

"Wave a magic wand; we want it now!" Life does not happen this way. Progress marches slowly, and those who are best served by progress are those who recognize progress when they see it and march with it, helping it along.

Elon is not perfect -- not by a long shot. And I am glad. I rejoice in seeing challenge and room for progress. Discouragement and despair might be possible if there were no indication of progress; but objectively, honestly, and calmly a student should look at the situations surrounding him. Is there no indication of progress? Is there no hint that someone cares about the students? And he must realize, as he looks, that his view of things is necessarily limited. Does he really know, for example, how Elon compares with the way it was ten or twenty years ago? Has he been intimately associated with at least a half dozen other small colleges so that he can have a real basis for comparing the status of Elon to real situations at other colleges? Does he really know how tuition and other charges at Elon compare with charges at other institutions? Does he really have concrete evidence that the officials of Elon are failing to do everything that is possible in the interest of students? These questions are just a few that might suggest that valid criticism must be carefully developed. Criticism and complaint can be stimulating, and at Elon there is always more than one ear open to listen to criticism; in fact, many of the ideas for progress and improvement have originated in sound criticism from people who believed in Elon and had faith in its student, faculty, and administrative leaders.

Obviously, I have permitted myself to broaden my comments so that they apply to more than the above article. I suppose I am trying to satisfy a desire to say to you, the reader, that the faculty and administration have faith in you, and we like to believe that you have faith in us and that we are working toward one goal -- your education.

PUBLICITY MAKERS

by Ken Hollingsworth

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the activities of the executive committees of the S. G. A. The series will attempt to give the reader a glimpse of the plans and projects of the committees.

"Our committee's function is to publicize the achievements of the students on this campus in the student's hometown newspaper. Our first objective is to do more than was done last year." These statements were made by Roger Wood, chairman of the Public Relations Committee. He revealed some of his plans for the committee as proof that he does mean to activate it. Wood admitted that his membership on the Homecoming Committee had prevented his giving much attention to working the Public Relations Committee at this time. Wood cited the first big project as publicizing the newly elected members of Who's Who. The selection of Who's Who will not be announced until several weeks after Homecoming.

"The College has statistical cards on every student," Wood explained. "When a student has received an award or some other type of recognition, the committee will write-up the story, pull the student's card, and send the article to the newspaper which the student has indicated on the card to which he wants the article sent."

Wood noted that all students could help the committee function more efficiently. "It would greatly aid us in publicizing more students here at Elon if a student will notify us when he receives an award, citation, or is involved in some newsworthy activity. Of course, the committee will be aware of the main recognitions such as Who's Who, Dean's List, football awards, etc.