

Editorials

Letters to the editor

Watt finally blows a fuse!



Watt 'unified' Americans

To the editor:

Watt's this? It was a week ago that James Watt resigned as Secretary of the Interior amid much political and public chatter. For this I am saddened. For the past two years the press has had fun poking and persecuting poor Mr. Watts, who was merely a victim of his own tongue. The media concentrated on the goofups and slips Mr. Watt made. Never did I see an article headlined, "James Watt Has Done Something Incredibly Sound."

The media concentrated on Watt's mistakes, but never did it recognize a wonderfully good thing he has done for this country. In the past two years he has served (and served well) to reaffirm this great nation's unity. He has done more to break down the walls of ethnocentrism and to bring Americans closer together than anyone else in this age of diversity.

How? It was his selfless perseverance in continuing to making a fool of himself and of the administration. When Watt first joined Reagan's cabinet, the few to raise a cry were "outdoors nuts" (who could not be taken seriously in the first place). Such organizations were the well-publicized Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, and those few insignificant governmental organizations that managed America's public lands. But as the months ticked by, more and more Americans began to speak against Watt on a variety of issues.

People began to speak. The apathetic became

caring, and the caring became antagonistic. Slowly, those from the different facets of American lifestyles began to forget their differences and started to speak as one great voice. Again and again people asked, "What's next?"

In his attempt to create a more unified, moral America, Watt alienated (very strategically) his countrymen by the droves. First it was the nature folks; then he went after the entire Eastern Seaboard by trying to open it up for offshore oil-drilling. More recently he managed to offend an entire age group (no easy task) by denouncing the Beach Boys (oh no!). A few weeks ago in his grand finale he went for the jugular in describing a commission as being composed of "... a black, a woman, two Jews, and a cripple."

James Watt had finally done it. Though some hung on until the bitter end, he finally managed to drive even his peers to reassess their opinions of him.

I shall miss James Watt. That funny, bald-headed man with the Coca-Cola bottle glasses never ceased to amaze and amuse me. The nighttime news will now seem so much duller without him in the headlines. It is sad to see him go, but at least it is nice to know he left behind the accomplishment of bringing the people of America together to cry out in one voice. "Watt's this?"

Roger March

Fine arts center a good location

After much deliberation over the location site for the new fine arts center, we have found satisfaction in the decision to construct the building and approval for its situation as well.

Initially, the location seemed an unlikely place for such a building site. In between Harper Center and the gymnasium, the present track and field facilities are appropriately located. However, this is the only probable construction ground for a much needed building resource.

The new fine arts center will indeed allow

other departments more room. It will also be an asset to Elon's reputable standing as a liberal arts institution. In fact, it is due time for such an expansion in this respect. The new center will serve students adequately as a further dimension to learning capacities, which is often so limited in other universities.

The location? Well, on those freezing, biting cold mornings, it will probably prove commendable.

Now, what was that you said about a parking lot?

Why stay at Elon? Student wants to know

To the editor,

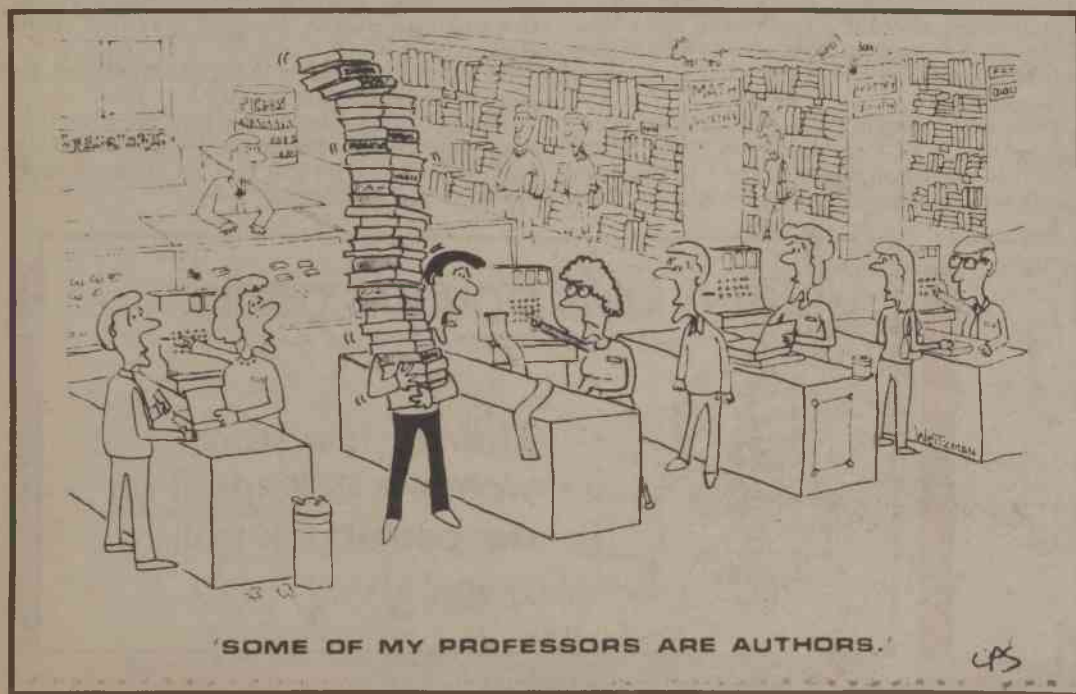
Well it's another typical weekend here at Elon — the suitcase college of the Eastern Seaboard. I mean why would anyone want to stay here? The cafeteria is traditionally overcrowded because of 700 or 800 on-campus students. The LRC is traditionally *not* open on Saturday and doesn't open on Sunday until 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. And many dorm rooms are overcrowded in different areas on campus.

Besides all of this, there is nothing really to do here. Oh, I forgot about the D-rate concerts and the movies that one could have seen a year or two ago, but this is not the student organizations' fault. They have limited money and difficult rules that they have to abide by.

"Elon College — a small college." Small is correct. I don't know, but Elon seems not to realize the crux of the problem. You cannot continue to recruit and accept more and more students every year and then nearly forget them when they get here. This policy has worked before, but the many problems

have never been as pressing as they are right now.

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