

Choosing Your Major

English Offers Numerous Career Alternatives

A recently published pamphlet, "English: the Pre-Professional Major," suggests many alternatives to teaching for English majors. Through a survey of 53 law schools, 37 medical schools, nearly 400 industrial organizations, and 43 government agencies, the Modern Language Association has found that the English major has dozens of career possibilities. In addition, he may enter medical school or train for law with the blessings of many admissions officers.

For the purposes of the survey, an English major was assumed to be above average scholastically, to be an A or B liberal arts college graduate with a thorough grounding in composition (not only freshman English but also advanced grammar) and with a knowledge of literature from the epic to modern novels. The survey indicates that in legal, medical, industrial, and governmental careers, other personal qualifications aside, graduates in English have a distinct edge over graduates with other preparations.

Law and Medical Exams

According to the MLA survey, law and medical schools reveal that specialization in

undergraduate years is not necessary and many said it was undesirable. One must have an acceptable score on the Law School Admission Test, but no pre-law courses are required to make a good score. The test consists of questions in three groups: the first evaluates reading comprehension, recall of main ideas, and data interpretation. The second part tests knowledge of basic grammar, English usage, how to organize ideas, and to make editorial corrections. The third part tests knowledge in fields of literature, art, science, social sciences, and music. The best preparation for the Law School Admission Test is a liberal arts degree with a major in English, the MLA survey concludes.

Medical schools indicated that, provided a student was well-grounded in sciences and mathematics, a literary background afforded him a definite advantage over those who had restricted their study to material that would be repeated in medical school. Many deans said their students were usually well prepared in science but were poor in discourse and writing. Yet communication was critically important to a physician.

Business and Industry

In business administration, the survey shows that employers believe many students specialize too early and do not get a well-rounded education. One official said that reading, speaking, and people are the raw material of business. A man who can use good, plain, understandable English is worth more than a specialist, he said. Of the nearly 400 industries surveyed, 85% said they would

hire a person with a liberal arts education and an English major even if he lacked special training in a particular area of business.

Applicants with an English background are hired to fill positions in industry in two broad categories: first, editing, technical writing, advertising, communications, and other functions requiring grammatical accuracy and literary skills. Second, their background aids in duties such as sales, marketing, personnel management, programming, systems engineering, positions that require logical thinking and exact communication. Personnel managers who were surveyed listed hundreds of positions for which English majors could qualify. Many said they themselves were former English majors.

Government Work

As in private industry, the English major has two career avenues open to him in government service. He may qualify for teaching, writing, editorial and information services; or he may utilize his skills in administration. The pamphlet lists about 45 positions for which English majors may qualify in federal government work.

The principal route to federal jobs is through the Federal Service Entrance Examination by which 10,000 positions are

Thanks for Beauty

Before the frosts nip all the plants, we would like to thank the Garden Club for the tubs of colorful flowers that have made the village of Elon College attractive this summer and fall.

SAM Elects, Makes Plans

by Gary Spittler

The Society for the Advancement of Management this year has a new trademark. The name of the organization on the Elon campus has been changed to the Greek letters Sigma Alpha Mu.

Officers for Elon's 1974-75 Sigma Alpha Mu are Cathy Jolly, president; John Hill, vice president; Pierce Evans, treasurer; and Teresa Johnson, secretary. The club is divided into committees to work with these officers. Tours have been set up for the Schlitz Brewery, American Tobacco, Burlington Industries, Southern Bell and other companies. A variety of speakers will come to the campus to speak about resumes, real estate, insurance, job opportunities, law and current topics such as the gasoline shortage. The Elon Chapter of SAM will aid in the organizing a SAM chapter at the Technical Institute of Alamance. A dinner meeting with the local senior chapter has been set up for November 21 and the Holiday Inn in Burlington.

Very soon SAM will publish an Elon College student directory and students are urged to plan now to obtain a personal copy.

The Society for the Advancement of Management is a national organization made up of managers in industry, commerce, government and education. It deals in

management philosophy. It has been concerned with the advancement of management since 1912 when the original Taylor Society was established. Elon College's Sigma Alpha Mu chapter is one of more than 200 chapters among leading colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Iraq. The purpose of all student professional organizations is to broaden and enrich classroom experience. This is accomplished in Sigma Alpha Mu through first-hand observation, application and experience in management.

Gamma Sigma Sigma Organized at Elon

Women students have voiced the need for a women's service organization that can give women the opportunity to help others that Alpha Phi Omega affords the men. Gamma Sigma Sigma, founded nationally in 1953, is now established to meet the needs of Elon women.

President Pam Moffat and Service Project Chairmen Lena Hatcher and Doris Bryant head the list of 1974-75 officers. Susan Merry is pledge mother while Connie Brown is secretary, and treasurer is Hope Warren. A minimum of 15 members each serve the college or community 10 hours in a semester.



"YOU DON'T SAY..." Students Dave Parks, Peyton Robertson, and Ron Butler discuss affairs over breakfast with President Fred Young and Vice President James Moncure.

Young Dines with Students At Thursday Breakfast

by Debbie Cochran

"Breakfast with President Young" takes place every Thursday morning in the private dining room in McEwen cafeteria. Students and faculty meet to talk about anything on their minds, interests or complaints.

Dean Theo Strum and Dean William Long make appointments for the faculty and students respectively. Student and faculty weekly breakfasts alternate.

"Anyone who wants to come is welcome," explained President Young. "I especially want to get closer to the students and their wants. Thus far, these breakfasts have been very beneficial, and I want them to continue so I can get to know more students and more about student life."

Danieley Campaigns

by Debbie Cochran

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, professor of Chemistry and past Elon President, is a Republican Candidate for the office of Alamance County Commissioner.

If elected, Dr. Danieley and other Commissioners will have authority over all county agencies, tax rates, and the allocation of \$22 million in Alamance funds. "As President of Elon, I learned how to settle big needs with little money," Dr. Danieley said in an interview.

Student Boby Kenny has served as Danieley's intern for his "work-shop in politics," 491-A course. "I have contributed to all aspects of the campaign and feel that I am a real part," explained Kenny.

Sale: Flick Tickets

by Debbie Cochran

Movie tickets regularly \$2.25 are currently being sold for \$1 in the campus shop. These tickets are honored at all ABC Southeastern Theatres in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The area ABC Theatres include—Burlington: Terrace; Greensboro: Terrace, Carolina; Durham: Center 1 and 2. Also any ABC Theatre in North Carolina or South Carolina including Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach. Tickets are good anytime before December 31, 1975 except for road shows and special attractions.

Boggs Kills Murder Rumor

For those of you who were concerned over the rumor that eight Elon girls were to be murdered in their showers by a man dressed as a woman before Thanksgiving, fret no more. A letter of enquiry was sent to Bill Boggs of Channel 8's Southern Exposure by reporter Lanna Peavy. The rumor was said to have originated from a prediction made by Jeanne Dixon on Bogg's show. This letter was his response:

Dear Ms. Peavy,
Whoever started the rumor about Jeanne Dixon making a prediction regarding murder at Elon College on my show is probably the same person who tried to start a rumor that North Carolina was being sold to Canada for Gordon Lightfoot, "The Guess Who," and options for twelve draft resisters.

It's just not true. And the best reason I can think of is that Jeanne Dixon has never been on my program. The first I ever heard about this was in a letter from some Elon Students.

So it's all nonsense. I suggest you forget about it and get down to the serious business of figuring out what to do over the Christmas break.

Your friend from beyond the tube!

With love,
Bill Boggs

Estate Left to Elon

by Debbie Cochran

Dr. and Mrs. J.L. Crumpton, Elon alumni, have willed their \$125,000, 25-acre home near Roxboro to Elon College. The home will be called the "Crumpton Conference Center."

Sunday, October 27, the faculty and the Board of Trustees met for a reception honoring the Crumptons. Dr. Crumpton, a retired Durham insurance executive, is currently serving on the Elon Board of Trustees.

The home has been fully furnished by the Crumpton family. It is located five miles west of Roxboro and approximately 33 miles from Elon.

"The Crumpton Center will be used for seminars, student-faculty retreats and various get togethers," said Mel Shreeves, director of public information. "The six-room house is furnished with antiques and has all the modern conveniences. The furniture is not part of the gift, but the house is to be used by Elon people anytime."

To the Pendulum readers:

I would like to extend my thanks and deepest appreciation to all those persons who showed their concern for my health while I was in the hospital.

Jean Summers
Varsity Grill

Elon Faculty Chooses 12 for '75 "Who's Who"

by Vicki Moeser

Several weeks ago the Elon College faculty held nominations for students to represent Elon in the 1975 edition of "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges."

Twelve men and women were selected for this honor, based on their leadership and academic achievement. To be nominated for listing in this publication, a student must be a junior or senior in good standing, must have contributed to student life, must be of good moral character and must have maintained a 2.5 grade average.

The students chosen from North Carolina and their majors are: Donald Van Covington, biology or chemistry; Leila Ann Essic, history or social science; Catherine Weber Jolly, business administration; James Crawford Little, III, economics, and Robert Alexander Wortham, economics.

The students from Virginia and their majors are: Edward Pierce Evans, business administration; Lee Alan Sauvain, social science, and Elena Patricia Scott, economics and business administration.

Also selected are: Laurinda Marie Hafner from St. Petersburg, Fla., intending to major in political science; and Theresa Diane Ireland, from Paulsboro, N.J., majoring in physical education. Sandra Elaine Watson is from Clemson, S.C., and is planning a music and music education career, and Laurie Ann Newman, from Needham, Mass., is majoring in physical education.

Miss Jolly and Miss Newman were among Elon College students to be listed in the 1973 edition of "Who's Who."