

Viewpoint

Last time I checked, the journalism/communications major was the second largest on campus, second only to business. We have something like 550-plus JCM majors floating about in a blissful multimedia stupor and getting a damn fine workout while they're at it. You would too, if you were stuck tramping cross-country from Carlton to Alamance to Powell and back to home base in Model just to get to your classes.

But we console ourselves with the knowledge that within the next two years, we will be consolidating into a building of our very own.

For those who didn't know, with the opening of the new library, the JCM department, in all its wily deviousness, will commandeer the old library building for its own evil purposes. Refurbishment and the building of an addition will commence and soon we will have a fully-functioning Comm-Lair!

It'll be great! No more looking like an ass when you confuse the art and music wings, no more suffering through band practice while you're trying to edit your student film, no more reading between the music scales to find your professor's lecture notes, no more theatre majors, music majors or art majors... just us! We can't complain!

Umm... you haven't been in the library lately, have you?

Okay, so maybe I'm underestimating the power of a good gutting, but one fact remains the same: We're getting a second-hand building.

Oh, not like we're the first or anything. The poor business school is shoehorned into the misnomered Long building, which used to be the student center. In there you've got roughly 725-plus majors sandwiched into the square footage of the average gym locker.

Meanwhile the science and PT majors over in the luxurious new science building, as a Human Services major friend of mine and I found out last week, are treated to classroom, lab and office space which put his departmental closet in Alamance and my borrowed music room to shame. All I could do as I toured the science building with my friend is grumble "second-largest major" to myself and consider getting a chemistry degree.

I'm not begrudging the science majors and their importance, nor am I unhappy that the JCM department is getting a building to itself, albeit a used one. I just wish the Elon Vision would clean off its stadium-stained glasses and see that JCM, business, humanities, social sciences, education and all the other departments have personal space issues too.

• *Carrie Lancos* Editor in Chief

Why 2K? Because we love you

So how are you going to be spending New Years? "I'm going to go to New York and be part of history." "I'm going to have wild passionate sex with my girlfriend (or boyfriend) to cement our love." "I'm going to be hiding in my bunker with a shot gun waiting for the coming apocalypse."

While all you useless tech-heads are busy not solving the millennium bug, I'm going to be digging a privy trench in my backyard.

Let's face it people. The world as we know it is going to come to a screeching halt on January 1, 2000. I mean the fecal matter is headed toward the fan and all we can do is put on a happy face and lots of layers.

You know I feel like a real idiot now. I mean look at me. I'm a flippin' Film and Broadcast Communications major. The electricity is going to go and all the technology I've learned how to use is going to be flushed down the toilet.

Look at us! We've all just wasted the last four years of our lives learned about things that will be obsolete in eight months! To all the Health Education, Sports Medicine and Military Science majors, let me just say, "Good call!" You're going to survive the longest.

But, to all you Music theatre, Art and Economics majors, y'all best start running now, 'cuz the

Philosophy and History majors need to eat something.

Now I wish that I'd have majored in something useful like Blacksmithing. Elon should really consider adding to their general studies requirements classes like, "Berries and Roots You Can Eat," "Snare Setting" and "How to Skin a Bear - 101."

It would be great. The school slogan would be "You will survive Armageddon!" Instead of

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the "Fightin' Christians" we would be the "Fightin' Bad-ass Heavily Armed Christians."

Instead of building a new library, we would set up a rifle range. The ropes course would never have been used as much. We would do away with this whole meal plan nonsense. There would be no more complaining about the quality of the food. Oh no! Students would learn how to make a bag of rice, six strips of beef jerky, and a pound of beans last for a month and a half.

If Elon was a "survival" oriented school we wouldn't have a housing problem. If you haven't been assigned a room, grab a tarp

and hit the lawn.

Quadruple the number of students accepted. There would be six to a room.

Elon Outdoors would get real hard-core. In it we would learn how to prepare a human body for consumption... administration would have to look the other way of

course... We would only do it in an emergency.

E V ! and Habitat for Humanity could start working on setting up bunkers and usable farmland.

Classes would no longer require textbooks or activity packs, but they would need bows, small arms and machetes. You could get extra ammo at the campus shop.

There would of course be selective breeding, but we wouldn't get into that until a year or so after the fall.

I'm really only trying to say two things with this column:

- 1.) The end is nigh and you had best be ready for it
- 2.) Soylent Green is made of people! It's people!!



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Speaking of ... Elon Vision

How do you feel about the Elon Vision campaign? Where would you like it to move the college in the near future?



Mike Dugan, junior: "I think its good that Elon wants to move forward. The construction is just a sacrifice that we have to be willing to make. I think it's worth it."



Kelly Reimer, junior: "I think the vision is incredible. It is good that we know where we are going and that ideas are being implemented by organizations on campus. Its really great that Elon's students are well informed about the future of the school."



Brian Spence, sophomore: "I think its good that Elon has started to focus on other things besides campus beautification. We have made a good start but more work needs to be done."

Kristin McMillan, junior: "I don't really know enough about it. I can't effectively answer that question."

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