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V.P. King White answers letters

by Keith Nelson

A bill to give the Student Union Board \$300 in matching funds to attend a National Convention in campus entertainment was approved by the Student Government Association last Thursday. Also passed was a bill that supports carpooling efforts by the commuter affairs office.

In an attempt to check results of organizations using SGA funds, a bill was sent to the Finance Committee calling for these organizations to file an account of their SGA appropriations that were used. This file would be open for anyone to see.

SGA President Bryant Colson reported on the possi-

bility of a student security system. He said, "Dean Long has it in the preliminary stages with the projected date in the near future."

Several letters in last week's *Pendulum* were answered by SGA vice-president King White. The letter about freshman men eating at Harden was answered with, "Requiring eating at Harden makes booking and management of people and food easier." Students living in Carolina, Smith, Hook, Brannock, and Barney got an answer about the washer and dryer problem. "The fact that no machines were left in Carolina or Smith was an oversight by the administration. More machines is the

only answer for now." A new parking lot is being considered behind the physical plant. There is also a possibility of new dorms with 160 spaces in the suite design like Harper Center.

Next week students will vote on the new SGA constitution. There will also be elections for freshman president and two third precinct Senators.

The Judicial Committee announced a substantial increase in the number of cases handled. They also want students to be alert for outsiders who may be loitering on campus or committing acts of vandalism.

A report from SGA Treasurer John Reaves indicates that SGA-SUB spent about \$18,000 and grossed around \$11,000.

The SUB report said they planned several movies, a pool tournament, a concert, a cerebral palsy run and party, and possibly a talent show.

Tours, observation await participants

North Carolina Central Law School will host a Law School Recruitment Day on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The schedule includes an overview of the Law School, questions, and answers on the application and admissions process, a tour of the law library and

observation of law classes. Participants will also learn of career opportunities in law.

Students interested in attending the Recruitment Day program should contact the Career Planning and Placement Office, 103 Alamance for more information and sign-up.

Computer evaluates, grades

by Stacy Bragg

Charlie Brown's computer-teacher may not be as far-fetched as it sounds. Dr. Wesley Brogan, professor in human services, is putting one of Elon's computers to work in a new program. During winter term he gave his general psychology class standardized, objective tests, the answers to which have been fed into the computer.

After the tests have been completed, they are given to the computer to grade. It not only determines the correct and incorrect answers but gives a frequency distribution and item analysis as well. Dr. Brogan also receives individual student reports, in which their scores, percentages, and percentile ratings are printed.

The computer's greatest advantage involves the "time element." Dr. Brogan says, "Without the computer I would spend night after night grading papers, whereas with the tests are graded within

24 hours. I have more time for additional preparation for the students."

"Another advantage of the computer is that the item analysis evaluates questions. It measures their reliability so that the professor can improve or delete a question altogether," says Betty Maness of the LRC staff, one of the programmers for the computer. She and Dave Wall visited other institutions to observe their computer programs and then struggled through the fall to design one of their own. Neither Dr. Brogan nor Ms. Maness can see any disadvantages of the computer. He says it is a "Good assistant."

While some students believe that the standardized tests are not fair, Dr. Brogan does not. The computer can be used for objective questions only. He believes that his exams are just because "Objective tests are not eval-

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Students split 51-49% on draft

By Keith Nelson, Janet Spoon and Cindy Violette

Are you ready for the draft? It could happen to anyone on campus. With all the pressures in the Middle East, it is apparent that something has to be done. President Carter has already proclaimed the reenactment of the registration. The question now is, who will be registered? The President believes that women should be drafted along with men.

According to existing laws, women are not allowed to go into combat. Ironically enough, women are being trained to fly fighter-bombers but cannot go into combat. If women serve on a fighting ship, they have to be left at Diego Garcia if the ship enters the Persian Gulf. One Pentagon spokesman is quoted as saying, "They are afraid of what atrocity might be committed if a woman is to be put on the front line."

Earlier in the week a random campus poll was taken concerning the draft. The questions were broken down into four categories. Do you favor a draft registration? Do you favor registration for women? The last two asked sex and year.

Results of the poll were 51 percent supported registration with 49 percent opposed. Approximately 52 percent of the males favored the registration of women, and 58 percent of the females opposed it. Freshmen and sophomores favored the draft legislation over juniors and seniors by two to one.

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The 1980 Summer Employment Directory of the United States (SED) is a nation-wide "Want-ad" section of summer jobs.

SED is an annual paperback which this year lists 50,000 summer jobs all over the United States. Each listing includes job description, pay rates, working conditions, a name and an address to write to.

Some of the jobs in the 1980 SED could be leads to a chosen career fields. Others are geared to the student who wants to mix fun and adventure with summer work.

Some of the jobs listed offer college credit. These jobs allow the student to choose his or her field before graduation. They also give practical work experience to put on a resume when applying for a job after graduation.

Other jobs listed at national parks or resort areas give the opportunity to spend the summer at a new and exciting place. For example, there are river trips in Colorado and Alaska, and several resorts in New York and California are looking for entertainers.

This year, the Summer Employment Directory includes listings from huge

commercial resorts like Disneyland, Disney World, Six Flag resorts and Busch Gardens in Florida for the first time.

The 1980 Summer Employment Directory of the United States (paperback, \$6.95) can

be purchased in most bookstores. Mail orders may be sent by writing to: Writer's Digest Books, 9933 Alliance Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. The order should include \$1.25 for postage and handling.



Silver Dollar City [near Gatlinburg, Tennessee] is typical of the private amusement parks listed in the 1980 Summer Employment Directory of the United States.