

11 seek 4 offices in town government



M.E. Campbell

by Keith Nelson

In the Nov. 6 elections for the town of Elon College, three candidates are vying for the position of mayor, and eight are running for three places on the Board of Aldermen. The present mayor, T.L. Smith, is not seeking reelection. Three aldermen, Ms. Sherley White, Dwight Wall, and D.D. Atkinson, are not running.

All candidates were asked by the *Pendulum* what they considered their best qualifications for the job and (2) what changes or goals they would work for if elected. Their answers are included below.

Candidates for mayor Timothy Parker, Thomas J. Krone, and M.E. "Marty" Campbell answered the queries:

TIM PARKER: Qualifications? I am a practicing



Tim Parker

attorney with legal training that could be a help with decisions. I worked part-time while in college with the county manager and attorney in Alamance County, and so I know what problems small towns are facing.

Changes or goals? I would like to see Elon College more self-sufficient in professional services. I favor non-pollutant industry, annexation of outlying areas, and town growth. I support improvement in the town by communications and relations with all people including students. There should be no special treatment of anyone.

THOMAS J. KRONE: Qualifications? I have had experience as a purchasing manager and so I know how to set up a budget and to get the best for the money.

Changes or goals? I want people to vote and to get



Thomas J. Krone

involved in local matters. I support annexation of areas north and west of Elon College and I am in favor of better sewage and water systems.

M.E. CAMPBELL: Qualifications? I am the only one with experience running for mayor. I served 11 years on the board of aldermen, and the last four years I served as mayor pro tem and the last five years on the budget committee during which time there was no tax increase.

Changes or goals? I am unsure of my plans since I don't know what the present administration will do. I'll wait for them to finish their present business.

Candidates running for aldermen also answered the same questions.

CAROL BLAKE: Qualifications? I began the first move for the efforts of the



Carol Blake

beautification of the Main Street of the Town of Elon. The work began in 1974 while I was Beautification Chairman for the Garden Club. This special project was extended over two years. I arranged neighborhood discussions in homes all over town to bring forth ideas for improving our Town. The result of these meetings was revolutionary. Many organizations began to show interest in upgrading Main Street. Money was very limited. I went to the Town Board and requested that the Town budget money for the beautification efforts. Some money was granted to assist three garden clubs in our Town.

Along came 1976 and the Bicentennial Commission was established by Mayor Smith. The mayor called me and asked me to serve because I had started the beautification efforts. It was a chance to get support and bring the downtown area to a facelift. A dream fulfilled. If there are any questions regarding beautification, just ask any Elon College Garden Club member and you will get your ear full.

I shall go about the business of aldermen as a Christian, and will draw on many talented citizens of our town for assistance. I shall be truthful and serve our Town for the people.

I know how to manage money through my work. I am active and hold leadership roles in the Community Church and Alamance County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

Changes or goals? To continue aesthetic improvement and municipal services without raising taxes, encourage non-polluting businesses to strengthen our tax base, yet keep Elon small, to involve untapped talent in our town's governance, listen and work with citizens from all areas, continue improvement of Town-Gown relations, implement a much needed sign ordinance, survey the suggested annexation area to determine the percentage of people who wish to be a part of our town, and strive to have Elon College desig-



David Joyce

nated as an All American Town.

DAVID JOYCE: Qualifications? I believe that my concern and desire to become involved are the primary qualifications. I am the youngest person running for the board. I do not represent a specific political group but feel free to act according to the needs and concerns of the citizens. My background is varied as I am an ordained minister and have been educated at a variety of institutions. I hope that people will believe that my inexperience in local government will be helpful as I hope to approach the position (if elected) in a fresh and candid manner.

Changes and goals? I would like to see continued and improved efforts to bring the college and town residents together as mutually dependent groups. I would also like to see the continuation of the beautification efforts with more involvement with the college. It would be nice to maintain the present tax level in this period of double digit inflation. This can be done only through expansion of the tax base through growth in the business and private population. It is imperative, however, that we insist on strict standards of environmental quality and adherence to community philosophy and purpose.

MARY ELLEN PRIESTLEY: Qualifications? A broad education and wide experience, ranging from years of newspaper and public relations work with the National Red Cross, business experience with DuPont and the Pet Milk Co. to teaching college students, serving on numerous boards and committees and as an elected officer of local, state and national organizations. I served my country during World War II in the Southwest Pacific.

In Elon College, where we have lived since 1968, I have invested time, effort, and money in converting the old laundromat into an art gallery which serves the towns-

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