

## Editorial

### Elon will miss Isabella Cannon

On Feb. 13, Elon University lost a prominent alumna, and the student body lost a woman who truly viewed them as her cherished children.

Dr. Isabella Cannon was a remarkable woman who will be remembered for her passion, conviction, love and hope. She wanted to see her children go out into the world and create positive change in their communities.

Her legacy will live on through both her monetary contributions and her zest for life and learning.

At the age of 97, she had more energy than most college students, and she used

this energy to lead a life dedicated to service.

Her role in the community was much greater than that of an elected official. Dr. Cannon constantly sought to make a difference.

She often urged students to think globally and act locally, believing that change begins within the community.

Each student who had the opportunity to meet Dr. Cannon walked away with something special. Whether it was her message of service, her commitment to community or her enthusiasm for life, Dr. Cannon always offered a memorable moment.

One of her gifts to the Elon community was a donation,

used to create the four-phase Isabella Cannon Leadership program. This program helps students get to know themselves and their communities in an effort to create positive change. That is the ideal she stood for and based her life on.

The program was her baby, and she loved each student who took part in it. Dr. Cannon came when time permitted to speak with these students. She wanted to know them, where they were from and where they were going.

She truly cared, and this is how she will always be remembered. She will be remembered as a generous, caring woman with boundless energy who was sharp as a tack even at 97-years-old.

You will be greatly missed Dr. Cannon.

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## Manufacturing straying away from United States economy

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Through my courses at Elon, I have learned much about the globalized world. My global experience class taught me about other cultures and how the U.S. deals with these cultures.

In my economics class, I am learning about the benefits the U.S. gains through specialization when we trade.

I have come to the conclusion that the U.S. is way off course in our pursuit of providing the citizens of the U.S. with the best possible place to live.

Through increased trading around the world, the U.S. is essentially losing its manufacturing base. This could be the worst mistake that we, as a society, could possibly make. How are we, as a society,

supposed to stay wealthy and powerful without manufacturing?

If we become reliant upon trade, we will be controlled by other nations. We will become a nation of lawyers, doctors, financial consultants and McDonald's and Wal-Mart workers.

The manufacturing base that the U.S. built up during the Industrial Revolution is what made this country strong. We had the strongest middle class in the world in the '50s. Then we began to globalize, and since that time the middle class has been shrinking.

The decline of the middle class will weaken us as a society considerably. People without education will have little work, so unemployment will go up. Because of increased immigration, the average unskilled American will have more job competition. High unemployment will cause high crime rates.

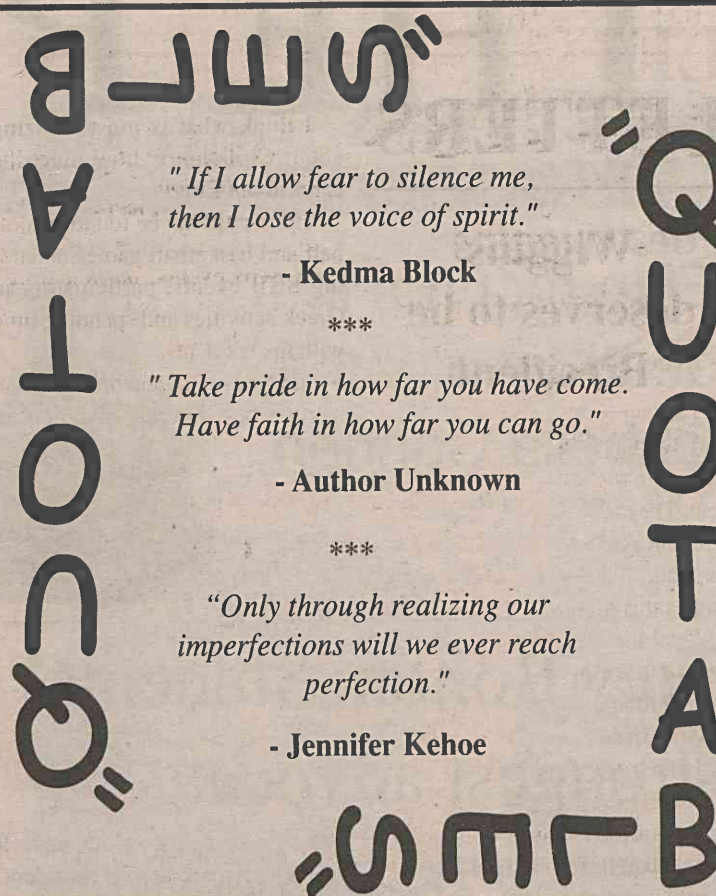
A few Americans will be getting rich, but they own the big corporations who are using the sweatshops to create their products.

The U.S. can't even pursue intellectual property due to the patent laws. Japan, China and the other nations with cheap labor will end up dominating, because they are the ones producing products.

The U.S. got rich because of manufacturing, and so will these nations. Europe has the right idea. They created the European Union to keep manufacturing alive.

Manufacturing is the basis for creating large amounts of wealth, and without manufacturing the U.S. will lose its stronghold on the world economy.

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