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Mathatians Active Groups Of Students

By JOAN RIGGAN

The Mathatians of Elon College is a group of students who plan to enter into a full-time career of Christian work, along with any other students who are interested in participating in some aspect of Christian service while living in the campus community.

The word Mathatians, official name of the student group, is derived from a Greek word which means disciples or followers. Until last spring the Mathatians group was known as the Elon Ministerial Association.

The purpose of the organization is to offer each member a meaningful aspect of Christian service, to provide useful training and experience for the future work of its members, to benefit the college and its surrounding community and to promote Christian fellowship.

Membership in the Mathatians is achieved by submitting a written statement listing reasons why the student desires to become a member of the organization. Candidates for membership will be considered at regularly scheduled meetings, and they will become a full member upon approval by two-thirds

vote of the members present at the meeting in which the membership petition is considered.

The Mathatians hold regular meetings at 7:30 o'clock each Thursday night, with programs which include guest speakers, film strips and group discussion of various topics. The organization is responsible for morning devotions held at 7:40 o'clock from Monday through Friday mornings each week in the Prayer Room at Alamance 212.

The officers for this year include Joan Anderson, of Winchester, Va., president; George Cannon, of Newport News, Va., vice-president; Joan Riggan, of Macon, secretary-treasurer; Lindsey Wyatt, of Wilson, chaplain and parliamentarian; Johnnie Massey, of Burlington, historian; and Dr. Ferris Reynolds, faculty sponsor.

During the year the Mathatians participate in various outside projects. Every first and third Wednesday, members of the group are responsible for vespers at the Childrens' Home, and early this year plans were laid for the Mathatians to offer tutoring for children at the Childrens' Home with their school work. Plans were also mapped for the Mathatians to sponsor recreational activities for the Childrens' Home group.

Plans are in the making for a spring tour for members of the Mathatians organization. Last year the group journeyed to various churches in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, where they presented several worship services.

New members of the Mathatians are welcomed at any time during the college year, so all students wishing to participate in Christian service projects are invited and urged to apply for membership.

After studying her son's latest examination results, the mother told him that he showed every sign of becoming a complete moron.

The boy nodded agreement. "What," he asked, "do you attribute it to—heredity or environment?"

EDITS ANNUAL



BARBARA HUDSON

Hudson Is Editor Of Phi Psi Cli

Barbara Hudson, of Elkin, is the Editor-in-Chief of the Phi Psi Cli, Elon College annual, for the 1967-68 college year, working under the direction of Miss Marilyn Spencer, newly-named this year as director of publications, who has taken over the supervision of the annual publication.

Leslie James, of Roxboro, is assistant editor of the annual; with Susan Heatwole, of Alexandria, Va., and Dawn Leland, of Southern Pines, as art editors. Barbara Bugg, of Annandale, Va., is copy editor; and Amy Thomas, of Burlington, is business manager.

Others serving on the editorial staff include Sharon Cable, of Graham, as sorority editor; Larry Mabe, of Star, as fraternity editor; Delna Lineberry, of Alamance, (Continued on page 4)

Choir Tour

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the gatherings.

The first stop on the itinerary for this Georgia-Florida trip of the Choir will be at the chapel of the Emory University School of Theology in Atlanta at 7:30 o'clock tonight. After the performance at Emory University, members of the Choir will be guests in the homes of Atlanta residents for the night.

On Saturday, December 16th, the student singers will travel to St. Petersburg, Fla., and in that area the Choir will perform Christmas anthems during the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock Sunday worship services at the Pass-A-Grille Community Church in Pass-A-Grille, Fla., on Sunday, December 17th.

On that Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and that night at 7:30 o'clock the Elon singers will perform "The Messiah" in the First Congregational Church in St. Petersburg.

The 1967 season for "The Messiah" will close with a presentation in the Ortega Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, December 18th, and the Choir will return to the campus by Tuesday night, December 19th.



So What's New?

By PAUL BLEIBERG

A couple of weeks ago everyone received mid-term grades. This was the biggest farce of the year. Why does Elon go through all the trouble of putting those slips out? It is only a waste of time and besides, who needs all the aggravation they can bring about.

Don't get me wrong, it is nice to know how you stand, but it could be done differently. For the freshmen it is necessary to give them their grades and also send them to their parents, but this seems senseless for upper-classmen.

I think only conditionals should be sent to the upper-classmen and by no means should they be sent home. What I mean by a conditional is any grade below a "C". It would also save a great deal of time for the professor. By doing this, if a student didn't receive any conditionals he would know he was doing average or above average work in his classes.

So maybe the system of mid-term grades will never change, but is it necessary for cuts to be on the slip? Absolutely not! Some of the professors do not keep accurate records anyway.

This brings up another peculiar situation; the

cutting of classes. I must admit Elon is very liberal compared to other schools about cutting classes. However, there are some professors whose outlook on the cutting of classes is outdated, old fashioned, and totally unfair.

If a person has enough intelligence and is capable of understanding the material of the course without attending classes why should he have to go? Some professors even go as far as to shade points off of a student's average for too many cuts. And to go one step further, there are some who have been known to drop students a whole letter grade.

Such actions are completely ridiculous. Now if a person was a borderline case and cut class frequently, naturally, he should get the lower grade, but if he has the solid mark it should not be dropped.

Maybe you agree with me and maybe you don't, but the fact still remains that mid-term grades leave a great deal to be desired. I am not insinuating that the school does a poor job of letting a student know how he has measured up so far for the semester's work. I am only pointing out that there needs to be some revisions made.



A Song Of Elon

By KEN HOLLINGSWORTH

Elon is fortunate to have as its President, a man who is willing to listen to student problems and usually acts upon these problems. At the same time, the fact that in a school of over 1400 one man has to be continually resorted to for action indicates grave weaknesses in the administrative system.

Why is it that the girls must go to Dr. Danieley to get a response on their complaints of prowlers? Why is it that the school chaplain refers students who are concerned with campus religious life to Dr. Danieley? Why is it that Dr. Danieley is left the responsibility of solving the problems in the campus mail system because the switchboard has been moved to the rotunda? Why does the President preside over faculty meetings instead of the Dean? Why is the President in charge of chapel?

What is wrong with the proverbial "chain of

command?" Is it too indefinite? Are the lesser administrators afraid to tackle some unusual problem, because they may be accused or usurping power?

The more this column comes into contact with Dr. Danieley, the more respect we have for his many talents and the job he tries to do; however, we do seriously doubt that any one can spread himself so thin as to become an expert in the field of crime prevention, religion, mail delivery, and any other unrelated topic which might come up. If we do have such a genius as President of Elon College, may it be suggested to the Board of Trustees that they hire two or three more secretaries and do away with all other administrators. It would make things much simpler and more economical.

The approaching Christmas season intensifies (Continued on page 4)