

2 businessmen donate \$50,000

Two businessmen have made gifts of \$25,000 each to Elon College, college officials announced.

William H. Duncan, a Greensboro businessman, was a member of Elon's class of 1948. Duncan is the founder and former president of Southern Business Systems, Inc., a distributor of security devices and business systems, and although he has sold his interest in the business, he maintains an ongoing relationship with the firm.

Although E.M. Martin, a retired businessman and orange grower never attended Elon, he became interested in the college as a result of his friendship with Frank S. Castor, the brother-in-law of Mrs. A.L. Hook. Through Castor, Martin became a good friend of Dr. and Mrs. Hook and visited them on campus.

Vice President for Development Jo Watts said that it is loyal friends like Duncan and Martin who "enable Elon to continue the progress of recent years."

Town honors charter

The town of Elon College will celebrate the nintieth anniversary of it's charter today. A display chronicling the town's history will be exhibited in the Town Hall for the next 2-3 weeks, and the downtown merchants will display flags and bunting in honor of the occasion. The town was originally known as Mill Point and owes much of its early growth to the railroad that still runs through the community. It was renamed April 7, 1893 after Elon College. All students, faculty and staff who are interested in the community's history are invited to visit the Town Hall display and read a booklet that was prepared for the celebration.

Draft registration may be required for aid application

by Walter Wintermute
Staff Writer

Draft registration may become a requirement for men applying for federal financial aid next fall, said Barry Simmons, director of financial aid.

"Last Thursday a temporary restriction was placed on the law by the U.S. Circuit Court," Simmons said.

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) appealed the decision because the new law discriminates against men, said Simmons.

"The law discriminates in two ways," Simmons said. "It's discriminatory against males, and it discriminates against poor males." Still unresolved is whether or not the temporary restraining issue will apply nationally or just in the Minnesota case.

If the bill is passed, Simmons predicted several problems in enforcing it.

"The major bug we have with it in financial aid is not philosophical," he said. "Schools are burdened with enforcing it instead of the government."

Simmons explained that men register 30 days prior to their 18th birthdays. "It takes four to six weeks for the Selective Service to send back proof of registration," Simmons said.

"If someone applies for aid in August and hasn't

gotten his proof of registration back yet, Elon would have to deny that student aid," Simmons said.

College financial aid offices are upset because the decision came so late in the school year, Simmons said. "It will also cost schools more money, create more paperwork, further confuse students when applying for financial aid, and it may mean the difference between getting in school," Simmons said.

Several suggestions have been made to the federal government to make it easier on students to provide proof to colleges of draft registration, Simmons said.

"One idea is to let men register 90 days before their 18th birthday instead of the present 30 days," Simmons said. This would give students more time to get the proof of registration back and apply for financial aid.

"Another idea is for the U.S. Post Office to give carbon copies of the draft form to men when they register," Simmons said.

"There's some talk in Congress of modifying the registration bill — repealing it, or doing away with it," Simmons said. If this is done, Simmons says the passing of the bill could be delayed up to 7 months.

Until then, Simmons said, the Elon College Financial Aid Office will make neces-



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sary adjustments as if the bill has already been passed. The programs that will be effected are The National Direct Student Loan, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, College Work Study Program, and the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, said Simmons.

Men not registering for the draft can still receive state financial aid, Simmons said.

"Students who have lost or misplaced their letter providing draft registration proof can pick up applications for duplicate letters from the financial aid office in Powell," Simmons said.

Simmons also said that summer school financial aid applications are now ready, and can be picked up in Powell.

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