

# Elon CAN Change for The Better Next Year

By Wesley Bennett

Judging by the past performances of the SGA, next year's officers should do their best to learn from the mistakes of the last. This statement does not mean that this administration has done a bad job; in fact, this writer thinks they have done an excellent job considering the support they had from the student body.

The first thing that next year's officers should do is to consolidate their support within the student body. When they do this they will be able to say that they are the voice of the student body. In the past, the SGA has been the voice of only an interested few. If they are able to do this they will find that their job is easier. One thing they can do is to set up office hours and keep them. This would allow members of the student body to take their gripes to the SGA. This may not get any more problems solved, but it will put the students in closer contact with the SGA.

The second area that the new officers should work on is improving the communications between the SGA and the Board of Trustees. In the past there has been no communication between these two bodies. This could be done by sending regular newsletters to all of the board members. If there are special areas of concern, a special report could be sent to the board members.

In dealing with the Board of Trustees, the SGA officers should not approach the board with an all-or-none attitude. Compromise is not a dirty word. The problem should be carefully researched with all parties contacted; this includes parents as well as students. After this is done, the SGA should present several alternative proposals to the board. This will show that the students are willing to discuss the problem and not just sit back and fling demands in front of the board.

The SGA has the responsibility to represent the students and it should do this, but it also has a duty to the school. Some things that the students want may not be right and should be rejected. If next year's SGA handles the board with respect, letting it be a part of the school, and if they get the students out working for a better system here at Elon, things might change for the better.

## Letters to the Editor

### Campus Shop Rip Off

Dear Editor:

The Elon College Campus Shop must be a big source of revenue for the college. It makes double profit on many of its books. A book costing around \$13 new can be sold back for about \$5-\$6 at the most, and then the book store would resell it for about \$10. It seems to me that the Campus Shop, is making more money than it should on books.

Some of the other items are also very expensive, but they are not a necessity as books are.

Some colleges supply or rent books to the students at a reasonable price. The Elon College Campus Shop should make a profit, but I don't think it should take advantage of the student.

Stephen Murdock

### Library Hours

Dear Editor:

The library at Elon College causes some problems over weekends. The hours it is open on Saturday (9-1) and Sunday (3-10) are very inconvenient to a student who wishes to study or make use of the materials in the library.

Some people go home on weekends, but what about the students who remain on campus and wish to study? They have paid to use college facilities, and surely the library is a college facility. Since the library has been paid for by the students for their use, I think it should remain open on Saturdays and open earlier on Sundays.

Opening so early on Saturdays does not give the student a chance to sleep late if he wishes.



Members of *The Pendulum* staff rejoice as they send their last issue of '74-75 to the printers.

On Sundays the library opens too late; many students prefer to get most of their work finished early in the afternoon so they can rest on Sunday night and be prepared for the coming week.

I would like to propose that the library hours on weekends be changed to:  
Saturday—10:00-6:00;  
Sunday—1:00-11:00.

James K. Woolford, III

### Assorted Colors

Dear Editor:

I am absolutely disgusted with the yearbook. There are no Black students in the yearbook except on the sports page. Also there is only one Black in a picture taken of a teacher and his class.

This is the second year that I have been here, and in the yearbook there is always a lack of representation of the Black students. There are plenty of Blacks on this campus who wish to be recognized. I could understand it if there were only a few Black students on Elon's campus. But because Elon has over 50 Black students, they should have the same representation that the white students have.

This has hurt the Blacks of this school. We hope that next year the same incident will not be repeated. The Black students of this campus hope that the yearbook editors and their staff will have a greater variety of

assorted colors in their yearbook in the coming year.

"Stuff" Stitt

### Blacks in Yearbook

Dear Editor:

Another year has come and gone. Spring is here. Spring usually means final exams, banquets, and the distribution of the yearbooks.

Elon's sixtieth annual has come out. Have you taken a good look at yours? Once again the Black students have been forgotten. You can find pictures of them on the sports pages or with their classes. Elon has enough Black students, so they should be represented.

Some of the cheerleaders are shown cheering at a game; but is there an action shot of the Black cheerleader? No, there isn't. There isn't a shot of a Black student walking or sitting on the campus.

The annual gives the impression that there are no Blacks on campus, except for those few involved with sports. We are here and should be represented as engaged in campus life in the yearbooks. Not all of us play a sport.

There has got to be a better way of choosing pictures for the yearbook. It is my hope that next year's annual will be very different from all those in the past.

Yvonne Byers

### Parking Situation

Dear Editor:

The parking situation on campus is ridiculous. I dread to drive anywhere because I know that I won't have a parking place when I come back.

One would imagine that the Board of Trustees would build some badly needed parking lots. If no new parking areas, the least they can do is repair the old ones. A very good example is the parking lot across the street from Carolina and Smith dorms. That lot could stand some repairs such as filling in the pots holes and paving it over...and possibly extending the parking lot as far as the gym parking lot. It would be so much more convenient and would eliminate the parking problem.

John Pelosky

### Here's To It!

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoy your paper, "About Town" and other reporters' work are fabulous. *The Pendulum* has a knack for in-depth investigative reporting and on-the-spot news coverage. Your objectivity is beyond reproach. Keep swinging with *The Pendulum*.

Barbara Wright

### Heard it Before?

Dear Editor:

The students of Elon College have been pushing for two major privileges: to be allowed to have alcoholic beverages in the rooms and to have open dorms. The women at Elon have open dorms on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. but the men don't have any time when a girl can go into their dorms. This is depriving men of equal rights.

Students at Elon cannot have alcoholic beverages in their rooms. This doesn't stop most of them from drinking when they want to drink; it only puts them out on the streets drinking and driving.

It is about time the rules of Elon College were changed so that adults were given a chance to act like adults.

Bill Highsmith

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## Stop a Pop or Baby? Maybe?

By Mildred B. Lynch

*The Pendulum* staff has received several requests recently for an article on where to obtain information about birth control and abortion. There seem to be a number of students who either do not feel that they can discuss these matters with the health services staff at the Student Center or upon doing so receive insufficient information and assistance.

Some students, however, have found that the Student Affairs Office is staffed with qualified counselors and friends whose function is to "assist students in all phases of student life" whether personal or otherwise. This was the statement made by Dean June Looney recently when interviewed by this reporter.

The Student Affairs Office is aware of the need for dissemination of information on these and other matters and is now in the process of planning a training program for the Resident Advisers (RAs) which should be effective at the beginning of the fall 1975 school term.

According to Dean Looney

there will be RAs in all dorms who are trained to provide information for those seeking it. At the time of this report, it is expected that most of the training will be provided by the staff of the Student Affairs Office with assistance from outside persons and agencies.

In a telephone interview, Mrs. Virginia Andrews of Health Services Information Center (HSIC) stressed the need for co-operation between the Health Department, the Social Services Department, and Elon College in reaching a solution to the problem.

With this suggestion another telephone interview with officials of the Health Department revealed that they are very interested in co-operating with the college. They have already provided guest speakers to several home economics and physical education classes on campus and expressed a strong desire to assist students in general by either teaching other classes or helping to train others to teach the classes.

These classes could cover a variety of issues such as birth control methods, effectiveness and proper use, human anatomy, personal awareness, human sexuality and anything else that is of interest to the students and is within the department's purview.

The Health Department sees the greatest single need of Elon College students as education in family planning.

Many students hope that the Student Affairs Office will give top priority to this issue and make use of the assistance that has been offered by these outside agencies.

Until the new R.A. program goes into effect, students may contact someone in the Student Affairs Office for reference or may contact:

Health Services Information Center  
P.O. Box 508  
Graham, N.C. 27253  
Telephone: 226-5505  
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.