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An Editorial--Supplement to Issue No. 6

Elon College is again in the news not only locally but nationally with the suspension of Professor Michael Smith. Elon is one of the few schools where a professor was suspended as a result of the October 15 Moratorium.

The Moratorium is not our particular concern; the issue is whether or not Prof. Smith fulfilled his obligations as a professor that day.

We believe that Prof. Smith, in securing two competent colleagues to take charge of his classes on that day, fulfilled his obligations.

It is well known that many professors due to personal or unannounced reasons merely don't "show up" for their classes. If Prof. Smith is suspended, the college should explain to the students why other faculty members guilty of the same "breach of contract" were allowed to remain.

The name Michael Smith is not of greatest importance but what is of importance is the principle involved in his suspension which is linked to the October 15 Moratorium.

We sincerely hope that the executive committee of the Board of Trustees will consider this matter with extreme care and forget the Moratorium as such and instead consider Michael Smith, the professor.