

## Viewpoint

Trick or treat, ghouls and boys, it's nearly Halloween!

Oh for the love of all that's good and holy, was *that* ever cheesy and cliché. But then let's face facts, it's not like this holiday is completely free of the Gouda.

Halloween is all about dressing up in ridiculous costumes, trolling for a little sugar and generally raising ruckus whenever and wherever possible. And that's just the college kids.

The majority of the loyal Fightin' C's will be going Carolina Blue for the night, choosing to head over to Franklin Street in Chapel Hill for the yearly exhibition of disguises and debauchery.

But before the Halloween spirits can start to flow, it's always a good idea to remember a few safety rules.

As a public service to you Halloweenies, *The Pendulum* is providing you with the following helpful guide to Fun and Frolic a la Franklin. Enjoy!

- Carpooling to Chapel Hill is a good idea, not only because parking will be rough and because you may need a DD, but because cops who see you driving in your giant condom costume will hassle you simply because they can. It's better to have the one person in civilian clothes take care of the driving.

- Things tend to get a little wild on Franklin Street, so perhaps it may be wise to integrate a sophisticated defense system into the design of your costume. Sharpen the horns on your devil outfit, put poison tips on your fake Dracula fangs, install some booby traps in your French maid costume or simply stash a remote sensor, heat-seeking Patriot missile under your Scooby Doo mask. Nothing too fancy, mind you, just some deterrent devices.

- Make sure you visit the little ghost's room before you get to the festivities. But since odds are good that you'll have to use the loo again sometime before the evening ends, be prepared to wait in some lines, make sure your costume has an escape hatch and should all else fail, remember you probably will never see any of these people ever again. Also, going dressed as a mummy, while exceedingly helpful to your friends, may not be the wisest of plans.

- Above all, have a safe and wonderful night... and thank your lucky stars that Halloween is on a Saturday this year.

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## Expanding the Reading Day Festival

This week, the Student Government Association (SGA) almost unanimously passed a resolution asking the Elon College to consider adding a second day to the Semi-annual Reading Day Festival.

Reading Day occurs the day immediately following the last day of classes and before the first day of final examinations at the end of each semester.

One senator in the Student Government thought that in order to best prepare students for the final examinations, a second day was needed.

Sounds like a perfectly good idea. What would be more proactive than to give students an extra day to study? I mean, the really good schools do it, so why don't we?

I do, however, have some questions about the semi-annual tradition of the Reading Day.

First of all, we call it "Reading Day," but how many people are actually reading?

I was once told by a professor that if you don't have all the books read by the end of the semester, then there would be no chance of passing the class.

Placing a designated day at the END of the semester to do all the reading you put off all semester was probably not a good idea.

More appropriately, we should call it "Study Day," because it seems if you do all your reading during the semester, then by the end of it all you really need to do is study.

Another question I have, regardless of what

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we call it, is how many people actually do study or read during Reading Day?

Sure, most people do study on that day after classes end, but usually not until four or five in the afternoon.

The last day of classes is a time for all students to celebrate their hard work and to relish in the satisfaction of completing another semester. In whatever way students celebrate, however, most are not going to rise early on this day designated for study.

Now, if I were the Supreme Being who made the decision on how Reading Day should be handled, I would first change the name to "Study Day."

That way it would at least show the students that the administration advocates studying and not

reading all your textbooks the day before exams.

I would also like to see the Reading Day Festival change to a two day period.

On the eve of the last day of classes, the school should sponsor a party, maybe a wine and cheese gathering (well, forget the cheese).

We could play Pin the Tail on Your Favorite Professor and end the party with a bonfire.

You could use this occasion to burn all the books the Campus Shop wouldn't buy back.

The day immediately following the festivities would be used for rest and recuperation.

The second Reading Day will strictly be used for reading or studying... or possibly just more rest and recuperation.

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## Speaking of ...

## Halloween

What is the coolest or scariest Halloween costume you've ever seen?



**Mike D'Angelo, freshman:** The coolest costume I've ever seen was a guy dressed in drag. He had shoulder length hair but was trying to impersonate Lady Godiva. He had a skin colored bikini on... it was the most bizarre thing I've ever seen. You'd just have to see it to believe it.

**Christina Sederbaum, sophomore:** I saw one the other day that I thought was pretty cool. It was a Tootsie Roll.



**Jennifer Fletcher, sophomore:** Well, the *scariest* costume has to be the "Scream" guy. My friends played a trick on me last year and snuck up to my dorm wearing it. It freaked me out!

**Mac McLean, junior:** The coolest Halloween costume I've seen would have to be Swamp Thing. It had moss all over it, it was pretty cool. It looked real!



**Steve Bopp, junior:** The scariest I ever saw was this huge guy, he must have been seven feet tall, and he was wearing this huge devil mask. It was pretty scary. The coolest I ever saw was six girls dressed up as a six pack of Budweiser.

**Jessica Spalding, sophomore:** I remember last year at Chapel Hill there was a guy dressed up as a ten-foot tall condom.

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