

# Letters To The Editor

## 'Ice grills' and 'hard rocks'

To the Editor:

Don't let the title fool you, this isn't about barbecue chicken and mixed drinks, this is about the on-going phenomenon of staring and miserable looks that has swept the campus of Elon College.

From the time I leave my house in the morning until the time I arrive home at night I would estimate I encounter at the very least, ten to fifteen ice grills.

If you aren't familiar with the "ice grill," let me familiarize you with the trend. Say you are driving in your car and you are stopped next to another car at a light. Naturally, out of pure curiosity you turn your head to see who it is, maybe it's someone you know or maybe you'll get lucky and it's someone attractive and they smile at you. Instead, you receive a mean, disgusted, "I'm going to beat the hell out of you if you don't stop looking at me," facial expression. That my friends, is an ice grill.

An ice grill is usually given by a hard rock. Once again, if

you're not familiar with the term "hard rock," allow me to educate.

A hard rock is someone who is too tough for his own good. Someone who thinks Metallica's "Enter Sandman" is a modern day classic and who feels that black on black is the only color combo that should be worn. These are the same kids who when you are casually walking and say "what's up" to them, they lift their heads up from staring down at the ground and give you a look as if, "you're lucky I don't smash your face in for attempting to communicate with me." I hope that allows you to successfully visualize the terms "ice grill" and "hard rock"

Now, let me say my peace. You know, this is Elon and although this place can suck and all that, it's not as if you don't have the freedom to do what ever you want. These people walk around with this attitude like they are "hassled" to be here. If you don't like it, leave. Don't give me bad looks and cold stares, I didn't fill out your application to come here.

What do these people have to be so miserable about? Have you looked around and noticed how far this place has come in recent years? If it's a "hard rock" attitude you're trying to front, you're wasting your time because no one cares how much you bench and no one cares about your "troubled past." Everyone has their own problems and you trying to display your dissatisfaction with life through an attitude out of the WWF is only going to make matters worse. Why take it out on me, as No Limit would claim- "it ain't my fault?"

Lastly, if you have a problem with me personally, you might as well go to the back of the line because there is a waiting list for people who want to kick MY ass. So, in conclusion let me advise people to watch out for this particular trend, and don't let "ice grills" and "hard rocks" affect whatever you're trying to accomplish here at Elon.

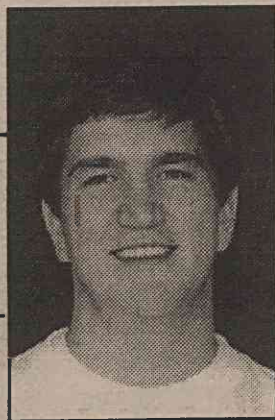
Sincerely,  
Zac Busby

## SGA candidate changes race

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to the entire student body of Elon College. My name is Jim Crotts, and I am a rising senior seeking your support in becoming the next Executive Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Until recently, I was one of four candidates seek-

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ing the position of SGA Executive President. However, I have decided to change the office to which I am seeking election.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain to the student body the rationale behind this change. I would also like to stress the importance of the four executive officers you select to represent you on the Student Government Association. While the office of the Executive President is crucial to the effectiveness of the SGA, the other

three executive offices are of arguably of equal importance. Moving my candidacy from Executive President to Executive Treasurer leaves behind three highly qualified and competent individuals from which to choose the best people to represent the ideas and beliefs of the student body. I would like to bring that same quality of choice to the office of the Executive Treasurer for the student body as well.

As you may or may not be aware, the Executive Treasurer is primarily responsible for the \$400,000 SGA budget, of which each of you has an invested \$60 share.

Experience, leadership and dependability are crucial to the success of the office of treasurer and I feel that I can best suit the needs of Elon's student body in this role. My reason in seeking this position

is simply to provide the student body with an experienced and dedicated leader in the handling of the SGA's financial affairs.

I have served with many organizations on campus as a treasurer or financial advisor and I am currently entering my second year as the Financial Coordinator of the Adventures in Leadership Program where I am in charge of a \$43,000 annual budget. As a pro-active senator in this year's Student Government I have fought for the interests of all students in making the SGA more responsible to the general student body. My plan is, with your support, to do the same with the duties and responsibilities invested in me as the next SGA Executive Treasurer.

I thank those who had supported me in my former bid for the Presidency, and I hope that your support will carry over to my bid for the Treasury as I seek to do what I feel is in the best interest of the Student Government Association and the student body as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Jim Crotts

## Knight column angers

To the Editor:

First of all, I would like to thank you for last week's Focus on homosexuality. Whereas the topic has been addressed by *The Pendulum* before, never, to my knowledge, has it been approached at such a wide angle with representation from so many viewpoints.

This letter is geared specifically in response to the article by Mr. Chris Knight. Mr. Knight makes a lot of good points, but I fear that some of his own observations contradict others. He wrote that man and woman are meant to be "creations of the spirit rather than the flesh." This is a very true statement. Perhaps Mr. Knight lacks a complete understanding of homosexual relations, as well as some of the heterosexual ones.

The question arises, "What is a relationship of the spirit?" That beautiful event when two people realize that they are meant for one another is not wholly about physicality. Mr. Knight pointed this out to us, and he is correct. But what happens when a man or a woman is unable to fulfill himself/herself spiritually though relationships with the opposite sex? Let's face it, men and women have very different things to offer spiritually, and everyone needs something different. If a man finds that he is complete through spiritual interactions with another man, then it seems to me that he is doing what God intended. Would you say that it is more moral for such a man to betray his true identity and marry a woman whom he does not love? According to your article, this lack of a true spiritual connection between a mating couple is immoral. Should this man choose to spend his life with another man, whom he loves, then their sexual relations are acted out in love, not companionship. The difference between the two is staggering.

Homosexuality is not a choice, but a willingness to open up to one's true feelings and needs. Do yourself a favor, Mr. Knight. Learn more about this lifestyle rather than condemning a person for being true to himself. I think you will find that an understanding will develop for people undergoing struggles like those of the closeted writer of "I'm gay but I'm still me." The burden of discovering one's sexuality is not made easier by people like you trying to force a decision upon them. Compassion can only work where there is understanding present.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Blackwelder

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Chris Knight's article in the Focus section entitled "The Sin of Homosexuality." As a liberal, heterosexual woman, I must admit that the opinions and claims expressed in this article pushed more than a few of my buttons. I respect the author's freedom to publicly display these opinions, although they oppose my own.

However, I feel that the author neglected to develop and support some of his ideas. For example, Knight states, "In practicing homosexuality, one is establishing their identity in something of the flesh: instead of spiritual growth and fulfillment, sensuality fills the void in a person's life. But it's also a void that can never be truly filled...not without the presence of Jesus Christ." It is rather naive to assume that homosexual relationships are strictly physical, lacking spiritual growth and emotional fulfillment. It is also naive to assume that Jesus Christ is not "present" in the lives of homosexuals, and that His "presence" is the only path to ultimate satisfaction. These statements only further the stereotypes which much of this country has been fighting to erase. These stereotypes lead to actions of hate and violence, such as the death of Matthew Shepard, which Knight finds unacceptable. I find it ironic that Knight states, "I have no right to judge another, because I was once in danger of judgement myself," while at the same time he judges the homosexual community as blasphemous individuals only interested in sexual relationships. As far as I see it, the only difference between heterosexual and homosexual relationships is the genders of those involved.

Secondly, I commend the *Pendulum* staff for addressing the controversial topic of homosexuality. However, in the future when covering a topic such as this one, I feel that extra caution needs to be taken in equally covering all perspectives. I applaud the anonymous contributor who courageously told his or her story of being a young, gay, college student. This article is a meaningful account, worthy of the press it received. However, the featured article, does not contain opinions in opposition to those of Knight, such as homosexuality as an inborn trait, or their equal capabilities and emotional depth as compared to heterosexuals. By not covering all issues regarding a controversial topic with equal emphasis, a bias may be created, and I know this is not the intention of *The Pendulum*.

Sincerely,  
Leah Bauer