

Editorials

Senator at Elon could be an asset

Tim McDowell, director of public information and publications for Elon, has been nominated to replace John Jordan as senator from the 21st state Senate District.

McDowell will maintain his position at Elon, as legislation is a part-time job. He has served in the House of Representatives for eight years, and he said the Senate sessions coincide with the House sessions. Therefore, his schedule at Elon will not have to be altered.

Dr. Jo Watts Williams, vice president for development at Elon, said she thinks McDowell was a good choice for the position. "I'm glad to have someone with his capabilities represent this district," she said. "He had a good record in the House, and this is an opportunity (for him) to continue his service."

Of course, there are lobbyists who represent private higher education, but having a state senator on campus could be an asset to some degree.

Having a senator on campus will perhaps give students more of a voice in legislation. And having private college employees in the Senate may be the first step toward freezing the gap between the costs of attending private and state institutions in North Carolina.

If nothing else, it certainly is good publicity for Elon, something which is especially important now.

—By Jane Kidwell



Guest Column

Central America contras deserve help

By John Edwards

The contras in Central America deserve as much help as possible from their allies, and they are getting it, especially from the United States.

A few weeks ago, the Salvadoran Air Force received twelve helicopters from the United States in order to protect them from guerrillas and also destroy them.

The helicopters come with 7.62-caliber machine guns and rocket pods. The guns and rockets can be controlled by the pilot of the helicopter.

The deaths of four U.S. Marines that occurred several

months ago got Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte's attention by taking immediate action and arresting three of the eleven leftist guerrilla suspects involved.

Hopefully this will impress Congress into giving more aid to the contras and helping them even more, especially in the CIA department.

And finally because of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's actions seeking more military aid from Russia, the U.S. Congress, who at first vetoed \$14 million aid against the contras, has made a complete turn

around and rewarded them nearly twice that much in the amount of \$27 million.

The Sandinistas and their communist friends had better watch it. Even though the Sandinistas have an army of 110,000 to the contras' 17,000, the United States is making sure that the contras are getting as much aid as possible. We do not need anymore communists at our back door. (Note: I do not want the continuance of the right wing death squads to continue. Even though the College Republicans organization supports the contras, they want the death squads to stop.)

Letter to the Editor

Student urges involvement

To the junior class:

Welcome back to Elon. I hope everyone is looking forward to a productive and fun junior year. As a lot of you have already inquired the junior class is still in need of a vice president and a treasurer. These vacant positions are prestigious but will not require a lot of your time.

However, if you are interested please contact me before October 1.

The school has issued the juniors \$200. I need your input on how we as a class can use this money. If you have any suggestions, drop a note in my campus box (3628). I am really en-

thusiastic about representing the class of 1987, I will update everyone on upcoming events that we will be sponsoring or participating in. Thank you.

Michele O'Donnell
Junior Class President

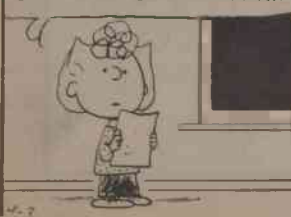
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THEN CAME ALEXANDER, WHO DRANK HIMSELF TO DEATH IN THE PALACE



I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT



HOWEVER, I HOPE TO HAVE AN UPDATE FOR YOU VERY SOON

