

Viewpoint

When I signed up for classes last fall for this semester, I needed one more class to complete my core requirement. I decided to take a philosophy class because my artistic ability is limited; I signed up for Ethical Practice, a class of which I had no prior knowledge. I was just looking for a class to complete my core. I was surprised to hear on the first day of class that this course, taught by Professor Sullivan, requires twenty hours of service learning, which is to then be converted into a ten-page reflection paper.

Students involved with the Service Learning Center came to our class and gave some options as to where to spend our twenty hours. Among the choices were opportunities to tutor students at Alamance High School or to work at homeless shelters or food kitchens. Being an English major and having no means of transportation, I thought my best bet would be to volunteer at Elon Homes for Children. I signed up to be a tutor, even though I had no real idea what Elon Home's function in this community is.

When I finally scheduled hours to volunteer, I was informed that I was not needed as a tutor, rather I would be doing tasks around the campus and in their main office. So far my work has included doing various tasks around the office, but also I have helped to clean storage areas as well as witness exactly what the Elon Homes for Children is all about. The home is for both girls and boys from all over the state and even beyond North Carolina. These kids come from troubled families or neighborhoods, and Elon Homes is a place where they have a better chance of getting a good education. I have observed some classes already, where students learn how to write and speak with inflection and to learn important computer skills. One class I observed had the kids doing a role-playing game, where they had to pretend they were being interviewed for a job. These kids are learning the important lessons that will provide them with the necessary skills for the work place.

I am very happy I have the opportunity to volunteer at Elon Homes for Children; I believe they are a powerful and essential part of the community. I would advise those students who have a desire to get involved in this community, or who want to volunteer their extra time, to get involved with this organization. You can visit or call the Service Learning Center in Moseley for more information.

Johannah Lawrence Opinions Editor

A message from the stolen portrait of Dalton L. McMichael, Sr.

Greetings and salutations, my Fightin' Christians! Or should I say my Fightin' Acorns...or Flyin' Eagles...or Fiddlin' Fruit-bats? So much has changed since I was snatched from the foyer of the McMichael Science Center last spring!

I've wanted to address you for some time now, but sadly, my two-dimensional hands were incapable of grasping a pen or operating a computer keyboard. Bless that dreamboat Rich Blomquist for agreeing to visit me and transcribe my sentiments!

First off, I want the student body and faculty to know that I am safe. Contrary to rumor, I was not converted into a place mat, nor was my face cut out to make me into a target for pie tossing.

In truth, I remain unmolested - "just hanging" as you youngsters say. But exactly *where* am I hanging? Isn't that the question on the tips of your tongues?

Well, I'm not about to tell you. Revealing my whereabouts would bring an unwelcome end to my exciting new life. Because I am valued at upwards of \$15,000, the police would undoubtedly storm my place of residence, then whisk me back to my drab existence in the

Science Center.

Do you know what it's like to spend your days around people who find joy in limericks about the periodic table? (There once was a mole of Zirconium / And when combined with a dash of Dysprosium...) Blech!

Thank goodness those times are behind me.

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I am in more *spirited* company now - especially when you consider the amount of *alcohol* they drink. Ha!

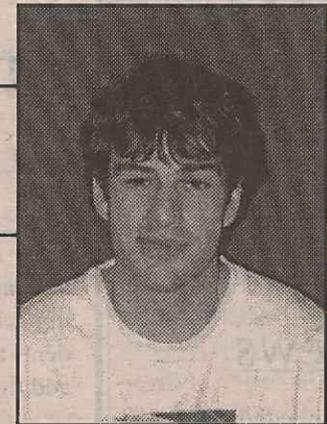
I only tease them because I love them. Hello there boys...urp...I mean, friends of undesignated sex or group affiliation!

I'll admit, when my captors "scavenged" me during one of their merry hunts, I nearly soiled my frame. How foolish I was! To think that I almost wasted my life on that wall, never knowing how to do a keg-stand or make a killer jungle juice...

I have such great times with my new friends. Just the other day, Blitz told a joke while Booty-man

was chugging a Bud Light and beer squirted right out of his nose! I tell you, spective walls to f you'hourr (Forgive the drunken babble).

To reiterate, don't worry about this old portrait, Elon. I'm having an absolute blast - and forging for



Not to mention a sick intramural s q u a d . We've got uniforms and everything!

If all you other paintings knew what was good for you,

you'd make friendships that will last a lifet and join me and the guys. That means you, Fred Young portrait, James Buchanan Duke portrait and J. Spencer Love portrait. Ime. But you're gonna have to prove yourselves first.?

If you have information regarding the missing portrait of Dalton L. McMichael, Sr. please contact campus security!

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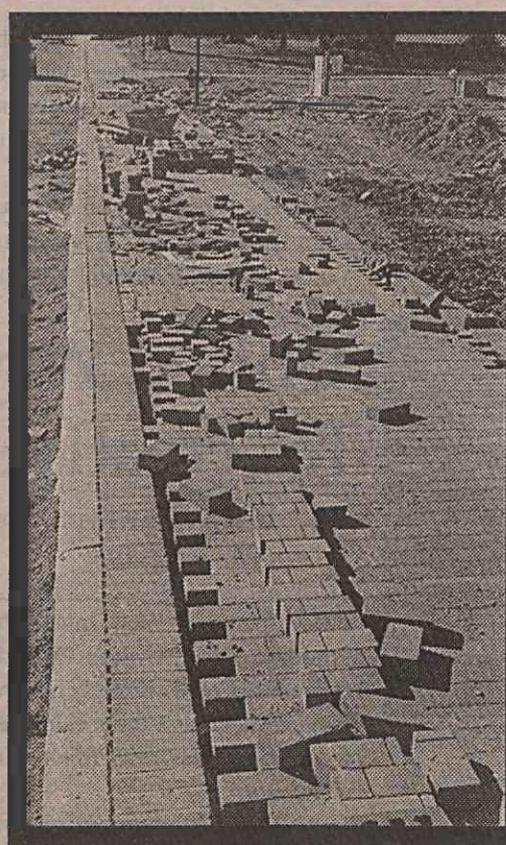
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Where the sidewalk ends ... or begins?

In a continuous effort to make the school more aesthetically pleasing Elon is always under construction. The new sidewalks around Belk Library are taking shape.

photo by Jennifer McCort