

The Pendulum

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For men's basketball, the options are many

Elon's move to the Southern Conference is a prestigious move for an institution that has participated at the Division I level for less than 10 years. With this move, though, comes greater expectations, and the resignation of head men's basketball coach Mark Simons presents a perfect opportunity for Elon to assert its power by filling the vacant spot with a "name."

There are three coaches who would be perfect for the job: Matt Doherty, Steve Lavin and Jim Harrick. Any one of these coaches could revitalize the men's program, and the athletic department could sign one of them to a million-dollar deal and not release the information to the press.

Doherty, who resigned his head coaching position with the Tar Heels, would bring his manic-depressive mood swings. Seriously, from game to game, who knows if Doherty would cry, scream or giggle girlishly at a postgame press conference.

Lavin, former UCLA Bruin head coach, offers more than coaching experience; he also brings a head of hair loaded with so much hair gel that after games, Jackson Atoyebi could hold him by his ankles and wax the gym floor.

Harrick coached the Georgia Bulldogs until it was revealed he was a bigger crook than Richard Nixon. The players would love him, though. They would never have to go to classes again.

The selection process has been narrowed down to three. C'mon Elon, who will it be?

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Unique opportunities surround Elon students as they walk across campus

Last week an article ran in The Pendulum about how Elon was considered No. 1 as the most under appreciated school in America.

This Tuesday, The Washington Post ran an article by Jay Mathews, author of "Harvard Schmarvard," which allowed him to further express his feelings on these "hidden gems."

Elon was listed as No. 1 for colleges which deserves a bigger reputation. The list was compiled from guidance counselors and academic advisors around the country over the past year.

Elon received the most nominations by advisors of all the institutions of higher learning in the US.

The counselors wrote nothing but wonderful comments about Elon commenting on its leadership programs and the hands-on opportunities it offers.

I must say, Elon is not perfect, but it is a great school and is definitely underappreciated.

Every day, I find out more and more about the school that makes me fall in love with it all over again. From caring facility to countless programs, Elon knows what it's doing.

Now, I'm not going to sit here and try to tell you just how great it is because you're here.

You found out about it.

But this column's purpose is to make sure that at least Elon students appreciate the school, because it is often just taken advantage of.

Unfortunately, I think many students, especially upper classmen, grow bored with the school.

Granted, we are in the middle of nowhere, but Elon offers so much that both my roommate and I, who do not have cars, feel no obligation to buy one so we can get off campus.

We are never in our rooms because we are so involved with just a few of the over 125 organizations Elon offers.

Between the two of us we are very involved in The Pendulum, Campus Recreation, Color



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Guard and theatre.

Not to mention we are both double majoring and minoring, planning to studying abroad next year and find internships or student teach before we graduate.

One of Elon's strongest points is its study abroad program having almost 50 different abroad programs. This past winter alone 577 Elon students want abroad.

With such a large course offering and the great experience one receives while living in a foreign country, it would be foolish not to take advantage of such an opportunity.

Elon also has lots to do on campus. Many schools, such as those located in or around Boston, use the big city as a crutch and do not offer as many activities or have as many organizations.

Their students are constantly getting off campus on the weekends to go into Boston to find entertainment.

Elon realizes its location is not a huge draw and so to compensate for it, has countless activities.

There is the Zone, which is open whenever Moseley is. It has pool tables, TVs, computers and lots of tables to allow you to sit with your friends and just hang out.

The Zone gives out free cookies during lunch time as well as having Midnight Madness and just recently "Cheezzy Chick Flicks."

Christian youth groups are popular, but I bet a majority of students do not know Elon offers a Jewish youth group, Hillel. Elon also does a good job getting excellent speakers and touring groups.

From Walter Cronkite to Reel Big Fish, famous scientists to theatre repertoires, Elon has something to please everyone.

With all of these programs and activities one would think the student body would be really involved; however, a large number of students simply stay in their rooms and do not choose to participate in such events.

Now, I know we are also ranked high for having rooms like palaces, but come on, show some support for your school.

There is no reason why we can't fill up even half our stadium for a football game, and the few people who do show up leave during half time.

So get involved! Put to use all the programs Elon is offering to you because it is truly a unique and wonderful school.

Don't allow Elon to be under appreciated by both the public and its students.

Receiving a good education means much more than making a 4.0 GPA. For many students, it's the first time they are away from home.

Learn what it is like to be in a community. Interact with people, join organizations, have fun!

There is a club out there for everyone, and if for some reason you can't find one that is right for you, Elon will help you to start one of your own, or pitch a suggestion to the Student Union Board.

So there is no excuse for you to graduate without being an active member of at least one organization.

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