

MAROON AND GOLD

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DEATH CLAIMS FRANK DERITA

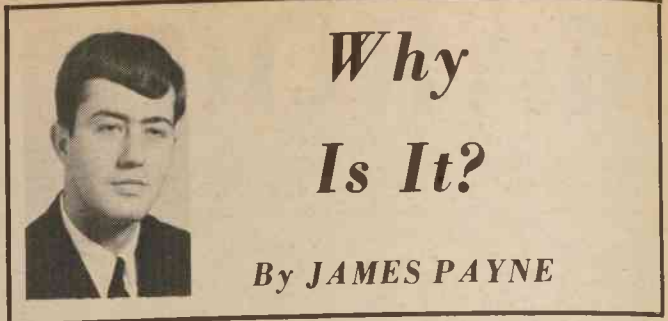
The Elon College campus was saddened when Frank Derita, 31, one of Elon's finest basketball stars of a decade ago, died in Brooklyn, N.Y.,

on July 26th after a lengthy period of failing health and several weeks of critical illness.

Derita, a native of Brooklyn, entered Elon in 1954 and for four years played on Fighting Christian cage squads, having

played as a starter on the two Elon teams which went to the national NAIA tournaments in Kansas City in both 1956 and 1957.

The big Brooklyn boy averaged 10.2 points per game in more than 100 games during his four-year career here.



Why Is It?

By JAMES PAYNE

Why is it that every fall semester freshmen and upper-classmen alike always complain about the terrible way registration is carried out? Where is the blame for this so-called atrocity against the student placed? I'll tell you, right smack in the lap of the Registrar's Office. It's true that registration is no church picnic but no one is expected to enjoy it. Also don't think that the Registrar's personnel are the ones that have the gravy train, for over 40 hours of work were put into registering students during the three days set aside for this complicated task. Thus, I think the time has come to place the blame for the chaos that develops during registration in the right place.

First of all, since freshmen do not pre-register, one expects some confusion. One of the biggest complaints ran along these lines, "Boy, did I get done? They closed me out of History 111-A." One cannot blame the Registrar's Office for this because class enrollment is determined by the nature of the course and the student seating capacity of the classroom. Another complaint was similar to this, "Having moved slowly to the front of the registration line, I was told the class was closed and that I was to return to see my advisor." This could be very discouraging but I found that much of the blame for this waste of time should be placed on the student himself and his advisor. The reason is this; some advisors to students were consistently trying to enroll students in courses that had been closed out the day before. There was no excuse for this because the Secretary to the Registrar announced the closing of classes as they occurred. Also, if students had listened carefully to the announcements concerning the closing of classes, they could have saved themselves time by stepping out of the registration line and returning to their advisors if a class had been closed out while they were waiting in line to register. Instead they stood in line wasting time that they themselves could have prevented. Again confusion arose over the failure of some advisors and students to place section letters beside courses (such as English 111-E). What difference does this make? Plenty! Class tickets are pulled by their sections not by the hour in which they are taught and also sometimes the same course is taught more than once during the same hour. Thus, correct sec-

tion letters could have eliminated still more confusion.

Now how about the upperclassmen who wanted to drop and add courses. This is their prerogative but why blame the Registrar's Office when the class you want to add is closed out. Had you pre-registered correctly then there would have been no registration line to stand in, only the business line (which is not a department of the Registrar's Office). Another problem which caused confusion was students registering at the improper time. A schedule was set up so that upperclass commuters would register one day earlier than upperclass dormitory students. This schedule was set up so that waiting in line for long periods of time could be shortened. What actually happened was many dormitory students registered a day early and confusion naturally arose. Where do students place the blame for this confusion? You guessed it, right "smack dab" in the Registrar's lap.

There is undoubtedly bound to be some confusion when some 1,500 students or more are registered in a 3 day period. Yet, much of the unnecessary confusion could be eliminated if directions were followed by all and consideration were given those carrying out the registration process.

Thus, a tip of the ol' hat this week to the Registrar and his staff for the fine job they did during registration and here's hoping that by next year more problems will have been eliminated.

In closing this initial "Why Is It?" of the year, it is noted that students may ask questions of the writer as a suggestion for topics to be discussed in later editions of the Maroon and Gold.

News Policy - Weekly Style

The Maroon and Gold begins its forty-eighth year of publication on the Elon College campus with this initial issue for the 1967-68 term, and with the beginning of its Volume Forty-Eight, the Maroon and Gold becomes a weekly publication after almost half a century as a bi-weekly or semi-monthly sheet.

There was a tremendous change in the Maroon and Gold just a year ago when the old campus print shop with its antique press and antiquated linotype passed into the realm of history. For many years the campus newspaper had been printed on the campus, but last year it was sent out to a commercial printer for the first time.

With that change of operation, the Maroon and Gold also changed to a tabloid size with smaller pages than had been used in previous years. That tabloid size will be continued this year as the paper becomes a weekly, and once more the paper will be printed commercially. This year the printing will be done by offset process, and the appearance itself will be somewhat changed.

With the change of form and the change of schedule, it is a proper time for stating once more the news policies which govern the Maroon and Gold. That policy is that the paper is published with the best interests of the Elon campus in mind, with the paper serving both students and faculty as a news outlet.

There is sometimes criticism from some quarters that college newspapers publish old news, but Maroon and Gold readers must keep the fact in mind that the paper and all college papers of similar schedule do not compete with daily newspapers for spot news.

Daily newspapers count news as "old" when it

is more than a day in the past, but college newspapers cannot count anything "old" which has taken place since the last previous issue of the paper was printed, and the very fact that copy for any particular issue of the Maroon and Gold is due at the printers from seven to ten days prior to the day the issue appears on campus regulates absolutely the timing of

stories.

As a matter of act, the Maroon and Gold and every college newspaper has an obligation to posterity which is just as strong as the obligation to present campus residents, and such papers must record campus events as a source of future reference, regardless of whether such events have happened with-

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Campus Comment

By Don Brown

Another year beings here at Elon College, and for a second year in a row we find the campus in a state of incomplete repair and more or less confusion as we return, and we do not have to look far to notice the new features of the campus, which run all the way from modern classroom interiors to new brick sidewalks.

We who were here last year well remember how the construction crews rushed the work on Barney, Hook and Brannock dormitories during the early weeks of classes, but this year there was no major work done on the various dormitories, and they were all ready for their student occupants.

A result of the constructional confusion on the campus this fall is the fact that the West Dormitory parlor and the television rooms in both West Dormitory and the Student Center, along with several other conference and lounge rooms, were turned from their original purposes for the daylight hours.

It became necessary to hold classes in these rooms due to the incom-

plete state of renovations in both Mooney and Alamance Buildings. While such class locations have been an unusual arrangement, we must commend the resourceful manner in which the classrooms were juggled around.

We are told that the renovations in Alamance and Mooney will be completed by October 1st, and the result will certainly be worth the delay. Anyone who has been in one of the newly completed classrooms in Alamance will surely agree that it is more bright and comfortable than in the past.

By far the most important and anxiously awaited improvement on the campus is the new three-story library building. To the casual observer, there may seem to be only two stories, but it seems that it was more expedient to put one of the floors below ground level. Such has sometimes been called a cellar, but our library really does have three stories. It will provide Elon students with one of the finest study and

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The GAY philosopher

A GOOD PUBLICATION IS ONE THAT TAKES PRIDE IN PUBLISHING SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ~ INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES.