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Moore and Smith declare SGA candidacy

by Paige Garriques

Student political activity may be on the rise at Elon. Few times in the history of Elon have two students announced their candidacy for the SGA presidency almost an entire year before the offices are to be filled.

It is unlikely that any previous students even considered the possibility of announcing their decision so far in advance of the spring elections. Sam Moore and Barry Smith will be running together for president and vice-president positions respectively for 1976-77.

"We decided to announce early to give students time to see just what we stand for," Sam said. This way the students will be able to keep a check on the bills they write and those which they support. This also allows additional time for students to make a fair appraisal of their character before making a final decision.

Sam and Barry both stressed, "We are not announcing early to

criticize or take away from Laurie's administration in any way."

"I'm behind Laurie 110% in everything she does, and I think she's done a damn good job," Sammy said.

Sam and Barry decided to run on the same ticket because they feel they are compatible and will be able to work together on all issues. "We're striving to create a stronger president — vice-president relationship which hasn't been promoted in the past three years. We intend to work jointly on everything as a team; almost like a co-presidency."

This is, in fact, one of the main objectives in their platform. They would like to change this relationship and feel that their mutually cooperative efforts will lead to a more stable, efficient government of the student body.

They will continue to work on visitation and drinking on campus, although these aren't the main issues of their campaign. "There's no reason to keep butting heads with the

administration over the drinking issue," Sam said. Neither Barry nor Sam can promise that drinking or visitation issues will be resolved, "but we can come closer by using a positive means of approaching these problems rather than trying to cram it down the throats of the Board of Trustees or the administration."

They would like to steer away from issues involving unattainable, apparently impossible goals such as these and head in the direction of what is practically possible and beneficial from both the students' and board's point of view.

"We will strive to upgrade the social and academic life at Elon College by positive proposals to the administration." Some of their ideas for achieving this are a possible joint effort between the SGA and the ARA to provide two or three special meals during the semester for which the SGA may allot funds. They will work towards improving study conditions through the use of a



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Barry Smith

monitored study hall as well as needed improvement of library conditions.

"We will attempt to raise the quality and promotion of concerts, dances, keg parties, and all social activities sponsored by the SGA," Sammy said. "We will also continue the open door policy of Laurie's in order to meet students and give them a chance to air their views."

"We would like to make students a felt influence in the Elon College community by putting an end to the discrimination in areas of parking. We will work with the administration to find alternate means of parking for commuters and residents."

Sam and Barry feel that the role of the Student Union can also be expanded as a meeting place for students. They feel the quality of student life in general can be improved by such things as the SGA provision of backpacks, camping, and climbing gear which students can check out with an ID as they do at State and Carolina.

Sam has been working with

Laurie on a bill to provide the SGA with the means to buy property for the construction of a social building for students. This will allow the students more freedom in partying.

"We are open to ideas from all areas," said both Sam and Barry.

A chemistry and English major from Burlington, Sam has worked closely with Laurie as an SGA senator and has co-authored several bills with her. He has served as an active officer in TKE, worked on the orientation committee, and with the radio station. He is a member of the communications media board.

Barry, a junior from Roanoke majoring in political science, has served as SGA senator all three years he has been at Elon and as secretary-treasurer of his class for the past two years. The KE member is chairman of the finance committee and has worked with the campus life committee.

Both Sam and Barry will continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the students. "If elected, we hope we can do as well as Laurie has done this year."

Alamance clocks ticking again

by Charlotte Rosser

The two vacant holes on either side of the top Alamance Building are now filled with clocks. Alan Smith, Elon's electrician, and Dr. Charles Harris put them in.

The clocks were installed in 1923, but after some time they stopped running. Alan Smith decided to start them again, so he sent the clocks to Gibsonville to a jeweler to rig the motors. The clocks had been stored in the attic of Alamance.

"It was really difficult to put the clocks back in because there is no floor to the attic. We had to

stand on beams," explained Dr. Harris. "Cleaning the clocks was a job itself," he added. The clocks are approximately three feet tall. They are made by the International Time Recording Company, but IBM has since taken over that company. According to Dr. Harris, these clocks run on a complicated system. The clocks were once synchronized with the clocks in the classrooms, but only a few of the originals remain.

The clocks have been running for four weeks and have not lost a minute. Lights were installed so the clocks can be seen at night.



The clocks in Alamance are running once again. (Photo: Dave Shuford)

PIRG advocates consumer rights

by Marybeth Glynn

The Board of Trustees on Oct. 22 affirmed the SGA resolution calling for the establishment of the Elon College Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). This action allies Elon students with those of Duke, Davidson, St. Andrew's, and Wake Forest in working toward the protection of the North Carolina consumer.

The Nov. 11 assembly, presented by campus coordinator Randy Flynn, Laurie Hafner, David Wood, and Marybeth Glynn, concentrated on the organization's origins, social effectiveness, and purpose on Elon's campus.

An outgrowth of Ralph Nader's consumer protection activities, PIRG seeks to enrich the educational experience of students through study and involvement with current community and social issues.

Working with over 20 consumer advocacy groups

throughout the nation, PIRG is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its effort to discourage the use of throwaway beverage containers at public facilities, thereby reducing overall litter in the state. In addition, PIRG will study the administration and the value of the College Board Examinations, and of the Education Testing Service, which supervises the examinations. Other projects include research on brown lung, a disease which afflicts textile workers, equal credit rights for women, and customer services at local banks.

PIRG is now working to promote the passage of the Consumer Protection Agency Act which will establish an independent, nonregulatory Agency for Consumer Advocacy (ACA) to speak for consumers in Washington, D.C. The ACA will be authorized to advocate the interests of consumers before federal agencies and courts, and

to provide the public with information about consumer matters. ACA will have no authority to issue standards, impose fines or force businesses to change practices.

Backers of the CPA point out that the ACA would be an anti-inflation advocate within the executive branch, concentrating on the rigid and previously unchallenged policies of those industry-beholden regulatory agencies which prevent competition in the marketplace from achieving its efficiencies.

Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) said, "This bill is not anti-business. It is pro-consumer and what is good for consumers is good for responsible business."

All interested students are invited to attend a program to be held on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the large lounge, where staff attorney Peter Brown will show slides of PIRG activities and discuss possible projects for Elon College.

Cultural life is available

by Cathy Henley

The Student Center Board has made tentative plans for a Christmas party in December, a Las Vegas party in February, and an art show in the spring.

The current business of the board is concerned with the student center. Colleen Lowe, assistant coordinator of student activities and an adviser to the board, believes "that the college student center should contribute to the students' education. It should be a place where students can be exposed to arts and ideas and give them a chance to discuss these ideas. It can help to introduce a cultural aspect to the student's life. The members are

representatives of the student body and are in a position to provide these facilities."

The purpose of the board is to provide these cultural aspects for the students. The advisers to the board are Bill Sharpe and Colleen Lowe. The board consists of 18 students.

They are Randy Worsham, Ronnie Stroud, Lee Taylor, Lennel Fotta, Cathy Watkins, Bonnie Younts, Beth Moore, Bobby Loy, and Crystal Catlett.

Others include Vicki Hutchins, M. A. Mitchell, Johnnie Allen, Paige Garriques, Eileen Serrano, Karen Blose, Nancy Hassel, Glenda Dickens, and Robin Oakley.



The Student Board sponsored "Gather and Lather" Oct. 30. (Photo: Joe Chandler)