

## Viewpoint

Last week, *The Pendulum* published the results of a four-month inquiry into who on this campus are the "movers and shakers." In the compilation of that list, a few members of the current staff had been removed out of respect for journalistic principles. We would be remiss not to invoke some of those same principles to honor some of our own. These individuals have gone to great lengths during their years at Elon to develop *The Pendulum* into the forum you see before you.

Just as Chuck Buckley has handed Tammy Tripp a section's metaphoric wheel, he once did the same to graduating senior Erik Akelaitis. Akelaitis, former A&E editor, made some thought provoking changes to the section. His steadfast commitment to keeping readers not only entertained but informed about the goings-on of the Elon College community remains a tenet on which the section still operates today.

In a time of turmoil, Former Editor in Chief Michelle Cater remained the glue that held the staff together. When the pendulum swung one way and then swiftly another, it was Cater's commitment to a common vision of deadlines and diversity that kept the paper focused and on time. During her tenure and due mostly to her, we procured a number of invaluable resources for which the staff will forever be grateful.

One of the most artful former staff members, Jenny Jarnecke assumed one of the most difficult editorial staff positions – photo editor. Our readers may not understand the photo editor's outright importance: he/she not only coordinates but most often also photographs every photo in our publication. While we often hand the photo editor the raw end of the stick, he/she always lands a rather prominent job at a newspaper, whereas the rest of us settle for internships. Jarnecke's professionalism and determination have made permanent certain staff procedures, as well as given us a mentor to look up to.

Finally, the diligence and creativity of former features editor Giselle Pole made the creation of the new focus section all the more easy. While newspapers traditionally offer a variety of feature articles, her feature section often tended to follow a theme – a precursor and model for our weekly focus. Her amiability and diligence quickly made her a favorite of both staff and editors.

Although we may never underscore it enough, we thank you all for your mentoring and patience and wish you well in whatever endeavors befall you.

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# Opinions: A year in review

This is the final edition of the newspaper for the 98-99 school year and as opinions editor I suppose this edition would be a good time to thank all those who have written for *The Pendulum*. Although our photography editor might disagree, the writers have really been the strength of the newspaper this year.

This year has been full of great opinions. With unprecedented response to some columns we actually had to close discussion on some topics. I'm sure many remember, and want to forget, the hoopla that surrounded the "We're not play'a's" article, and who here isn't tired of hearing about Steven Jay Gould?

I feel the need to give a special thanks to all my columnists, especially those who will be graduating this year.

Troy Adams, what can be said about Troy? I never met anyone I was more like. I don't know if that is a good thing or not but you seem to be enjoying yourself so it can't be too bad. You are one of the only people who can understand my "issues" from my perspective. It scares me how alike we are. Good luck with your book, and the rest of your life. I have a feeling you will charm your way into and out of a lot of trouble before you are finished. You better be close enough so that I still hear your stories.

Jeff Angel, Eric Hurwitt and Mark Richter. I am covering these three together because that is just how it should be done. Now those people who don't come to upstairs Moseley very often won't understand the relationship that exists between *The Pendulum* and the SGA boys. Suffice to say the "three wise men" have had more of an impact than any three guys de-

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serve in one newspaper office. While I could always count on one of them to fill space for me, they were the cause of many a late night in the office. Damn the "super-secret SGA deadline."

Chris Knight, you are a wordy, wordy monkey, but your intelligence will take you along way if your views don't get you killed first. I respect your opinions, honor and bravery.

To all my non-senior columnists, I sincerely hope to see you bright and early next fall for the 99-00 year at *The Pendulum*. I hope someone steps up to fill my position after next semester. I will be looking for a replacement. I hope I find

a worthier protege than Lancos did last semester.

I would like to thank all the loyal opinions page readers. (Hi Mom, Dad and Grandma.)

For all of you students who didn't bother getting involved, I'm truly sorry you missed your chance to be heard. Tough. It's too late to cry now.

But if you would like to get involved please come out next year. There is an organization for you. Perhaps its in the print media, but if you can't handle the pressure than there is always WSOE. Hi Nancy.

For all of the people that had a problem with *The Pendulum*, too bad. We did our jobs as we know them to be, and we did them with flair and dignity. Well, maybe not so much dignity but we did have lots of flair, and flair is good.

As for spelling mistakes, no one is perfect at three in the morning. Just be glad you got your paper.

As for lack of professionalism. We are learning here. This is still considered a student publication. Our biggest priority is enjoying our work.

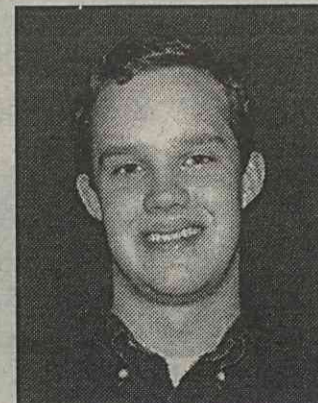
## Speaking of ...

## Print Media

Why should people get involved in *The Pendulum* next year?



**Chuck Buckley, senior:** Because if they don't, I'll hunt them down and kick their little Nancy high school asses.



**Alan Medeiros, freshman:** They can become just like me, and get to have professors and students call you dirty names. Even if your opinion was right in the first place.



**Carrie Lancos, sophomore:** If you're a JCM major, it can help you in the future. It is a valuable experience that can lead to internships and possibly a job. No really, it can.

**Chris Rash, freshman:** Everyone gets to recognize you by your mug shot. Unfortunately if they don't agree with your perspective, you are gonna hear about it until you graduate.

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