

Letters & Submissions

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Women should be respected

To the Editor:

It seems like years ago, but I remember my freshman year pretty well. Like many freshmen fellas, I was awed by the beautiful women here at Elon. Not only were they good looking, but the women of Elon were smart and classy. I was so motivated to get a girlfriend first semester, I was scaring girls away. After being rejected time and time again, I tried to concentrate on the important part of college: the grades. Nonetheless, whenever I was driven to get into a relationship with physical motives-I was burned, time and time again. In my junior year here, I have a different state of mind-instead of treating girls as future wives, I treat them all as sisters. I have been happier, and feel like I am respected more

when girls realize I am not trying to get jiggy with them. That is just my opinion.

As for the gentlemen of Elon, if I have had a conversation with you, I have been impressed by your integrity. However, the men at Elon get a bad rap. Can you blame the women for this? I think not with the past stalkings and voyeurism. So I am calling out to all men to start to show women more respect. The brothers I have at Elon are some of the most respectful and caring men I have met in my life. It is time we start taking care of the precious Elon women, and earn their friendship. Elon is the best place in the world, or at least let's turn it into the best university in the nation.

Jonathan Fiedler '07

Column misses point on war in Iraq

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Charlie Remy's column: "Elon's focus on war is disheartening." I find it very offensive that someone so naive and adolescent could even have an opinion in reference to the sacrifice that I, and so many other service members, have made. The reason that we fight and make sacrifices is to support our fellow Soldiers and to ultimately protect people like Charlie Remy in order to defend his freedom to write garbage such as his column. Get with the program Charlie and don't make accusations about things you know nothing about. When I put myself in a convoy traveling through the desert in 140 degree heat through hostile areas in order to deliver food, water and medical aid, you can

bet I'm not doing it for President Bush, or even for the person who gave me the order. Be assured that I am doing it for my fellow soldiers. When my medics are administering pressure dressings to an open abdominal wound, understand that they are not treating the patient because they were commanded to. In the article, Charlie Remy states, that "these Elon alumni are simply doing what they are being told and are not thinking about the overall impact of their actions." Well I'm sorry to disappoint you Charlie, but I know the impact of my actions, what I want to know is what are you doing? Have you saved a life lately?

1st Lt. Andrea Rollandini '03

A balanced euthanasia argument

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Erin Moffet's column, Euthanasia: A personal choice of inalienable rights.

I guess I would qualify as a member of the community, as my daughter is a freshman.

While visiting her last week, I picked up a copy of the Pendulum as it and is my custom to inform myself of the opinion of students, began reading Erin Moffet's article on euthanasia.

I must say that the culture of death is alive and well in her article but it is not balanced.

She proposes that euthanasia is a personal choice of inalienable rights.

Well I guess so, for some people that is.

The term choice is a good one for proponents of euthanasia in that the connection is made to abortion and infanticide and is part of the world of the culture of death.

The article describes the two types of euthanasia and it seems that society does not have too many problems with them.

Type one: passive euthanasia, where ... "no actions are taken to keep a person alive." I believe she would mean that no heroic actions would be taken to keep a person alive.

The word heroic means all the difference to the acceptance of your euthanasia type one.

Very few people would argue against removing life support for those who have no hope of recovery and are kept alive by mechanical means.

Those individuals can have life support removed by legal means.

Her second type of euthanasia, voluntary euthanasia, is problematic for most people or for people of faith.

She states that it is those people, people "with the aid of a doctor, speed up the inevitable dying process."

I must say that Christians, Orthodox Jews, Islam, Catholics and the Salvation Army would say that life is a gift from God and we are not sent any experience that we can't handle and to actively end one's life

would represent a lack of trust in God's promise.

They would also say that dying is a natural process and does have a deep spiritual meaning. With today's modern pain killers, no person would suffer unduly.

On the other hand, her views then must represent those other people, agnostics, atheists, secularists and non-Christians who argue that each person has autonomy over their own life.

Now a more balanced argument is now evident and your readers will have a clearer view of the issue.

John J. Flynn

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