

## Your right to vote. . . a voice, in government

Which picture do you like best? The one with the flashy tooth smile or the one with the conservative, "I've been there before look?" Sure, everyone knows who is running for President of the country but an alarming number of students are not even aware of who is running for congress, senate and governor. The right to vote is the citizen's chance to change things, but a poor turnout at the polls suggests a general lack of interest.

Why are students in the 18-21 age group so apathetic? The policies and promises of any governing body are shaped by the people who elect these officials, yet very few students are aware of a prospective official's platform.

One does not need to be a political science major to understand the democratic system. Residents of a state are represented by numerous officials, from a local level to capitol hill. By looking at campaign issues, one can decide which candidates' policies are best for him.

We urge you to look at the issues, register and make a choice on election day. Not only for the Washington representatives but state and local government as well. Change is imminent, and your voice in the form of a vote, will in time be a factor in the decision of our leaders.

## Parking lots are under heavy attack by students

The image of Elon's beautiful campus is fast going to the garbage, literally. Elon's grounds are really quite green and lovely, that is, the part of them that one can see. It seems that students and/or faculty have forgotten the meaning of the word "trash can." One could cite the bees that have taken up house keeping in the trash cans as a possible excuse, but that doesn't account for trash and broken bottles near the dorms, or do the bees infest the indoor cans also?

The parking lots are under the heaviest attack. It looks as if alcoholic containers were deliberately dropped from cars for unsuspecting tires. This could be due to the state of the occupants of the cars. After all, if anyone drank enough alcohol to fill up all the broken bottles, he would be in no condition to hit a trash can. Another reason could be the fact that a student who throws bottles and trash on streets is liable to receive a \$50.00 fine, and trash thrown on the Elon campus is free.

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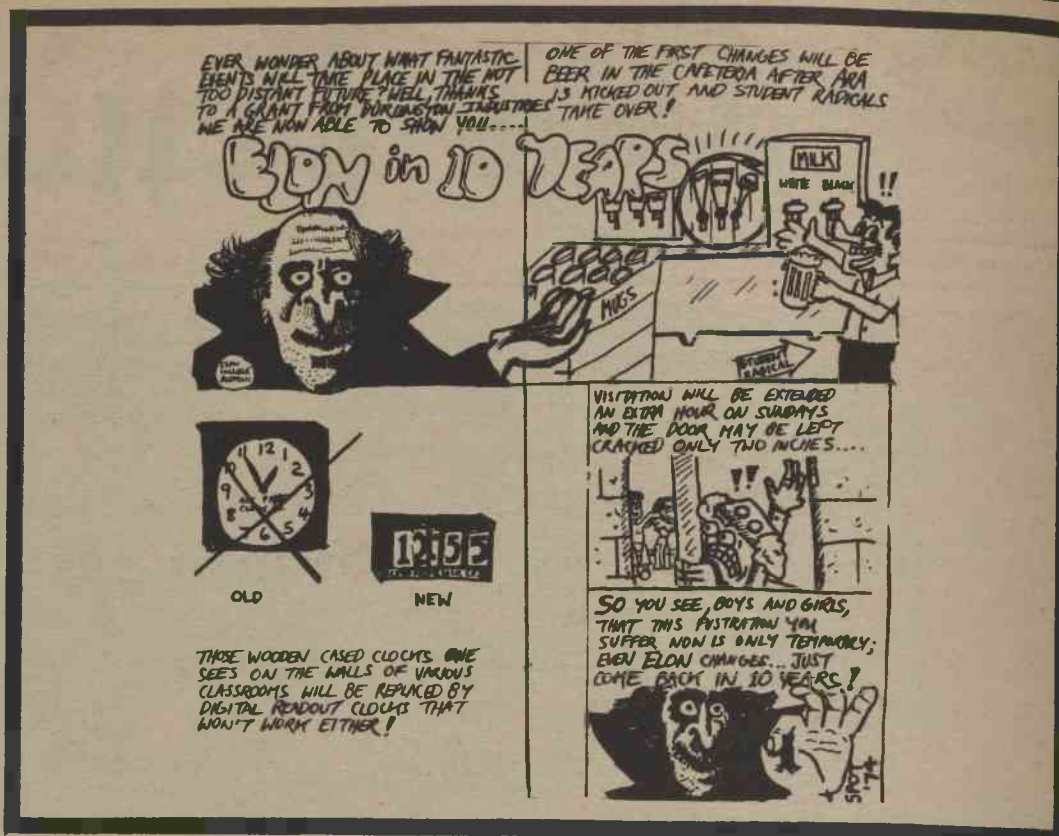
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## Freshmen learn to write effective English in newly revised composition courses

Elon freshmen will be writing more essays in 1976-77 than many of them have written in a long time. The revised two-term English program (Eng. 111 and 112) was adopted last spring by the department faculty to improve writing skills through frequent composition assignments. The decline in verbal scores in the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) and lack of skills in reading and writing led the English professors to shift their emphasis for the freshman courses from literature to writing. This move also brought about an approval of smaller classes so that individual and small-group conferences could be increased in number and frequency.

In composing paragraphs and essays on papers, students will concentrate on improving vocabulary, using effective language rather than bureaucratic, "tired," and

cliche-ridden English. Grammar, specifically syntax, will be reviewed as a means to more effective writing and speech at standard level. Mechanics, such as spelling and punctuation, as well as accepted apparatus for research or library papers later, will also be stressed.

Required texts, in addition to composition, are anthologies of model essays, articles, and some short stories, arranged according to rhetorical approaches such as exposition, description, and argument. Those students, who for a variety of reasons have come to college with a lack of competencies at college level, will receive special help in the Skills Lab, now under the guidance of specialist Mrs. Betty Maness.

The English Department, as well as members of the administration, have said that improving a person's spoken

and written language takes time and constant attention. It is not a job exclusive to those who teach the language, if it is the native tongue, but one, they say, for all faculty members and all students if they are to be educated, no matter what their fields of endeavor.

## Student senate's new resolutions

Seven resolutions were introduced at the Sept. 16 student senate meeting. These resolutions were sent to the financial and judicial committees. These resolutions are resolution one: S.R. 76-9.1 To increase student fees by \$2.00. Introduced by Barry Smith. The author was S.G.A. president Sam Moore, seconded by Tim Moore.

Resolution two: S.R. 76-9.2 introduced by Barry Smith. The author was Tim Moore, and seconded by Bunny Carr. To change the criteria of S.G.A. fees.

Resolution three: S.A. 76-9.2 was to allow the freshman senators and class officers to be on senate committees. It was introduced by Bunny Carr and seconded by himself.

Resolution four: S.A. 76-9.3, to form an outing committee. The author was Steve Eanes, seconded by Sam Burgess.

Resolution five: S.A. 76-9.3 to have senate measures prepared 78 hours prior to the senate meetings. The author was Steve Eanes, seconded by Bunny Carr.

Resolution six: S.R. 76-9.1 to install a student on the Board of Trustees. The author was Sam Moore and seconded by Barry Smith.

Resolution seven: S.B. 76-9.1 to approve the SGA budget. The co-authors were Sam Moore and David Nichols. The resolution was brought out of committee and passed as a senate bill.

## Sam Moore speaks out on the student's right to due process

Last spring one of Sam Moore's campaign issues concerned the right of an Elon student to a fair and impartial hearing. On this front Sam requested a legal study by the N.C. Public Interest Research Group (NC-PIRG) on due process in private post-secondary institutions. After completion of the law study by PIRG, Sam went to San Francisco to present the findings at a workshop of the U.S. National Student Association. In the three-day meeting, he attended sessions on the guarantee of due process, on keeping due process, on litigating the school, and on current topics and student rights.

Under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, this right to due process was given to all citizens related to state universities or state agencies, but due process does not have to be given by private colleges, the SGA president says. Elon, however, does give this right to

students to have general and honor courts.

What upholds this right of private colleges? The Supreme Court has ruled in almost every case for the right of private institutions to set up education and policies their way. Is this saying that Elon College can do just as it pleases without taking students' concerns into account? Although the college does not exactly do this, it could under the law, according to Sam Moore.

Only once in the last three years has due process been denied a student when he was suspended. But Elon's vice president for legal affairs, Dr. Robert Baxter, says that it was because of "the inflammable nature of the case," and Elon college was well within its legal rights.

"I came away from the San Francisco meetings convinced that the law is on the side of the private college," Sam says, "but Elon College is in the forefront among colleges in having a good and fair due process system."

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