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## South African Divestment Still An Elon Issue Should Board Of Trustees Reconsider Elon's Position

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The Elon Board of Trustees are having their bi-annual meeting this week to discuss the schools finances and future.

The board is meeting for a three-day retreat in Wakefield, Virginia, to adopt a five-year business plan for the college. However, there are no plans to discuss divesting Elon from South African companies.

In a departure from their normal pattern, the board will meet at airfield, the Southeast 4-H Educational Center in Virginia, October 27-29.

According to Board Chairman and North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure, this is the first

time in recent history that the board will meet out of state. When asked about South African apartheid Eure said "I think it is a terrible situation" however he had no comment on the board's position on divestment.

In the fall of 1985 the school faculty called for full divestment from South African companies. As a result of this, and limited student pressure, the topic was raised at the 1985 fall board meeting.

At that meeting, with the support of Chairman Eure, a resolution to divest from and make no new investments in companies that do not adhere to the Sullivan Principles was passed.

The Sullivan Principles are codes designed to promote equal treatment of black workers.

Although the board did not vote to divest, Eure noted that "We were among the first schools in the state to act on this issue." Recently other area schools,

a few letters written to the Pendulum. The action the board did take was probably due to the pressure of the faculty than the student. According to Eure the board

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such as U.N.C.-Chapel Hill and Duke University, have voted for full divestment. However, at both of these schools there has been active student pressure to divest. Both school's students have held protest rallies and built shanty towns which received local T.V. news coverage.

At Elon there has been no demonstrations. In fact the only student pressure in 1985 was from

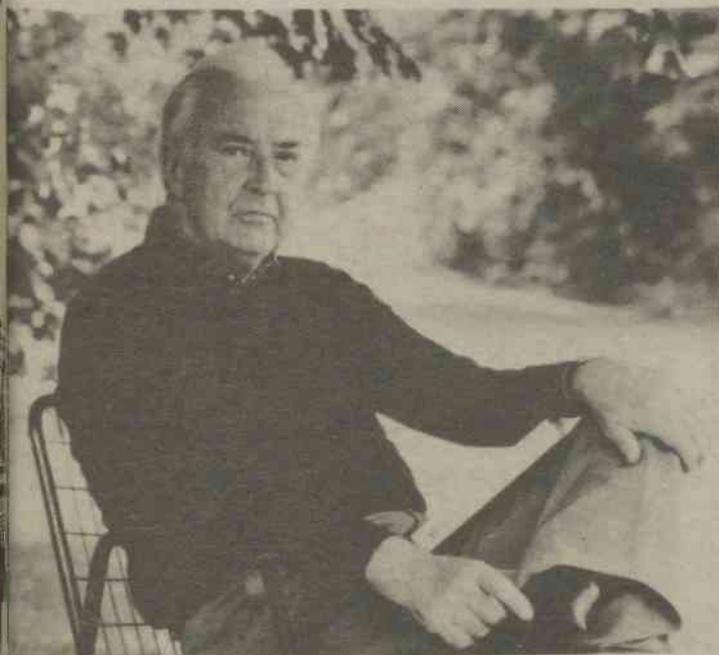
has received no new pressure from faculty or students since 1985.

The main goal of the proposed five-year plan is to increase the number of talented students according to Administrative Assistant to the President, Nan P. Perkins. A talented student is defined as having a SAT score of 1000 or higher and a 3.0 school grade point average. Perkins also said that she

felt the school's position on divestment was settled, but she added that "This doesn't mean it might not change in the future."

Religious Studies teacher Dr. Carole Chase says the reason that the students do not put more pressure on the board is that Elon has a predominantly conservative upper middle class student body. "They are un-informed. If they were informed I would hope they would do something about it."

In the meantime the board will be planning how to best spend the school's money. Unless the student raise the question of divestment again, it is unlikely that the board will consider it. And unless the situation in South Africa becomes worse, it is unlikely that students at Elon will get involved.



McCarthy: Eugene McCarthy is the author of *Up 'Til Now: A Memoir*. He will be speaking November 5th in the Fine Arts Center tentatively at 7:30.

## Proper Lighting in Dorm?

By Kelly Dolan  
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It is not uncommon to hear Elon students complaining about various campus facilities and the lack of adequate residence hall accommodations.

One problem, faced by on-campus residents is the amount of lighting in the suite areas.

"I think the lighting in the suites is really poor," said sophomore Cheryl Kern.

"The lack of lighting just makes it virtually impossible to study in our dorm rooms," said junior Michelle Beckler.

Each dorm room and suite area contains one lightbulb which contains a maximum of 150 watts of power. Students complain that this lighting insufficiency should be

remedied by the college.

"There should be more than just one small lightbulb to accommodate the size of the dorm rooms and living areas," said sophomore Traci Wheeler.

Although, the lack of campus

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lighting causes a serious dilemma for studious co-eds, it has been reported by area optometrists that the dim lighting does not prove to be a health hazard to students' eyes.

"There really isn't an ideal amount of lighting that provides for a studious atmosphere," said Burlington optometrist Dr. Richard Etheridge.

Dr. Phillip Bell, A Greensboro optometrist, said, "Every pair of eyes are different. And in being so, they require diversified amounts of lighting."

For some students, the lighting situation does not pose a problem. "I don't think the lighting in the room is that bad," said junior Terri McKnight. Other students believe that although the lighting may not be satisfactorily provided by the college, there are other solutions.

"The lighting in the rooms isn't the brightest," said freshman Kathleen O'Rourke, "so I just went out and bought a lamp."

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