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TO ELON, FROM KALAMAZOO MICHIGAN

William G. Long, former dean of student services and associate professor of political science at Kalamazoo College, is the Dean of Student Affairs at Elon College and succeeds W. Jennings Berry who had announced his intentions in February to resign that position in favor of heading the College's Counseling Center.

"While my work at Kalamazoo has been rewarding, my family and I welcome the opportunity to return to North Carolina," said Dean Long in accepting the position. "I learned much about quality private education at Kalamazoo and the move to another quality institution like Elon College is an attractive challenge. I look forward to working with the students and with my fellow staff members."

As the new dean of student affairs, Long will be responsible for the administration of the student personnel staff; certain aspects of student life support systems; cocurricular, extracurricular and student center programs; and student judicial processes. He will also be an associate professor of political science.

Dean Long is a graduate of West Virginia University where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science. He also holds a Master of Divinity Degree with a major in religion and higher education from Yale University where he served as an instructor in political science at New Haven College in Yale University.

Elon's new dean was associate secretary of the North Carolina State University YMCA at N. C. State for two years before he was named assistant dean of student affairs at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1959. In 1963 he was named dean of men at Carolina, a position he held until going to Kalamazoo in 1967 as dean of student services.

In addition to his work load at Kalamazoo, he was active in professional groups on the state and national level and in local civic affairs. He was a trustee of the First Baptist Church, a member of Kiwanis, the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Bach Festival Choir and the Faculty Readers Theater and served as president of both the Kalamazoo and the Southwestern Michigan Phi Beta Kappa.

He is also a Korean War veteran having served as a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army. He is married and the father of four children.

"Jennings Berry has done an outstanding job as dean of students during the past six years. This was a period when many colleges and universities across the nation were faced with demonstrations, sit-ins and riots. Dean Berry's ability, along with that of other administrative leaders, to communicate with the students during these trying times helped avert any serious trouble at Elon," Dr. Moncure stated.

"Since Dean Berry announced his intentions to resign as dean, we have spent a great deal of time searching for a person who can continue the fine work that Dean Berry has been doing in the area of student personnel. In Dean Long, we feel that we have found an individual who has had broad experience in all phases of student personnel work both on the large public university campus as well as on the small private college campus. His philosophy is one that closely parallels that of Elon College, and I am sure that he will have a lot to contribute as a member of our administrative staff," added Dr. Moncure.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tonight

2:00 p.m.—First Meeting of Students to Organize A Commuters Club in the large lounge of the student union.

7:00 p.m.—General Meeting for all Freshmen in Whitley Auditorium.

9:45 p.m.—Movies in Whitley Auditorium sponsored by the S.G.A.

Wednesday the 11th

8:15 a.m.—Morning Devotions by Reverend Caddell in the Prayer Room, Alamance 214,

7:00 p.m.—General Meeting for all freshmen, in Whitley.

8:30 p.m.—Outdoor Rock Concert, behind Mooney, S.G.A. sponsored.

Thursday the 12th

6:00 p.m.—Phi Psi Cli, yearbook staff meeting in large lounge of the student center.

8:00 p.m.—Classical Guitarist from Colombia, South America in the large lounge, followed by refreshments.

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Dean William G. Long, newly instated Dean of Student Affairs

DEAN BENTON RESIGNS

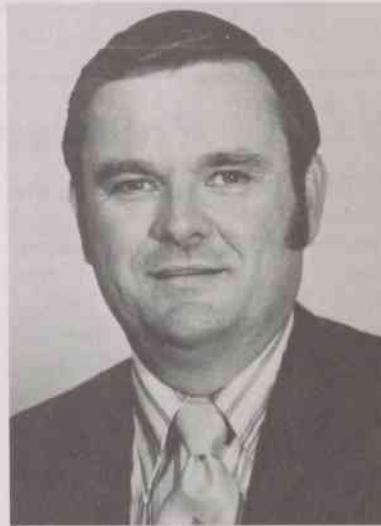
Dean P. W. Benton, Assistant Dean of Students resigned in July, 1974. The reasons for his abrupt actions are not known, however, they may be speculated upon.

During his career at Elon College, Dean Benton held various offices. He was a Professor of History, the Director of Alumni Relations, the Dean of Student Affairs, and the Assistant Dean of Students.

To the student body, however, Dean Benton held a much more important title than that which was attached to his name. Students at Elon College considered him to be the administrator to whom they could approach with any problem at any hour and be assured of help, strict confidence and more importantly, trust.

Every student who was familiar with the Student Union was also familiar with Dean Benton's office. His office hours were from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Between these hours, his office was the constant scene of wall to wall students and professors intelligently discussing their personal views on every subject ranging from world problems at hand to the Shreveport football game. At times, students would watch with amazement as the Dean would leave his office to hold a conference elsewhere so as to not halt the thought-provoking debates between students and professors.

The student body considers his resignation to be a great loss to the Institution of Elon College as well as a personal loss to each student. Upon



Dean P. W. Benton, former Assistant Dean of Students

learning of his resignation one student exclaimed, "He was always working hard to bring the students and the administration closer . . .", while another student said, "You know, everybody is expendable . . . but there are a wise few who are not replaceable . . . like Dean Benton".

The staff of Dimensions Today, on behalf of the student body, would like to wish Dean Benton the best of luck in your future endeavors wherever they may take you.

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