

Editorials

Student interest up for election

By Jane Kidwell
Editor

"It was probably one of the most spirited campaigns in a long time," said Bob Moser about the recent SGA elections. Last year, only 400 students voted for SGA president. This year, 636 votes were cast for the office of president, a turnout which beats last year's turnout by over 200 votes.

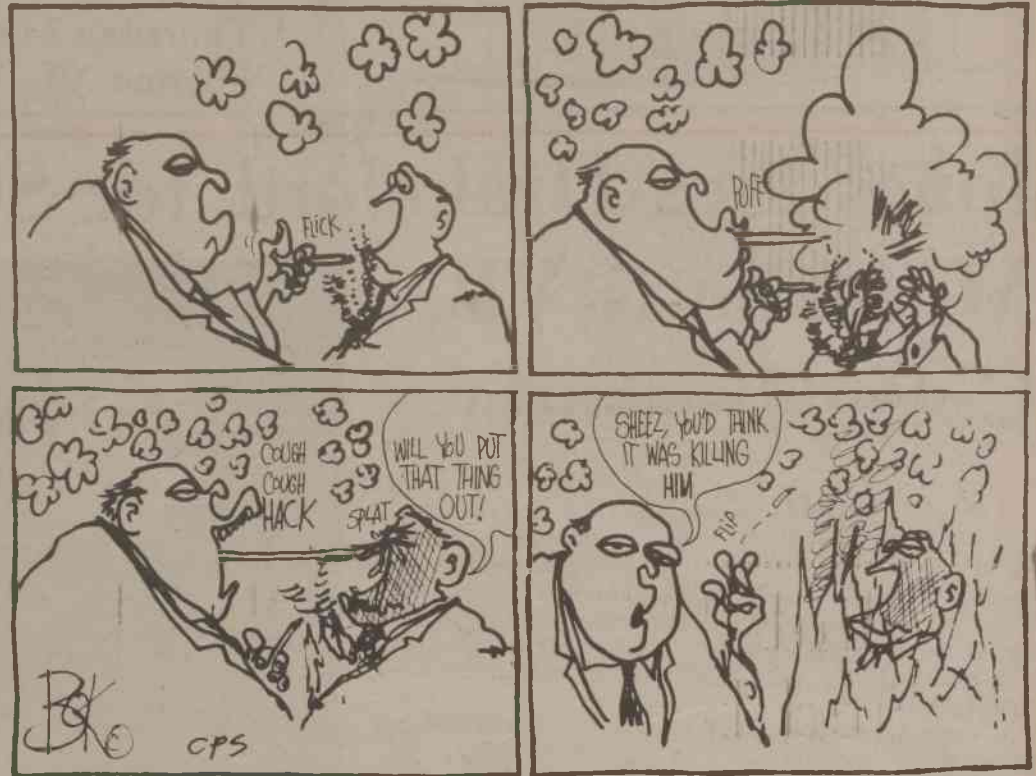
Even though there was an increase in voter turnout over last year, the number of ballots cast still did not represent one-fourth of the student body. This voter apathy has always been a problem for Elon. Even though there was keen competition this year between the executive officers, there were hardly enough candidates to fill the class and senate positions, which are students who pass or veto bills and amendments.

Moser maintains that this election is "probably one of the most spirited in a long time. The candidates did a good job of raising interest in students." This rules out the theory that the elections were not publicized. Banners and flyers filled the campus with promises of the coming year. While there was plenty of exposure to names and faces, the exposure to these candidates' ideas was limited to advertisements in flyers or *The Pendulum*. What may be a good idea is to have press conferences and open forums where the candidates can debate each other and formally introduce themselves to the student body.

Overall, it is optimistic to see that students are beginning to take an interest in what is going on around here. Jones is a qualified candidate, whose ideas are liberal and open to criticism or comments from students. He has been involved in various student organizations, including the Young Democrats and the Liberal Arts Forum.

His familiarity with the campus and his wish to be a president for all students should make Jones a successful officer.

Clearly, the SGA is an influential force at Elon. Their large budget is meant to be used for the student body, for entertainment, special events or study aids. Over the past year, the SGA has worked closely with students to bring events of interest to the college. This alliance may be strengthened even more if the new officers continue to build on the programs that were begun this year.



Letter to the Editor

LRC hours needed

To the editor:

We are writing to request longer weekend hours in the library and the LRC. Many students have papers, projects and reading assignments that cannot be completed in the dorm rooms. Moreover, many of us need to use the Apple II computers in the LRC. These are not available Fri-

day afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

Attempting to align our student schedules with those of the school is sometimes impossible. We need these weekend hours.

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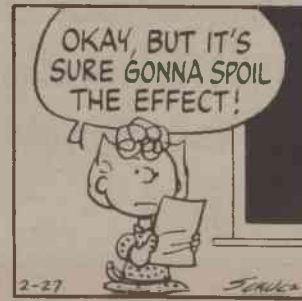
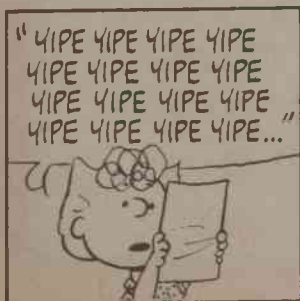


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