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BY WAY OF AN ANSWER

There were a few persons on the campus who were so unacquainted with journalistic procedure as to object to the use of the word "Flash" over the brief bulletin concerning the tragic death of John Anderson in the wreck which occurred near the campus on Friday night, October 6th.

Those persons were so unacquainted with journalistic expressions as to think that the use of the word "Flash" meant some disrespect to young Anderson or his family and friends. They did not know that when President Franklin D. Roose-

velt died in the late afternoon back in 1945 that hundreds of America's afternoon newspapers used "Flash" over the dispatch concerning FDR's death, nor did they know that newspapers, radio and television used "Flash" over the equally tragic death of President John F. Kennedy.

Those persons who protested the use of "Flash" over the recent wreck death of the Elon student, were completely unacquainted with the timing element involved in the printing of the Maroon and Gold, which is completely separate and apart from the timing involved in the publication of the state's daily newspapers. No disrespect toward either John Anderson or his family and friends was intended, and therefore no apology is necessary.

Homecoming

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 halftime in conjunction with the presentation of the Homecoming queen, her court and the student sponsors.

Homecoming guests and alumni may register with the college tomorrow morning in the William S. Long Student Center from 9:00 to 11:30 o'clock. Guests will be able to visit the new library which is currently under construction, and view the recently completed renovations in Duke, Mooney, Whitley, and Alamance buildings.

Group campus displays will also be on exhibit tomorrow morning. The displays will be judged, \$10 awarded to the winners. They will be constructed to coincide with the Homecoming theme "On to the Goal". The Homecoming parade floats will be judged on the same theme and identical prizes will be awarded.

Following tomorrow's game a coffee hour will be held in the Student Center at 4:45 o'clock. Alumni and guests will be received and entertained at this time.

Tomorrow night's annual Homecoming Dance will feature the nationally known recording group Jay and the Tech-
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Archeologist Visits Elon November 9

The annual Visiting Scholar Program, which is operated each year under the sponsorship of the Piedmont University Center, will get underway on Thursday, November 9th, when Dr. G. Ernest Wright, of Harvard University, will speak on the general subject of Syro-Palestinian archeology.

The first of these visiting scholars for the 1967-68 college year, is a Parkman Professor of Divinity and is the curator of the Semitic Museum at Harvard University, and he has had a rich career in the field of archeology and study of ancient cultures.

He was the director of the Drew-McCormick Archeological Expedition to Schechem in Jordan and was also the director of the archeological program at the Hebrew Union College in the study of Biblical and archeological subjects at Jerusalem. He is now serving as the president of the American School of Oriental Research and is a prolific writer.

His visit to the Elon campus on November 9th will be the last of a series of a three-day tour under the sponsorship of the Piedmont University Center in its Visiting Scholars Program, and Elon will be the sixth of the Piedmont group colleges he has visited.

The Visiting Scholars Program at Elon College this year is arranged under the direction of Prof. Allen Sanders, a member of the faculty in the department of business administration. Admission to all lectures is without charge, and both faculty and students are urged to attend.



Campus Comment

By Don Brown

The first rush under Elon College's newly renovated social fraternity system was completed last week, and close to 100 new pledges are now engaged in fraternity-sorority activities.

The most important innovation in the setup is the length of the pledge period. Instead of a few days of concentrated initiation, as has been the practice in the past, the pledge period has been extended to a full semester.

This and some of the other changes might to some seem radical innovations. Actually they are merely the updating of Elon's system to the mid-20th century conditions already existent in other colleges.

Under the new system the real purpose of pledgship can be realized. That purpose is the chance for the members to observe the prospective member in a variety of situations and judge whether or not he is acceptable to the group. Certainly the scope of activities which could be observed in a few days is not very great. Over a full semester, however, the pledge can be seen at his best and worst moments.

Another factor which could be strongly affected under the new system, are the new members' grades. All too often we see the new student join a social fraternity, and in the excitement of new activities, begin to neglect his studies. Under the new system the pledge will be required to achieve a good scholastic standing before he may become an active member. The conscientious fraternities and sororities will initiate study programs for their pledges to insure that they "make the grade".

For the first time now freshmen are now eligible to pledge social fraternities in their first semester in school. In actual practice, with the full semester of pledging, the freshman will not become an active member any sooner than under the old system.

Now new members will be initiated during the first part of the second semester, after grades have been received. There is also a provision in the new system

for delayed initiation of those whose averages might not be sufficient at the beginning of the spring semester.

In order to determine which freshmen are eligible to pledge a Grade Point Average is projected for each by computer. We are told that this system is generally accurate to within hundredths of a decimal point. We can only wait to see how it works out for the fraternity system here. At any rate, it is commendable that a graduated system of grade restrictions has been designed for all students.

With the improvements we have already mentioned, the Inter-Fraternity Council has done a rather good job in bringing the social fraternity system at Elon College up to date. It is only within the structure of the IFC that we find fault.

In the past the business of interfraternal government was handled by the Pan-Hellenic Council. It was made up of representatives of the social fraternities, and sororities who were chosen for the job by their groups. It seems that this system was highly ineffective.

Now the Pan-Hellenic will be replaced by the Inter-Fraternity Council, consisting of the presidents of the fraternities and sororities. It would seem to us that the presidents of fraternities would have enough work just running their organizations. Now with certain fraternal groups on campus taking on a slightly less provincial makeup, the job of the president will even be expanding. If there was a problem in getting a representative assembly to work efficiently in the past, may we suggest that a major part of the problem was in the selection of the members. Perhaps if the Greeks of Elon College had been a bit more selective in the choice of Pan-Hellenic representatives, the fraternity system would have been changed long ago.

At any rate the change has taken place now. We must congratulate those who were responsible for it, and wish the social fraternities and sororities good fortune for whatever work may still be ahead.



Why Is It? Is It?

By JAMES PAYNE

"Why Is It" this week continues with the October 13th edition concerning NO SMOKING in the cafeteria. Because of the insufficient space in that edition of the paper, the concluding portion of that article was omitted.

I feel that these are all excuses for the NO SMOKING sign, not justifications. However, I believe the real problem lies in ones "dinner plate." For this is where the "butt" to the case for permissive smoking will end up. If a system could be developed where ash trays would not disappear the first time they were placed on the tables, then I believe that a solution to this problem of NO SMOKING in the cafe-

teria could be arrived at.

The NO SMOKING sign will not discourage smoking outside of the cafeteria just like the new little "warning sign" on the side of each cigarette pack has not caused cigarette sales to drop. It's OK for a physician to try to discourage his patients about smoking, but of the Doctors I know within these ivy walls, not one has a license to practice medicine.

Therefore, it is of my opinion that the NO SMOKING sign can be removed if the problem that justifies its being there can be eliminated. How about it smokers?

Since we are on the subject of NO SMOKING, which seems to be a fav-

orite slogan of this institution, let's focus our attention upon one of the favorite high spots on the campus, Carlton Library. Why is it that students are again faced with the NO SMOKING proclamation? Are there any more grounds for this ruling than there is for the same

ruling in the cafeteria? I believe not!

For those smokers doing extensive research work in the massive stacks located in the library, they are faced with the unnecessary and inconvenient ultimatum of having to go outside the
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