

# Letters



# Submissions

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Submissions must include your name, contact information and class standing. Letters from faculty and staff are also accepted. The Pendulum reserves the right to edit obscene or potentially libelous material. Lengthy letters or columns may have to be trimmed to fit. All submissions become the property of The Pendulum and will not be returned. Send submissions to [opinions@elon.edu](mailto:opinions@elon.edu).

## Elon can't be compared to other Ivy Leaguers

To the Editor:

After reading the editorial titled "Elon is quickly approaching the best of the best," we feel as though the claims made in the article are highly exaggerated as well as painful and embarrassing to read. "Most of the Elon community can see that Elon University is quickly approaching Ivy League status." One might wonder if the author of the article could define the term "Ivy League." Ivy League schools consist of a group of eight old, distinguished colleges and universities in the North East, known for their ivy-covered brick buildings. The members of the Ivy League are Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania. Elon has a beautiful campus with exquisitely painted grass, but the last time I saw ivy was when my roommate dressed up in a toga for a sorority function. Let's compare admissions statistics of Harvard and Elon. Harvard accepts ten percent of its applicants and their average SAT scores for incoming freshmen are 1400-1580. The average SAT score for incoming freshmen at Elon this past fall was an 1169. We recognize that Elon has made significant progress in the past few years and has potential for higher standards of excellence. However, let us not fool ourselves into thinking that we are on our way to Ivy League status.

— Laura Downs and Shawna Pagano, Class of 2005

## Sports fan support

To the Editor:

I've watched Elon move from the small Division II school in 1993 to the SoCon of Division I. Through the years, I've seen fans take a much more educated look at athletics. We now know who our opponents are on regional and national levels, and where we stand yearly.

I've also read the articles written about our apathetic support. Three years ago, I created the site called

the Phoenix Phorum at <http://www.elonfans.com>. I created this site not only because I wanted to give students and alumni a common place to voice opinions about the school and athletics, but I also wanted to help end the apathy. After all, we are in Division I now and it's time we have alumni that put forth the effort to give athletics the support that other D-I schools have.

— Adam Oldham, Class of 1997

## More tennis!

To the Editor:

I have noticed that throughout the entire start of the spring season the sports section of the Pendulum has never even mentioned men's or women's tennis. I am a member of the Elon men's tennis team and we have had numerous matches, home matches, and you all don't even

bother to put them under "This Week in Sports" sections. This bothers others on the team as well as myself. I would truly appreciate if The Pendulum would consider tennis as a sport at Elon and include us in The Pendulum.

— George Memory, Class of 2005

## Justification for comments on racism within Greek community

To the Editor:

In a very quick response to what Genci Sala said in the last issue, the focus of my frustration was not on whether Greeks were truly racist or simply in a bad situation. I was mostly commenting on the lack of Jason's credibility. Please understand I have very little interest in branding a population due to their government, and nobody in Athens or any other part of Greece I met and spoke with rejoiced in the idea of 9/11, nor did they say anything truly rude or rash about the Albanian situation. I am just tired of people who go away for three weeks coming back with the idea they have it all figured out. The Greek government is a really flaky and weak system. Nobody really knows how the votes work, not many people bother to vote. They are much more concerned with our government, because we set most of the standards for the way everything else in the world functions.

On a very individual basis, I cannot agree that Greeks are racist. Greece is also not my homeland; I went for

the first time last year to meet family and see what place my grandparents came from. I have no reason to be defensive because I'm a third generation American. The Greek people in my church community have been rude to my non-Greek family but not because they are racist; they just are egotistical. I also don't think Greeks like very many people other than themselves, and that includes me too. They envy no one, they have a history and a legacy matched by few who didn't just copy their ideas, and they have big heads about it. But in the grand scheme of how they treat people who live in their own country, I still wouldn't say a thing about them if I were Jason because he is not a credible source of that information, nor can I understand after being an awesome trip like that, you'd remember a minute comment and make it into an article. Why should we always search for the negative after something so exciting happens like going abroad?

— Angela Ragouzeos, Class of 2005

## Crossroads helps child victims

Advocacy Center helps adults along with children who have been mistreated, needs your help

To the Editor:

Last year, CrossRoads: Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center saw 239 children who had been victims of sexual abuse. That's a number to make you pause. And that does not even cover the number of kids who have not told of their abuse or not found our services.

Through our Children's Advocacy Center, we provide a child-friendly space for police officers to interview the children. We help the kids prepare to testify in court and go with them when they do. We serve as an advocate for these children during a crucial time.

But we struggle each year to provide services to the children in our community with less and less funding.

Right now the state legislature is considering a state appropriation bill (H130) that will provide funding to the certified children's advocacy centers in the state. This will help us to ensure that we do not have to cut any of these important services. Our representatives need to

know that this is an important use of state money supported by their constituents. Contact them and ask for their support of H130. Representative Cary Allred can be reached by email at [Carya@ncleg.net](mailto:Carya@ncleg.net) or by phone at 919-733-5905 and representative Alice Bordsen can be reached by email at [Aliceb@ncleg.net](mailto:Aliceb@ncleg.net) and by phone at 919-733-5820

CrossRoads also provides services to adult victims of sexual assault. If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual assault and you would like to talk to someone, please call our 24-hour crisis line at (336) 228-0360.

— Brooke Barnett, assistant professor of communications