

Viewpoint

JCM dept. in bad shape

Excuse me while I clear my throat. I was going to write this week's viewpoint in defense of Chris Rash's Viewpoint and the "dirty hippie" piece from last week's paper, but since other than the letter from Ms. Cameron there have only been whispers in dark rooms and murmurs of discontent, I'm not going to bother. If you can't take the time, then neither will I.

So instead I want to send my remarks this week to members of my own major. Y'all are pathetic. This does not apply to everyone of you, not even most of you, but there is a depressingly large number of journalism and communications majors who should probably be put down now before they get into the real world and tarnish the name of Elon College.

Let's take a look at some campus media, shall we? I sit up here at the *Pendulum* office every Tuesday night. Why? Not because I like it, but because I have the second largest clippings file of any student on this campus, hands down. I've gotten more work experience out of this job than most of you could get out of any number of internships. I'm not bragging, I'm just telling you the way it is. If you think you are going to go into the world of JCM and you don't have *any* experience with campus media, you are just wasting time.

It's not like we don't have room. *The Pendulum* needs writers. I've heard rumors that ESTV active membership is at an all time low. In this entire semester I've only seen one face looking back at me from the Phi Psi Cli office. WSOE still has show times available. Make a student film! What's the problem here!? Get proactive! Find meeting times, then go!

Let me put it to you like this, if you have just been floating through the JCM major, taking all your classes, getting good grades and generally not getting involved with campus media, when you go to apply for a job, someone like me is going to blow you out of the water. You see there are about a thousand people out there that look just like us. The only thing that separates us from one another is experience. I have experience. People involved in campus media have experience. If you haven't gotten involved, how can you expect to survive? Let's get on the ball, people. Four years is not a lot of time, and you've wasted most of it already.

"I didn't know" is not an excuse.

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Not just for students and faculty anymore: Thanks to those making Elon a better place

When you think of a college campus who do you think of?

Probably you think of students and faculty. It makes perfect sense, students are here to learn and faculty are here to help us do that.

Do you think of anyone else when you think of the college?

How about the man who cuts the lawn in that perfect zig-zag pattern? How about the lady who cleans up after your dirty ass in the hall? How about that man in the library who has to listen to us whine every time we can't find exactly what we need in under two minutes?

Does anyone think of these people when we think about the college campus? Maybe, but maybe not.

The other day I spoke with a couple of students who were really concerned about the well-being of the man who was driving the tram from the Daniele Center to the McMichael Science Center.

This man drives up and down the same path for hours, with sub-freezing temperatures and an even colder wind blowing him in the face.

Now I have been assured by many students that they appreciate him and thank him for the service he is providing to them.

For some students, that man is the only way to get to campus, without having to walk.

Sometimes I think we forget that these people are performing those duties we so often take for granted. To that man, I say thank you!

After I began thinking

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about that kind of man driving the shuttle or the tram, I began to realize the number of people we take for granted on this campus.

The other night it was late and I was finishing up some homework in the library.

I was near the information desk on the first floor, when I heard a student approach the desk and demand that the library assistant help her with her computer.

I thought to myself, gee, I know this guy gets paid for working here, but couldn't we stand to be a little nicer? Maybe if we said "please" and "thank you" more often, then the next time, the library assistant might go so far as to do all our research for us.

Did you ever think about who picks up our trash we throw on the

ground? Who makes the urinal sparkle so bright every time we flush? How about Effie in the Octagon Cafe? She doesn't have to say "Thanks darlin'," but she always does.

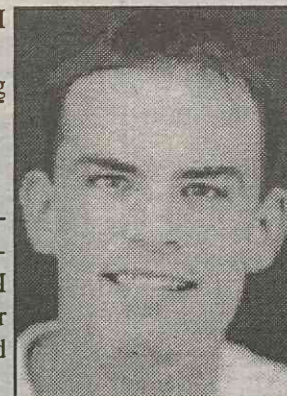
I don't think we need to walk around campus from now on and thank everyone we see, but once in a while, wouldn't it be nice to say "Thanks."

Sounds queer doesn't it? So what!?

The next time you ride the tram from the Daniele Center, go up to the front of the tram and sit with that gentleman. Say "hi" and thank him for getting you to class on time.

The next time you walk into the Octagon Cafe and ask for a piece of cheese on your Chick-Fil-A, say "thanks" when they give it to you.

Hell, you never know, maybe the next time you get pulled over for doing eighty on Haggard Avenue, the police officer might just let you off, if you could only say "Thank you."



Speaking of ... Flu Epidemic

What is your favorite cold or flu remedy?



Kimberly Bansci, freshman: Drugs. I take lots and lots of drugs. Then I try to sleep as much as possible.



Kyle Fowler, freshman: My girlfriend takes the best care of me, 'Honey, how do you make Thera-Flu?'



David Schleicher, freshman: Lying in bed all day, skipping classes and drinking lots of beer.

Jennie Urrutia, sophomore: Advil Cold and Sinus. That stuff is really really good.

John Harvell, junior: Staying active. If you ignore the problem it usually goes away quickly.

Erin Abernethy, senior: Just getting plenty of sleep and taking the right medicine.

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