

Viewpoint

The next generation of Elon College is quickly arriving. The Presidential Search Committee has been named and will begin meeting soon.

A consultant was on campus this week meeting with students, faculty and staff to see what they felt was in Elon's future and who was needed to lead that future.

While we understand that students are not the only part of the Elon community, we feel that it is important that our needs and wants for Elon's new president are voiced and understood.

The new search committee only has one student member, SGA President Mark Richter. It is his job and his duty to make sure the voices of Elon students are heard.

But it is not Mark's job alone to speak out. Every student has the right to speak and to be heard.

We at *The Pendulum* have some ideas on Elon's next leader. And while we realize we do not speak for *all* students, we are a very diverse group and feel we speak for many.

As the world, and Elon, move towards the future, technology is becoming more and more a part of the world in which we live.

It is important that the next president understands the role technology has played in shaping the lives of his or her students and recognizes the importance it will play in their future.

We feel that it is also important for the new president to be very open-minded. The new president needs to embrace the diversity of Elon students and work to broaden our racial and social backgrounds.

The new president needs to respect the Greeks and the non-Greeks. He or she needs to recognize and respect the different needs of students, from freshman to senior year.

And, most importantly, he or she must look beyond the surface of Elon that most people see and view the true students and faculty. The new president should be able to bring the college to its full potential.

As the search committee looks towards Elon's future and next leader, we must all remember that Elon is already a great institution. We just need to find the person who can make it better.

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The social trauma of an Elon ID

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Every time I look at my Elon College ID card, I feel like I've been had— and I mean that in the biblical sense of the word.

I pay the school more than \$7,000 each semester, but Elon can't even give me a quality ID.

The photo on the front of my Elon card is a puffy little square thanks to a third-rate lamination job.

Want to know my name? You'll have to flip the card over. Someone with a Commodore 64 dot-matrix printer stamped it on the back.

And let me tell you, "Richard D. Blomquist" has never looked more dignified.

I could probably make a better-looking ID with an index card, a crayon, and a box of Saran Wrap.

Most Elon students don't feel cheated when they look at their ID cards. Of course, most of you don't know what it feels like to have an ID that you can be proud of.

I attended Georgia Tech for two semesters. Even though I don't go there anymore, I keep the ID that they gave me in my wallet.

And what a gem it is! My name, picture, and Social Security number are all on the front of the card, along with my old e-mail ad-

dress and campus box.

And it's not even laminated! All of this useful information is etched directly into the plastic. This process keeps a Georgia Tech ID looking brand-new for years, even if its owner is expelled for assaulting the school mascot.

I said that I was sorry. I guess I just freaked out when I saw that giant bumblebee running around on the basketball court.

Having a Georgia Tech card is like being in "The Player's Club." If you bring the ID to any respectable hotel in Reno or Atlantic City, you'll get a room with a heart-shaped Jacuzzi and a free continental breakfast.

Try getting *that* with an Elon card.

I've suppressed my hatred of Elon IDs for a long time, but I can't keep quiet any longer. My Elon ID is actually starting to ruin my social life.

Last Thursday I traveled with some school-friends to a popular Raleigh dance club for a night of merry-making and debauchery. I knew I was in trouble the instant I saw that Mars was spelled with an extra R and a Z instead of a S.

How clever.

It was "college night" at the club, so I only brought my Elon ID and five dollars. I didn't need any

wallet slowing down my Electric Slide.

The bouncer took one look at my warped Elon card and accused me of forgery.

"Why is this picture so puffy, son?" He actually thought that I was under eighteen and had produced a counterfeit ID in order to get into Marrz.

He said that he wasn't going to let me in until I showed him my driver's license and I didn't have it with me.

Of course, all of my friends had their licenses with them. So they went inside and I spent one of the most depressing hours of my life wandering around Raleigh.

At one point, I was approached by a band of ruffians but I quickly recited some Ice Cube lyrics and was allowed to pass.

My friends eventually convinced one of the Nobel Prize-winning bouncers to let me into the club. The night was not a complete failure, as I spent a whole hour watching middle-aged jean jacket enthusiasts try to pick up high-school students.

My shoddy Elon ID nearly kept me from a night of grinding into complete strangers. If Elon wants to join the nation's elite learning institutions, it will have to start giving out better ID cards.



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Speaking of ...

Registration

Do you think the registration process is fair? What would you do to change it?



Katie Ruoff, sophomore: I think it would be a good if if they could have it over the phone because I think it's a hassle for people who have classes and stuff like that. I got shut out of one of my classes, but I'm near the end of the alphabet, so I did okay.



Rick Boone, sophomore: Yeah, I think so. My name begins with a "B" so sometimes I get completely shafted, but other times you get hooked up, so it kind of evens out for me. This time I got screwed, but the time before I got what I needed.



Courtney Bradford, sophomore: Yeah, I think so. It works better than if they did first-come, first-served. I think it's pretty fair since they alternate it. I think it's fine. It sucks if you're a freshman, but once you're a junior or senior you get the classes you want. It all evens out.

Amy Grzeskiewicz, freshman: Yeah, it's fair enough. There's really nothing you can change about it. They could offer more classes in some subjects, though.

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