

# Student speaks out against editorial on prejudice

The March 5 **Pendulum** carried an editorial that raised the issue of racism at Elon College. This was done in a way that was questionable at best.

Elon certainly does not discriminate against minorities in the admissions process. This is clearly stated in the **Bulletin**, and I see no evidence to the contrary.

In the matter of faculty hiring, there is no racism in the sense of discrimination against blacks—but the college is racist in its reverse discrimination against whites through "affirmative action" required by the federal government. Elon has only one black professor for a variety of reasons—including economics. This college's pay scale keeps it from competing against the UNC system in the hiring of any person "in demand," including blacks, accountants, and computer science faculty. Other reasons include the lack of social life for any black professor here, and the appeal of teaching at a college with a higher percentage of black students.

The existence of the Black Cultural Society is not evidence of racism. It is the only ethnic club on campus, and was founded primarily as a black activity, just as

the Ukrainian National Association was formed primarily as a group for Ukrainian-Americans. It is not racism when few German-Americans attend the events of either of the above groups. The "Mr. Ebony Contest" and the "Swahili Swing" were advertised as "black" events by those sponsoring them.

Free association and trade are what democracy is all about. There is no "need" for anyone to buy at a particular store due to the race or sex of the owner, or to join any given club. Group

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officers should be chosen on merit, not color. (Many schools have Greek organizations that are largely black—one could be founded here.) Jobs should be awarded to the best qualified applicant.

The editorial by Joy Hamilton and Robin Adams overstated any racism issue. (In a later discussion, Robin Adams claimed that a racist group had tried to organize on campus—but refused to provide any evidence or even explanation to substantiate her allegation.) This article

failed to document the charge of racism with any evidence. (the racism issue is overstated nationwide. Today's high Klan membership of 10,000 is dwarfed by the 4 million of 1926). In the opinion of many, this editorial has provoked more trouble than good.

Formal "human relations committees" are inevitably leftist propaganda fronts. They are a nuisance to local governments, businesses, and citizens alike, and are fundamentally incompatible with democracy and the free enterprise system. (Note the activities of the group in Greensboro.) Whenever possible, they should be removed, not installed.

Bryant Colson's election is proof of the non-existence of racism here—an attitude that could be ruined if a few make simultaneous demands for separatism, absolute equality, and affirmative action. What we need is to all work together as Americans. Burning the yearbooks made no history, it merely made many wonder about this institution and those involved in the protest. Real racism grows on such "protest for the hell of it" and unsubstantiated allegations as the editorial and cartoon of last week.

Matt Maggio

# Register to vote!

By John Sadler

This week the Elon College SGA and PIRG are involved in a voter registration drive. The purpose of this drive is to raise student interest in local government and to make students aware of their voting rights in the town of Elon College.

Most of the students who come to Elon will reside here for four years. In that four years they usually do not exercise their right to vote back home; therefore, it would be very beneficial for those students to register in the area where their vote will benefit them most.

Until now students have not been made aware of their voting rights in Elon College. Many students who have tried to register in the town of Elon have been turned down because of a questionnaire that has some built-in bias against college students.

Other counties have not used this questionnaire and other college students have been able to register. Why are Elon College students deprived of their right to register? Why does Alamance County interpret North Carolina law differently from other counties such as Guilford where voting rights of Guilford College students are recognized without a questionnaire? Why has the Alamance Board of

Elections and the Town of Elon College discouraged students from exercising their constitutional right to vote?

I feel that some citizens of the town are afraid that they would have to recognize and meet the interests of students who up until this time have had no legal voice in the place where they live. In addition, I feel some townspeople are afraid of the possibility of a student running for public office. This possibility, in my opinion, would help to further improve town-college relations by giving the town a direct link to the students and vice versa. I genuinely think that if the students voted in the town it would increase their pride and civic duty in the community.

I do not want to offend anyone in the town of Elon College by this article. I have had a very good working relationship with many of Elon's town leaders; however, I feel it is my responsibility to let the students become aware of their rights and voting privileges. I would encourage all Elon College students to join the registration drive. A bus will be leaving Long Student Center at 12:30 Monday, March 16, for Graham to register students at the Board of Elections.

SGA President

# Dean Long gives suggestions to fraternities at Elon College

by Mary Watson

Rumor has it that a fraternity row would be built in between Harper Center and the gym. Do not panic guys; this is only a rumor! The plans are for the fraternities to remain as they are.

William G. Long, dean of student affairs, says a fraternity row has been thought of, but no concrete plans were ever made. He also adds that even though he is in favor of the fraternity system he sees that some changes are needed.

Because of the effects of "open parties," to which anyone is welcome, the fraternity houses have become

rundown. Dean Long encourages the fraternities to have closed parties so that destruction of property may be eliminated.

Another suggestion he has is to limit parties to weekends so that these young men who live in the houses can study. The fraternities should not interfere with the academic week, according to Dean Long.

The dean says, "Many of the faculty members are hypocritical," in attitude towards the fraternities. He wants to encourage more of them to be advisers to the fraternities so that they can

get a better insight into the Greek system.

In the past, the noise of the parties has been a community concern. However, recently there has been a reduction of complaints. It seems that the main time people complain is during the warmer months, when the students tend to party outside the houses.

Dean Long believes the fraternities to be a supportive system of the college, especially with fund-raising projects. He adds that the advantages outweigh the problems.

# Omega Psi Phi gives time

The potential brothers of Omega Psi Phi fraternity recently entertained some of the young boys from the Elon Home for Children. The brothers took several of the boys to Elon's last home basketball game and afterwards took them out to

dinner. This project is only a small portion of the things that the brothers hope to do for some of the children at the home. "Lots of times young boys don't have a male figure in their lives,

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A free concert by Moose Smith, a former Elon graduate, will be held tonight at 9. The concert will be held in the large lounge of Long Student Center.

If you are interested in registering to vote, contact one of these people for more information:

Tony Napoli	584-9074
Steve Danielson	449-7754
Jay Luke	584-4563
Mike Martin	584-9020

It's your constitutional right to vote; use it!

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student affairs, the advising office, and the registrar's office.

The Board approved the promotion of Dr. Jack O. White to the rank of professor. Dr. David M. Crowe, Dr. Daniel Feinberg, Professor Hugh M. Fields and Dr. J. Michael Marr were granted tenure.

Chairmen for 1981-83 term were also appointed. They include Dr. G. Lyn Ryals, Jr., in biology, Dr. Howard R. Higgs in human services, Dr. Ralph V. Anderson in economics; Dr. Paul D. Williams, Jr., in education and psychology; Dr. Lamar Bland in Literature, Languages and Communications, and Dr. Whit-

ney P. Mullen in physical sciences.

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on every lapel. It is traditional for a husband and wife to dunk the flower in whiskey and then send the bottle to the servants, if they have any. The couple usually then goes to a ball at St. Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle. The lower class congregates around a "Patrick's pot" of beer or whiskey in a nearby inn.

In our country, while there may be fewer festivities on this day, it is almost certain that most people will have green on somewhere.