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Beneath The Oaks

BY RUSSELL SCHEOTROMA

With the passing of another examination period and the beginning of a new semester, there seems to be a strong and growing concern about the upsurge of cheating on our campus. As concern over cheating grows, faith in the Elon Honor System seems to become weaker and weaker; and as faith in it drops, the Honor System's potential also fails. Some students have gone so far as to claim that the present Honor System does more to protect the cheater than it does for the honest student.

In the frequent student discussions of this problem, the angry finger of blame is often pointed at the faculty, the administration, and, most often, at the Honor System itself. No matter where one decides to place the "blame" for present conditions; something more

than angry idle chatter on the part of the student body must be done. Many interesting and possibly effective suggestions have been made, but unless these suggestions are presented to the proper authorities, they are little more than wasted breath.

George Martin, president of the Honor Court, feels that the problem stems not only from student unwillingness to perform the truly difficult duty of reporting another student for infractions of the Honor Code, but also from the attitude displayed by various members of the faculty and administration. As evidence of the validity of his view, Mr. Martin notes that many incidents of failure on the part of the students to perform their unpleasant duty, instances in which some professors have decided to handle cheaters in their own

Elon Drummer Wins Tribute

Don Stubblefield, Elon college sophomore from Durham, has recently been honored as a drummer through certification by the National Association of Rudimentary Drummers, being the first Elon musician so honored by this group.

The Elon percussion artist earned the honor when he passed successfully an examination given recently by Bobby Christian, world-famous percussionist, who appeared in one of the Elon lyceum programs during the past autumn term.

manner rather than following prescribed procedure, and the administration's lack of action when faculty members usurp the power of the Honor Court.

Mr. Martin suggests modification of the present Honor System to allow professors to remain in classrooms during examinations -- not necessarily as proctors but to definitely make their presence known.

The S.G.A. has appointed a committee under Miss Dawn Leland's leadership to study the problem. As soon as the long awaited appointment of the necessary faculty members of this committee is made, the group hopes to make a thorough study of the situation and to be able to present some potent suggestions for improvement. Miss Leland has readily agreed to consider any student submitted ideas. (Suggestions should be sent to Miss Dawn Leland in care of the Student Government Office).

The channel for effective student action on this vital matter has been opened, but it remains to be seen if the seemingly deep concern of the student body is really deep enough for advantage to be taken of this opportunity.

A tomcat and a tabby were courting on the back fence when the tomcat leaned over to her and said: "I'd die for you, you beautiful thing" The tabby gazed at him longingly and said: "How many times?"



Why Is It?

By JAMES PAYNE

Why is it that spring registration has become even more of a dreaded nightmare for the Registrar and his staff than that of fall registration? Is it really necessary for Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Johnston and other staff members to have to succumb to all of the daily hardships and problems that they are forced to face for about a two week period? Definitely not! I place the origin of at least 50 percent of the problems that arise during registration upon the faculty and students.

We all recognize that some problems are bound to arise when a small staff and office are given the job of registering some 1,500 students. My complaint however is the lack of seriousness taken by some students and faculty advisors during the pre-registration and registration period.

Among a few of the headaches that faced this office during this process were the failure to pre-register; improper pre-registration; a failure of a few professors to turn in final grades in time to be computed on the student grade sheets; the improperly placed duty of withholding student grade sheets until a delinquent fine receipt is turned in to the Registrar; unnecessary drop-add procedures; the receiving of blame for over crowded classes and similar actions. It would take the remainder of this semester to discuss these problems in detail in my bi-weekly column, yet it is felt that a few points need some elaboration.

Faculty members, in general (excluding one), observed the procedure of turning final grades into the Registrar's Office on time and thus eliminated the possibility of a few more additional headaches for Mr. Barnes and his staff.

However, during pre-registration consideration on the part of a few professors seemed to be greatly lacking. Evidence of this is shown by the way some student schedules were filled out and approved by their advisors. It seems, in some cases, that about as much consideration was given to this as one would give to the problem of how much a pound of feathers weighed. A few professors were very scarce during registration and had to be cornered either in the barber shop or on the first green in order to obtain their signature on a student schedule.

Students themselves are also to blame for the disinterest and lack of consideration during pre-registration, which is

evident in some instances by the great number of drop-add forms that were filled out after classes had begun. It is interesting to note here that two years ago approximately 1/2 as many drop-add forms were filed as there were students enrolled in this college. Although no percentages are available for this semester as of yet, I can assure you that the percentage will be high.

The first four days of drop-add procedures in the Registrar's Office looked like a clearance sale at Macy's Department Store in New York. Here we find some students who felt that his problem was more important than any other student and thus felt his complaint deserved precedence. As long as this student could rearrange his schedule to fill his desires then gratitude would be shown (in some instances).

However when he was unable to rearrange his schedule and found out that certain classes were closed, then about as many thank yous were found as Ponce De Leon found polar bears in Florida. If a person fails to give consideration to another, how does he expect consideration in return?

The Registrar's Office was also given the task of withholding the grade reports of those students who had delinquent fines to be paid. As usual some of these lists were inaccurate, and the above office was blamed for withholding grades without just reason while the fault really lay with the originator of each list.

A few professors complained of the over-enrollment and the lack of seating space in some of their classes. The Registrar is not in line for these complaints, for there are only as many class tickets printed as there are seats in the classroom. What happens is that students seeking admission to closed classes receive signed permission from the department chairman or professor (involving the course spoken of) and thus are admitted to the class. This causes inadequate seating arrangements in most of the classes.

A certain amount of confusion is bound to take place during registration but much of the confusion that did take place was unnecessary. My purpose of writing a second article on this subject is not so much to give praise again to the Registrar and his staff (even though much is evidently due) but to try to encourage faculty members and students (Continued on Page 4)

THEY HAVE ROLES IN ELON PLAYER SHOW NEXT WEEK



Three of the five student actors who will appear in the new Elon Player show in Mooney Chapel next week are shown above. Left to right, they are Bill Bradshaw, of Windsor, Va., Paul Bleiberg, of Wilmington, Del., and Gordy Payne, of Wayne, N.J. Others in the show, for whom pictures were not available, include Jim Gillespie, of Taftville, Conn., and Sam Roberson, of Burlington.