

Bubble Bitching offers lighter look at campus

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Sure, you're proud of the school you attend. But do you notice those little idiosyncrasies around campus?

Are you tired of the seriousness of Elon? Want to poke fun at something you may have seen around campus? You are not alone.

The editors of Bubble Bitching, Elon's new underground newspaper, say they feel the same way.

"It's just good-natured ribbing," said one of two Bubble Bitching editors, who both wished to remain anonymous. "We're not being cynacists, we just thought it would be funny."

Bubble Bitching first appeared Feb. 7 in news stands around campus. The premier issue was satirical, with an article about a dead-squirrel perched on a lamp post and a manufactured picture of President George W. Bush driving a customized Cushman mainte-

nance cart.

The publication also featured factual concert listings for the area. The editors said it was important to them to include the concert listings to advertise some of their favorite lesser-known bands that would be performing in the area.

The editors of Bubble Bitching, one a senior business major and the other a senior communications major, said their new publication is the result of "a very late night and lack of sleep." They came up with the idea last fall, but decided to wait until spring when they had more time to devote to the publication.

Above everything else, they said their primary purpose was to amuse themselves with the content in Bubble Bitching.

"We've been making these jokes to each other for three years," one editor said. "Now we're putting them down on paper."

Both editors agreed that they were confident in their decision to produce Bubble Bitching, and

were not nervous about whether or not others would find it funny.

"We just figured if people didn't think it was funny, they wouldn't read it. We didn't anticipate it would go over like this."

The highly popular first issue disappeared out of newsstands shortly after Bubble Bitching was distributed.

The editors said e-mail reactions to the paper have been pleasant surprises. From what they have heard and read, people on campus have enjoyed the change of pace. The editors also confirmed that members of the Elon administration have contacted them to compliment them on their success.

The Bubble Bitching editors said they are not looking to become a news source on campus; instead, they are more interested in taking a different perspective than other campus media, such as The Pendulum.

"We want to offer more of a day-to-day look at life at Elon," one editor said.

"We've been making these jokes for three years. Now we're just putting them down on paper."

— editor, Bubble Bitching

"We're proud of Elon. We pay to go to a private school just like everyone else. But it's amusing where some of the values are placed here. It's important to laugh at ourselves."

As for right now, Bubble Bitching will continue to be produced biweekly, and will stick to its initial one page format. The editors said while the attention their work is receiving is great, they were never in it for the recognition, and are not looking for any sort of advertising revenue.

"We aren't looking for awards. We're just looking to have a little fun."

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