

## Editorials

### Exam Is Eliminated

The Elon College administration has recently announced, that effective immediately, the passing of a comprehensive examination in order to graduate will no longer be required of Elon students.

Prior to this announcement, it was mandatory that all students take and pass a comprehensive examination, covering all course requirements in their respective majors. The test was administered by the department of the student's major and was a determining factor in whether a student would graduate or find it necessary to return the next semester, and take additional courses in his major. It was possible for a student to pass and complete all other graduation requirements, but failure to do satisfactorily on the comprehensive examination would prevent the student from graduating.

Since many colleges and universities are also eliminating the comprehensive examination requirement, it is an indication that the Elon College administration realizes the current trends of education and does want to improve this institution. The passage of this policy has to be one of the most advantageous changes in policies concerning the students of Elon College in many years.

### For Whom the Bell Tolls?

Although Elon College has made some triumphant strides in the area of new construction, many of the existing facilities have been forgotten.

We Senior Citizens can remember the sound of bells that used to fill the hallowed halls of Elon College in years now past. One can only suppose that their purpose was to signal the beginning and end of classes, and occasionally by mere coincidence they did ring at these times. But at least - there was hope.

Their importance cannot be understated to the freshman who forgot to check his list of "Things to do before I go to class" and finds that the ten minute break between classes has elapsed and he has to sit through another class with a bloated bladder. Many professors don't have any idea what time their classes begin or end, and there are those who find time pieces too difficult to read. In conclusion, it would be very nice to be on time for classes and to leave them with the same punctuality.

Please someone, let us know what happened to our old friend, the bell.

### Recreation Has Social Value

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help decrease juvenile delinquencies and helps bring about a higher level of community morale. Recreation through community - organized programs can bring about activities in which people from varied backgrounds can learn to accept and associate with each other more rapidly.

Dr. Kraus pointed out racial discrimination in the South and how it affected recreation. In the past, black citizens were excluded from using public parks and playgrounds, except those provided especially for them. The black parks and playgrounds were inferior to those of the whites; they had less area and fewer facilities. This helped bring about a feeling of unrest within the black communities. But this is also true of white communities with low in-

come. Dr. Kraus stated that the middle and upper class citizens are "mobile"; they don't need parks and playgrounds as the lower class people do. Many of the upper class people have country clubs and other organizations to help furnish their recreational needs. The lower class people cannot afford membership into a country club; therefore, they need newer and better equipped parks and recreational areas.

Because of the unemployment and dropout problem people seem to have more leisure time on their hands. One way to cope with these problems would be better job opportunity and better education.

Dr. Kraus gave an example of what can happen in a city lacking recreational area. Several

Do you think the new draft system is fair?

Sure! Everyone is equal. I was no. 364, and I got drafted.

That's right folks. No matter what your lottery number is, you can still go to Asia, for free!

## It Began A Decade Ago

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There has been a lapse of ten years since the sit-in type of demonstration began to spread across this nation. The tenth anniversary of this type of protest by Blacks should be of particular interest to students enrolled here.

The "sit-in", as a form of protest against - unequal rights, was begun in Greensboro, on February 1, 1960. Not only was the sit-in initiated in Greensboro, but four freshmen students at A & T conceived of the sit-in as a form of protest.

Believing that too many people talk but never act, these freshmen entered the downtown Woolworth's five and dime store and sat themselves at the lunch counter after patronizing other counters and attempted to place orders.

The white waitress simply shook her head in refusal to wait on them. These four freshmen males simply sat at the counter until the store closed, refusing to move.

Thus began a form of protest by Black

people against discrimination in public accommodations that spread rapidly across the country. It should be noted that this form of non-violent protest has accomplished immense gains in areas of public accommodations.

Since the initiations of sit-ins, men of all skin colors are sitting down to eat at lunch counters that formerly served only whites, eating in cafeterias that formerly admitted only whites, housing themselves in hotels and motels that rented rooms to only whites.

Such accomplishments, hailed then as "An Idea Whose Time Had Come", are now a matter of history. The names of those who initiated the sit-ins: Ezell Blair, Jr. and David Richmond of Greensboro; Franklin McCain, Washington, D.C.; and Joseph McNeill, Wilmington have been inscribed on no monument.

But these four freshmen gave impetus to a movement that undoubtedly led to a greater emphasis on Blacks and Black Awareness. Surely they are to be congratulated for their bravery, their endurance, and their foresight.

### New Bookstore

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if students were to use local banks instead."

The second annual Customer Appreciation Sale will begin March 16 through March 20. The sale will be held in The Campus Shop only and will feature 50% discounts on sweatshirts, jackets, and jewelry. There will be a 25% discount on other items.

During the week, there will be a drawing for a free Timex electric watch at either store and the winner will be posted at noon Friday March 20. Also, special items will be given away during the week.

### Policy on Letters

The staff of the Maroon and Gold welcomes letters from its readers. This is one way to effectively communicate your opinions. Letters will be edited only for spelling, grammar, length, and libel. All letters must be signed and sent to: The Editors, P.O. Box 3118, Elon College.

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years ago Chicago had one of the hottest summers in its history. The city had very few swimming pools in the lower income neighborhoods. People opened fire hydrants to let their children cool off.

When police turned off the hydrants, bricks were thrown and the riot got its start. Maybe this could have been avoided if there had been a public swimming pool in that section of the city.

### WIDC Serves Function

By LARRY SAGE

Stated in the Elon College Handbook, "The Women's interdormitory Council is the regulatory body elected by the women students and has, within its jurisdiction, the power to enforce all dormitory rules and punish violators of these rules. The punishment can range from call-downs to recommendations for suspension, de-

pending on the seriousness and frequency of the violation. They shall enforce the rules affecting the conduct of the dormitory women; to serve as a court to try violators of the rules; and to speak for the dormitory women in dealing with the College."

Miss Dee DeHart, acting president of the WIDC

said that the WIDC also collects voluntary dues which help buy bulletin boards and pencil sharpeners, flowers and finances the two dorm parties during the year.

There were suggestions brought up that each dorm elect its own dorm council and have its own judiciary courts. In replying to this suggestion Miss DeHart remarked, "There's no point in this since there aren't many cases to be tried." She went on to say that it was better to have the present system because the dorms are able to work together for a common good.

How effective is the WIDC? Miss DeHart stated that she felt it was quite effective in hand-

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