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WSOE to join collegiate network to report election

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WSOE, Elon College's radio station, will broadcast the Nov. 6 election returns in the U.S. Senate race between Gov. Jim Hunt and Sen. Jesse Helms, as well as other local election returns. WSOE will be the only N.C. campus station to participate in a nationwide college network that will report the balloting.

The station will have one representative at the Hunt headquarters and one representative at the Helms headquarters. WSOE is sending Scott Wood, news director; Jim Cahill, general manager; and Jim Farrell, production manager, to Raleigh for the election.

As the results come in, the representative will phone them to the radio station, where announced will relay the information to the public.

Local races, such as Hunt-

Helms, will then be transmitted by phone into the Intercollegiate Election System (IES). The central collection point of the system is a radio station in St. Louis. The coordinator of the entire system is KSPC in California.

"I'm really excited about the

whole thing. This has never been attempted before," commented Cahill. "For a non-commercial station to be broadcasting the returns is really impressive. I'm also a little scared because WSOE is the only station that is covering the election returns in the state."



Young Democrats, Republicans boost parties

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Like it or not, politics dominate the news. In North Carolina, the Senate race between Gov. Jim Hunt and Sen. Jesse Helms has been long and increasingly bitter.

According to recent polls, President Reagan is ahead of Walter Mondale, although the Democratic challenger may have gained some ground in the aftermath of the first televised debate two weeks ago.

Two campus organizations have formed to help direct political discussion among Elon College students. They are the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans, Elon's first constitutionally established political organizations.

Tom Jones, a senior accounting major and president of the first chapter of Young Democrats at Elon, said that his major goal was to "get participation from the students." Jones said his concerns center around the fact that students don't know all they could about the American political system or about the differences between Democrats and Republicans. As a result, he said, political participation by Elon students is very low. Jones hopes to reduce apathy by working with fellow members of his organization.

Jones and Steve Williams



Tom Jones

(a now former Elon student) began to discuss a political forum in the spring of 1984. They initiated a grassroots effort to enlist persons interested in the Democratic Party into a single organization. He then attended an April conference in Raleigh that included Young Democrat groups from all over the state. He learned there what was needed to get the club started, and obtained a suggested constitution. Jones then lined up as faculty adviser Dr. George Taylor, associate professor of political science and public



Derek Bates

administration. The organization held a few spring meetings and drafted and submitted a constitution to Dean of Student Affairs Ron Klepcyk this fall. The YDC constitution was recently approved.

Jones said he believes that his group will attract members because "The Democratic Party represents progress, appealing to young minds new *with ideas*." These "new ideas," he said, will be coming from "many groups who have been in untraditional roles...others than white males." Taylor

shares Jones' objectives for the club. When asked what he saw as goals, he mentioned four. To establish a forum for political discourse, to work for and get involved with the Democratic Party, to generate a political system, and to get people involved."

On the other side of the political spectrum, Derek Bates heads up the Elon Young Republicans. A senior majoring in business, Bates got his start with Republican politics back home in Montgomery County, Md., where he worked on the Bob Pascal for Governor Committee. He has helped form the first Elon Young Republican group with a constitution.

Bates, like Jones, traveled to Raleigh with member Lisa D'Alessandro last spring and met with other Young Republican groups from around the state. After gaining approval of his constitution, the Young Republicans held a first meeting in September, which attracted 30 members.

Bates said he believes that the turnout at the first meeting is exemplary of the political mood of the country right now. He sees college students as "seeing through Democratic rhetoric, that throwing money at problems is just not effective, it's not

the solution." He added that "Responsibility, personal initiative and hard work are all part of the Republican Party."

Former college president and chemistry professor Dr. J. Earl Danieleley has pledged his support as sponsor of the Elon Young Republicans. Danieleley, who has served at Elon for 43 years now, commented that he has never seen such interest in a Republican club as he has this year. "There have been Republican groups here in the past, briefly three or four times, but they have never had official constitutions," he commented.

Danieleley sees the goals of the Young Republican group as centering around one issue: To increase awareness of issues involved. He recognizes voting as essential and an underpinning to our democratic system, but believes that people must know and understand the issues before they can vote on them and the candidates representing them." Why have Elon students chosen to get involved? "Everyone should be concerned with the country and the future." Maureen Sweeney joined the Young Democrats "because Elon is passive, people are not informed, and they are not involved with the issues."