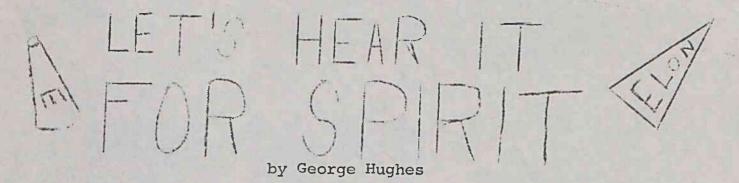
satisfied that we are only paying \$12 extra for those comfortable innerspring mattresses.

This year we, the students of Elon College, are paying more money than ever before for tuition, room and board at a time when money is harder to get than ever before. It would seem that the additional money we have been required to pay this year should result in the much-needed improvements on our campus. So, as we slowly freeze and starve to death, at the same time going broke in the process, the question arises: WHERE IS ALL THE MONEY GOING?

TL is true that the addition of the new men's dorms and student center (if they ever get it finished) is an improvement to Elon which we can all be proud of. Also, we do finally have reasonably comfortable beds to sleep in. Still, I fail to see where all the surplus money is going. In fact, there is talk of raising tuition, room and board to 900 dollars per semester next year! Until provisions are made for the necessities of life, such as an improvement in the quality of the food and installation of a heating system, I see no reason why the tuition of this college cannot be lowered to its former level.

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POST SCRIPT: Since the writing of this article, an event has taken place which illustrates one of the things I have been trying to point out. Grumbling about not having a lock on a door may seem trivial to most people, but this week I was relieved of a geography book which cost me over ten dollars because the administration of this college has not provided locks for the doors. It is reasonable therefore to demand that the administration of Elon College accept the responsibility for the loss and replace the above-mentioned book, since it was their failure to put a lock on the door. I hereby appeal to the Student Government Association to investigate this matter immediately.



While casually leafing through the <u>Standard College Dictionary</u>, I noticed the word "spirit." As I glanced over the various meanings, I came across the meaning which I have always used in reference to school spirit. It reads: "a state of mind, mood, or temper; ardent loyalty or devotion." This was supposedly referring to the mood or ardent loyalty for which most colleges are known. But as I read further, I came upon another definition: "a supernatural or immaterial being or thing."

At this point I dropped my books and began to think about this word "spirit" in connection with Elon College. Do we have what you could really call spirit in the "rah! rah!" form? If you are any kind of a reject, the only answer to this would be no. A big, fat and horrible NO! But when I thought once again of the second meaning of "supernatural and immaterial," I began to realize the type of spirit we have here at Elon.

People may argue that we DO have spirit. Well, when was the last time you saw a student go crazy at a pep rally? As a matter of fact, when was the last time we had a pep rally at which anyone was so enthusiastic that he had to be held down? You will have to go back a few years to find any of the really great pep rallies.

I blame not the cheerleaders, but the students who claim they are Elon boosters. How many students will you find at a game? I daresay the majority will be at Greensboro or out at the favorite taproom on Route 70. You may counter with "but I always go to the games." Well, so what? Any imbecile