

# VERITAS

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## "Reach For The Sky Young Man"

By RICK BURNELL

Although I realize that police officers have a job to do, it appears that in this particular area they thrive on the persecution of certain groups of people. As a white citizen and not hailing from what could be considered the "true south", I could not comprehend what a black man in the southern United States goes through. I say that I "could not" because that was before several encounters with the local police, both in Elon College and in Burlington. I now have some insight as to what it feels like to be harassed by the local police and can truly sympathize with some of the minority groups who have been going through this for many years.

The attitude of the officers involved in several incidents I have witnessed leaves serious doubt in my mind as to their basic intelligence and/or capabilities for performing their duties. In some instances there was nothing but hate in their eyes, and I really believe that, if possible, they would have commenced firing and killed us on the spot. Certainly they had good reason for giving us grief-after all, some of the students involved were long-haired "hippies" and one them was actually a "nigger"-what would George Wallace think? It seems natural for these "brain-washed" or shall we say "white-washed" local policemen to give trouble to people different from themselves. If you're not white, Christian, and crewcut, then you're in trouble in Burlington, North Carolina. . . "understand that, boy!"

What is it in these people's minds that makes them hate so many people and shun almost all new ideas? They hate the black man because their father did and his father before him and his father before him and so on down the family tree. They hate Communists and they don't even know what a Communist is or what Communism is all about. They also despise "hippies" and long hairs and do you know why? They hate these people because everyone else they know hates them too. I mean "Hot Damn", if your neighbor hates somebody you've got to hate him too!! Could it be that these individuals are so ignorant that they can't attempt to formulate their own ideas? They also hate anything "hippie" because the hip generation represents something to the locals that they can't comprehend. This "something" is freedom or in their case the lack of it. I'm not speaking so much of physical freedom because of the citizens of the United States have the freedom to do many things they would not be able to do elsewhere. The freedom I'm thinking of is the freedom of the mind-the right and ability to think as one wants to think and not as someone else would have them think. White Southern society dictates these people's ideas as it has for many years and as long as this continues there is little hope of converting the local population and especially the law enforcement element to a more civilized and humane outlook on life.

The following are four incidents that this writer witnessed and they have prompted me to remain indoors as much as possible.

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## "Operation Dig-In"

By MARK SHOCKLEY

On Wednesday, October 29, at 3:30 there was a silent vigil called for Professor Michael Smith in front of the Student Union. The vigil, which turned out to be a meeting, was coordinated by Randy Spencer and William Cominaki. They explained to the sixty or more students what had happened up to this time in the Smith fiasco. President Danieleley, it seems, called Professor Smith Wednesday, the day that Smith was to go before the Board, and informed him that the confrontation had been postponed for the second time. Danieleley gave him no indication when the Board would meet over this issue.

The students at the meeting then decided that everyone should confront Dr. Danieleley and demand some answers. The group, then numbering about one hundred, proceeded into Carlton where Spencer and Cominaki went into Danieleley's office where they remained for some thirty minutes. The students then returned to the Union where Randy and Bill explained what had transpired in the office. The President explained that the meeting had been cancelled because Thad Eure, chairman of the committee, had a temperature. He stated that he had no idea when the meeting would be held.

It was at this time that "Operation Dig-In" was formed. The students decided to begin by marching on the President's house that night. At 6:30, a group that had grown to about two hundred marched to his house by candlelight, chanting, "We want Mike!" There was no response from our President.

The Board meeting to make a

decision on Prof. Smith was to meet on the 29th. On that afternoon Danieleley was still not sure how the meeting was to be held. He had called the meeting because of one member's illness. There are thirty-seven members on the Board. It only takes twelve of these to make a quorum, all that is required to make a decision. This is obviously a flimsy excuse to call the meeting. He could pull these tricks out of his crown indefinitely.

"Operation Dig-In" was formed to mobilize the students to apply pressure on Danieleley. We can't let these arbitrary actions go unnoticed. Prof. Smith must be taken out of his state of suspended animation. If you give a damn about your school, then you'd better give a damn about Prof. Smith.

## New Department Takes First Steps

By DAVID BOWDEN

The Audio-Visual Department is a relatively new and obscure department here at Elon. At the present time it is part of the Educational Department and is located in the first floor of Mooney Building. Mr. Wicker, hired this year to work in the department full-time, stated although there is not a lot of equipment the machines they do have are fairly new.

Equipment available for classroom use includes motion picture, slide, and overhead projectors. A new video tape machine was purchased recently and

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## Senate Notes

The Elon Student Senate held its regular meeting on Thursday, October 23, 1969. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the speaker of senate Lee Loy. There were several reports, bills and resolutions presented.

Under old business, Chris Walsh, chairman of the food and cafeteria committee gave the results on the cafeteria poll. Also included in old business, Bill Walker gave a report for the exam committee. He said that his committee is working to abolish exams. Plans are underway to possibly have this taken place in the spring semester. Mr. Loy then said that there would be changes in the senate structure and also included new committees. He said that details would be released at a later meeting. Buck Cobb, chairman of the pep committee was questioned as to the progress of the queen's float. He reported that no progress had been made and no trailer at the present date. Also senior senator, Mike Smith was sworn in along with eight freshmen senators and officers.

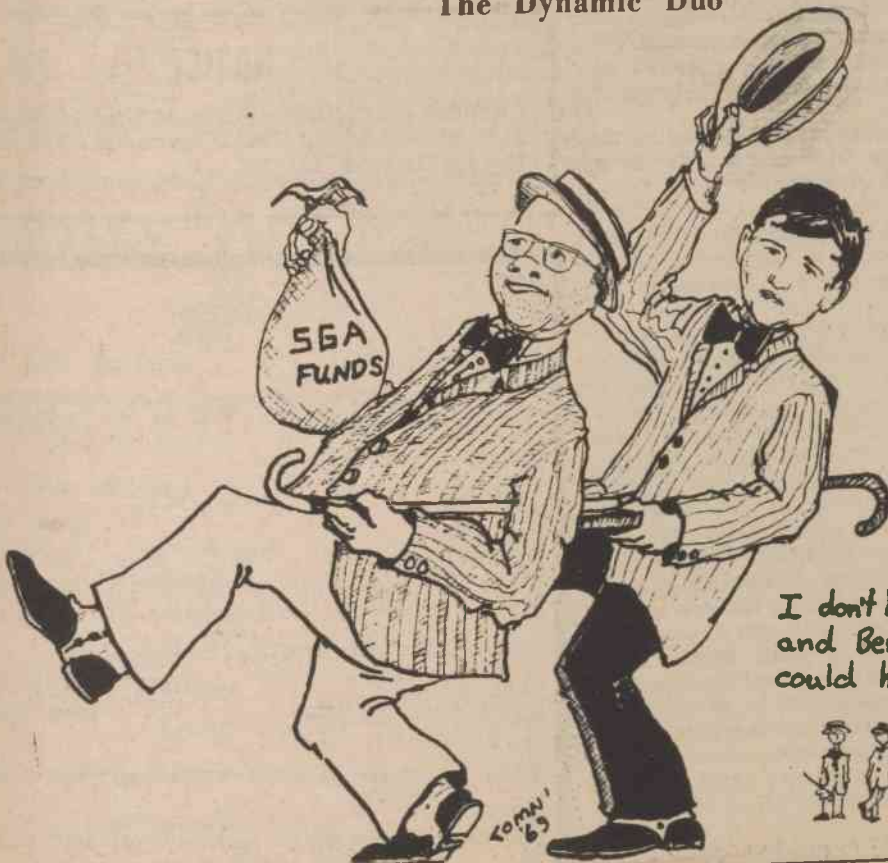
In the unfinished business there was an amendment to reduce the S. G. A. secretary, Chris Moore's salary from \$2.00 to \$1.60 an hour. The amendment was passed. Other resolutions passed were to put basketball nets around the gym parking lot and to construct new tennis courts. Also there was a resolution to have benches installed around the lake and under the oaks. A bill to place class funds under the regulation of the class treasurer was passed. A bill to purchase folding chairs to be used by the Liberal Arts Forum was passed. It was decided that it would save money as they have rented chairs in previous years. The senate also voted to hear a Certified Public Accountant to review S. G. A. funds at the end of each school year.

Also passed was a bill requiring that all senators be given a six hour notice before each meeting. This will protect the senators and maintain the reputation of the senate. A bill was passed to pay the secretary of the senate \$1.30 per hour and the S. G. A. secretary \$1.60 an hour. The secretary of senate bill be paid monthly and the S. G. A. secretary bi-monthly. Passed was the bill to pay the caravan to Catawba with the provision that each driver in order to get 5¢ per miles must have four passengers.

An important action of the senate was the passing of the bill to hold a referendum concerning S. G. A. dues. The referendum is to be held within the next two weeks. Mrs. Council spoke to the senate explaining the need for more S. G. A. dues. The referendum will allow students to have a voice on what's done with their money.

Mr. Loy then announced that there would be a meeting next Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. to present the 1969-70 S. G. A. budget.

## The Dynamic Duo



I don't believe Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold could have done so well.

