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'His Excellency'

On Founders Day His Excellency, the Honorable Bob Scott, Governor of North Carolina received a standing ovation and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from Elon College.

Disregarding his stand on other issues, his position vis-a-vis state institutions is most distressing and seems to be the product of a police state mentality. In short the Governor has established a policy of allowing the State Policy or the National Guard to enter a state university grounds at the Governor's discretion, without necessarily consulting the President or administration of the various states schools. Though this will no doubt insure a lightning response to campus disturbances it is also an astonishing disregard for the concept of division of power in government. The fact that the chief executive sequestered in the Governor's Mansion down in Raleigh thinks he is more qualified to pass judgment on a critical situation on a state campus demonstrates a most astonishing lack of reflection on the governor's part. Though Mr. Scott rejects this point it would appear that the administration and faculty who live on the campus would be most qualified to judge. For this reason, alone it is a question of real wonder, why Elon

would confer an honorary degree on a man who in many respects is an alien to reasonable education. Then the tour de force; he was given a standing ovation.

Regarding student activism, Mr. Scott was patronizing enough to say that some of it is healthy, but also stressed that it should be channelled into positive direction -- for example poverty. If there is any pocket of poverty it is in the executive's mind for he totally has lost the meaning of student activism. Activism for the most part, is positive; putting an end to reaction, anti-intellectualism, and hatred can only be viewed as a positive act.

Not wishing to belabor technical points, there still remains the question as to the legality of the good governor's degree. After all he received an honorary degree, which would imply that he is an honorary graduate. But if he is an honorary graduate,

it should be questioned if he has accumulated his honorable chapel points. If not, we sincerely hope that this injustice will not go unpunished, and recommend that Dean Berry invalidate his diploma. After all, we certainly could not tolerate a contradiction in our chapel system -- not at the rate we are going anyway.

Chapel Reform Possible

Tuesday, March 4, -- The Board of Trustees informed the student body that a committee would be selected, composed of faculty, administrators, and students to study the problems of required chapel. The committee is to report in May which will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration. However, the 20 point system will be maintained for this semester.

In an interview Noel Allen, President of the S.G.A. referred to it as a "token victory" for the student, but said that there are "grounds for hope for total abolition of the requirements for chapel." He also remarked that it "... was just as much an act of pacification, as submission."

Mr. Allen asserts that the students best hopes for an end to involuntary chapel is with the committee and thinks that most of the results will be apparent next year.



Gov. Scott Becomes 'Doctor Of Laws'

On Wednesday, the fifth of March, Bob Scott, the Governor of North Carolina, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Elon College. Governor Scott was introduced by Thad Eure, Secretary of State, who described him as "... A natural born and cultivated leader."

Governor Scott expressed his delight at being present at Elon's Founders Day and asserted that he was "very proud of Elon". After alluding to the history of this institution, the Governor praised the virtues of education without fear and stressed that the college is the center of change in the contemporary world.

Governor Scott then commented on student activism. Although he said "some forms of student unrest are healthy," he guaranteed that the cafeteria at Chapel Hill (recently U.N.C. has been facing a student strike protesting the low salaries of the kitchen workers) would remain open. Furthermore, he noted that the energies and knowledge of the activists should be re-channelled into new endeavors, as the poverty problem. "... It doesn't take any intestinal fortitude to tear down..."

The Governor then received a Honorary Doctor of Laws from Elon College and also a standing ovation from most of the audience though a few apparent dissidents however, were observed not standing.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley and C. Fletcher Moore, Dean of the college conferred the degree. The prayer was given by Dr. W. Millard Stevens, and the benediction delivered by Dr. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Governor Scott was a former Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina and elected Governor in 1968. His father was a governor of North Carolina twenty years ago, also.

Group Booked For Formal

Neil Henning, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee has announced that the S.C.A. has signed "The Originals" to play for the March 15th formal.

Black tie is optional for the men -- dark suits must also be worn. For the girls, either long or short dresses may be worn.

Pi Gamma Mu

The North Carolina Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu will hold its annual lecture next Wednesday, March 12th at 8:00 p. m. on second floor McEwen. Representatives of this national Social Studies Honor Society will be invited from throughout the state to attend the lecture and join local members at the banquet and at the lecture. The public is cordially invited to attend the lecture and the reception that will follow the speech in West Dorm Parlor.

Coffee House

Vic Rola, Chairman of the Cat's Love has announced that on Sunday March 8th Laurel and Hardy movies will be shown in Coffee house at 8:00. Admission is free to all Elon College students. Coffee and apple cider, will be provided. Future plans include the showing of horror flicks.

Token

In an announcement made Tuesday, March 4th, the administration has reduced the total number of chapel points from thirty to twenty for the year. Chapel still only applies to full-time students (those carrying 12 hours or more.) Students will be interested to know that all twenty points can be gotten this semester, but they must be obtained if the student desires to remain in school or to graduate.

Chapel Poll Results

President Noel Allen has released the results of the Student Opinion poll on Chapel attendance taken during spring registration. A total of 829 students made their opinions known on the subject. Partial results follow, and a complete breakdown may be obtained in the S.G.A. office.

For question #1, the choices (which were to be numbered in order of preference) were:

A. no required chapel for any

type of program

B. required religious chapel

C. required non-religious programs (Lyceums and lectures)

D. points only for religious chapel with fewer points required.

E. points only for on-religious programs with fewer points required.

F. the present system

G. the old required chapel system.

THE RESULTS FOR THE STUDENT BODY WERE:

1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	7th Choice
a) 724 or 87.3%	23	10	7	4	4	9
b) 9 or 1.1%	38	45	44	111	109	127
c) 12 or 1.4%	77	121	106	80	78	20
d) 21 or 2.5%	107	107	119	79	49	14
e) 21 or 2.5%	186	117	65	76	28	16
f) 24 or 2.9%	44	49	85	66	125	103
g) 17 or 2.1%	63	56	41	48	76	179

AMONG CHANGES SUGGESTED WERE:

1. No required chapel - 311
2. Fewer points - 31
3. Convenient times for chapel - 15
4. Program changes - 11
5. No chapel for working students - 1
6. No chapel for commuters - 8

Freshmen To Choose Majors

Beginning March 10, the Counseling Office will present a series of "exploratory sessions" designed to help all freshmen select an official major. These sessions will be held daily at 3:30 in Mooney III, until March 20, and will allow each freshman a chance to learn exactly what the major areas of study are -- what opportunities are offered by each, and the requirements of each for graduation.

Each day a different major will be discussed with the chairman of the department concerned presiding. Students may attend any (and all) of the sessions they are interested in or curious about, and at the end of each discussion session they can ask any questions they may have.

At the end of March, after all the sessions have been held, all freshmen will be required to return an information sheet to Alamance 113, declaring an official choice of a major. (This includes freshmen who have previously indicated a major.) Each student will then be assigned an advisor in his chosen department, whom he will report to for preregistration for the 1969-70 school year. In the event a student can't decide upon a major, a member of the Counseling Staff will remain as his advisor.

The exploratory sessions will be held in accordance with the following schedule: