

## Editorial

*Homecoming celebration is more than just a Greek thing, it is an event for everyone*

Every year Homecoming comes and goes with success. Students rally together to support their respected organizations, help a good cause, and have some fun in the name of school spirit.

However, every year a portion of the population goes unnoticed at Homecoming. A common misconception amongst much of the student body allows this happen: only

Greeks can participate in Homecoming.

This is simply not true. And the perpetuation of this misconception leads to a yearly observation of this editor: freshmen don't get involved in Homecoming because freshmen aren't Greek.

We believe it is important for everyone to know that each student on this campus is invited to

get involved with the homecoming festivities. No matter what your organization, no matter if you chose to participate as a class, a hall or a group of friends, the message is this: participate. Don't let another homecoming go by without being a part of the Quiz Bowl, or the Banner Competition, or the election of the Queen and King. Don't assume you aren't invited or wanted at the Homecoming festivities. And don't delay getting your group registered. Freshmen- you are a part of the Elon community. Take this chance to get involved

## U.S. foreign policy cultivates terrorism in harming the innocent

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Columnist



As the United States wages war on terrorism, the American people sit back and watch in comfort assuming good will eventually overcome evil. It seems to me that most of the American population doesn't seem to care why there are people in this world that want to see Americans suffer. We just seem to think that they all must be crazy!

There are reasons why terror has come from across the globe to the land of the free because of this nations narrow self-interest in regard to its foreign policies. Our government acts in ways that benefit us, but sometimes they end up hurting

others. To understand why this incident happened, we must look at what we did to anger the terrorists.

Since the Gulf War, the United States has imposed sanctions against Iraq, which have caused 1.5 million people in Iraq to die. Most of these victims are women and children.

The U.S. sanctions don't allow the basic living necessities to the people of Iraq. This includes water and a basic food supply. Before the sanctions, Iraq was a prosperous nation because of their abundant oil supply.

In 1998, the Iraqi government rebuilt the largest water treatment facility in the country, but it was soon blown up by U.S. fighter pilots. Poor drinking water is the leading cause of death in Iraq. We are doing this to hinder Saddam Hussein, but I am sure that Saddam is living well. The sanctions only hurt the innocent.

The United States currently has 20,000 troops in the holy lands of Mecca, which are there to watch over U.S. sanctions. They are imposing their ways on the Muslim world, which angers many of them. We also supply bombs and weapons to the Israelis who then use them to kill Palestinians. By supplying the Israelis with support, we have been angering the Muslim world as our bombs kill innocent Palestinians.

Over the past 20 years our bombs have killed people across the Middle East. If we watched and heard about our friends and family dieing because of U.S. policies, I don't think that we would like the US very much either. We created these problems and it looks as if we will solve

### HOUSEGUEST ETIQUETTE "NO-NO"s:



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## LETTERS

### Student proposes that the U.S. stand for peace

To the Editor:

Here's something for everybody to think about:

If you take something of mine, I'll take something of yours. If you threaten me, I'll threaten you. And if you hit me, I'll hit you back.

This is the game we like to call "Eye for an Eye." In the past few weeks with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and the US attacks on Afghanistan, we have been drawn into the 'eye for an eye' game once again. You might think we could only play this game for so long, but truthfully the world has been playing it for decades.

This, my friends, is why solutions to peace have been so hard to find. We've been playing 'eye for an eye' for so long

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that we lack the vision to see the solution, which is probably right in our faces.

White House, Pentagon, Washington, America, Europe, Asia, everyone, don't you think it's time we open our eyes?

The solutions to peace are out there.

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