

The Pendulum

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USSA

Boulder, Colorado, was the site of the 1978 National Student Government Association's 31st convention. The main topic of the convention was the merging of the National Student Association and the National Student Lobby. These two organizations represent and lobby for students in both social and educational aspects of student life.

A question of primary concern in the Boulder convention was should the newly merged organization, United States Students Association (USSA), support strictly social aspects of student life or strictly educational aspects. This question brought about hours of debate on the plenary floor. Intense discussions and heated arguments resulted from the question. Many students argued the point that several of the USSA boycotts were against their states' interest — for example, the USSA boycott of J.P. Stevens. How could a student from the South boycott a company that plays an important part in one's state economy. How can a student boycott a company that has probably employed many generations of his family? The same holds true with USSA's boycott of Coor's beer.

After much discussion, the vote decided for USSA's participation in both social and educational aspects of student life.

It was the result of debates such as these that caused the branching off of one student organization, NSA, into two national groups: NSA and NSL. Moves, such as these seem unnecessary when several years later the organizations merge and start all over again.

People get the government they deserve — and so do students.

Hang in there, baby!

The three-in-a-room situation here at Elon has prevailed for years here and it probably will exist for years to come.

The total on campus housing is at about 1252 plus 70 students at the Ramada Inn. As the students settle into their dorms many new problems originate. Besides the usual overcrowding, personality conflicts are cited. Students begin to realize that they simply can't live with their roommate for nine whole months. First they panic, then they threaten to transfer. After all of this nothing is actually solved; only more problems are created. Personality conflicts are natural, and here at Elon they are dealt with seriously.

Students requesting room changes are urged to delay any changes until Monday, September 11.

Hang in there — help is on its way.

Deadline for articles, letters to the editor, and features — Mon. 1 p.m., room 205 Student Center, 2nd floor.

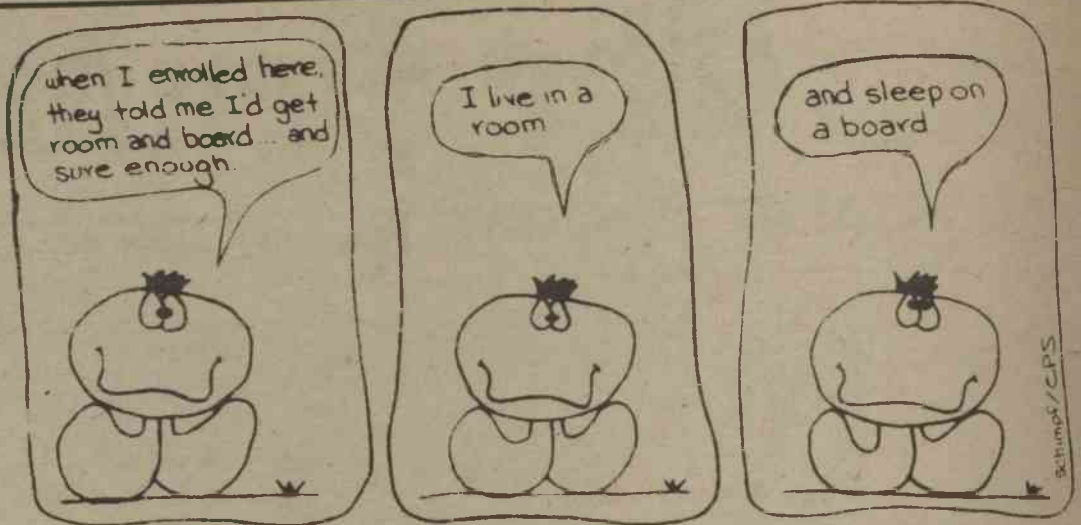
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Delegates make mark in Colorado

The beautiful campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder was the site of the thirty-first meeting of the National Student Association. There seemed to be a certain uniqueness about this meeting in that it didn't just include National Student Association members but also National Student Lobby members. This meeting of the minds of the nation's two most active student organizations met with one set goal, "Merger on the Mountains."

After months of collaboration the organizations concluded that it would be in the best interest of all involved if the two organizations merged. The week's agenda included several workshops, merger

meetings, and plenary sessions.

Saturday, August 5, marked the beginning of the convention as delegates gathered to hear keynote speaker Daniel Ellsberg, whose involvement with the infamous "Pentagon Papers" earned him national recognition. Ellsberg spoke on everything from his little children, to the Nixon strategy as stated in his memoirs (Do anything, but avoid losing war).

The merger vote was taken Monday, August 7, and was passed by both organizations by overwhelming majorities. The organization is now known as USSA, the United States Student Association.

The Elon delegation to the

convention included SGA President Robin Moser, Vice-President Annette Metcalf, Treasurer Lee Berryman, Pendulum Circulation Manager Jeannie Hairston, sophomore class President Ken Whitley, and Pendulum Editor Bryant Colson.

Elon's contribution to the Atlantic region was Miss Hairston's election as alternate to the Congressional Steering Committee, a position which Mr. Colson acquired last year in Houston. Mr. Colson made an unsuccessful bid for an alternate position on the Supervisory Board as did Mr. Whitley for a Congressional Steering Committee seat.

Moser aims to please

Life at the big E has once again moved into the "fast lane." While our football players prepare themselves for our first home game (best of luck guys!) with rival Elizabeth City State, we in the SGA are psyching ourselves for the approaching academic year.

Be assured that we realize Elon's second annual "Welcome Back or Welcome to Concert" is due, and on Saturday, Sept. 16, the SGA will deliver. Elon's Major Attraction (via Bob Henritze) will produce a night of beach music featuring "Janice" and "Fat Ammons Band." Bob Henritze has worked hard to bring quality entertainment to Elon students for the past year. Bob's success is evident with one glance at the auditor's report which shows an increase in activity level of 600% in the SGA in the 1977-78 year.

Mark your calendars for a red-letter VP date on Sunday 1st when Major Attractions will once again deliver "a night to remember" featuring Darryl Hall and John Oates. Students from Elon have expressed a desire to hear "their kind of music," and I feel

this concert should more than satisfy the masses.

On the more serious side of student life, we plan to continue offering some much-needed student services. Last year the SGA hired Ms. Constance Carraway to provide legal advice on key student issues. I plan to continue this productive service.

In closing, one of my key concerns for this year involves effective organization in the SGA. For this reason cabinet meetings will be scheduled and maintained throughout the year. To truly represent the concensus among students at Elon I will be able to hear from all the major areas of student life. To this productive end I devote all my time, energy and resources for your



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Photo by Bill Murphy

voice in life at Elon. Help me make your voice effectively heard by expressing your concerns or needs to me. My office hours at this time appear to be: Mon. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., T-TH 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

P.S. See ya Saturday night. (Go get 'em Elon!)

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