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## The War Of The Roses

In the Nov. 13 issue of this paper an editorial entitled "Coming Up Roses" appeared written by Miss Carol McKinney of the VERITAS staff. The following Friday her picture came out in the MAROON AND GOLD with those who had made Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Miss McKinney has recently received a letter from a certain administrator whose intentions we are sure, were Christian, but whose action was wholly unnecessary and unmerited. And the present remarks might not have been warranted had the letter been private; but copies were sent to the S.G.A. President and to Mr. and Mrs. McKinney as well.

Now this paper should not become a gossip media. But in the first few years after the birth of any publication precedents are established and we use the editorship now in attempts to stunt this particular action before it becomes habitual. The idea that even at college age, parents are responsible for the actions of their sons and daughters or that these actions are reflections on the parents, went out with hoop skirts.

The latter first congratulated Carol on her acceptance to Who's Who and then proceeded to admonish her for the editorial which showed "simple investigation and lack of maturity." Students who can investigate only simply and who lack maturity should hopefully not be admitted to Who's Who. The author also described the editorial appearing in the "SGA paper" as a "personal attack."

This is clearly a two-fold misinterpretation. That VERITAS is the SGA paper or even a spokesman for SGA is unadulterated garbage. We are largely self-supporting and the understanding from the day the bill authorizing VERITAS was passed, has been that it is the students' paper, and the students' spokesman.

"Coming Up Roses" was not a personal attack. If it is considered so, it is because the truth hurts the person responsible for the roses and the college in the analogy. An "apt comparison" was made between the two and the message was not that President Danieley spent more time on his roses but that the students don't receive the same cultivation and dedication. If this weren't true we'd be happy to get up in the morning, there would be a spark in the atmosphere, and we might feel pride now and again. We might then be in the "full bloom" of our academic life. This is the "apt comparison" and "though analogy is often misleading, it is the least misleading thing we have." Had Carol intended to make it a real "attack" on the "person" she might have sent it to his parents.

"Coming Up" thus exposed one of the roots of Elon's malaise and the insight came from a senior; a senior with no less than a 3.6 cumulative average. So neither can the accusing finger be pointed at her for inaptitude, nor for inexperience in this malaise.

We hope that this weak attempt to stifle a dissenting student and to call it to the attention of the parents as naughty will terminate here. Our parents really don't know that there is anything to dissent about unless they read this paper or hear it from their sons or daughters. But as Carol said, Elon students aren't even moved to talk about Elon away from campus. What most parents know is what they read in the flowery letters to parents from the College, or perhaps, in the MAROON AND GOLD where everything truly is roses. Criticisms of our writers should be sent to this paper to be printed with the Letters to the Editors, certainly not to their parents.

-R.S.S. -B.C.S.

## Performance Of The Odd Couple

On Dec. 5, 6, 7, the Elon players performed Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," at Mooney Little Theatre. The play was directed by Ed Pilkington. Speed was played by Jim Gillespie, Murray by Jeff Taylor, Roy by

Dale Kaufman, Vinnie by Tims Edwards, Oscar Madison by John Swain, and Felix Ungar by Neil Hening. Gwendolyn and Cecily Pigeon were played by Marty Lee and Janet Sylvester, respectively.



SCENE FROM THE ODD COUPLE

## SSL Meeting At Elon

On Sunday, December 8, 1968 the North Carolina State Student Legislature had an interim council meeting on the Elon College campus. The local SSL served as hosts for the representatives from colleges throughout the state. At the council meetings topics discussed were whether to raise dues; re-apportionment; the budget; and committee assignments and re-assignments.

The Elon College SSL has been very active. Two years ago, Elon College received the award as the best small college bill presented at the mock legislature. This year the members of the SSL are Don Tarkenton, Chairman, Noel Allen, Paul Bleiberg, Kay Savage, Phil Larrabee, Doug Landau, Sally O'Neil, Sherri McGirt, York Poole, and Beth Brinkenhoff. At the mock legislature to be held in Raleigh in February, the Elon College SSL members plan to propose a bill that would provide for absentee ballots to be available for these Americans living outside the United States and are employed by U.S. corporations with foreign-based industries.

## Coffee House To Open

The Elon College SGA Coffee House will officially open Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the card room on the second floor of the student center. Probable entertainment will be the Day's End.

Vic Rola, director of the coffee house announced that the coffee house was nearly ready to start and should be ready by Wednesday. The coffee house will probably be called "Cat Home." Coffee will be served and of course free entertainment will be provided.

While the coffee house will only open a couple of nights before exams, it will be operating regularly during the winter and spring terms. It will close around 10:30 on week nights and at undisclosed time on weekends. The SGA Coffee House will fill a long existing gap in entertainment and just simply having something to do.

### MEDITATIONS OF AN ELON STUDENT ON GOING TO CHAPEL

Clutching computer card in hand  
I rush to seek the promised land;  
"Lord, lead the cards of this congregation,  
Save me from academic probation."

Sidney Cheel



## Dr. Rhine Speaks At Student Union

On Wednesday evening at 6:30 Dr. J. B. Rhine, of Duke University, spoke in the Student Union. Dr. Rhine is probably the world's leading expert in para-psychology and one of the most prolific investigator in the field of Extrasensory Perception. He has written a number of books on this subject, which have shown a great

popularity among experts and laymen.

Dr. Rhine discussed the early development of his discipline, and some of the basic concepts of Para-psychology.

A reception followed his speech. Dr. Rhine was a guest of the Liberal Arts Forum.

In view of a recent threat to members of our staff, the editors of the VERITAS, have chosen to set forth some information for consideration by those persons who make such endeavors. Using a public facility such as the telephone for the purpose of threatening an individual in this state as well as in most other states, is a misdemeanor, subject to investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation or if necessary the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The SGA has promised legal support in any such instances. In addition, the National Student Association will send investigators and advisors to our campus if requested, to extinguish injustices.

A personal threat to any VERITAS staff member is certainly an infantile reaction to criticism, and not a very intelligent one in view of the consequences. Our paper, as we have emphasized, is open to all types of criticism, even attacks. Test us! They will be printed! If we do not receive literary criticism or attack, we can only assume that the consensus is that VERITAS does not need criticism, or that no one is taking the time to use VERITAS as a mouthpiece. Hasty and heated phone conversations do not make it with us.

Barton C. Shaw & Randall Spencer

