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STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS?

SOME years ago the University of North Carolina newspaper, "The Daily Tar Heel," published an editorial concerning the merits and effectiveness of the Honor System at Carolina. In speaking of the system that has been in effect at the state university in Chapel Hill for more than half a century, the editor at that time said "If the Honor System is a symbol of Carolina's greatness, then I would really hate to see what is the symbol of Carolina's weakness."

Now we have an Honor System at Elon, and because we believe it is a symbol of Elon's greatness and wish that it should continue to be so, the Maroon and Gold is devoting a goodly portion of the space on its editorial page this fall to discussions of the Elon Honor System and to its implementation through the medium of the Honor Court operations.

Individual honor, functioning through the Elon Honor System, is an important part of campus life, reaching into the social life of the students as well as the academic, and it is important to the college that everyone have a thorough understanding of just what honor means.

No one is so naive as to believe that there are no violations of an Honor System, either here at Elon, at Carolina, or at any other institution, but continued effectiveness of an Honor System is in keeping with the increased emphasis in modern times upon the judgment of the individual and the gradual removal of arbitrary rules concerning every phase of human activity.

Under the Honor System, there is increased emphasis upon the ability of each individual to interpret for himself or herself what is right and what is wrong, and the Maroon and Gold hopes that by publication of various discussions of the Honor System and its integral parts it may be able to make honor itself and the Honor System a continuing symbol of Elon greatness.

THE HOMELY VIRTUES

We liked this list of the so-called "homely virtues," which some people may think to be out-dated in this day and time, but the list includes some of the attributes of human character which never grow old and which will never cease to win friends and influence people. These virtues include:

- To say "please."
- To be kind and considerate
- To respect misfortune and old age.
- To be honest, even though you don't make as much money as the other fellow—right off.
- To be slow to criticize.
- To be quick to forgive.
- To see the good in people.
- To carry around clean thoughts, inasmuch as "thoughts are deeds."
- To cultivate a happy bearing, a low, clear voice, and a good reputation as a listener.
- To lead but not to boast.
- To keep surpassing your best.
- To do one thing at a time, and that regardless of reward.
- To keep your eyes on jobs ahead and not those behind.
- To be calm and brave, if in the right, though the big crowd walks off. (It will come back!)
- To stick by your friends, come what may, if his heart is square.
- To bear no ill will toward anyone even your enemies. (Only big people have enemies.)
- To do the best that you know now and leave the rest — with no regrets!



a view from the oak

By MELVIN SHREVES

Test Shot Fails

A test shot for SGA President Fred Stephenson's non-athletic bus fund was dismantled on the launching pad by the Student Senate two weeks ago due to several faults in its construction.

The bill, drawn up by Stephenson and his "bus manager" Allen Beales, called for appropriations to send a bus to the Western Carolina game with an overnight stay in the Blue Ridge Mountains, a Sunday trip along the Parkway, and a visit to the Vanderbilt Mansion.

The main fault was an unavoidable one. The cheerleaders were to travel on the bus to the game. They wanted to go to the game, but did not necessarily want to take the side trip. So who was to pay for their expenses (rooms, meals, etc.)? Should the girls pay their own way if they didn't want to go? No. Should they take the money for expenses (approximately \$100 for 11 girls) from their traveling fund? No, they will need it for later football and basketball games.

So that left one of two choices: (1) pay the cheerleaders' expenses out of the SGA treasury, which would have taken another piece of legislation, or (2) amend the bill to delete the side trip.

The bill was amended, but there were other reasons, too. For one, individual expenses would run between nine and fifteen dollars. If a fellow paid his date's way, the expenses would be double for him.

The Senate agreed that it would be better to amend the bill so that a bus would take students to the WCC game and return on the same night rather than get only half a busload for the full trip and have to cancel it out.

So what will this mean to Stephenson's overall plan for non-athletic bus trips? This was a strong plank in his campaign platform last Spring, and probably helped him to get elected. It is a good program and should not be ditched if the students want it.

New Telephones

The College has signed a contract with a telephone company to install a new and larger switchboard to accommodate the new phones which are to be installed in the dormitories and houses soon.

The plan is to have two phones on each floor of the newer dormitories including West, and one phone in each of the older dorms and houses. They will be "free phones" for local calls only. The pay phones which are now in the dorms will be kept for making long distance calls. The LD calls can come in on the new phones, but cannot be "called out" on any but the pay phones.

This system will be a big help in inter-campus communications and alleviate the problem of crowded phones after the girls' dorms close at ten thirty. Much work has gone into this program for the personal convenience of the dorm students, and the powers that be deserve a slap on the back, a tip of the hat, and our hearty thanks.

The Inauguration Parade?

Anyone who has been at Elon for any length of time can fully appreciate every note played and movement made when the Elon College Marching Band takes the field at half-time. Not long ago, Elon had no band to speak of.

The man who got the band moving was, of course, Jack O. White. He came to Elon, recruited musicians from all over, got the College to fix them a band room, put them in sharp uniforms, worked everyone to his limit, and then took the band out for all the world to see and hear.

Dressed in new uniforms, they looked great. The show became a looked-forward-to event. The "We thank you" salute became famous in the Carolinas Conference.

The music was well-received too. The band went wild playing and marching, giving Spring concerts, starting a jazz group and a dance band, and really surprising everyone with their ability and determination.

Near the end of their second year, Jack O. and the Emanons (that's "No Name" spelled backwards) received an invitation to play a series of concerts at the New York World's Fair. North Carolina's Governor Terry Sanford appointed the band official Goodwill Ambassadors for the trip. The Elon musicians had finally become world famous.

And now the band is in its third year. Because of the fine work Jack O. White has done with the band, he may be walking up Pennsylvania Avenue beside the band in January. Sound far fetched?

Actually, the possibilities are great. If one of the candidates makes it, a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon will head the planning for the inauguration program for the President of the United States.

If the other candidate wins, Elon has a few connections there, too.

Young Republicans Back Goldwater

By DICK PRUITT
President Y.R.C.

This 1964 election could easily be the most important in the century. We as voters must make a grave and serious decision; as for me, my decision has already been made. For the first time in thirty years we have a chance to put in the White House a man dedicated to preserving the constitutional freedoms of the republic. It may be quite some time before the electorate will again be able to choose a candidate so committed to the cause of liberty. This candidate is my candidate and I hope yours also — Senator Barry Goldwater.

Senator Goldwater, almost alone among the political figures of our time, has had the audacity to suggest that man has the capacity for growth, that man has a mind and a spirit and a heart as well as a stomach. Senator Goldwater does not ask you to barter away one after another of your liberties in exchange for what the politicians are wont to call "security." There must be a higher purpose than to retire to a future of federal hand-out. America was formed on certain basic ideas and liberties. Slowly they are being taken away. I certainly do not want to become just



DICK PRUITT
YRC President

a social security number. Do you? The issues boil down to whether it is the destiny of the American people to become the servants of a leviathan state at home and to cower before totalitarian aggressors abroad.

The Democrats have painted the GOP as the "warmongering" party.

In this century seven Republican presidents have held office for thirty-two years and the Democrats will have held office for thirty-two years when the present Kennedy-Johnson term expires. There has been a war under every Democratic president. During the Republicans' thirty-two years — except for six months in 1953 before Eisenhower ended the Korean conflict begun under Truman — there was not a single day of shooting. Now, I ask you, on the basis of this record, who is the "warmongering" party?

Senator Goldwater has also been accused of being "trigger happy." Senator Goldwater was on active duty from August 1941 until November 1945. He actively participated in the war for four years. On the other hand, President Johnson was used only as an observer. Most of the time he was on duty, it was at a desk in San Francisco. I do not believe a man who has seen and been in a war would want to see another, much less start one. Senator Goldwater does not want to endanger himself, his family, you, the American people or myself with a war.

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over the bar

By PAUL ROBINSON



This column was entitled as it was for a specific reason. As stated in the first issue of the Maroon and Gold, it was the purpose of this columnist to discuss various aspects of Honor. The author assumed, perhaps presumptuously, that the reader would assume that these discussions were to be digested within the context of the Elon College Honor System. As a matter of fact, Elon College was cited specifically at various times as being an example of where these rather philosophical approaches to to honor could be applied.

It is now apparent to this writer that the use of Elon College in such a manner was not appropriate. There seems to be a rather widespread ignorance as to how the Honor System exists on this campus. As to why so few people are not familiar with the structure of this element is explainable, but this matter does not concern us now, so such a discussion of it will be deferred until a later time. Rather, I shall attempt in the next few paragraphs to outline the structure of the Elon College Honor System.

The Judicial segment of the campus is a branch of the Student Government Association. It exists separately from the Executive and the Legislative Branches just as the American Supreme Court exists separately in the Federal structure. This is not to say that the Elon College Judicial Branch is a supreme court. It is not.

There are three major divisions in the Elon court system. The lower court is the Student Council. The Interdormitory Council and the Honor Court are above it. Each court has specific cases under its jurisdiction and a defendant tried in the Student Council cannot appeal to another of these courts. In all cases however, the decision of each court is final as far as student courts are concerned. The only appeal a student has is to the Faculty Committee on Student Government.

The Student Council tries only minor offenses against the student body, and it is composed of two men, two women and a student at large. As is true in all cases in all of the courts, a decision is reached by the vote of a simple majority of the entire membership. In the Student Council it takes three concurring votes to reach a verdict.

The Interdormitory Council is composed of representatives from each dorm and is responsible for deciding certain violations which have occurred in the dorms.

As it might be said under the colonnades, the Honor Court is the stud. The most important issues are brought before this court. Again I might add that it is not like the Federal Supreme Court. Its organization and procedure is quite different.

First of all, it does not have the final decision in all matters. According to the Constitution, the defendant may request the Faculty Committee on Student Government to review the Honor Court decision.

The structure of this court is the most complex of all the courts because it has the most responsibilities. It therefore, needs more people to carry out its purpose.

There are three judges who are elected by the student body. (These are the only members of the Honor Court who are elected. The rest of the positions are appointed.) There is an office of defense and an office of prosecution. The head of each of these offices is appointed by the president of the student body. These two people are rising Juniors or rising Seniors. They in turn are responsible for choosing two assistants.

The jury is composed of four students and four faculty members. The student members are appointed by the president of the Student Body, and the faculty members are named by the President of the College. Each President also appoints one alternate. There is a different jury for each term. It takes five members of the jury to reach a verdict.

This is obviously a rough outline of the Elon College Honor System. Many of the fine details can be found in Article III of the Student Constitution in the Student Handbook.

Do you like this organization? If not, how do you think it can be improved. Discuss it in a bull session some night and tell a member of the court system what you think could be done to improve it, or write a letter to the Campus Crier. Just remember, any dimwit can find fault with anything, but it is a genuine challenge to find adequate remedies.

Pointed Phrases

Money talks all right, but in these days a dollar doesn't have enough cents to say much.

A pessimist is the type of person who prays for rain but won't buy an umbrella.

Most men need two women in their lives: A secretary to take things down and a wife to pick things up.

Young Democrats Support Johnson

By RUSS PHIPPS
President Y.D.C.

"Our tomorrow is on its way. It can be a shape of darkness or a thing of beauty. The choice is ours. For it will be the dream we dare to dream.

We of the Democratic Party confidently go before the people offering answers, not retreat — unity, not division — hope, not fear. We offer the people a choice — a choice of continuing on the courageous and compassionate course that has made this nation the strongest, freest, most prosperous and most peaceful nation in the history of man.

Let us now turn to our task! Let us now be on our way!"

And so spoke Lyndon Baines Johnson at the Democratic Convention at Atlantic City New Jersey when he accepted the nomination for President. Now then, let us reflect upon some of the key achievements and proposals of the Johnson Administration.

The Johnson Administration has declared war on poverty in America, setting as its aim to not only relieve the symptoms of poverty, but rather to cure, and above all, to prevent it.

The new National Food Stamp Plan enables four million unemployed or low-income people to get



RUSS PHIPPS
YDC President

more adequate diets. Low-income housing is being built at an annual rate three times that of 1960. Families are being held together by aid to needy families with dependant children. Previously, an unemployed father had to desert before his poverty-stricken family could ask for aid.

Through the new Manpower Training and Development program, 400,000 persons are being

trained to adjust to automation and technological change and advancement. More disabled persons are being restored to productive life — released from dependence on public assistance — as the result of greater emphasis on vocational rehabilitation. The Area Development Program enacted in 1961 is attracting new industries and stimulating new jobs in pockets of poverty. The number of families living in poverty has steadily declined under the Democrats and is today lower than at any time since World War II. The biggest tax cut in history has reduced income taxes of people earning \$3,000 or less by an average of forty percent.

There are about 35 million Americans who need a chance to develop their own skills or capacities — a chance for a good education, equal opportunity, better medical care, and healthier and more attractive environments. President Johnson's War on Poverty will give them that chance.

The Democrats through a wise and workable partnership with business, labor and all of the American people are giving this country the sunniest economic skies it has ever known. Americans are enjoying the longest and strongest expansion in history. This compares

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JUDICIAL OBSERVER

A View Of The Honor System

Some people think the Honor Court only works when its easy.

For some, college is the first great test of personal honesty. Progress is measured by tests and exams. Some schools have proctors sit in on all tests and examinations. Other schools rely on an honor system which places the responsibility to maintain honesty upon the student themselves.

The mechanics of both systems vary from school to school. But when you get down to brass tacks honor has got to begin at home.

How some students feel about honor.

One girl says that at her school the honor system is effective even though the penalties are not severe. She says the honor system is part of the tradition of her school. The kids at her school uphold the honor system because they feel they have been given a responsibility and they should accept it.

Another student says that he could leave his books anywhere on campus and when he returned the books would still be there. He attributes this to his fellow student's respect for honor, a respect that he thinks will carry over into other fields of endeavor later on in life.

Here is a boy from a school with an honor system that works. He thinks the reason it works may be because of the penalties that are connected with cheating and

lying. This tremendous penalty is expulsion and after this penalty a person can not get a decent job. He thinks this is about as bad a punishment as you can get in this country. In his opinion the honor system instills fear, not honor.

One young coed believes that top students do not cheat because they are after knowledge. The middle students do not cheat because they are afraid, and the poor students cheat because they have nothing to lose.

Another student feels that the honor system only works when its easy.

Another student feels that the idea of an honor system is idealistic. This student believes that absolute honor is unattainable — but he believes he can try.

How Some Students Feel About Issues

A typical college student feels there is a great deal of student opinion about public issues. He believes what students say is not always rational but they do have definite ideas and feelings about most things.

Another student feels that students do not take stands on public issues but only on campus issues.

Here is a student who feels that students do not take issues because of fear of repercussions. Mostly fear of offending family and friends.

Others hold back on taking stands because they feel their ideas

will probably change by the time they are forty. Some also believe that unless an issue really burns inside of you, you might as well let life roll along. People will turn out the same way no matter what a person or an individual tries to do.

One athlete can feel the apathy at his school. He thinks the students have an isolated world of their own. Most of the students, he says, feel that the really big issues are none of their concern. Topical issues often hit close to home, but he says one can never get an honest opinion from a fellow classmate.

The ideas for this part of the column have been borrowed from "The College Student" in "The Elon College Alumni News", April 1961.

The preceding paragraphs have dealt with opinions from students across the country. Here at Elon most of the students are too social conscious to become involved with the honor court. If you get involved you may become a witness. You may even lose some time and perhaps friends and popularity.

Sometimes we refrain from involvement for fear of hurting someone we like. More often, we refrain because of the fear of getting hurt. Sometime or other the aware individual is going to suffer the experience of an unavoidable choice. Perhaps we should give the situation some thought.