roses this year though. I think I just want a night for the two of us with dinner and some talk.

Shane Burt, senior:
It's a surprise!



Scott Dayton, junior: Aside from cards and flowers, I plan on cooking up a delicious, romantic dinner for my love.

Bonny Cranford, freshman: I'm volunteering for Safe Rides. I'm not going to sit around, eat chocolate all day and feel sorry for myself!

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