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## CAPTAIN DENTON COMES TO ELON

Captain Jeremiah Denton is scheduled to deliver the main address at the Founder's Day ceremony this morning. The returned prisoner-of-war will be accompanied by his attractive wife and his daughter, Madeleine. Madeleine, we are told, is celebrating her sixteenth birthday today.

The Founder's Day Address will be the first time that Capt. Denton has spoken to the public from a prepared text since his release last February. In the past weeks Capt. Denton has spent a great deal of time in intensive debriefing sessions at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Much time has been spent with his family of five sons, two daughters and two new daughters-in-law, whom he had never met. The entire Denton clan, with the exception of Jim, spent several days in New York City last week as guests of Columbia Broadcasters Association.

Capt. Denton was shot down over North Vietnam July 18, 1965. He was seen in an interview in May of 1966 that was nationally televised in the U.S. Capt. Denton is quoted as saying, "I don't know what is happening (in Vietnam), but whatever my government's policy is, I support it." He continued in a reply to the Japanese interviewer, "I believe in my government, yes sir, I am a member of that government and will support it as long as I live."

In the televised interview Capt. Denton spoke slowly and rolled his eyes continuously, at times staring blankly at the ceiling. He would occasionally close his eyes tightly when



CAPTAIN JEREMIAH DENTON

asked to answer a question. A close-up shot of the American ex-prisoner showed his face drawn and haggard. His eyes appeared heavy. There was speculation that Capt. Denton was punished by his captors after his statements.

He was seen more recently on television under entirely different and more exhilarating circumstances: Capt. Denton was the first released prisoner to step off the plane in the brilliant sunshine at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, last February. There his remarks were heard round the world. After stepping off the ramp Capt. Denton broke into a smile, waved to the cheering crowd and walked down the ramp. He saluted the awaiting military officials and was motioned to a microphone. His expression was determined when he said; "We are happy to have the opportunity to serve our country under difficult cir-

cumstances. We are profoundly grateful to our Commander in Chief and to our nation for this day." And then with a broken voice, "God bless America."

We of the *Broadside Today* would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to Capt. and Mrs. Denton to the Elon College campus. It is our hope that they will come again. Happy Sweet Sixteen Birthday to Madeleine.

## Spring Weekend Announcements

The dates for this year's Spring Weekend have been set for May fourth, fifth and sixth. The Spring Weekend Chairman, Mark Russell, has announced that he has received a verbal confirmation on the Eagles and Grin for Friday, May fourth. While the Doobie Brothers are scheduled to perform Saturday night beginning at eight p.m. Russell pointed out that the booking agency, Beach Club Booking, Inc., has assured the Student Government Association of a solid commitment by the three groups. However, the contracts had not been received as of March 26.

If things go according to plan and the groups signed admission to the concerts will be free for Elon College students with I.D. cards. However, there will be a three dollar charge for non-students.

The movie scheduled for Spring Weekend as announced by Cathy O'Conner will be "Play Misty for Me", starring Clint Eastwood, and will be presented in the Coffee House. The exact time and dates of the showings are as of yet unannounced.



## Trustees Selection Committee Still Busy

The Board of Trustees Selection Committee is still in the process of choosing Elon College's next president. Faculty and student committees have made reports to the Selection Committee regarding what qualifications and characteristics they would like to find in the next president of the college.

The Student Government Consultation Committee is made up of five students, the four class presidents and the Student Government president. They have met several times and have held one open forum in order that students could express their feelings. The chairman of the committee, Jim Denton, met with the Selection Committee and submitted its report. The following is the text of the March 2, 1973 report in its entirety:

The task of choosing a college president is, needless to say, a difficult one. The task calls for those involved in the selection process to view with painful honesty and objectivity a wide range of prospective candidates. The Student Government Association's Consultation Committee realizes the gravity of such a selection and does not take its part lightly.

The Student Government Consultation Committee decided that, rather than make any recommendations insofar as naming potential candidates, it would be wiser to first "determine as closely as possible what kind of man is wanted. This is best done by drawing up definite specifications. No man will qualify under all of them, but as essential qualifications are agreed upon, the search will be further simplified." (*A Manual for Trustees of Colleges and Universities*)

The Student Government Consultation Committee feels its obligation is to determine the qualifications and characteristics that the next president should possess. The committee feels strongly that the next president of Elon College should regard the college not solely as a business enterprise, but as an institution of higher education. In order for the college to maintain an academic status and atmosphere the student committee feels that the next president should have a distinguished, scholarly background, an earned doctorate, and considerable academic training in his chosen field.

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## Forum Lecture Tonight "The Cathedrals of England"

An eminent author and lecturer on the history of art and architecture, W. R. Dalzell comes to us from Great Britain where until 1970 he was Director of Art at the famous Bedford School. He received his art training at Gravesend School of Art, at the Royal College of Art in London and at L'Ecole du Louvre in Paris. His extensive publications on art and on the great historic architecture of England and his ability to communicate his understanding and appreciation of art through the spoken word have made him a lecturer in great demand. This Spring for the third consecutive year he is presenting programs in the United States to a number of prestigious audiences.

He is conducting a series of talks at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Art, Mr. Dalzell is a distinguished member of the lecture panel of the Council of Industrial Design in London and is a popular broadcaster on art subjects for British Broadcasting Corporation, the 170 programs he has done for them serving as ample testimony. He has also appeared on twelve television programs. The forum takes pleasure in welcoming him to Elon College.

The lecture is Thursday, March 29, at eight o'clock in Whitley Auditorium.