

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

In the last issue your staff made several subtle, yet not so subtle, comments as to the attitudes of the students at Elon as well as the narrow-mindedness of administrative policy.

I believe the time has come for the students of Leon (as Captain Quirk would say) to attempt to release themselves from the domination of Dr. Danieleley's opinions.

On many occasions, bills passed by the S.G.A. have gone all the way to our beloved president before being rejected. This seems entirely unreasonable; and if the students of Elon cannot go to their president without any other problems except how to grow roses or ask where is the best deal on a case of Bibles, then what is his purpose?

Elon College has fallen into a pit of complacency and self-pity; and is probably one of the top five conservative schools in the South. Some may think this is alright, but the fact is that the demand for conservative schools just does not exist anymore.

Therefore, I will take this opportunity to plead to the students of Elon to back the S.G.A. in any attempt to obtain for us, the same privileges that other adults at similar institutions enjoy.

Really, doesn't it seem strange that you can go across the street and buy a beer, yet you cannot bring it back on campus or in a room you have paid for?

sincerely,  
Arnie Peters

Dear Arnie:

We appreciate your letter; however, in your next one please be careful that you do not insult anyone to the extent that you may regret what you say later.

—the editor

To the Editor:

The invitation extended to members of the faculty as well as to students to enter into an exchange of ideas through the columns of

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*Broadside Today* is appreciated.

I like to think of our life together here on the Elon campus as akin to that of a family in which each one is interested in the welfare of the family as a whole. As in any family there are diversified, and sometimes conflicting, ideas of what will contribute to a rewarding life together. When conflicting viewpoints become vocal as is the case concerning some of the college's rules, it seems to me that emotional and mental relaxation are vital if we are not to allow emotional attitudes toward the issue to erupt irrationally and lead to needless attack and antagonism.

May I respectfully suggest that the approach be that of creative discussion. This is fundamentally different than debate. In debate persons with differing views regard each other as opponents and seek to impose their own views. Each side usually tries to prevent the other from making its case, and are likely to come out more firmly entrenched in their prejudices than when they started. In creative discussion, on the other hand, persons with differing views regard each other as allies and seek to learn from each other. Each participant is eager to have those who disagree make their position just as clear as they can. Thus participants emerge with their ideas

broadened, developed, and corrected.

Sometimes it helps for several from each side to attempt to state the position of those on the other side in words which the other side will accept as fair and adequate. If both sides keep at it until the position of each has been formulated in a way the other approves, areas of agreement to both sides may become clear as well as areas of disagreement which require further work.

Sometimes we humans err in assuming there are only two sides to an issue and that the answer is so simple that any right thinking person should be able to see it. Most issues are complex and their solution is not arrived at cheaply. Time and patience, and a great deal of strenuous intellectual activity are required if we are to see all that must be taken into account when decisions are made.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Alfred W. Hurst  
Campus Minister

Dear Alfred,

Thank you for your letter. It was well received by the entire staff of *B.S. Today*.

I just hope that everyone will read it as closely as I did.

—the editor

## Politically Prejudiced?

It has come to the attention of the *B.S. Today* staff that the paper is not giving "equal time" to all Presidential candidates. If the readers feel the same way, please let me assure you that the paper has no intention of being one-sided in presenting political views. In other words, the personal political leanings of the staff are not purposely manifested in the paper in any shape or form.

Therefore, let me take this opportunity to extend "equal space" to the campaigns of all Presidential nominees. Articles, slogans, and quotations will be accepted; however, their insertion will depend upon the amount of space available.

If you are a political activist and would like to see your candidate publicized in the *B.S. Today*, please deliver your propaganda to the *B.S. Today* office located on the 2nd

floor of the William S. Long Student Center—and remember, "voting is a privilege, not a right—do not abuse it by failing to register and vote.

The Editor

## Attention All You Creative Writing Buffs!!

Do you feel you have the Mark Twain touch or the prose style of a Robert Browning, and would like to see it in print? If so, please deposit your masterpieces in the campus mail as soon as possible, addressed to box #3444. We of the *Broadside Today* would like to see just what kind of literary talent (if any) exists at Elon College. Who knows? This could be the start of something big!

## ALL NIGHT MOVIE FESTIVAL SATURDAY

2 a.m. breakfast, too.

The Student Government has arranged for those students who enjoy staying up (but not out) to be able to do it, and together. Beginning at closing hours Saturday night (actually morning) there will be a breakfast served (ham and eggs) followed by a movie festival that will continue through the night. Harden Dining Hall will be the breakfast room. Students, dates, college personnel and alumni are all invited to attend. The charge for non-meal ticket students will be one dollar for the ham and eggs—the movies are free.

The women students are asked to get a notice from their house-mother Thursday or Friday indicating that they have signed out properly.

The Coffee House Committee reports that the movies shown will be:  
*First Men in the Moon* (color)  
*Road Runner Cartoon Festival*  
*The Seventh Voyage of Synbad*  
The movies will be shown in the recreation room of Harper Center beginning at 3 a.m.

Procedure for women students who are planning to the All Night Movie Festival is as follows:

"On Thursday or Friday dormitory women planning to attend the breakfast and movies must sign a list kept by dormitory hostesses and receive a ticket which she must sign and present at the door when she comes in at 2:00 for the breakfast. There will be no need for a woman to sign in to her dormitory if she is on the dormitory list and she has her ticket to present at the breakfast. A woman planning to attend the breakfast must not sign out for overnight. After attending this function, if a woman wished to leave the campus, she must go to her dormitory and sign out."

—Dean of Students

## THE LIBRARY: QUIET AND SERENE?

It seems that every year the library of Elon College becomes a place for social fun and chit-chat rather than a quiet serene place where one can study with no interruptions.

The social scene is partly due to the girls of the freshman class being able to leave their rooms and sign out for the library. Instead of being quiet about their privilege of escaping from closed study it seems they cause quite a bit of confusion.

Mr. Lambert, our librarian, informs us that the main floor is the only floor where conversation is allowed. The basement and the second floor are to be extremely quiet at all times and used for serious study.

It was also reported that cigarette butts were found on the floor and holes were found burnt in the carpet. This is quite disgusting and very upsetting when the student body is constantly trying to prove to the faculty and administration that we are indeed "mature adults."

Freshman, please show your maturity and have some regard for everyone and for you "oldies but goodies," need I ask?

Bonnie Dorman

