

## Viewpoint

## Gettin' jiggy with Dr. Young

Maybe you noticed that our guest columnist on page three this week is Dr. Fred Young, Elon's president.

While he is a most welcome addition to our cadre of columnists, the addition of his byline did raise a few questions among the staff.

Sure, we wondered what topics he would address, if he would stir up some controversy or if he would reminisce on his years at Elon as his tenure as president draws to a close.

But frankly, what we really wondered is what that "J" in "Dr. J. Fred Young" stands for.

We tossed a few ideas around the office, and aside from concluding that we have far too much time on our hands, we came up with the following theories:

- The J stands for "Jiggy" and it doubles as Dr. Young's stage name when he deceives at Babylon in Greensboro.
- The J stands for "Joy." A name bestowed upon him by his hippie parents.
- The J stands for "Jagger," a nickname he picked up while working as a roadie for the Rolling Stones.
- The J stands for "Juno..." as in "Juno Fred Young?"
- The J stands for "Jake the Snake" from his days as a professional wrestler with WWF.
- The J stands for "Judo." After a long education in the martial arts, Dr. Young fled to Elon from Hong Kong after dishonoring... no wait, that was last night's episode of "Kung Fu: The Legend Continues."
- The J stands for "Jobless," a state which our president will unfortunately be familiar with in a few months.

In all sincerity, we look forward to receiving more columns from Dr. Young in upcoming issues of *The Pendulum*. His future columns will employ a question-and-answer format to address issues

Oh, and if you are wondering if we do anything which remotely resembles investigative journalism, rest assured, we did. We poked around, schmoozed with administrators and broke the story.

The "J" stands for James.

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## Missteps on the road to maturity

Fellow freshmen, I am about to let you in on a little secret that it seems you have not figured out yet.

High school is over! Done! Each of us has a little slip of paper that proves we have advanced beyond the level of the average teenager. Let's act like it, shall we?

Now what does this diploma stand for? Well, we should probably start with the obvious; a high school diploma represents a good education.

This is one area in which Elon freshmen are in no trouble at all. With average SATs and GPAs at an all time high, Elon's academic reputation is growing exponentially thanks to the achievements of the class of 2002.

What does this diploma mean for us socially? This is another easy one which Elon students seem to have under control.

This diploma means we no longer have our parents looking over our shoulder telling us who we can and cannot associate with or what we can and cannot do; it is now up to us to decide where to spend our time.

From what I have seen, freshmen have made pretty good decisions regarding their free time activities, up until now at least.

The last, most important, significance of the high school di-

ploma is that it symbolizes a personality that has matured beyond the silly mind games of youth into one with strong interpersonal skills.

This is where the certain members of the freshmen class are suffering.

Supposedly the rumor mills, he said/she

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said games, "pass this note to her in study hall" tendencies were going to end upon graduation.

Through my experiences dealing with freshmen these past few weeks I have noticed they are still alive and thriving here at Elon College.

To help the average freshmen mature to college level I have listed a couple things to keep in mind throughout the year. These are words I live by and I'm still alive so they can't be all that bad.

First of all this is not "Saved by the Bell the College Years." Nobody's life is perfect after each half-hour episode, it's up to us to deal with what happens.

The second tip is for females only. Learn it, live it, the world will be a much happier place.

If you don't know what you want from a relationship, don't get into one. We guys are not smart enough to deal with our thoughts and yours too.

You men out there, yes there's a tip for you too, two words that will get you through any relationship successfully "Yes dear."

They are very simple; no matter what she says you reply "Yes Dear" whether you agree or not, whether you plan to do it or not simply say "Yes Dear."

It is roughly the equivalent of the "Smile and Nod."

Now as for learning to live in the college community, the tips that follow are common sense but you would be surprised at what I have seen lately.

Respect your neighbors and your roommate, especially if they're bigger than you are.

When you have a problem with someone do not go behind their back talking about them go straight at them with it

I guarantee they will respect you a whole lot more afterwards.

We all have to live together on this campus; it would be a whole lot easier if a few people would just grow up.

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## Speaking of ...

## Titanic

'Titanic' came out on video on Sept. 1. What do you think is the appeal of the film?



**Matt Tocci, sophomore:** I think it's a little overblown, actually. People made it out to be more than it is, I didn't think it was that good. Kate Winslet, yeah. But I don't know, I guess the girls like it.

**Cheri Smith, sophomore:** It's such an awesome love story. It made me cry everytime I saw it. I saw it five times. I always embarrassed whoever I went with because I was crying like a baby!



**Amanda Ketzner, freshman:** I saw it twice in the theater, but I don't plan to see it again. I'm not really fond of Leonardo DiCaprio, but I think that's a big thing. I like it because it was somewhat true and because it was so romantic.

**Chad Ward, freshman:** It's a good movie. I saw it six times, but I really watched it like three times. Girls like it, but I guess I liked it too. It's a good love story!



**Christy Waterman, junior:** Leonardo DiCaprio. I know there were people who saw it four or five times, but that's three hours out of their life. I saw it twice, but it's so long. It's a good story, but once is enough. What's the point of seeing it again and getting all upset and crying and stuff?

**Chris Farrell, sophomore:** I think all the girls like it because it's a love story. I saw it once. But it was too long.

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