

Editorials

The Draft System

As of December 2 one of the most prevalent questions around was "what is your number?" Answers come with moods of joy to ones of disgust and disappointment.

Our President has seen fit to tell every male citizen of this country between the ages of 19-26 when he will be drafted or when his turn to learn how to kill or be killed will come up during the year of 1970 or if one has a deferment, when that deferment runs out.

In a way, it is nice to know where one stands in his chances of being drafted so that one doesn't have to keep guessing and living in fear. So, one would tend to think it a better system and an improvement over the former one.

The only real improvement in the draft system however, would be no draft system at all. In a country where freedom of choice is preached there seems to be a lack of choice when it comes to living a life without fear of being grabbed up by the military machine and taught "legalized killing," because some think the only way to win respect in this world is with military might.

"To kill or be killed", that is the question, but there is only one answer--you must go along with it. If you refuse, then you will be punished for exercising a human right--the will to live and think freely.

If one wishes to fight, to kill, to be a military man, then join, volunteer, do what you think is right, but for those who strongly object, let them have freedom to choose.

Freedom To Dissent

Over the past year or so, Elon has witnessed numerous demonstrations on various subjects - from food protests to the Moratorium and particularly the Smith case.

The Student Union has been used for organizational meetings to oppose the Administration on the Smith case. Also, we have observed an orderly march to Dr. Danieleley's office, several night marches to Dr. Danieleley's house, the posting of signs which were derogatory to the President, the painting of peace symbols on school property, and the sticking of Moratorium stickers on furniture and walls.

The Administration has not, in any apparent way, attempted to stifle dissent, including freedom of assembly and freedom of expression. Although, some of its actions during the first Moratorium were questionable--such as the various letters the Administration sent out in an attempt to discourage it.

The Administration has been, on the surface, willing to hear the students' views and, in-so-far as possible, answer questions, sometimes without an appointment. (Of course it is one thing to hear, but to listen and understand and react positively is another matter.)

Also, the Administration has not attempted to suppress publication of dissenting views in either the MAROON and GOLD or VERITAS.

The Administration did in an indirect way try to discourage some of the dissenters by sending what some considered one-sided letters to parents explaining its version of events that happened or might occur.

While the Administration surely does not agree with the actions of the students, it's commendable that they have not tried to stifle dissent or the basic freedoms. Such protests are accepted on state-supported campuses; however, at many small church-related schools such opposition to the administration would not have been tolerated.

Editor's

Note

This will be the last issue of the Maroon and Gold before Christmas. The Maroon and Gold will not be published on a regular basis during the winter term, but will return to its weekly schedule during the spring term.

Letters

Letters to the Editor should be sent to box 3118. Letters are edited for spelling, grammar, libel, and length. Letters must be signed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
to you from
the staff of

The Maroon and Gold



Senate Meeting

By BARRY SIMPSON

I was extremely disappointed in your coverage of the Senate meeting held November 19. What I had hoped would serve as a platform for explaining where and how the Moratorium got its funds and supplies, did not appear in your account, so let me clarify several points.

First of all, let me list the supplies we used: three reams of paper and six stencils. The poster board, as well as most of our printing, was contributed by individual donors.

The money that financed our activities came from many concerned students. At no time was there even any thought about using SGA funds - we are an entirely independent organization.

The printing on the SGA mimeograph machine was approached in a strictly business manner. The printing could have been done in several places, among them, the college's own facilities, but it was felt that it was more convenient to use the SGA machine. The formal permission came from the SGA President, Bill Cominaki and Lee Loy, the Vice President, who by operating the machine, gave his tacit approval.

I would like to thank you for publicizing the probe and for providing me with a forum to clarify the problem. Keep up the good work.

Recreation

By R. W. McEVOY

Since you are realizing the need for definite changes and progress in Elon College, and I am a loser in the recreation

end of this progress, I would like to express my views and give my experience here.

Three years ago C. P. Roberts and I opened the College Ku Klub, a billiard parlor. This was done with the sole purpose of having a clean type recreation for the boys, girls, faculty and Elon College community. My aim was to outlive the old-fashioned pool with bar and gambling and to enjoy a good sport.

A few months later an 18-hole miniature golf course was added as another recreation. I

could not begin to write the many hardships I endured trying to establish this in Elon. This was not supported by the town or the school.

I have two daughters and a son - in-law who were graduated from Elon. I know the need for services and recreation you speak of in the Maroon and Gold.

Until there is a better form of government, however, the community is in the interest of those in charge, one or two influencing the rest, and it will stay the same.

Don't stop. Push Forward. By all means work towards progress in a Christian way for the good of your school and community. Try to eliminate the condition which exists here. The student body and faculty should back you solidly.

My three years experience in Elon has meant something to me. I have learned a lot about people.

I will be leaving Elon soon. To the boys, girls, and few faculty members who have thought I was right and supported me, thank you.

Choir Gives 'Messiah'

The 37th annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" was given Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m.

The Elon College Choir, composed of 90 students, was accompanied by Dean Fletcher Moore on the organ.

The soloists were Jack Cotten, tenor, a senior voice major; Charles Lynnam, bass, Elon graduate and former faculty member now teaching at UNC-G; Mrs. Terrell Cofield, soprano, of the Music Department; and Sandra Walker contralto, UNC-G graduate.

Carol Sing Is Planned

By KATHY DAVIS

A Christmas candlelight carol service will be presented Dec. 11 at 9 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. The service will be composed of the Elon College Choir, various solos, the college quartet and a brass ensemble.

The services will be coordinated by Professor Richard Apperson of the Music Department.

LAUGH-IN AWARD

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Rumor had it that "Laugh-In" has presented the award to Elon College, but on checking the facts it was found that Buck Bayliff, Campus Shop manager has borrowed the statue from a new store opening in the Burlington area.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the statues can do so through the Campus Shop according to Bayliff.

Counselors Aid Students

By Carol Overstreet

It's a busy time of the year, and one of the busiest offices is the Counseling Office. In its second year of operation, this office has made marked advancement over last year's activities. The staff of counselors include Professors Ben Williams and Rachel Westmoreland, both of whom teach Psychology part time and Mr. Louis Wilkins, full-time Academic Counselor. One of the primary responsibilities of this office involves the counseling of approximately 520 first semester freshmen, most of whom were introduced to the services of the Counseling Office during the summer orientation period. The counselors encouraged each freshman to come in for a personal conference, and approximately four-fifths of the class responded positively.

However, the counseling services are not limited to freshmen. These counselors also advise sophomores and others who have not selected a definite field of interest in which to major. The Counseling Office also supervises those students who have been placed on academic special probation and who must report regularly to the office. Another responsibility of this office is the assignment through the department chairmen of advisors, and procedures in changing advisors.

Yet, the counseling services are not limited to the academic field. One of the services that few students take advantage of is that of vocational and occupational counseling. The office has complete files on almost every job opportunity available today and also tests which aid in detecting an individual's interests and capabilities. The office is

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