

Viewpoint

We are fun-loving folks here at *The Pendulum* and we enjoy a good farce from time to time.

And we love nothing more than a good farce which involves the gross expenditure of funds on the part of the school.

And dammit, we love a primo parking spot when we can score one. Combine the three and you have a tent. That's right, a tent.

It's an evil-looking white plastic tent with cute little windows, a bored occupant and a mission to kick some student-parking-sticker-wearing tailpipe.

Aesthetically harmless? Perhaps. Harmless to the average off-campus dweller who's late to their economics class? Ye gods no.

The tent sits there, placid yet defiant, well nigh daring us to park in the hallowed visitor parking lot.

We here at *The Pendulum* had to wonder what prompted the installation of this new aspect of the Elon Vision, or who decided it was necessary to plunk a stalwart soul on admissions payroll inside of the insidious thing.

It's all well and good that we want to save a few spots for the fine people who visit our institution on a daily basis, but isn't keeping someone on guard duty just a little much?

Then there's the fact that the measure of control that the powers that be have within the Elon Bubble doesn't extend to meteorological phenomena. It will get cold eventually, and when that happens how will the guards stationed at Fort Moseley lot survive?

Will they be installing a sophisticated heating/cooling system for the benefit of these brave individuals? Perhaps a tiki bar and a full service buffet? If so, *The Pendulum* offices will be moving to Little White Tent, Moseley Center Visitor Parking Lot, Elon College, NC 27244.

We just question whether this method of patrolling and policing student parking is effective or if it is a viable reason to spend the college's money. But then some of us have tried and failed to park in that sacred lot, so perhaps we're wrong.

And still that tent sits there, and probably will sit there for all time, mocking us! But every day we will take one look at it, grumble and park somewhere in the next ZIP code, or in the science center parking lot, whichever's closer.

• *The Pendulum* editorial staff

Whine, whine, whine... to the SGA

Things are changing at Elon College.

Whenever you turn around it seems like they are constructing another building or tearing down an old one. We are hiring new faculty, increasing our student body and attracting higher caliber students.

Sometime I think that the closer Dr. Fred Young gets to retirement, the more he is trying to accomplish every little thing he has been meaning to do for the past 25 years. Just look at the parking tent near the visitor parking lot!

Because things are always changing, such as the meal plans, the residence halls and the Elon Express shuttle, sometimes minor details are overlooked.

I am not saying that there is anyone out there who sets policy for the college that intentionally overlooks a certain group, but we must be aware that there are faults with Elon College.

Yes, there are faults with Elon College.

The nice thing about these faults, however, is that if they are voiced to the proper person, they can be addressed rather quickly.

In the past few years, I have had the pleasure of knowing some of these people.

The director of residence life, the vice president for business and

finance and the director of safety and security are all people who have helped me out whenever I ran into trouble.

When I assumed the responsibility of SGA president, my main goal was to make it easy for my 3800 fellow students to be able to voice their concerns.

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I could easily ask you to please e-mail me with any complaints, but I know nobody will do it.

And quite frankly, even if you did, I wouldn't want to read all that e-mail.

In order to give the students and outlet to voice concerns and not bog me down with relaying your concerns to the proper authorities, the Student Government Association is sponsoring a "General Gripes Forum."

Here you can complain, in a nice way, of course, to the people who really care and who can make a difference.

On October 7 at 7 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium, the SGA will

host the forum. Every student is invited to give us suggestions on what to change.

Keep in mind that many school administrators will be there to discuss, listen and respond to your concerns.

I know it is easier for people to sit in their dorm room or in their apartment and complain to their friends. However, we are giving you a viable outlet.

After October 7, I don't want to hear anyone saying that the SGA doesn't do anything or that nobody

cares.

If anyone would like to suggest some topics to discuss or have a problem that needs to be addressed quickly, please e-mail me.

Otherwise, I hope to see everyone at the Gripes Forum on October 7 at 7 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

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Dr. Young
discusses
the Elon Vision

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Speaking of ... Elon's President

If you could be president of Elon College for one day, what would you do?



James Pflaum, junior: I would up the CDCs' salaries, give them all a raise, and I'd give the CDCs a lot more recognition and build an outdoor rec center.

Katie Anderson, sophomore: I would round up all the squirrels and set them loose in some forest far away. I'd send them to Abu-Dhabi!



Drew Neill, junior: I would build a big building for the history department. I'd also hang out with the students a lot more. I'd go to Harden or the Octagon and just meet people.

Amber Fisher, freshman: I would give campus directories to everyone. I'd make it easier for everyone to associate with everyone else.



Becky Robinson, sophomore: I'd help students who's majors aren't offered by the school design their own major.

Mark Richter, senior: I'd have them turn the lease of Maynard House over to me. Then I'd give myself a scholarship, since the school doesn't give enough scholarships. It would be called the Richter Memorial Scholarship and would go to the SGA president.

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