

## Black and American

The word "sit-in" as practiced at A&T College, now A&T State University, became prominent in many history books 19 years ago this month. It was on a Monday afternoon Feb. 2, 1960. Four freshmen from A&T College in Greensboro staged a non-violent sit-in at an F.W. Woolworth food counter after they were denied service at the white section of the counter.

The freshmen were to sit-in until the proper services were given. The planned incident interested many other students. They were denied services by a white waitress as expected; however, another girl (a negro helper) confronted the students saying, "You are stupid, ignorant! You're dumb! That's why we can't get anywhere today. You know you are supposed to eat at the other end."

Maybe the young girl had her job or only her self-interest in mind. By her statements she felt as if the students were doing the situation of segregation wrong when actually she was doing the most harm. It is attitudes like this that set history back a few years. Taking a back seat and waiting for things to happen hurts rather than helps. Initiative is the word, and taking the initiative is the attitude. It is people like these four students from A&T College that helped get blacks where they are today. And it will be people like these that will enable them to achieve higher goals in the future. The veil that W.E.B. DuBois speaks of in *The Souls of Black Folk* is slowly but surely being removed from the minds of many Blacks with attitudes such as these.

As opposite as the views of DuBois and Booker T. Washington's were in the early 1900's on how Negroes were to make it in the U.S., these opposing views lingered on in the minds of the Negro waitress and the four college students in 1960. This only means that these views were present then, and they are now, as they always will be.

Thanks to the initiative taken by some, a man is today able to be both Black and an American.

*"To measure any man and to accept or reject him as a friend by any other standard than his individual worth is to deny oneself the vast benefits which come from knowing fellow human beings, as fellow human beings."*

Walter White

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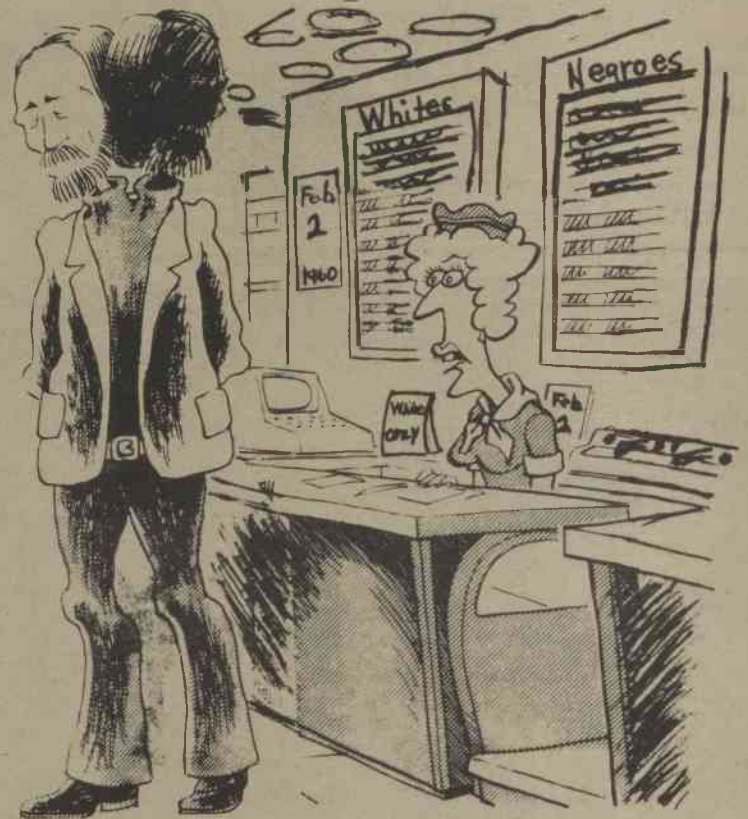
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## Letters to the Editor

### "Book bartering" as a solution

Editor,

Many students complain about the Campus Shop and its "handling" of book sales. Some feel if they sell their books back to the Campus Shop they aren't receiving what they feel is a fair return, especially if their books are in good-to-excellent condition.

An easy remedy for this problem would be for some enterprising student organization, say a fraternity or a club, forming a "used book

exchange," selling books for students on a commission basis. The books would be sold at the price set by the students selling the books. The commission charged the student could be used by the organization to pay for any expenses incurred by the enterprise. Any extra money could then be donated to a worthy charity or the organization could set up a scholarship fund.

This type of "book bar-

tering" worked rather well at another university I attended, and on a rather large scale. There is no reason the same cannot be accomplished by some worthwhile organization here at Elon.

Matthew D. Payne

### Student cites campus unity

Editor,

I would like to voice my opinion on the racial situation on the Elon College campus. From reading this opening sentence, one would think that I'm referring to discrimination. This is not the case. I am referring to the misunderstanding that the minority and white races have towards unity.

The BCS (Black Cultural Society) and the Gospel Choir of Elon are now trying to emphasize the importance of uniting as one body rather than having different little groups and minorities. Especially from a religious standpoint, it is vital that the people on this campus stop categorizing one another as stereotypes and begin to look at each other as individuals with needs to be met.

If we could one day join together in one spiritual body and tune in together of one accord, we could obtain power beyond belief. This college is supposed to be a Christian school; for once I would like to see unity replace minority, and others will see the difference.

Veronica Leath

### Student's rights ignored

Dear Sir,

I would like to register a complaint with you in hopes that a bad situation will improve through peer pressure.

I recognize the SGA as the elected representative body of the students. However, I do not remember voting them into a position of absolute power over the entire world.

In the instance I am referring to the Student Senate, without my permission or knowledge, changed a reservation I had on the Senate room in the Student Center. I

asked the people who take the reservations how this was accomplished and was told that it was "their" room and could do as they felt with it.

This may be the case, but I feel that I deserved at least 24 hours notice and an explanation for the action, neither of which I received.

My question is how long will the rights of the minority be totally ignored by the "majority?" And what ever happened to common courtesy?

Mike Robinson

### Pen pal wanted

To Whom It May Concern:

I am now incarcerated at the federal prison at Butner, North Carolina, and I am seeking correspondence with any student who would like to establish a pen-pal relation-

ship if possible. My address is as follows.

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