

# Editorials

## Christmas season is special one at Elon

Christmas has finally arrived at Elon.

The campus has been trimmed for the holiday festivities. Two giant Christmas trees on Scott Plaza glitter at night with their 30,000 sparkling lights. Greenery hangs from the rafters on the outside of Alamance Building. One thousand luminaries will line the walkways and colonnades Tuesday evening. The Christmas spirit is in the air.

Of course, students have their own ideas of how to decorate for the holidays. One would have never thought that there were so many ways to decorate doors in a dorm. And let's not forget the lining of windows with lights that blink on and off like brightly-colored neon signs on Fifth Avenue.

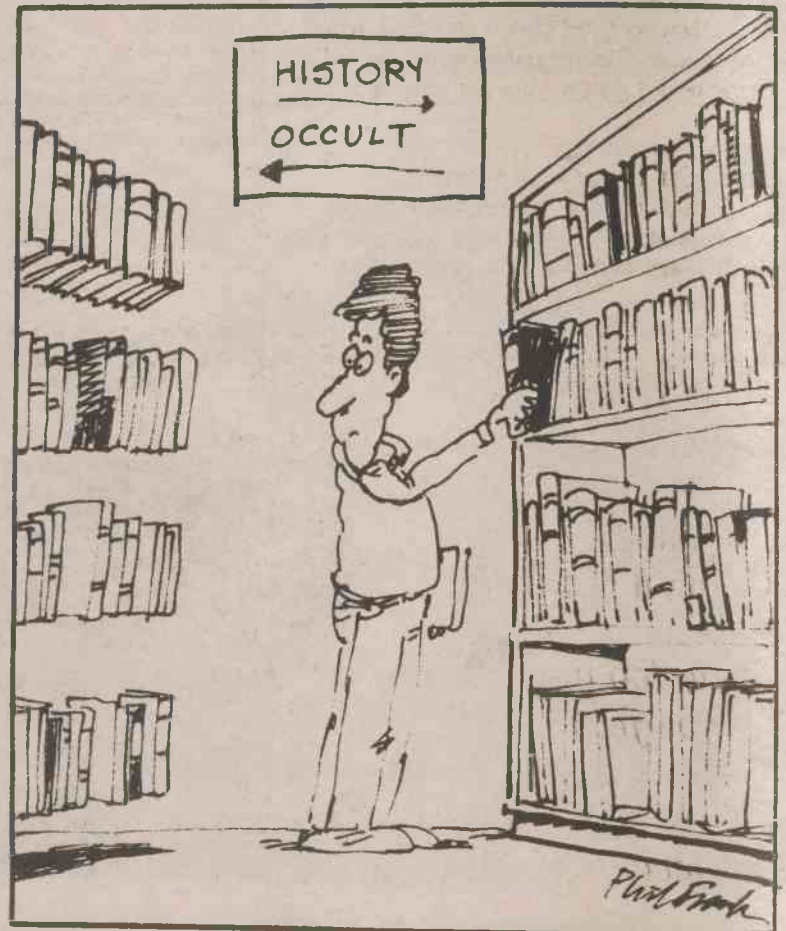
*In Dulci Jubilo*, which was presented Monday evening in Whitley Auditorium by the Elon College Community Orchestra, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, was an effective way to open the Christmas season on campus. After the performance, the audience was invited to join in singing several traditional Christmas carols with the orchestra and choirs. This seemed to get everyone "in the mood."

Christmas is truly a special season at Elon. The decorations and activities help to lift spirits before exams begin. However, the real celebration will start when all books are sold or put away and the homeward journey begins.

by Michele Lashley

## Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



## Colonnades, terrorism and KA discussed

To the Editor:

In the November 20 issue a story about Elon's literary magazine, *Colonnades*, was run which contained some errors and misquotes. I'd like to clear some of these up in order to prevent any misunderstandings.

Firstly, I was quoted as saying that issues of *Colonnades* "a few years back" were not as good as this year's edition will be. This is simply not true. What I did say was that this year's edition will contain more student submissions than ever before, not that it will be better. Each issue of *Colonnades* has had much to be proud of.

Secondly, some mention was made last year to the editor by an admissions department staff member that two issues of the magazine might help in the recruiting process, but this request was not made "by admissions." Others have inquired as to why we do not publish two magazines a year, and the answer remains the same: we do not have

the budget or the staff to handle this demand at present.

I'm sure these misquotes and the misinformation were oversights and certainly not intentional and we appreciate the coverage, but I do want to get the facts straight.

Kathy Lyday-Lee  
Faculty advisor for *Colonnades*

To the Editor

Many people are asking how we can stop terrorism. Some people say we should put pressure on the governments who protect these radical groups. The public feels bombing or use of military force to stop these attacks is a good idea. People do not know how to handle the pressure of terrorism so they give into the terrorist.

If we look at the evidence given to us so far, you will see sanctions against the governments who support these radical groups has not

worked. Then doing nothing at all does not help at all. After the United States bombs a country known for supporting terrorism; it stops terrorists for about three to four months.

Bombing terrorist groups or governments is not the only answer. The only thing the bombing does is to let the terrorists know we are taking terrorism very seriously. This helps governments like the United States have time to make a better plan to fight these radical groups.

There is no clear cut answer to any major problem like terrorism. The only answer to any problem is time. The United States has to stop the problem at the source and time will show us who or what country is the source. In the meanwhile, bombing will help the United States to slow down and stop a lot of needless blood shed of Americans.

George S. Massey

To the Editor:

I think what is happening to the Kappa Alpha fraternity is ridiculous. The penalty for hazing, if you even call callisthenics hazing, was supposed to be "not less than suspension of privileges for one academic year, nor more than the indefinite disbanding of the organization."

To deny the brothers their education is unfair. They did not do anything academically wrong! This is only one of the many flaws in Elon's evaluation of KA. I think that before the committee makes any final decisions, it should make sure the punishment fits the infraction.

Lee Norwood

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CAN KILL A FRIENDSHIP.**



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