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Compendium

In the best interests of this student community the new S.G.A., at the request of its president, has taken a step from which others, whether through laziness or fear, have heretofore retreated. It has instituted this new, liberated campus newspaper. Rapport between the S.G.A. and the students and within the student body itself has long been absent and has resulted in a climate which breeds social indifference and academic callousness. This situation is as unhealthy to the collegian pursuing a liberal education as is the distance which exists in this college between students, professors, and administrators. As long as this prevails, liberal education is impeded, even infected.

Discussion of issues on campus is symptomatic of interest in and eventually regard for the institution and conditions existing therein. And without a valve which will open rapport, discussion can only be limited in scope, uninteresting, ineffective. To serve as this valve then, is the end VERITAS hopes to achieve.

It is true that the consternation now enveloping the nation as a result of the rapidly changing times may not as yet be felt in certain areas of the country. But distance from the happening, is certainly no reason to deny its existence. To feel what is occurring is more than having a knowledge of it from reading about Chicago, or listening to the Beatles' Revolution or the Stones' Street Fighting Man. A sense of the times is necessary. When realization has its day, those who lack this will not be equipped with proposals, or even opinions.

Awareness should characterize every institution of learning, not merely awareness of the front page news stories read every day in the paper, but awareness of the period in which you live. No man is educated who permits himself to fall prey to fixed attitudes. What contribution to civilization is made by those who never call to question the institutions and establishments which determine their course of living? Fixed attitudes are the greatest enemies to active minds. There is no reason to stop thinking and questioning at any age.

A free press has always been a prelude to interest in those things which guide our actions. Active participation in campus life is often an outgrowth of the free press. The reason for this is that just reading an opinionated column of any kind usually stimulates people to take one view or another. With this, and the liberal policy of our staff in mind, we open to any student, faculty member, or administrator, the "Letter to the Editors" section. It can be used for any matter which anyone thinks deserves consideration. It will not be criticized or commented upon unless the author calls for a reaction. We do not recognize the word censorship except in the case of scandalous, or libelous writing. We do hope that this vital section will be utilized to good advantage.

It will be the basic policy of the editorial staff to remain always amenable to suggestion and criticism, ready at any time to discuss relevant issues. The staff is fresh, enthusiastic; but, for a time, inexperience will be our first hurdle, polishing our first task. It is our most earnest desire that this community will take notice of its new campus publication. This done, the climate will improve itself.

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Note From Publisher

In this, the first edition of VERITAS, it is important that the President of your S.G.A. give a brief estimation of what a Student Newspaper should set as its standards and goals and define its relationship to the S.G.A.

VERITAS represents something very special - something that is new to Elon and unique to the majority of small schools. It is designed to be immediately separate from both the S.G.A. and the College Administration. Though it will exist as an S.G.A. committee this year, next year its editors will be elected in a student body election and hopefully after this edition, it will be financially independent.

I am a strong believer in freedom of the press, even when it hurts. No issue can ever be skirted, but a level of objective criticism must be maintained. To be meaningful and lasting, VERITAS must use well researched commentary and be always willing to weigh publicly both sides of any concern. It can never let itself be either the college's or the S.G.A.'s "administrative voice." It must stand apart, looking at both, reporting their good and bad points.

This is why its independence is essential. It has to be more than an S.G.A. bulletin and much more than the MAROON AND GOLD. I am sure that the student body, faculty, and college administration share my pride in VERITAS. This first edition represents the hard work of many people - but its eventual success depends on us all.
-Noel Lee Allen
President, S.G.A.

Senate Summary

By MORROW MILLER

The Fall session of the Elon College Student Senate was called to order on September 25, 1968, by Mr. Paul Bleiberg. Although there were no bills voted upon, there were still several important developments.

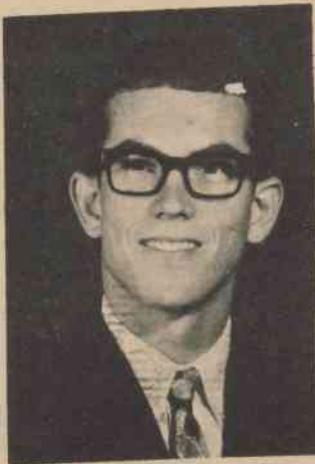
Before the consideration of the bills several announcements were made concerning procedure and practice of the Senate. From now on all bills have to be presented to the secretary for final preparation thirty-six hours before the Senate convenes. Another announcement encouraged better participation of the Senators in their respective committees. This will enable the Senate to function more efficiently, since there will be less time spent for debate on the Senate floor.

The first bills presented to the Senate this semester were all put in committee for further study. The first of these bills will be discussed by the Senate in the near future. Most of these bills were authored by Mr. Bill Walker.

There were also several resolutions passed at the last meeting. The first of these resolutions requests that Summer School schedules be published by March first and Fall schedules be published by April first. The second resolution calls for the Registrar to register classes in descending order. The third resolution suggests that Bermuda Shorts can be worn from May 1 to September 30, with no degeneration in the high standards of the school.

Letters To The Editor

The Veritas welcomes all letters; however, due to a lack of space, we reserve the right to be as selective as necessary in our choice of letters for publication. Moreover, we reserve the right to delete from any correspondence. Those wishing to write to this newspaper should address their letters to - EDITOR, P.O. Box 1635, Elon College. Brief communications will receive preference.



Noel Allen

The day will come when there will be few streets available for the parking of motor cars-- there will be too much traffic.

S.G.A. Religious Life Committee Resolution

An official statement of the S.G.A. Religious Life Committee on the second day of October,

nineteen sixty eight was the following, "We the Elon College



Robert Craig MacCrary
Committee Member

S.G.A. Religious Life Committee, consider the consumption of alcoholic beverages on this campus to be a matter of individual conscience rather than a religious issue. Therefore, we feel that religion should not be made an excuse for the prohibition of alcoholic beverages on this campus." The preceding resolution was signed by the following mem-

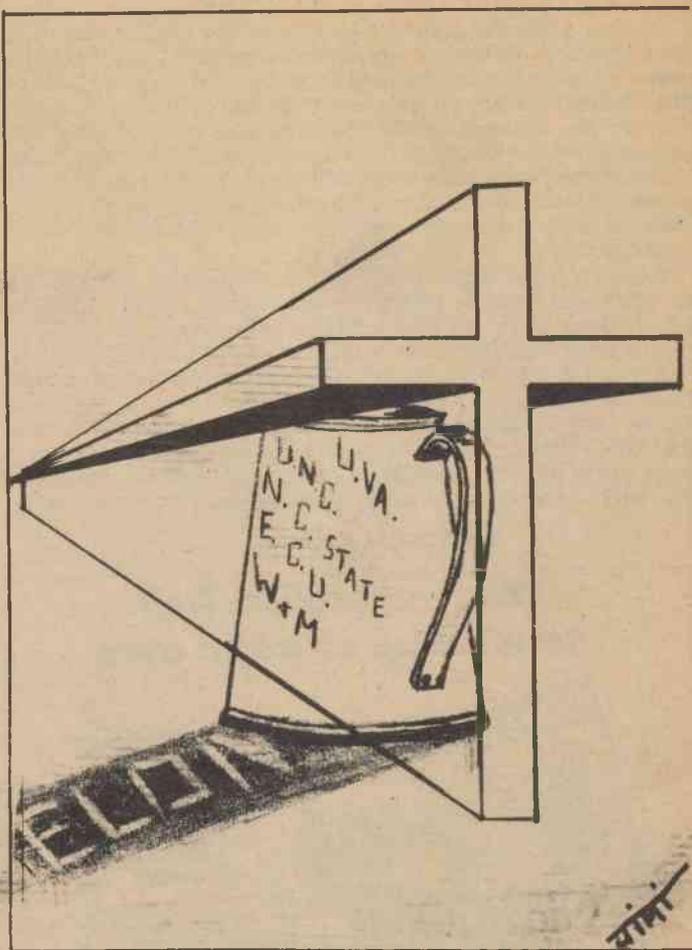
bers: Bill Bowes, Gordy Payne, Dennis Kopic, Jerry Schum, and Creig MacCreary.

The Religious Life Committee decision is very significant to the future of Elon College. The resolution was made after much discussion and thought on the part of the members. The committee feels that this reflects the feeling and opinion of the individuals on this campus. The members



Jerry Schumm
Committee Member

made this resolution hoping to express to the Elon Campus their opinion on the consumption of alcoholic beverages.



College or Church?