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Throw your hat in!

Between March 15 and April 1, applications will be accepted for editorships and the manager of the radio station, as announced in an article in this issue. All positions in the Student Government Association will be open to eligible students. Many committee chairmen must be named; work has to begin this spring for next fall.

Some people say a shortage of leaders among students here has reached crisis proportions. Too few experienced, intelligent men and women throw their hats into the political ring of SGA. Too few come forward to apply for jobs as editors and managers, assistant editors and committee chairmen. Why? Out of the more than 2000 students at Elon, there must be a few potential leaders for 1976-77.

This year's leaders have worked hard. Yet, we sense that Laurie Hafner in her column today is deeply depressed. We hear that the yearbook editors have sent off the 1976 *Phi Psi Cli* but they are exhausted; the editor of *Colonnades* got slim pickings for publication, considering the size of the college, but she has announced delivery of the book before April. Only two students have announced their intentions to run for SGA offices. Here at the *Pendulum* we find often well-intentioned persons fail to stay with us right down to press time; so the work falls on too few. What can be done?

First, recognition should be given to all who have worked consistently and well to run the student government and all the segments of student life. Many of these people are not known by their fellow students, the faculty, and administrators. A job well done is the chief reward of creative people, but a public "thank-you" can help, too.

Second, just as soon as editors, managers, and SGA officers are named, workshops and conferences should be held so that this year's leaders, faculty advisers and others can give some orientation to in-coming leaders at every level. No little parties — this should be a serious attempt to train, inspire, and assist these new people.

Third, the students and the administration most responsible (Vice-President Moncure, Dean Long, and Mr. Sharpe) should see that workshops and conferences for leadership training continue next year. Part of our present problem may lie in student apathy and ignorance of the required jobs, but part surely lies in a lack of leadership training, both in general and specific to each office. Too many would-be leaders do not know how to lead other people, how to build enthusiasm for the job, how to promote excellence. Probably nothing could be more important to one's future career and success.



Hafner's hang-ups

by Laurie Hafner, SGA president

By the fact that in my four years at Elon College I have served on many committees, been involved in many organizations, and have been a part of a so-called decision-making body, the S.G.A., I feel I have a right to talk on the state of Elon College.

The school has potential, it even has possibilities of becoming a very fine academic and social institution. But when are we going to allow it to become such an institution? How long can we pretend that the students are but children needing parental guidance and constant control? How long can an institution drop out of contemporary times and exist in a world so different and so sheltered before it collapses?

These are questions that I don't know the answers to, but I do know that without some change and without some touch with reality we are failing as an educational institution.

Just how much respect do you think the Elon College students have for the institution when there must be offered two college program credits for the students to attend a Founders' Day program? I submit to you, not much. They still preferred to lie out in the sun or to sleep than to pay their respects to our founding fathers.

How poor it is that we have to reaffirm our belief in the academic and intellectual ability of our faculty by seeing them march in their academic regalia.

How bad is it, when half the students don't even vote in the referendum on drinking because they know it won't do anything but waste their time and the lead in their pencils.

How many more times can we as students tolerate taking up a proposal that advocates our rights as adults to drink but find again we are shot down?

Why is it that the senior class again has decided not to give a gift to the school?

Frankly, Elon, the students don't give a damn.

High Surf at "Virginia Beach"



Letters to the editor

"Terrified in Staley"

Dear Editors:

A certain phenomenon within Elon (and a letter in the last *Pendulum*) has prompted me to write. It seems that a number of students are concerned about our high Christian standards. I am too. The temptation to sin is great, but we are slowly and surely overcoming it. The males of this institution are also concerned about those among our ranks with unusually high libidos.

Our noble administrators, omnipotent though they are (to borrow a phrase from a Mr. Carmichael), have failed in adequately providing for the safety of our fairer sex. I have a suggestion which may be mutually acceptable to both our administration and our ladies: sell chastity belts in the Campus Shop. This would provide protection at a profit. Better yet, it would eliminate those less desirable females by closely watching who does and does not buy. And naturally, the belles of Elon would no doubt assist by ostracizing those daughters of Eve who have strayed.

"Sonny"

Dear Editors:

In response to "Terrified in Staley," I would like to say that even though the letter was probably written merely as a satirical joke, it was a rather sick approach.

Sure, many a chuckle was enjoyed, but what about the majorettes? Does anyone realize the time spent by them preparing for such a production? It takes more effort than many would like to admit. For this, I would like to thank them.

As a male member of the student body, I think that the

reference to us as "half crazed sexual deviants" is blown completely out of bounds. Even though our majorettes are enjoyable to watch, the sexual excitement derived from their "provocative dancing and their slinky outfits" can be termed almost non-existent when compared to the pleasure that many get from viewing the porno mags, books and flicks which are accessible right here on campus.

So, to you who are terrified, my suggestion is that you refrain from attending any games in the future or hire yourself a bodyguard while on this "maniac-infested" campus.

Not Twisted, Only Normal

Dear Editors:

In response to the letter about our "provocative" majorettes, we would like to say it was totally unfair!

Who gave the writer(s) that wrote that letter the right to judge the effect of that dance? If they found it sexually stimulating, obviously they are the sexual deviants because as the saying goes "it takes one to know one."

It seems that they are implying that their Christian outlook is the correct one, but if our memory serves us correctly, in the Bible, judging your fellow man is prohibited. From their letter they are judging the majorettes. It was unfair to make the statements they did about our majorettes, because in doing so they practically pinned a "scarlet letter" on them, with "who will want to marry them now?"

Elon students need to stick together and brag about our school rather than destroying its name as they have tried to do.

Johnnie Allen
 Charlene Mathews

Fear in a frat

Dear Editors:

At a recent college concert, an Elon professor and leader of one of the performing groups was, in front of everyone, tapping his foot in a very suggestive manner. I could see the girls around me becoming uneasy with excitement. As if this professor were not doing enough with his tapping, he had the immoral nerve to yell out obscene words such as "Yea!" and "Go, go!" The girls were about to break. Lucky for us guys this part of the show was soon over, and the girls had time to calm down by listening to some other dude.

My point is the men of this campus have no protection from the women. The men's dorms have not one push-button lock or even one guard at the doors. The men have to eat all their meals at a place that makes them walk past the women's dorms, many times being undressed by the eyes of these women. Feel that the men that live in the dorms are safer than those who live in the frat and sports houses. The streets are dark and lonely with many places a young man can be abducted, thus his life ruined. "Who will marry him?" I plead to the women of Elon College, think before you strike. The man you attack may be your brother.

"Fear in a frat"

Reader's reactions

Dear Editors:

I would like to compliment you on the production of a fine, well-rounded newspaper. The newspaper is always up to date and is consistent with the top new stories. The features that I appreciate most are (1) Hafner's Hang-ups — Being in the S.G.A., I am aware of the hard and tremendous job our president is doing and this keeps her fellow students well informed. (2) The Letters to the Editors — this really gives the students the right of free speech. I have not always agreed with all of the letters, but I respect the right of the persons who write them to express themselves. (3) News of up-coming events — again I would like to compliment you and thank you for a job well done.

Morris Boswell

A good idea

Dear Editors:

Thank you for the photographs of England in the 2-26-76 issue. The photographs gave those who did not get to go to England during winter term a glimpse of England's scenery.

Karen L. Cox

Night-life

Dear Editors:

I am now singing the praises of the administration. They are responsible for putting me in a three-hour night class. I love it!

Everyone should have night classes. It deters one from the morally degrading media, otherwise known as television. Who cares about Maude? Rich Little isn't funny either — he's a communist!

If everyone had night classes, Elon could approach moral sanity. No more beer blasts, wild parties, or Hilton caravans. I might add that most students are at their alertness peak at night. Don't tell me you haven't noticed the zombies reporting to the 8 o'clocks.

It's safer to be in a night class. My class has two gun-toting officers of justice. With crime on the streets, we are safer in class. And it's good for commuters to have a night drive. Improves the eyesight!