

# Senate passes new election bill

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After being plagued by the absence of senators, the SGA senate finally had a quorum to begin last Thursday's call meeting.

One senate resolution and two bills were brought out of committee during the meeting. A revised version of the controversial bill to change election procedures was brought out of committee. To encourage true representation of a senator's constituents, the bill divides the campus into three precincts. From each precinct seven senators are elected.

A freshman election will be held in the fall when three senators will be elected, bringing the total to eight senators. Classes will continue to elect officers. Senatorial officers along with class and SGA officers will face a petition election. Senatorial officers will be required to get 75 signatures from their precinct while class officers will be required to get 75 signatures from their prospective classes. SGA officer candidates must

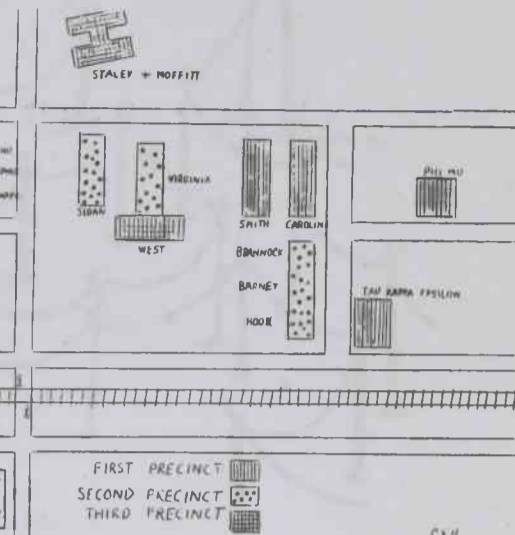
get 125 signatures from any full-time Elon College students. This plan shall eliminate the present dorm government plan.

The senate approved a bill to allocate \$150 to the Elon College Gospel Choir. A resolution to provide a crosswalk for pedestrians crossing Williamson Avenue was also brought out of committee. It asks that the SGA president send a letter to the Board of Aldermen of Elon College expressing concern over the hazardous intersection and requests that a crosswalk be placed on Williamson Avenue.

Two bills were introduced during the course of the meeting. The first was a bill to buy a vacuum cleaner. According to the bill, the SGA office shall control the use of the vacuum cleaner and collect the rent for its use by any student.

The second was a bill to allocate \$25 to the freshman class. This bill asks that \$25 be

given to the freshman class to help them promote various meetings, fund raising projects, and enthusiasm. These bills were sent to the senate finance committee.



Artist's conception of newly established voting precincts.

Following the senate meeting, the judicial committee met to discuss the absences policy for senators. Another meeting is set for today at 5:30. A regular senate meeting will

follow at 6:30.

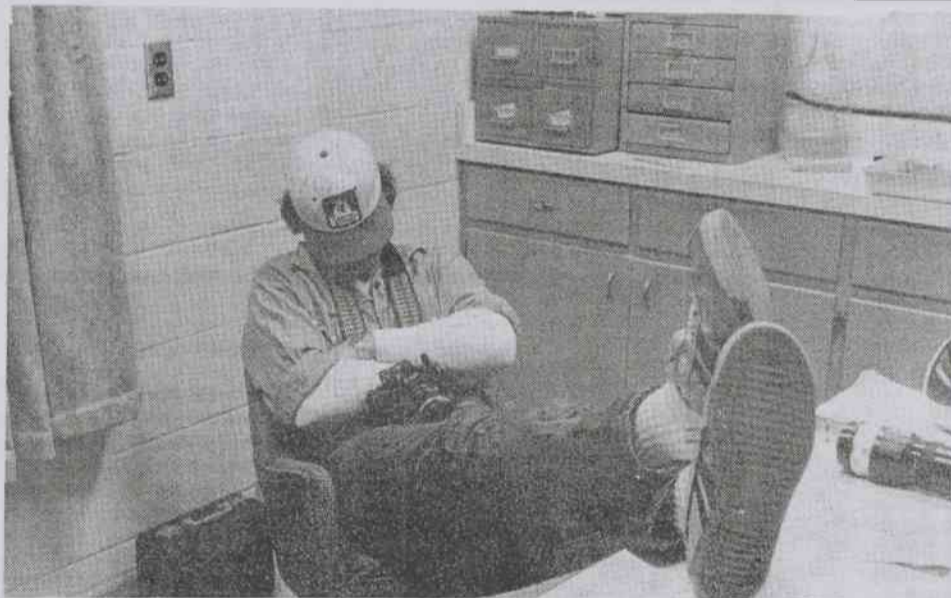
According to a senate spokesman, these bills, like all bills, are available for student viewing on the SGA bulletin board in the student center.

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## Dr. Powell endows professorship

Dr. Thomas Edward Powell, Jr., founder and chief executive officer of Carolina Biological Supply Company of Burlington, has donated \$250,000 to Elon College, his alma mater.

The announcement came yesterday at a luncheon honoring Dr. Powell. Attending were members of the Powell family, trustees and faculty and staff members at the liberal arts college, friends and classmates from Dr. Powell's Class of 1919.

President Fred Young said the funds will be used to establish an endowment fund to provide a professorship of biology. The position will be

known as the "Thomas E. Powell, Jr. Professorship of Biology."

"This marvelous gift will allow Elon College to secure an outstanding professor in the field of biology to complement our biology department," Dr. Young noted. "The entire college community is grateful for the generosity of Dr. Powell."

Secretary of State Thad Eure, chairman of the Board of Trustees, praised the community leader for his loyalty to the college. He noted that Dr. Powell was named Outstanding Alumnus of Elon College in 1964 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science

degree in 1968.

A native of Warrenton, N.C., Dr. Powell received his A.B. degree from Elon in 1919, his M.A. degree from UNC in 1923, and his Ph.D. degree in biology from Duke in 1930.

From 1919 to 1936, Dr. Powell taught biology and geology at Elon College, where he attained the rank of professor in 1924. He founded Carolina Biological Supply Company on a part-time basis in 1927 and has devoted his full time to and headed the operation from 1936 to the present. Tremendous growth during

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## Administration promotes off-campus housing

The increasing number of requests from students for information concerning off-campus housing has prompted Elon College officials to open an off-campus housing office.

The office will coordinate housing opportunities available in the community and students seeking an off-campus residence. Mrs. Phyllis Hargis has been named special assistant to the dean of student affairs to coordinate the off-campus housing office.

Dean of Student Affairs William G. Long said that the new position will allow the college to create a more satisfying housing situation both on and off campus.

"This is a new service the college can provide to our students. The requests for information on off-campus housing have grown steadily over the past several years. Many students prefer to live off campus, if they can locate suitable housing. We hope to bring the students and the prospective landlords together," Dean Long said.

Once the landlord and prospective tenants are brought together, he noted, it will be up to them to work out a private agreement. The college will not recommend the landlord to the student or the student to the landlord.

Dean Long noted that almost half of all Elon College

students live off-campus now.

While students must get permission to live off-campus, Dean Long said that he can remember only a few cases in the past several years when the permission was denied.

"I would say that, by and large, our students make excellent tenants. They pay their rent on time and they are eager to demonstrate that they can accept new responsibilities," he noted.

Mrs. Hargis said students seek rooms available in private homes, in addition to apartments and houses. Many students, she noted, would prefer just one room, while others would rather have a house or larger apartment.

Housing on-campus at the coeducational college has been crowded this year because of the record enrollment. Applications are already running ahead for next year, and college officials hope to avoid a similar situation to last fall's overcrowding when some 40 students were temporarily housed in an area motel.

Mrs. Hargis said she will begin immediately contacting area realtors, alumni, faculty and staff members, and individuals to compile a list of available housing in the area. Persons with facilities available may contact Mrs. Hargis at the college.