

Viewpoint

I am the eyes of Elon. Scary isn't it? You will never know where I am or what might appear in the mystical Photo Essay that falls on page 18. My lenses are trained on everything that goes on in and around this campus. A baseball game, I'm there. A new building opening, I'm there. I am here, I am there, I am everywhere. I am the *Pendulum* photographer, and I am the eyes of Elon. If the words of my fellow staffers are the voices of Elon, the photographs are the visions.

Photojournalism plays an important but underappreciated part of the communications world, and the world at Elon. We all know our campus is beautiful: The flowers, the grass (no, it is not dyed green), the buildings. As the admissions video says, "It is the way a college should look."

As students, we tend to take that for granted. We wander through our little Elon bubble forgetting that everything around us was prepared by someone to look beautiful. This campus is a photographer's dream. The colors are rich and the designs of the buildings are simple yet photographically dynamic.

"A picture is worth a thousand words." Someone said it many years ago, yet it is a phrase that rings true to this day. Everytime I am standing at an Elon event taking photographs, I know that more people will look at that photograph than will read the accompanying story. Why? Because in one quick glance, they can get an idea of the event without having to sort through several thousand words. The punch photo on the front page is usually a feature story in itself.

As a photographer I look at the activities of this campus in a different way than everyone else. Everyday occurrences tell a story in some way. Every single person on this campus has a story to tell. One of my favorite photographs was a front page picture of a man from Physical Plant cleaning out Fonville Fountain. This picture tells two stories. Who is this man? Why is he cleaning the fountain? If even one student took two seconds to glance at the photo and get a deeper appreciation of Elon and the things that occur here, I have done my job.

When you cross the street to get to class, or stop at a baseball game to watch, remember that the action you are watching is not just a game, it is a part of someone's life. As a photographer, I capture the moments of people's lives, not in words, but in pictures.

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Gardner thanks supporters

For those of you who spoke to me on election day outside Moseley, I have in fact thawed out and am ready to get back to work. After battling the wind, snow and rain, I have come to the conclusion that the postal service has nothing on this year's crop of SGA candidates.

I wish at times like these that I could publicly thank each one of my supporters, but the list would take up all of my column space, and then some. There are many students who helped me with the campaign and did so unselfishly. These students went above and beyond their civic duty, took time out of their own busy schedules, and managed somehow to get this Yankee from Nantucket elected president. To everyone who supported me by wearing my button, setting up speaking dates or listened to me vent, I thank you.

There are two people who I would actually like to take the time to thank here. Now I don't think this is usually done after an election, but then again, this one was like no other. I'd like to thank the two other candidates, Jude Dooley and Corbie Meadows. I first met Jude last month, and since then I have been fortunate enough to get to know him a little bit. Each time we spoke to one another, we would

talk about our respective campaigns and how things were going in general. This had to have been the most cordial elections to date. Some people may find this sickening, but I don't care. It's time we stop thinking of politics as dirty business. Not all politicians cheat, lie, or have an intern. Corbie and I spent a good deal of time together on the election days. When classes were in session and voters were no-

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where to be found, the two of us would call a truce and head inside to grab lunch or just to warm up. There are some people that may be cringing as they read this because there is a common misconception that candidates can't help each other out, or at the very least be civil to each other. But it can and has been done. Hopefully this election can be the new standard. Now while I obviously know that Elon's SGA elections will have no effect on national elections, I also know that we have to start somewhere and we have. To Jude and Corbie, thank you, and I look

forward to working with you in the future.

With all that said, it's time to get down to business. All of the candidates running this year were successful in at least one aspect. We were all able to increase student awareness about SGA. Each week

there were articles in the paper and interviews on TV. One of the desired effects from all of the publicity is greater participation among students in SGA. Right now



there are vacant seats within SGA that are waiting to be filled by students who want to make a difference here at Elon. There are multiple spots open in the rising senior and junior classes and also spots for academic departments. It is of the utmost importance that these seats are filled. If you think that you might be interested in being on SGA in some aspect, please write me a letter saying why you want to run for a seat. All letters can be dropped off in my box in the SGA office.

Speaking of...

Involvement in your major

Have you been given the opportunity to get involved in your major?



Chris Fletcher, sophomore: I have had the opportunity. I just haven't been able to take it because I have been too busy with my other obligations.



Mike Campbell, sophomore: I feel like I am participating in my major by taking two classes I really enjoy this semester, Intro to Journalism and Communications and Writing and Information Gathering.



Lauren Weitman, senior: To certain extent I would say Elon has offered opportunities but not as many as I would like to have seen.

Andy Canterna, senior: Despite the fact that I feel as if I have received a solid corporate communications background, I would like to see Dr. Tara Michels' idea of an advertising major come about. There would definitely be enough student interest and it would add a great deal to the department.

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