

## Viewpoint

If you have ever wanted to swipe a sacred Elon Brick (admit it, the lure of owning your very own chunk of crusty red hardened clay has called to you a few times) then here's your chance.

Unless you've spent the majority of the week with a bag over your head, you've probably noticed that the wall on the east side of campus that fences in the troublemakers in Smith, Carolina and Hook-Barney-Brannock quite nicely is, well, missing.

Conspiracy theories abound on why the fabled eastern boundary of our charming institution is AWOL. Some blame a hostile takeover attempt by the imperialist forces of the Career Services office, others think it's a diabolical plot to start up a masonry smuggling ring hatched by the masterminds of Brannock, and others think it was an escape attempt by the Carolina ladies gone horribly, horribly awry.

The reality of the situation is regrettably less exciting. Elon's been getting a bit, shall we say, festively plump lately. Our enrollment has swelled, the Vision has new additions almost weekly and in the time it takes for a Weatherby party to get busted, there's another new building up. And since Elon can't squeeze into a pair of elastic waistband sweatpants like someone with the first pages of the Freshman 15, something has to give.

That something is the East Campus Wall. Yeah, so it's historic. Yeah so it's aesthetically pleasing and keeps the kiddies contained. But it stood in the way, so down it went.

Next on the list was the row of old houses along O'Kelly Avenue and East College Avenue. Most of them are reduced to rubble as well.

So what's going there now? For now, just an idyllic field for biology classes to stroll through and intermural sports to scrimmage on. Perhaps later some dorms or classrooms will occupy the space.

We here at *The Pendulum* are sorry to see the wall go, even if the arch is staying. Even with this wispy remnant of the glory that was the East Campus Wall still intact, it just won't be the same. The houses, too, will be missed, not only because Poli Sci is being uprooted so impolitely, but because they all hold their share of memories.

But just as students, faculty and presidents come and go with the passage of time, so too do the bastions of Elon's past, whether they are made of brick or otherwise.

• *The Pendulum* editorial staff

## Dear Leo, What I want for Christmas...

While serving on the Presidential Search Committee, I have listened to many of the faculty, students and staff, as well as several candidates, who all had wonderful ideas on how Elon can move forward as an outstanding institution.

In my wish list to Dr. Lambert, I am articulating some of the ideas I have gathered.

• **Scholarships**

Elon College, believe it or not, has done an excellent job of keeping tuition lower than most private colleges. To keep the tuition low, we are also less capable of awarding more scholarships. But if Elon wants to attract higher caliber students, then we must be willing to give out more scholarships.

To do this we must continue to raise funds to build our endowment. At approximately \$45 million, our endowment, while it has grown in recent years, needs to be larger. A capital campaign to increase the endowment for scholarships is a priority.

Elon College is now competing in a different league and without the incentive of scholarships, we will lose top scholars to other schools. Although I would not trade the magnificent new buildings for anything, these assets will only carry the institution so far.

• **Diversity**

We will also need to focus on

continuing to create a more diverse community. When I talk of diversity, I do not limit this idea to a black and white issue. We need to form a diverse community in terms of racial, financial, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

If Elon has the ability to award more schol-

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arships, then not only can we attract more people to the academics, but we will also be able to support more students who require financial aid. Increasing scholarships should be a priority, and with that we will create diversity.

We can all agree that there is a lot we can learn from people who are just a little different from us. Whether that person is from another part of the country, comes from a different economic background, or is a different nationality, we can benefit from expanding the Elon College community and experiencing another way of life from our own.

• **National Exposure**

Dr. Lambert brings something unique with him. He can bring us to the forefront in national exposure

thanks to his position on the American Association for Higher Education and his previous experience in higher education.

Elon College has talented faculty, wonderful facilities and a growing Division I athletic program. With all the progress we have made, we have become a "hidden treasure."

So I ask you, Dr. Lambert, tell as many people as possible about Elon College. Don't feel pressured to do it yourself; give the faculty opportunities to show off their talents and allow your senior staff the time to promote Elon with nationally known colleagues. With your help, Elon College will one day be respected as the premiere private college on the East Coast.

Dr. Lambert, please listen to everyone; faculty, staff and especially students. There are so many talented individuals here who bring so much into our community.

We welcome you to Elon and wish you luck! In last week's issue of *The Pendulum*, Chaplain McBride had a wonderful piece of advice: "...Strengthen us as we already are. The next move for Elon is not a move up, but a move deeper." We hope you keep that in mind.



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## Speaking of ... Registration

## What do you think of the new registration process?



**LaRhonda Johnson, sophomore:** I think it's fair, but I don't like it since I'm a CDC and I would have registered before everyone. But I think it's a really fair system. It'll be hectic, but it will work.

**Becky Lake, junior:** I think it's fair and that this registration process will bring some order and that this will eliminate some of the chaos that surrounds registration.



**Candice Burrow, junior:** I think the new registration process is good, because that way everyone has a fair shot at the classes they want. It's a good incentive to have early registration, but I think it's fair either way.

**Kelly Allen, junior:** I think it's pretty fair. I understand why they changed it, although I didn't have a problem with it. I think some people were probably bitter about it and I think this makes it more fair between the classes.



**Jeff Myers, senior:** I'm an honors student, but locking out upperclassmen just because of an honors scholarship isn't fair. Especially when they have classes that are so fought over and that upperclassmen might need, it wouldn't be fair for sophomores or freshmen to get them.

**Leigh Billera, junior:** I think it's fabulous. That means that now it'll be more fair and that I'll get my classes. I'm all about the new registration process!

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