

# Editorials

## Thank one, thank all

John Mitchell's resignation as vice president for administrative services was announced last week in a memorandum from President Fred Young. The memo noted Mitchell's accomplishments since he joined the staff in 1981. Mitchell's contributions to Elon include the institution of a computerized accounting system for auditing and the establishment of an accounting system for scholarships and endowments. He also presided over the planning for the fine arts center and fraternity and sorority housing, as well as the construction of housing for 600 students.

Mitchell's resignation will certainly be viewed as a loss. Mitchell, however, will not be leaving Elon but will fill a full-time teaching vacancy in the business department.

One remembers that in the previous week, when the resignation of Dr. Anne Ponder became public, no memo listing her accomplishments and expressing thanks was issued by the president. We do not doubt that President Young is grateful for Ponder's many contributions to the college in her nine years here. But it would have been nice if he had publicly thanked her in the same way he has thanked Mitchell.

The presidential and vice presidential offices are both on the first floor of Powell Building; thus, it is likely that Young has seen Mitchell more often than many of his faculty colleagues. As a member of the president's senior staff, Mitchell has been in many important meetings with Young in recent years. So it is understandable that Young may feel a special comradeship with Mitchell.

The president, however, should not leave himself open to speculation about where his real interests lie. Some faculty members are concerned that Young may be isolated and, thus, not fully aware of academic concerns at Elon. The memo about Mitchell (and this is in no way intended to undermine Mitchell's contributions) perhaps reveals that the president's main concerns are with new buildings and the exterior quality of Elon College rather than with the faculty and students.

—By Jane Kidwell

## Students speak out on rumors

To the editor:

It was Shakespeare, in *Henry IV* who said, "The rumour doth double, like the voice and echo, the numbers of the fear'd."

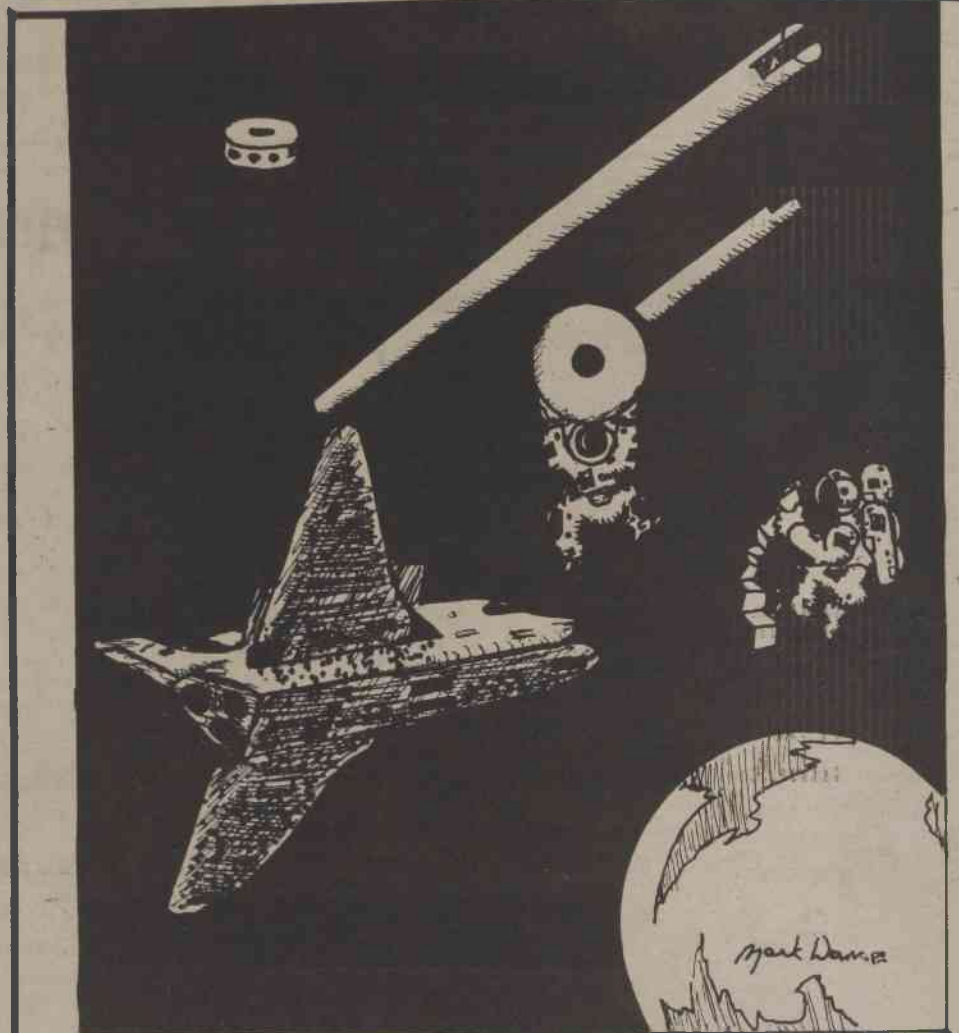
We have all heard the rumors surrounding the incidents which have occurred on our campus. We all have a reason to be alarmed, however, the explosion of false rumors about such attacks do as Shakespeare stated, double the amount of people who are afraid.

The Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association have remained in contact and informed regarding the incidents that have allegedly

or actually taken place. The memorandums from the Office of Student Affairs are accurate. There has been no attempt by the administration to conceal the truth about these incidents. No administration can afford to endanger its students.

Whenever there is a difficult problem, it is important to work together to find a solution. Many organizations have developed escort services and others are investigating lighting improvements. These groups should be commended on their efforts. It is only as a combined power, students and administration that we can eliminate this difficult situation.

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President/Student Government Association  
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## STARWARS 1985

## Prof expresses thanks

To the editor:

I extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all faculty, staff, and students who helped make this year's United Way campus campaign an overwhelming success.

We reached 129 percent of our goal, bringing the total contribution from the Elon College community to \$10,605. I especially appreciate the efforts of students and student organizations who helped to raise over \$2,000. These groups include the Student Government Association, Moffitt Dorm (second and third floors),

Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Kappa Psi, East Area Council-Residence Hall Association, Beta Beta Beta, Panhellenic Council, American Marketing Association, Civinette Club, Computer Science/Math Club, Omicron Delta Kappa, La crose Club and Phi Psi Cli.

Your efforts will help "Stop the Hurt" for many Alamance County residents.

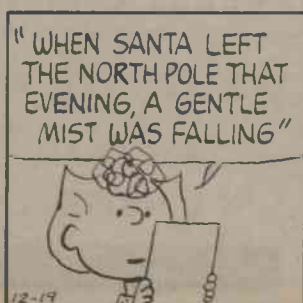
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