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Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

Do you know where your life is headed?

Not everyone has the opportunity to gain a higher education, take full advantage of Elon

Many of Elon students have reached the age where they can, for the most part, live independently. Prior to college, student's opinions were shaped by parents. Most Elon students were raised to believe in a certain religion or to believe in particular values and morals. But once students leave home, they have the freedom to believe whatever they choose. While independence and individuality are important, it is also important to remember to believe in something.

Some students come to college and completely throw out what their family taught them. And this is fine, as long as a person takes the initiative to believe in something besides parties and social life. College is more than social activities, but also academics, developing emotionally. Many students forget why they came to college.

As a young adult, strongly believing in something should be important. Investing oneself in religion, morals, values, education, art, books, music, love is important to developing a sense of self and deciding what path your life takes from here on out.

At Elon, faculty and staff encourage students to take advantage of the available opportunities. These members of the Elon community are not just here to teach, they are here to

point you in the right direction. Most teachers know what it was like to be in college and be completely lost. The faculty and staff are here to help you see the light at the end of the tun-

instance, Barbara Ehriench. Many students did not agree to what she said, but she came to teach the students a lesson about life, a lesson that many people have to learn the hard way.

Elon is a private institution with a religious background, but the members of the community encourage students to explore the many facets of life offered: religion, the arts, volunteer activities, Greek organizations, etc. There are over 100 organizations and clubs on campus all within your reach to explore and find yourself. What better environment to find yourself than Elon? If you knew of a better one, you wouldn't be here.

Most students came to Elon for the family-like atmosphere, don't forget that. The Elon community is here for you.

Here's a suggestion; draw a map of your life, where you want to go and what you want to do. After you have drawn this map, self-analyze yourself. Do you know what you want to do after undergrad? If that plan doesn't work out, do you have a backup plan? This idea may sound a bit far-fetched, but give it a try. This may help provide direction. If you have a lot of holes and don't know where you want to go in life, you have time, but you also have resources and chances to fill in those holes. Elon offers cultural events and several opportunities to expand your mind and way of thinking. Take advantage of the opportunity to gain a higher education, many people do not get that opportunity. Dive head first into life and stand for something.



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nel. Take advantage of your resources. Elon also offers a wide variety of organizations and activities to broaden your horizons, don't take this opportunity for granted.

Young adults in other parts of the world are waking up everyday to the same thing they saw yesterday. Many are waking up to wars in their backyard. At Elon, there is always something new and interesting happening. While some people don't agree with the speakers that come to Elon, these cultural events are designed to shed light on an issue that some people might not know about. Take for

Corrections

1) In last week's issue, soccer player Brennan Farrell was referred to as Brian and the only senior on the team. Farrell is actually a sophomore and Brandon Hayes is the only senior. The caption for the same story states that Elon's first SoCon opponent will be Furman, but the Phoenix has already played two league games.

2) In the same issue, on a story about William Blum, the date was misprinted, the actual date of the program was Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

3) Also in the same issue, the Student Union Board's events were misprinted:

- Sept. 30- Funny T-shirts @ Midnight Meals
- Oct. 10- Kinsey Sicks- 8:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium
- Oct. 13- Spring break meeting 6 p.m. in Moseley 215
- Oct. 23- Natural Blond@ Saturday Night Live 8 p.m. in the Zone
- Nov. 4- Kyle Cease, comedian 8 p.m.. in Mckinnon
- Nov. 6- Chris Mason at Saturday Night Live in the Zone

4) On page 6 of last week's issue, it stated that the Liberal Arts Forum's budget was \$40,000. The actual budget is \$53,750. The funds from SGA are broken into several parts. \$40,000 is allotted for speakers and \$13,750 is to cover travel expenses, printing and videotaping expenses.

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