

Vote 'Yes' next week

Next week Elon students will be asked to register to vote on the revised SGA constitution. It is vitally important that all students register and vote on this. No action can be taken on this matter without a two-thirds vote of the student body.

A copy of the proposed constitution has been on display just outside the Varsity Grill for some time now, and we all should have read it by now. There are big differences in it and the present constitution, and you need to know what and where they are. If you don't know, you can't make a very intelligent choice.

We strongly urge everyone to get out and make your choice—but do it intelligently. Read the proposed constitution. It's the product of a semester's hard work by the Constitutional Revision Committee, headed by Jim Stephenson. The old constitution contains many ambiguities and generally is outdated. The new one is clear and up-to-date, and will give students a greater say in their own affairs. If you don't vote, we'll all be in for another long spell of nebulous responsibility, double management and other difficulties.

The choice is, of course, up to you the student. Your fees paid for the writing of the new constitution. If you don't vote or vote 'no', your money, and ours, will be thrown away. Will the money spent on this constitution be an investment in better government, or will it be an expense for wasted paper, time and effort?

The choice is yours.

Iranian irony

Iranian authorities have seriously condemned the Canadian government for sneaking six Americans out of the country under their noses. Among other things, they have accused Canada of violating international law by doing this. Also, they say that the 50 American hostages under their control can expect harsher treatment because of this. Of course, Iran is not breaking with international law or the Koran by holding these people in constant fear of their lives.

Canada's ambassador to Iran, Kenneth Taylor, should be congratulated for his bravery and humanity on this occasion. Our thanks also go to Joe Clarke, the Prime Minister.

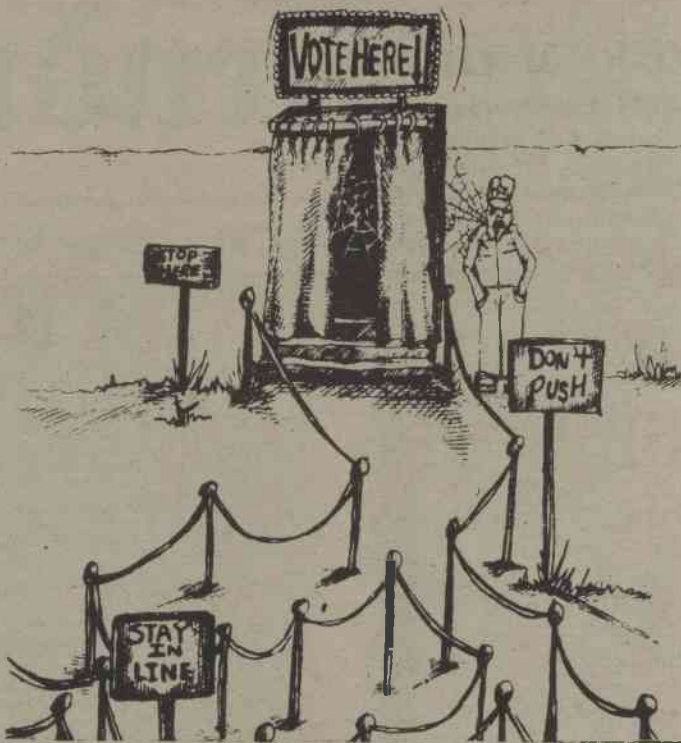
The Ayatollah's flying circus, headed up by ringmaster Ghotbzideh, should really think about seeking American aid against the Russians, who appear to be setting up an invasion of Iran and the Persian Gulf area. There has indeed been a quieting down of anti-American rhetoric lately.

In any event, all of America owes a debt of gratitude to Canada, not just the relatives of those rescued. Some Americans have already expressed themselves, but we need to say it, too. The Canadians deserve as much support from us as we gave to the hostages last November. Show your appreciation.

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*Will this
 still be the
 scene
 during
 elections?*

*We Hope
 Not—*

LETTERS TO THE DITOR

Book costs are unreasonable

Dear Sir,
 The rites of beginning a new semester are almost over,

and while some seem easier, others are definitely worse than before. Registration and drop-add are about the same, but the semi-annual trip to the Campus Shop has become an agonizing excursion.

without regard for the student.

I was compelled to purchase 24 books for five classes. This is 4.8 books per class. It seems to me that if professors did a little more planning and research, they could certainly "get by" with two or three books per class.

If college is to continue to be affordable to the middle class, then these near \$100 book bills must cease, particularly in light of the fact that students get only 33 percent or so in return at the end of the semester.

Professors, please give us a break!

Michael J. Robinson

Hot or cold?

To the Editor:
 The heating situation at Elon College is a problem. The heat is turned up too high or it is not turned on at all. Early in the morning the heat is turned on too high. Students raise their windows, and we are wasting energy.

We need to conserve our energy. One solution is that they could turn the heat off or on and set the temperature where it would best suit us.

Glenda Fowler
 Box 3888

Whether the rising cost of books is due solely to inflation is debatable. However, there can be no doubt who is responsible for the rising number of books required for each course. The blame for this lands squarely at the feet of the professors.

While I can see the necessity of a variety of materials for some courses, I feel some teachers are adding books

Thanks to 35 students

Dear Editor:
 I would like to use this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to the 35 Elon College students who helped to give the Christmas Party for the mentally handicapped on Dec. 7 at the Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Jeanne F. Williams

No refund

To the Editor,
 The girls have had problems with the boys being destructive to our dorms. This causes inconveniences to us because we have to wait for telephones to be repaired and the carpet to be cleaned in the halls. As a result of the boys' destruction, we are not having our \$25 room deposit refunded.

I suggest that we have open visitation on weekdays from 6 p.m.-12 and keep the same visitation hours we have now for the weekends. Maybe then the boys would act civilized and not destroy the schools property, since they would have more visitation privileges.

Megan Walsh

Protest to the Board

To the Editor:
 Most students at Elon College think that our current visitation policy is old-fashioned and unfair. Because of the persons on the Board of Trustees, we the students have only certain hours in which we may converse and visit each other. The only solution I see is to

protest to the Board. We must write letters and sign petitions in favor of revising our present policy. There is no difference when visiting someone during the week that on the weekend. We must get out of the dark ages and develop a more mature level of living on campus.

Mark Reardon
 Brannock 101