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STRESS AS HIGHWAY KILLER

One hears much said these days about "Stress" as a problem in modern society, with medical authorities attributing many emotional problems and even heart attacks to the stress or tension of hurried living, and a recent nationally-circulated newspaper column advanced the idea that "Stress" may be a major factor in the constantly increasing number of highway accident deaths.

The columnist cited a recent traffic study made in Chicago which revealed that a greatly increased pulse rate existed among automobile drivers on American highways. Using this finding of increased pulse rate as an indicated, the writer expressed the thought that emotional stress may be a cause for many fatal accidents.

The columnist was especially concerned with the thought that stress may be a big factor in single-car accidents, and he noted the interesting fact that the death rate in single-car accidents is twenty times the rate for two-car collisions. In that connection, the columnist said:

"Most of us tend to think of fatal auto crashes as involving two cars striking head-on. Yet, one out of every 74 single-car accidents last year resulted in death, compared with an average of one death in every 1,140 two-car collisions. Traffic accidents in which a car hits a fixed object or runs off the road kill and injure more people than any other type of accident."

The writer continued with the observation that liquor is no doubt an important factor in many of the "running off the road" accidents, but he also expressed the conjecture that many such one-car accidents may be due to heart attacks behind the wheel, such attacks being almost impossible to recognize as such after a fatal crash.

"Otherwise," the writer asked, "Why should the death rate in single-car collisions be 20 times the rate of death in two-car collisions? After all, running head-on into another car gives a much greater velocity than running into a fixed and stationary object."

It was also pointed out that stress often develops feeling of frustration, and also that study reveals the automobile as a frequent weapon in American society, a means of discharging aggression, frustration and competition, with many men using the automobile as a symbol of superiority, of virility and vengeance for real or fancied ills.

The study reported that the increased pulse rate among motorists was found more often among those going to or returning from work, induced perhaps by emergencies, disagreements or pressures of jobs and the resulting frustration.

It all offers an interesting theory that, since the speeded pulse rate might indicate possibility of a heart attack for the motorist, there may be a hitherto unrecognized factor involved in America's growing traffic death rate, and one might urge drivers to slow down before getting into their cars as well as afterward.

A gossip is someone who takes a dead secret and puts life into it.
When a girl suddenly slaps a boy in public, she is usually pinch-hitting.
A small town is where a fellow doesn't have to explain how he got a black eye.
As one race horse said to another, "I don't remember your mane, but your pace is familiar."



a view
from
the oak

By
MELVIN SHREVES

Mid-Winters

At least one-third of the three-part Mid-Winters that Elon observed two weekends ago was a big success, for the Friday night's dinner dance in McEwen turned out a good crowd, all decked out in their cocktail party best.

Approximately 200 couples were in attendance when the SGA vice-president placed the crown gingerly on the beautiful Valentine Queen, Pat Dean. It's a wonder though, that many did not leave when he tried to place a crown on the future Los Angeles Ram, Rex Harrison, who was the King. The king was well chosen, but the crown just doesn't fit into the college social picture.

The Saturday night combo dance was well attended, but the crowd did not meet expectations, and the biggest let-down of the entire weekend (at least for the two people who signed up to ride the bus) was the fact that the SGA could not send a bus to the circus on Sunday afternoon. It had been a campaign promise that the candidate could not fulfill because his constituents — not the Senate — would not let him.

Movies At Last

But for those who could not fit the circus in their schedule, there is a hope left — if you're interested. With the return of Sunday night movies (the first since Christmas was supposed to have been shown last Sunday), the SGA president has recommended to the entertainment committee that it include in the spring movie schedule the all-time great flick, "The Big Circus."

Can you wait?

The Cry-Baby Challenged

The recently published Campus Cry Baby has been a controversial issue among some interested individuals, and this column would like to present an opinion representative of one side of the controversy.

This column is presenting it for several reasons: (1) The Maroon and Gold does not publish a "Letters to the Editor" column. (2) A letter to the Campus Crier would not appear until the next issue, which may not be for another month or more. (3) The reactions should be printed as soon as possible.

This opinion that we are printing was written by a former editor of the Campus Crier, Bev Powell. It should be remembered that her opinions are not necessarily those of mine and that defenders of the Cry Baby shall be given a chance for rebuttal in the next issue.

Miss Powell writes:

"I'm sure that by now nearly everyone has read the Campus Cry Baby. The first time I read it, I was impressed by its manifestation of yellow journalism; the second time, I was irritated; the third time, I became sufficiently enraged to 'do something,' a fact which should bring some joy to the anonymous editors — they got a reaction."

"Firstly, I have never been favorably impressed by opinionated articles written by persons who do not sign their names. 'The Guest Editors' apparently have a lot of opinions, but not enough nerve to back them up personally."

"Secondly, I noticed several 'cuts,' or as they so cleverly called them, 'Flashes' at various groups or individuals on campus. Although some of these digs may be justified, mocking a person pointedly and deliberately is not only unkind and rude, it's downright libelous."

"How many home games, or away games for that matter, have the cheerleaders failed to attend? It seems that a group of girls who work as hard as the cheerleaders should get more credit than they do, even from those of us who don't make the squad."

"As for the women's IDC, it has been heretofore supposed by the members of that group that the girls we represent want us to be fair. If this fairness encompasses taking back 'Call Downs,' why not? Also an editor should check the accuracy of his source. The words, 'almost always' cannot be a majority. I think that a majority of 'Call Downs' have not been taken back."

"As a last point of interest, why is it that the Student Body is the brunt of so much criticism. It seems that the student in general is constantly being blamed for something. He doesn't participate! He makes lousy grades! He's a coward! He won't support the team!"

"Why don't we leave the poor student alone? If he doesn't want to join committees, clubs and staffs, go to games, yell, turn news into the editor or do anything but study, then let him! He might be smarter than all of us who stay up all night writing columns and news stories, because he makes it to class on time with his lesson prepared."

"And he doesn't make as many enemies!"

Lesson Learned

Freshman to English professor at end of term:

"Thanks. You was a very good teacher."

Former Elon Prof Is Author Of Novel

A life-long struggle between stubborn pride and bitter poverty furnishes a background theme that runs like a skein of yarn through "Time Was," which has just appeared as the first novel to be published from the pen of John Foster West, a former member of the English faculty at Elon College.

The vividly told story of life and labor on a poor farm in the North Carolina hill country made its appearance in an attractive jacket, which portrays a tiny mountain cabin against the gold of a mountain grain field, the blue of a mountain sky and the darker and almost black blue of the mountains themselves.

Those of the Elon faculty who knew John Foster West during almost a decade when he was a member of the Elon College English department know and share the pride which the author surely must have felt in this appearance of his first novel, for they know that its publication marked the realization of an ambition and dream of many years for him.

Back when John Foster West first joined the Elon faculty in the fall of 1949, he was already writing thousands of words and aiming at the publication of his "first novel," so this appearance of "Time Was" is the realization of an old dream.

Driven by a never-ceasing urge to write, West wrote numerous short stories and even had a book of original poems published in 1951, but the short stories and the poems were only stepping stones to a novel. He wrote and himself rejected hund-



JOHN FOSTER WEST

Publishes Novel

reds of pages, always seeking to come forth with his novel, the novel which he knew he could write.

The author's friends among faculty members and students at Elon College had faith that he would attain his objective, and they were not surprised in the least when informed recently that West's "Time Was" had come from the presses of Random House and would soon be on the shelves of the book stores.

West himself moved on from Elon College in 1958 after nine years on the Elon campus, where he taught creative writing along with his regular English classes in grammar and literature and where he served as faculty sponsor for the campus literary magazine during a nine-year period from 1949 until 1958.

He went from Elon to Old Dominion College in Norfolk, where he has been teaching since and where he completed his long-planned novel.

There is much of the autobiographical in this novel, for John Foster West himself is a native of the Western Carolina mountains and was born on a small mountain farm, just as was John Matlock Ward, the hero and principal character of "Time Was," so West knows first-hand the life and the character of mountain tenant farmers.

As a matter of fact, the statement that John Matlock Ward is the here a principal character is, perhaps, a misstatement, for the novel is more closely related throughout to Will Ward, the father of John Matlock Ward, and the surly and unyielding father of the Ward family, who quite literally fought almost all his life to hold possession of the poor mountain farm in Wilton County, just because the land had been Ward family land since early settlement in the area.

It is that pride in land, family land, which drove Will Ward in his fight with poverty, through days and years of backbreaking labor and in his at times tyrannical domination of his wives and his children. It is that pride which drives him on when tragedy strikes and when his children bring anguish with their actions and when they desert him one by one to go elsewhere.

The description and characterization in "Time Was" is vivid and at times brilliant, and the language in

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Sigma Mu Sigma Has Elon Anniversary

During the early months of 1965 Lambda Chapter of Sigma Mu Sigma will be celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of its founding on the Elon College Campus.

Actually the fraternity can trace its roots back to the fall of 1949 when the Elon College Masonic Club was organized on the campus. Early in 1950 that club was chartered by the National League of Masonic Clubs. The organization came into being to provide Masonic fellowship for the members of the Masonic Fraternity who were away from their home lodges while in college. The membership was limited to men who were Master Masons.

The Elon College Masonic Club was short lived. Early in February of 1950 the group decided to seek a charter from Sigma Alpha Chi — Square and Compass Fraternity, which had been established as the Square and Compass Club at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1897, and was chartered by the State of Virginia on May 12, 1917. With the aid of Dr. William Mosely Brown, an Elon College faculty member and the national president of the fraternity, a charter was obtained and on March 21, 1950, Dr. Brown officially install-

ed the Elon College Square of Sigma Alpha Chi.

At the time of the installation twenty-three charter members were initiated into the fraternity. The charter members were Fred Allred, James Bowen, Joe Byrd, Coy Eaves, Ed Gray, James Hailey, Ray Hayes, Bill Love, Maynard Miles, Arthur Mizell, Paul Plybon, Douglas Roane, Maynard Royster, Prof. Allen Spangler, John Spirko, Alvin Terzino, John Truitt, Jr., John Vance, Charles Wallace, Sam Webster, Thomas Williams, Robert Wright and Robert Yates.

Sigma Alpha Chi did not limit its membership to Master Masons and the group decided to extend the privilege of membership to persons other than Masons provided that they were closely affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity and were recommended by a Master Mason. Before the year was over nineteen additional members were initiated and the fraternity was well on its way. Since then, membership requirements have been modified to permit any person who shows qualities of leadership and is willing to subscribe to the Masonic principles by which the fraternity is governed and to the "Declaration of Principles"

upon which the philosophy of the fraternity is based, to become a member.

On August 3, 1952, Sigma Alpha Chi merged with Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity which had been founded at Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, on Good Friday in 1921. The name of Sigma Mu Sigma was adopted as the official name of the fraternity at that time. Dr. Harry K. Eversull, who had received an honorary doctor's degree from Elon College in 1951, as chosen as the Grand President. At the same time Dr. William Mosely Brown was elected Grand Secretary. Dr. Brown continued in that position until the time of his retirement from the faculty of Elon College in 1961. His close connection with the chapter at Elon is commemorated by the annual William Mosely Brown award which is given by the chapter each year to an outstanding senior.

The primary objectives of the fraternity are to promote among its members a love of work for its own sake; a dedication to our country and college in loyal service; an adherence to high standards of honesty and integrity; a faith in the

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JUDICIAL OBSERVER

"Individual Thoughts On Individual Honor"

There is cheating going on now a days, or have you noticed? It is not only the not-so-smart who indulge, it's also people who are looked up to on campus — people who hold responsible positions. Who does it hurt because they are not turned in? — YOU! Your rights as an individual and your individual achievements have been cheapened.

Many have said in the past that they would not dream of turning any one in because the punishment for cheating is too harsh. Do you take into consideration that they know what the punishment is when they cheat?

So you do not want to be a "rat-fink" and turn someone in. So we have cheating, because no one seems to mind. So we do not need our honor system and the responsibility should return to the faculty. They can lead us around and we will not have to do anything for ourselves. They can wipe our noses, pat us on the head, and send us out really prepared to compete in the world.

The popular theory now is that there are such tremendous pressures on the college student that he feels that he must not, under any condition, fail. Thus he is compelled to cheat. This is all HOGWASH. If the

student cannot face up to the fact that he is going to have to work hard for what he wants, society has no place for him. There are enough wily-washy leeches in society already. WORKERS, THINKERS, DOERS are what is needed.

The big collective "WE" on campus, which is public opinion, dictates: "Do not turn one of your 'Fellow' classmates in! That's ugly, a sin, so what if WE get hurt when others cheat? At least WE all get hurt TOGETHER."

I am not like THEM and I have no desire to be. THEY are beginning more and more to resemble one form, with a large, useless head and a wasting body. I am an individual and I want the grades that I earn, myself. When someone cheats, he is cheating ME! My grades, the material proof of what I can do, have been made to look less significant by someone who does not have my capabilities but has my grades.

How about you? Do you have what it takes to be an individual? Do you have the nerve? Let's say that you don't approve of cheating but you don't want to say anything when your "friends" ask to copy your homework. You know how it is,

PEOPLE think that you are stuffy or worse yet, selfish!

What is wrong with being selfish? I do not live off of others and I do not ask them to live off of me. There is nothing wrong with helping someone if they are genuinely interested in helping themselves. However, I will not do others' work for them. They cannot benefit from it, and it is a waste of my time.

Ideally, for our honor system to work, we need an atmosphere on campus so that it would be considered ugly, a sin to cheat. Notice, that it is just the opposite of the atmosphere that we have now. Obviously our standards need rethinking. In a sense the faculty is at fault also. One sees talking, laughing, everything during tests. Laxed disciplines such as this cannot help our problem. However, to remedy our problem requires CONCERN from the students, and concern has the misfortune of being an emotion other than hunger, lust or greed.

If you are concerned, if you have what it takes to be an individual, take your stand and do not be ashamed of it. Be an individual. This is what distinguishes man from the lower animals.

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By
RICHARD GUNKLE



Springboard Number 1

How far should an educational institution go in regulating the moral activities of its students? Anyone with an awareness knows that there is much debate and criticism over this issue. Basically, institutions use either a proctor system or an honor system to regulate the activities of its students.

For the purpose of this discussion, I shall explore the honor system. Since no two educational institutions are identical, no two honor systems are exactly alike. Because no two systems are alike the answers to "what works" will vary.

Our honor system at Elon can be loosely described as sort of a contract. We agree to uphold the honor code and the various campus codes and to report anyone who violates these codes to the proper authorities. The benefits we derive from this are a sense of responsibility and self-direction. Ideally from this exercise of power, fairness, respect, and self control would manifest themselves within and outside the students. In other words, we would have a situation in which every student conducted himself as a Christian.

The honor system should be something personal and sacred. It is a code of ethics which governs a student's day to day relationship with other people. Dormitory and social life is to a large part covered by the honor system. Many schools have only a social honor system but here at Elon we also have an academic honor system which covers cheating, plagiarism, and lying. In reality, then, we have a combination of two honor systems: Academic and social.

Our judiciary system, like our system of honor, can be divided into two sections. The Student Council and Interdormitory Council handle most of the social violations. Academic violations and more serious social violations are tried by the Honor Court.

Basically we live in two societies: the Elon society and the American society. The American society is a primary involuntary association of heterogeneous people. The primary goals of this society by necessity have to be pragmatic rather than idealistic. Our Elon society is a voluntary association of homogeneous peoples.

We have here at Elon a higher intelligence quotient level than the American society as a whole. The goals of our closed society are more idealistic than pragmatic. These goals are the development of character, maturity, justice and self-realization. Some individuals who come to this campus are conditioned to a pragmatic society and when confronted with Elon's idealistic society, they cannot accept or confirm. This I think, is evident by the fact that some students tend to ignore our society when confronted by it. The problem is how to equate our two societies so they will work in harmony.

In the past, when the honor system has been extended or attempts have been made to clarify it, small, petty regulations have cropped up. Many of these minor regulations, such as line breaking and food throwing, are regarded as petty and many of us are tempted to ignore or violate them. The breaking of these unimportant regulations has led to a general laxity and disregard for the honor system as a whole. What we once took pride in is ridiculed and evaded.

Our honor system can only work when we, the students, accept and respect the campus codes. This means that everyone of us must first understand the codes and the reasons for their existence.

This cynical attitude towards honor is self-defeating. By evading the honor system, we hurt no one but ourselves. When a freshman arrives he usually adopts the outlook he finds among upperclassmen. We give the freshman a beanie, a handbook, and perhaps a quick lecture on honor. In his new environment the freshman has to cope with many different problems. It's small wonder he learns little about honor.

What we need is a letter that explains the honor system and what the spirit of honor means to the individual student. This letter should be sent separately from the rest of the material a student receives during the summer. This is a way of impressing the singular important of honor upon the incoming students.

Some people seem to think that the only function of Student Government is to provide buses for away football games and entertainment for Saturday nights. Remember that student government enacted the bills which are now our campus codes. If we do not like certain regulations, we should take steps to have them modified or removed from the student handbook. If you have a complaint, why not take it to your class senators?

If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad he should see it with representation.