

"LETTERS" -- continued

Dear Editor:

The trivial Elon College Handbook strikes again! This time with its usual "bending" of ethical human behavior.

Recently, I have been acquiring orders for personalized stationary. I might add that the sales have been excellent and all customers have been pleased with their purchases. This stationary has been popular among most college campuses throughout the country.

The trivial Handbook struck November 8th when I received the following letter in my campus mailbox:

Dear Mr. Lind:

Information has come to this office that you are a campus representative selling stationary in the college area. If this report is true you are hereby requested to cease selling articles on campus as it is a violation of the Handbook which states "The sale of confectioneries or other articles is forbidden on campus, including the college buildings, without the consent of the Business Manager of the college."

Very truly yours

W.E. Putler, Jr.  
Business Manager

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CC Mr. Danieleley  
Mr. Hassell  
Mr. Davis, Bookstore Mgr.

I am not doubting that such a "rule" exists-----no matter how insignificant, trivial, or silly it may be. What I am asking is: Gentlemen, is this law humanly right, morally right, or ethically right? Who gives you the power to take money out of my pocket. Money which I need to further my education? Who are you? By selling stationary on the Elon College campus, I am certainly not cutting the financial life line of our Alma Mater. The Handbook, and the few people who wrongfully misuse it, is a symbol of the housecleaning that we sorely need.

Elon College is a fine institution with a beautiful campus--but, it is getting so bad that you can't "see the books and trees for the few people who stand in front of them." Gentlemen, Elon College is not standing still, but surging ahead of many institutions of higher learning, in many respects, with the times and methods changing rapidly. Why aren't the rules adjusted to compensate for our progress. If the higher echelon of Elon College doesn't like my brand of stationary, why doesn't the monopolistic bookstore offer something of the same nature? Please remember, Gentlemen, competition hurts no one.

Don Lind, Jr.

Dear Editor:

I read an article in the November 1 issue of the MAROON AND GOLD concerning the activities of Elon's cheerleaders during the football games. It appeared to me that this article was written without a great deal of thought.

It would appear that both sides of the story were not considered, for the cheerleaders can only do as good a job as the fans will help them to do. Although our cheerleaders are not perfect we cannot deny that they do put their whole hearts and souls into the job. Criticism of new cheers has always been voiced, but there has been a lack of constructive criticism, and this article was no exception. In order for criticism to gain hopeful ends, the critic should offer helpful means by which the ends may be accomplished.

Bob Gwaltney