

VIEWPOINT

by David Johnson

Some Elon students—and, regrettably, a few faculty members—have been playing a new game called "Misinterpretation." The only necessary equipment is the first issue of this year's CAMPUS CRIER, specifically my editorial on school spirit, etc. The object of this game, apparently, is to misread and misquote as much as possible, make wild accusations and threats, and behave in an unreasonable manner. (Maybe the CRIER will replace LSD!) The end result is that I have been condemned and praised for supposedly advocating certain things (such as abandonment of the entire athletic program) which were never even inferred by my article.

The most absurd notion in this whole controversy is that somehow I libelled the head football coach. If disagreeing with someone on an important question constitutes libel, then we'd better hold a funeral for freedom of speech on this campus. I certainly have no ax to grind against any individuals in the Athletic Department, except that some of them tend to minimize or ignore the amount of support they are receiving this year from Student Government.

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