

Dean Long stresses student involvement and participation

by Doug Durante

Student involvement has been a controversial subject over the years in both large universities and private colleges alike. Before you put this paper down thinking this is another blast at student apathy, count to ten and read on.

In my work with the *Pendulum* I have had the opportunity to talk with and meet many members of the faculty and administration in out-of-class situations. During this time the realization that these people are actually *people* has gradually dawned on me. I think it is unfortunate that more students do not get the chance to meet the people (whose salary we pay) on a more relaxed basis because they really aren't bad.

In a recent interview with Dean William G. Long, I was able to catch him in a very reflective mood, and the question of student involvement was foremost on his mind. I want to stress the word involvement rather than apathy because I really don't think students are apathetic, it's more a case of being lackadaisical with a touch

being pre-occupied and maybe a pinch of underestimation.

Dean Long is a professor of political science as well as Dean of Student Affairs, and his involvement in the recent campaign prompted him to reflect on where students are heading.

"What worries me," says Dean Long, "is that there is such little concern displayed over the major issues facing us today."

Dean Long is not knocking students and, as a matter of fact, he praises them saying that if you took 2200 random citizens they would not be as educated and informed as the students at Elon.

"But we can do better," he urges. "Colleges are institutions of higher learning and they should lead the way of the society they are in."

Another thing that bothers Dean Long is that the students do not realize how much input they have in administrative decisions.

"I believe the college needs student views to be presented. This year we made an extra effort to involve students through various student-faculty

committees but the response has not been good."

Dean Long feels that the students are not interested and that when they do sign up they don't show up. He also says that if students never said a word, his and other administrator's jobs would be easier but that's not the way it should be.

Believe it or not, most of the people who work for Elon College are genuinely concerned about the welfare and betterment of the students. College should head the way, but the students are the college and they have to do the leading.

Dean Long feels that students at Elon are all good people and after being at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, at N.C. State, and at Chapel Hill, he feels he can honestly say Elon students are the nicest he has encountered. He only wishes they would realize their potential.

Parents Weekend

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Saturday. Officers will be elected and, according to Mr. Bass, all parents should attend this meeting, the only official meeting of the year.

Following the morning's activities, a picnic lunch will be served in front of McEwen Cafeteria, weather permitting. The price of the picnic lunch is \$2.

At 2 p.m. all parents are encouraged to see N.C.'s only undefeated football team in action as Elon's Christians take on the Newberry Indians. The game will begin at 2, and everyone should arrive early to avoid heavy traffic.

The highlight of the weekend will come at 8 p.m. when students, organizations, and fraternities will sponsor a talent show. Parents will see some amazing talents among students, according to Mr. Bass.

On Sunday, worship services will be held in all community churches. Anyone is welcome. Following lunch, the Elon College Concert Band, under the direction of Prof. Jack White and Dr. David Bragg, will present an hour of concert music. Following the concert, Elon's jazz band, the "Emanons," will present a program for the entertainment of all.

"The weekend is full of activities, and it is hoped that parents will enjoy their visit to Elon College," concluded Mr. Bass.

Talent Show Is Saturday

Part of the activities for this weekend, Parent's Weekend, includes a talent show. Groups from all around the campus community will be trying to grasp the \$100 first place prize. Be sure not to miss out on all the excitement and talent.

Concert scheduled at WHS

The Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department and the city of Graham will sponsor a concert on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. in the Walter M. Williams High School auditorium in Burlington. The concert will be open to everyone.

Appearing will be Doc and Merle Watson, The Blue Grass Experience, and The Green Valley Ramblers and J.B. Prinze. The 2400-seat auditorium will begin to fill at 1



Elon College Outing Society enjoys the outdoors during their first trip.

ECOS First outing is called Huge Success

by Sam Moore

"Oh Eddie, Eddie, it's a bear," she screamed kicking the seemingly comatose, sleeping-bag-encapsulated figure lying on the other side of the tent. Everyone laughed until he cried when Woodrow, one of the other folks' dogs, came bounding through the tent door. Banu pouted for a moment and then joined in laughing with the rest of us.

That's the kind of weekend it was, with students, faculty, and administrators, enjoying the beautiful Black Mountains near Mt. Mitchell, N.C.

The food was great, if you like char-burned hotdogs, and the company could not have been better. The first Elon College Outing Society Trip was a dream-like success.

The group hiked about four miles on the ridge of Mt. Mitchell Saturday, taking in

the striking colors of the lower forest and the contrasting starkness of the Canadian foliage zone at the top of the ridge. It was a time when conversation was at a minimum, and thoughts of nature took hold of one's soul.

Later in the afternoon, the group went back to camp and relaxed, or some fished in the icy stream not far away.

The rains came Saturday night, but everyone stayed dry and cozy, only to arise with the grey, rainy dawn. The rain was messy, but it made leaving the picturesque forest a lot easier.

Thanks for the success of the trip go to ECOS president Gary Parrish, for planning it, and to Duke Holmes, and Yuri, the Wonder Dog, for entertainment. ECOS meets every other Sunday at 6:00 p.m. All who love the outdoors and people are urged to attend.

Michelangelo "unveiled"

by Dana Hill

"Michelangelo and Politics," a recent lecture given by Dr. Giorgio Spini, Italian historian visiting Elon and the South for the first time, viewed Michelangelo in a different light from the one in which most Americans see him. Most of us know that Michelangelo was a painter and a sculptor, and to a lesser degree an architect and a poet. Dr. Spini's lecture gave those present a peek at a lesser known side of Michelangelo's nature.

Michelangelo was more than an artist. He was a citizen of Florence. As vividly portrayed by Dr. Spini, the majority of Florentines of Michelangelo's day had little or no political rights. Such luxuries were limited to the well-to-do elite. Michelangelo, being the son of a merchant, had little to worry about here. He believed any attempt to deprive people of common property by the elite was an act of embezzlement. When Michelangelo showed a propensity for the arts at an early age, he was scorned by his family for not taking an interest in business, which was honorable in the minds of the Florentines. However, as Dr. Spini noted, Michelangelo was quite shrewd when it came to financial matters. He was a

typical merchant's son in this respect.

In 1502, a compromise government of upper and lower classes was formed in Italy. Michelangelo served as a sort of artist-in-residence for the government. Here, he was first able to integrate his ideas of art and politics. During the time of the Florentine republic Michelangelo took a political office in which he served as designer of the defense plans for Florence.

Dr. Spini also had some opinions on American politics to contribute in a post-lecture interview. He feels that Mr. Carter would be the man best able to return America to the post-World War II greatness that it then enjoyed. He also believes that Mr. Carter's promise of putting an end to secret foreign policy decisions is a step in the right direction. Dr. Spini believes that many Italians view President Ford as being permanently connected with the Nixon administration. It is Dr. Spini's opinion that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was probably the greatest American in the modern history of our nation, and he, like most Italians, still thinks in the Democratic (party) tradition of instilling freedom in all nations.

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