

# Maroon And Gold

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## STUDENT AID PLAN

The possibility of financial aid for needy students in privately-operated colleges looms as an important legislative bill in the North Carolina General Assembly, for both houses of the Tar Heel legislature have been considering a proposal that the state grant financial aid to help students pay their tuition at the college level.

The proposal, which was introduced in separate bills in both the Senate and House recently, would allow the state to grant as much as \$200 to individual students who attend church-related or other privately-endowed colleges, and such a plan would mean much to both the individual students and the various church colleges.

The plan would provide for direct state grants to the individual students rather than to the colleges themselves. In that phase of the plan, the grants would resemble the GI aid given to Korean War veterans by the federal government, for the Korean GI payments were also paid directly to the individuals. The original GI Bill, which operated after World War II, provided the federal payments to the institutions.

All is not plain sailing for the state grant plan, for there has been some opposition in the legislature and from private individuals, who charge that it violates the American principle of separation of church and state. Those supporting the plan, however, point out that there is no direct subsidy to the church colleges, since the grants go to individual students.

The proposal is part of a major plan for improved higher education in the state, another facet of the higher education program calling for the opening of a number of new community colleges in various parts of the state. If the individual grants become law, then it will remove the necessity for opening new colleges in communities which already have church-related or private institutions.

It is pointed out that there is no necessity for a state-operated community college in the areas which are already served adequately and well by institutions such as Elon, Pfeiffer, Catawba, Lenoir Rhyne, High Point and Atlantic Christian, for the state will surely find it less expensive to aid students attending those colleges rather than to set up additional educational institutions in competition with the church colleges.

The chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, speaking in Raleigh last week in behalf of the student aid plan, declared that "there are two compelling reasons for passing the bill," and he cited those reasons as follows:

1. It will mean that all of the higher education facilities of North Carolina can be put to their maximum use.

2. It will help perpetuate a balanced educational system, consisting of public colleges, accountable to the state, and private colleges that are not accountable to the state.

"Only such a system can prevent the adoption of a system of uniformity," he said. "The purpose of higher education is to make people different so that they will be capable of independent thinking."

## Pointed Phrases

Opportunity knocks on the door but once. Trouble is more persistent.

Question of the day is: Will a guided missile do more harm than a misguided missile?

Here's to love—the only fire against which there is no insurance.



## shades of elon

By HINSON MIKELL

Those of you who attended "A Book for Burning" on April 23 no doubt enjoyed hearing different viewpoints on the censorship and banning of books in this country. This program was presented by Dr. Muldrow, Mr. Epperson, and Mr. Reed, Elon faculty members alluded to as "The Triad". I was surprised, incidentally at the use of this term in preference to "trio", which ordinarily refers to a group of three people; "trio" is usually a musical term used in reference to the three basic notes in a chord; the word is also used in chemistry.

This program included readings from D. H. Lawrence, author of "Lady Chatterly's Lover" and Henry Miller, author of "The Tropic of Cancer." An essay by Lawrence brought out the fact that acceptance or rejection of practically anything written is determined by the reaction of the masses. This fact may not always coincide with viewpoints held by educated and more broad-minded people but whether or not it is just, such is the situation. People in general are driven by a predominant and, in some cases, overwhelming force—sex. Particularly interesting is that this force is suppressed to such an extent that society thinks of sex as being unwholesome and not fit as printable subject matter. Perhaps this is due to the manner in which sex is handled in paperbacks notoriously known as "best sellers". I use the word "notorious" simply because this literature in assuming the phrase "best seller" is stealing a phrase which is much more aptly used in reference to the Bible and other worthy literature. In many cases, these books are not worth the time it would take to read them and they last a relatively short time.

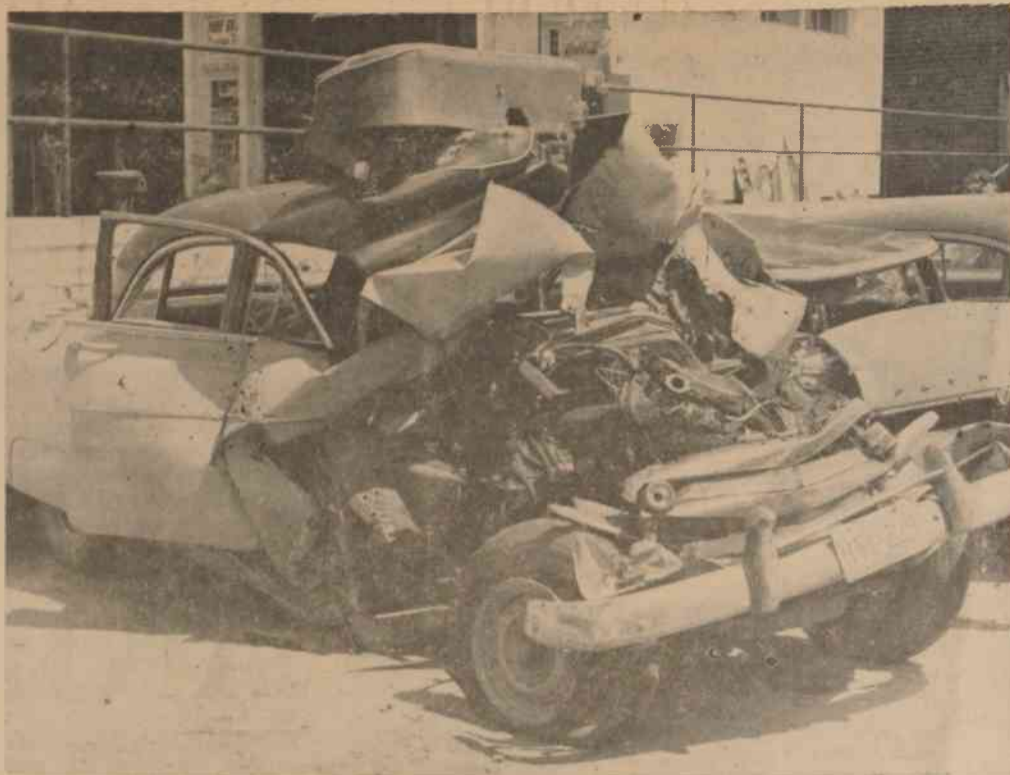
Then again, perhaps the suppression of sex is due to a guilt complex on the part of some people who find the subject embarrassing due to their own unwholesome experiences. It seems to me, however, that there is no excuse for the ban of books simply because they are written from a realistic or naturalistic point of view. Such banning from public schools often fails those whose purpose it is to justify protective anxieties over their children. If today's young people, who live in an accelerated world, are not given the opportunity to be well-informed through exposure to realities, they will certainly be disillusioned in later years.

I do not advocate exposing a ten-year-old girl to "Lady Chatterly's Lover" only because I do not see how she could benefit from the situations presented in this particular book; most ten-year-old girls are not ready to read such a book, although they more than likely are familiar with the four-letter vocabulary employed (which some adults consider shocking). It should be understood, however, that Lawrence is to an extent justified for the way he writes. He is a man who lives on a highly sensuous plane and to him the use of four-letter words and other forms of "pornography" comes quite naturally. In "Lady Chatterly's Lover," Lawrence is describing sexual experience as he has known it; why therefore is his book bad? Actually, it is only its shallowness that makes it not a "good" book.

Presently, our society is tending to hold out on young people. The result is obvious enough. When someone is told not to read a book because of its being morally unsuitable, chances are he'll go out of his way to find out what the book has to say. Whenever you are told not to indulge something and there is not a pretty good reason why, a challenge presents itself. We of this generation who prefer to think for ourselves are preoccupied with our own interests — which in many cases concern or involve sex. A book ban imposed upon young adults and especially upon college students can only cause unpleasant results, it seems to me. In many cases, rebellion will present itself — why shouldn't we be allowed to judge for ourselves whether or not a book "measures up"?

I believe that if our insatiable curiosity about books dealing with sex were satisfied, the novelty of sex in print would diminish. A more open treatment of sex in general would cause less unnatural embarrassment and promote better understanding with our parents and teachers. It is my idealistic theory that, in addition, another important change would occur. If sex were no longer a thing of secrecy and dark corners it would be deprived of its power to challenge and possess. Young people would find their overwhelming preoccupation with sex displaced by concrete goals and the genuine desire to learn. Fit literary works, whether or not they dealt with sex, would be read; art and music would be looked up to and better understood, by all the people; and, the world situation

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## How Two Elon Students Were Injured

Perhaps the headline with these pictures might better have read "IT CAN HAPPEN HERE . . . AND DID," just as a reminder to each and all what can happen to an automobile and its occupants in the space of a few unguarded seconds. However, the line of big black type which leads this item also fits quite well, for the picture of the smashed car above and the smashed bridge below do show in graphic style how two Elon College students were injured. The car is the one in which Tom Breese, senior from Johnson City, N. Y., and Bill Milligan, junior from Ocean Grove, N. J., were critically hurt in a crash that occurred in Burlington in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 20th. The two were enroute to Burlington on West Front Street and were apparently attempting to make a left turn into East Willowbrook Drive when the car went out of control, jumped a curb and went across the yard of a home there to strike the end of the bridge. The ends of heavy boards of the bridge penetrated the windshield of the car and pinned the occupants into their seats.



## A View From The Oak

By MELVIN SHREVES

The 1962-63 Student Government Association has gone a long way this year under the leadership of three outstanding and dedicated officers, including James Buie, Lynn Ryals and Eleanor Smith.

Jim Buie has inaugurated many new ideas in student government this year with the help of an increased \$13,500 budget. The "Free Bus" system of transportation to athletic events has met with great approval and was a tremendous boost to school spirit.

There are many programs that came to the front under the Buie administration, and they were justly rewarded weekend before last when the North State Student Government Association presented Buie and Elon's Student Government the "Outstanding Student Government" award for the year 1963.

Buie has been a very dedicated president, and the programs initiated under his administration will be with Elon for many years to come. Jim has done a thankless job, but the job he has done will be remem-

bered for many years.

Of course, as Buie says, one man could not and did not do the job alone. He has been assisted by two hard workers in the persons of Lynn Ryals and Eleanor Smith. As vice-president, Ryals' main responsibility was the running of the Student Senate, and he has done an outstanding job. More than fifty pieces of legislation have passed through the Senate, many of them sparked by Ryals' determination to make the Senate a working body.

Ryals was the author of several amendments to the Student Constitution. One of the amendments calls for the separation of the office of secretary-treasurer. He has been a member of the Student Senate for three years, and th "Senator from Durham" will be missed very much next year.

Eleanor Smith has probably had more outside activities than any previous secretary-treasurer that the Student Government has had. She has been editor of the yearbook, a cheerleader and holds an academic average of three or better out of a possible four points.

Even though she has been burdened down with outside activities, she has gotten the job done. At the

present time she is practice teaching and waiting for the yearbook's return from the publishers.

This year's administration is probably the best on which Elon's oaks have ever dropped their leaves, and the officers who directed the successful administration deserve a lot of credit for the job that they have done.

**Outstanding Student Government**  
As was mentioned before, the Elon SGA won the NSSGA award as the "Outstanding Student Government," with the award coming right on our own campus during the spring meeting of the statewide body.

The award was based on a written progress report, an SGA display and participation in the conference itself. President Buie gave an oral report to the association of officers on Saturday and then accepted the award on Sunday in behalf of the entire student body.

Elon also came to the front in the election of statewide officers when Bill Whittenton was elected to the office of president of the North State Student Government Association for the coming year.

Overall, it was a grand weekend for Elon's Student Government.

## a voice from the corner

By

DON TERRELL



Last week, three college faculty members, Dr. Muldrow, Professor Epperson, and Professor Reed, developed, out of their own initiative and time contribution, a panel discussion concerning censorship and controversial literature. To the participating students, this was one of the most enjoyable and enlightening forums of the calendar year.

Some of the works which were discussed were "Lady Chatterly's Lover," "Tropic of Cancer," "Tropic of Capricorn," "Lisistrata," "The Catcher in the Rye," "The Hundred Dollar Misunderstanding," and an entire series of topical paperbacks, insignificant individually, but significant in their bulk.

This forum was certainly something a bit unusual here and certainly informative. Many times have I spoken from "the corner" in favor of this type interest by the faculty. This program was certainly a brilliant success judging from the comments made by the many students who attended.

Following the discussion, a question and answer session was held, during which local controversial censorship topics were mentioned. Of these, the Phi Psi Chi and the Elon College library received the major attention.

I would like to sincerely thank these three faculty members for their outward show of interest in the cultivation of intellectual curiosity outside of the general classroom work. This is the type thing we need more of here. One thing I believe would create a significant amount of student interest would be a series of lectures based on explaining the general themes and ideas conveyed in some of the works we refer to as the "Great Books." I hope "The Triad" will continue to function and add a new section to our academic program.

One of the most prominent speakers we ever sponsored here, popular American humorist, Harry Golden, spoke in Whitley Auditorium on Monday evening. The riotously comical lecturer completely entertained his audience and it was a splendid thing to hear this man. In the last few years, Mr. Golden's name has repeatedly appeared in the headlines of the nation's newspapers for his comments on desegregation and especially his biographical research on Carl Sandberg, America's unnamed poet laureate. Both Mr. Golden and Mr. Sandberg are residents of North Carolina. The entire college family owes a great deal of thanks to Sy Hall, the chairman of the Liberal Arts Forum, for making this highlight possible.

Sy has also been asked to head the recently formed Student Public Relations Bureau which will be responsible for having the activities of students publicized in their hometown newspapers. This is an organization within our framework which we have needed for quite some time.

The long hours of preparation for the NSSGA conclave paid off with a huge success on April 20th and 21st, when over fifty students from ten of North Carolina's small colleges met here for the annual spring meeting.

This association was established fourteen years ago for the purpose of bringing similar colleges together for the exchange of information and for mutual benefits. At the recent meeting, a constitution was finally accepted which will form a strong basis for operation.

Comments from the visiting delegates were surprisingly favorable towards our little university and apparently Elon fares well with other conference colleges in the fields of hospitality, facilities, and beauty. Elon also came out on top with the award for the "Most outstanding Student Government" as a result of active participation by many students and effective leadership this year.

We complain and criticize, but this honor should at least prove that the SGA at Elon has risen to heights of superiority as judged by these other schools.

Elon took another lead with the election of Bill Whittenton as president of NSSGA for the next year.

The bulk of this conclave's success was certainly due to the outstanding effort of the Host Committee, led by Carol Trageser.

Congratulations to the recently elected chief officers of the Student Government Association, Wally Sawyer, Melvin Shreves (my colleague in crime), Luke O'Hara, and Judy Hudson. Congratulations are also in order for the new senators who were chosen in an election held last Wednesday.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the gratitude and appreciation of the entire student body for the devoted and outstanding job done by this year's SGA executive staff and workers. This has truly been one of the better years in inter-relations and communications between the vari-

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