

## "On the basis of sex"

About a year ago these editorial columns called for a report on what the affirmative action agent of Elon College had done to assure that, as stated in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, "No person shall...on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The person responsible for seeing that the action is affirmative in carrying out Title IX on this campus is the vice president for legal affairs, Robert Baxter.

We are pleased now to say that a recent report from the affirmative action committee, made up of Dr. Baxter and ten members of the faculty, staff and students, has been published. Based on the work of the committee and suggestions from the campus community at an open meeting on May 6, the six recommendations cover all areas of campus life for students, faculty, administration, and staff.

The recommendations are (1) The Curriculum Committee should examine course offerings and content of courses and consider changes where possible to place greater emphasis on contributions of women and issues affecting women. (2) The Counseling Office should place increased emphasis on new career and academic opportunities for women. (3) Additional athletic grants-in-aid should be made available for women's intercollegiate athletics. (4) Dressing facilities are needed for women's teams. (5) Affirmative action to recruit qualified women faculty members and administrative officers should be continued. (6) Emphasis should be placed on recruitment of additional women trustees and hiring of women in administrative positions; additional women should be appointed to chairmanships of departments; and additional women need to be appointed to full professorship positions.

The committee is made up of Dr. Baxter, chairman, and faculty members Coach Mary F. Jackson, Prof. Wesley Alexander, Dr. Martha Smith, Dr. Mary Ellen Priestley; Dean of Students William Long and James Monçure, vice-president for academic and student affairs; Larry McCauley, buildings and maintenance; students Sam Moore, SGA president, and Debra Porter. The members will continue on the committee whose task after this self-evaluation is to monitor the action on campus. Any person or group who feels that they are being discriminated against should report the matter to a member of this committee.

It can easily be seen that the recommendations are an attempt to correct the traditional discrimination against women as students, faculty members, administration and staff. Several corrections have been made already in this direction, in dorm life, in better conditions for women's athletics, in a very few places for women as chairmen of departments, as administrators or full professors. We still have a good way to go. In athletic grants-in-aid alone, two for women and 35 for men, even considering conference play and a student ratio of 60% men and 40% women at Elon, the numbers look lop-sided. One problem at present is that women have chances to enter intercollegiate athletics, restricted to only volleyball and basketball. How much of this is their own fault; how much the fault of the college? Be sure to read this report.

## Crowning Success for SGA

Amid the griping and groaning of many students, a bright spot has emerged during this year at Elon. The Homecoming festivities were handled in a highly successful and professional manner, resulting in one of the most enjoyable weekends in recent years. The much berated SGA should be commended for a fine effort in salvaging last year's debacle and turning it into this year's success. The entertainment committee had the insight to schedule a pre-homecoming dance so it would not conflict with traditional homecoming parties. The dance at the armory was enjoyable, and though the noise level was a bit high, so was everyone else, and a good time was had by all. The team presented us with a victory and the halftime ceremonies were handled well. Numerous parties were held and most of these were open. So take a look at yourself, because if you are griping about nothing to do, it just may be your own fault.

# The Pendulum

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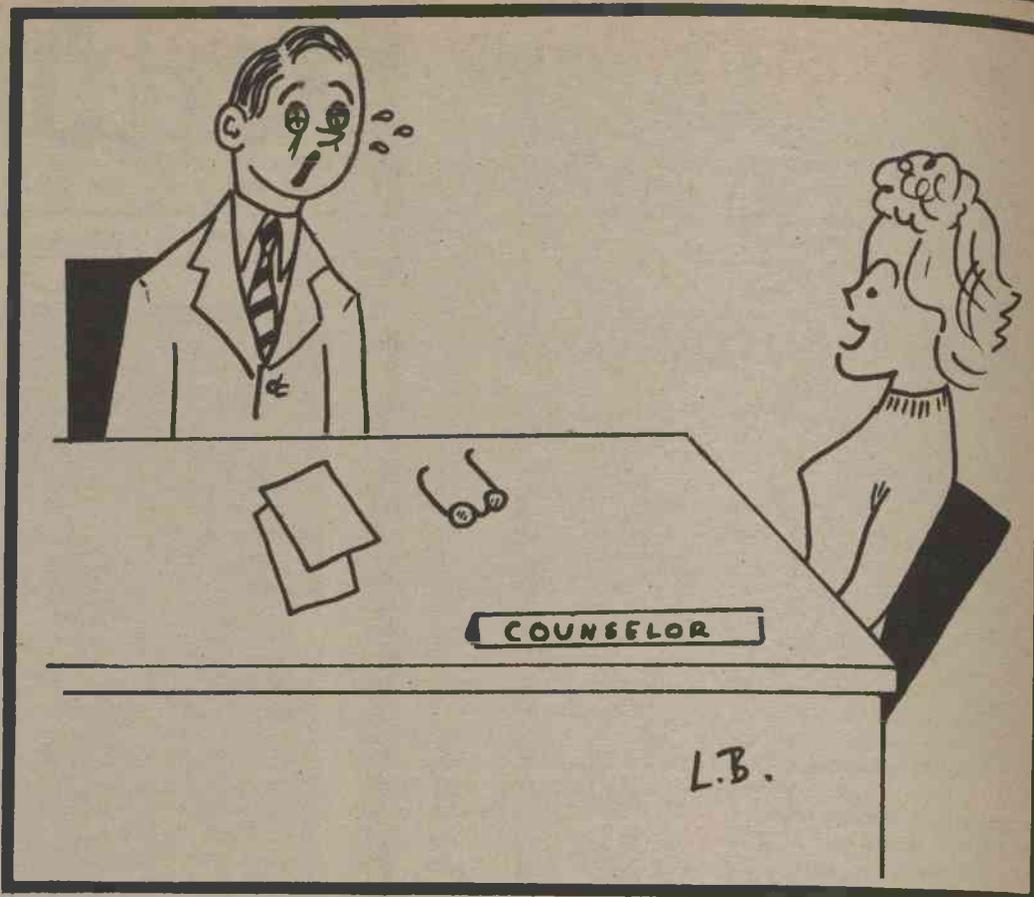
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Let's see, "Why did I choose Elon?" Well, I heard the ratio of boys to girls is practically 2 to 1.

## Letters to the editors

### A response to Sam Moore's letter to students

Dear Editors,  
Sam Moore in his recent letter to the students hit at the very center of what he seemingly thinks is the major attitude here at Elon, that being the constant complaining without any action or input from the majority of students.

In my opinion, the true reason behind the problem is the lack of awareness of the students. I say lack of awareness because there is a degree of ignorance on the part of the students regarding the SGA and its functions.

If Elon is to progress in the field of increased student rights and activities, the SGA must create a better informed student body. Student activities and a greater voice in the administrative structure can be accomplished with the support of students, which will in turn end some of the complaining.

Kemp Liles

### Parking problems

Dear Editors,  
I am writing to you in regard to the parking situation at Elon College. Each student is issued a parking sticker to be placed on the rear window of his car. Elon has three parking lots in which commuters may park. One is located at the back of the campus on Lebanon Avenue. Another is behind the car wash on Williamson Avenue and the last is the gym parking lot. As a commuter I know that traffic and driving conditions can sometimes delay an arrival on the campus. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are heavily loaded with classes. This causes an overloading in the parking lots.

When these lots become full, there is a mad rush to find parking places. Students park wherever there is room. The campus traffic office is very strict. The fines they issue are ridiculous. They are much higher than those issued by city police departments. I know, as a

college student, that most students do not have the money to pay overwhelming fines such as \$25 for a hazardous violation and \$5 for parking in a restricted area. There is some parking on the streets, but this is mostly in the two-hour zones and the city police do issue \$5 tickets.

I propose that the traffic office issue two warnings before giving a ticket. More parking lots should be built. The college could try to negotiate with the police department on a system for parking on the streets around the campus. I believe if such measures were taken the parking situation would improve.

Debbie Bennett

### Pleased with Elon

Dear Editor,

When I decided to attend Elon College, instead of going to a larger state supported college, I received a lot of static. Many of my friends thought that my choice was a stupid one, and in the beginning I also was brainwashed into believing that. Although, as soon as I started my classes at Elon I found that my choice had been a good one.

One of my friends told me about the state university she was attending. There were 30,000 students enrolled in that university, and in some of her classes there were 400 students. She was upset at the formality and the impersonal attitudes of the professors. In a class of 400 students the professor knew his students only as numbers, and in some cases didn't even know who had been in his class.

At Elon I haven't encountered this problem, my classes are small with only about 20 students. The professors are friendly and usually learn to call you by name. The atmosphere is much more relaxed and personal.

Now some of my friends envy me instead of teasing me about Elon. I can see the definite advantages of going to a small

school, and I am very happy with my choice.

Cindy Hall

### Mr. Fingers

Dear Editors,

I want to tell you that Mr. Fingers' show was fantastic as well as educational. This man is so slick that he can pick cards out of the deck while playing cards with you. His educational wit and knowledge of magic has made him one of the most fantastic personalities of all time. He is a good performer and a good actor. Mr. Fingers has a knowledge of books on drama as well as humor and is the last of our great performers.

Greg Gentry

### City parking fines as means of support

Dear Editors,

I think there is a problem at Elon that needs taking care of. It involves the police department and their use of parking tickets. I think that there is too much emphasis put on catching parking violators. They seem to hand out these tickets with increasing frequency and for many ridiculous reasons.

In one instance, a ticket was given for having one wheel on the pavement. These parking fines seem to be the only means of support for the town of Elon College. I'm not suggesting that they quit giving tickets, but they should not be given for such trivial things. In my own experience I have seen cars patrolling the streets looking at parked cars. I feel that their time should be spent doing something more constructive than ticketing cars.

The collection for parking fines should not make up such a big part of the town revenue. The students who are the lifeblood of the community should not be carrying a double load by having to pay parking fines. They bring much of the income to the area and I don't feel they should be punished for a lack of parking space.

Keith Dunn