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Arts Forum Offers Cultural Programs

Five days of cultural opportunity will be offered to Elon College students and faculty next week as the student-sponsored Liberal Arts Forum presents its third annual series of lectures, entitled "Studies in the Humanities," featuring an outstanding series of lectures, concerts and other programs.

The Liberal Arts Forum is a group composed principally of Elon undergraduates, its principal purpose being to foster intellectual interest through public lectures. It was formed in 1958 and has been very active since that time. It staged its first annual spring lecture series in 1966 and followed with the second annual series last spring.

The 1968 program will get underway on Monday, April 29th, and will continue through Friday, May 3rd, and will feature no less than eleven outstanding scholars and lecturers, along with a world-famous musician, in the most outstanding symposium of the three staged thus far on the Elon campus.

The speakers will include Dr. Kemp Malone, of John Hopkins University, and Dr. Paul Murray Kendall, of Ohio University, in two opening day programs on Monday, April 29th. They will be followed on Tuesday, April 30th, by Dr. Alfred Garvin Engstrom, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dr. Osborne B. Hardison, also of the University of North Carolina.

A special feature of the Tuesday program will be the appearance of Igor Kipnis, world-famous harpichordist in concert on Tuesday night, following up the two lectures for that day. Kipnis is to appear under joint sponsorship of the Arts Forum and the Elon Lyceum.

Elon Faculty Judges For S. C. Contest

Prof. Fletcher Moore, academic dean for Elon College, and Prof. Gene Featherstone, of the music department, served as judges for the recent three-day piano contests staged by the South Carolina division of the Music Educators' National Conference.

Dean Moore has served as judge for this contest for many years, and Prof. Featherstone joined him the past two years. This year, Prof. James Clyburne, an Elon graduate, now at Meredith, added still more Elon flavor to the event.

The three-day contests were held at Rock Hill, Estill and Columbia in South Carolina.



Beneath The Oaks

BY

RUSSELL SCHETROMA

Elon's catalogue proudly proclaims "Students of Elon College govern themselves..." This is indeed something to be proud of, if it were true; but anyone living here for a semester or so knows better than to accept all publicity statements at first sight. While it is true that we have a Student Government Association, which includes an Honor Court to try offenders against the Honor Code, something is obviously lacking.

In the Judicial Branch of our government the lack appears to lie in the

fact that we not only have an Honor Code, but also a Campus Code, and separate regulations governing dormitory life. Infractions of each of these various codes are tried by separate courts.

The decision as to which court gets which case is often a difficult one to make. Decisions of the student-faculty courts are subject to review by the Administration, and in reality there is no clear line marking the boundary between the authority of student courts and administrative action. Some dormitory rule infrac-

NEW PROFESSOR



DR. ROBERT W. DELP

Delp To Join Elon Faculty For 1968-69

Dr. Robert Worley Delp, whose special field of interest is American history, will join the Elon College faculty as a member of the Department of History and Social Science for the coming 1968-69 year.

Dr. Delp, who is native of North Carolina, is a graduate of Davidson College, later studied at the Lancaster Theological seminary in Pennsylvania and received both the Master of Arts and the Doctor of philosophy degrees in history from George Washington University.

He will come to Elon from Atlantic Christian College, where he has been teaching in the history department since completing his doctoral work at George Washington in 1965.

He has written several articles, the most recent being entitled "Andrew Jackson Davis; Prophet of American Spiritualism." His current research project is a study of social implications of American spiritualism in the Nineteenth Century. He holds membership in a number of professional groups.



Why Is It?

By JAMES PAYNE

Why is it that the United States is not winning in Viet Nam? Is it because the Johnson Administration is afraid of the nuclear strength of Russia?

In September of 1966 Secretary of State Dean Rusk testified before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee and stated that "acceleration of the war in Viet Nam could move into an area of conflict that would knock out 300,000 people in the first hour." He further stated that "the effort has been to take the action necessary to sustain the peace and to prevent a course of aggression from being launched and to prevent the United States from becoming involved in an all out general war."

When Rusk spoke about "knocking out 300,000 in the first hour" in a "general war", it seems he was referring to a nuclear exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States. When speaking of preventing "a course of aggression from being launched," is he not probably referring to an attack on the United States by the Soviet Union (It is very obvious that the United States will not attack the Soviet Union first)?

On August 25, 1967, Robert McNamara in a prepared statement to the

tions are handled by the interdormitory council and some by direct administrative action. Traffic violations are handled by the administration.

The handbook each student receives at the beginning of each year contains a vast array of rules and regulations. Many of these regulations are completely outdated. Administrative officials realize this and do not enforce these outdated rules. This is certainly kind and considerate, but not very wise.

Whenever a group decides to enforce only certain of its rules and to overlook others, a general laxity is bound to invade the entire legal system. The outdated laws should not be merely overlooked -- they should be removed from the code!

We are coming to the time when a new administration will take office in the S.G.A. The new officers are willing to work as hard as they can to make Elon a better school and a much more pleasant place at which to live and study. But the student body itself cannot rest content to leave all decisions and actions to the officers of the S.G.A.

Senate stated that "an excruciating air campaign against North Viet Nam would involve risks to our personnel and to our nation that I am unable to recommend." What risks? From who?

There is no way that North Viet Nam can hit the United States nor is there any way that Red China (at the present) can hit the United States. Only the U.S.S.R. has at the present the capability of hitting this country.

In the last five or six years, because of ever-increasing spending for the war in Viet Nam, the nuclear strength of the United States has been reduced. High ranking military authorities have stated that in 1967, the Soviet Union caught up with and began surpassing the nuclear strength of this country.

Does this all mean that the present administration will not destroy most of the strategic targets that have not been bombed, and will not put a real effective blockade on the port of Haiphong, because they are afraid of provoking a Soviet nuclear attack against the United States? The United States has lost its nuclear superiority which it had six years ago and also lacks an anti-missile defense. Is Johnson just plain afraid of Russia?

Each student must be willing to act as a member of the S.G.A. and bring to the attention of the elected officials those areas in which work must be done. The S.G.A. can only be as powerful and as effective as its members want it to be. Now is the time for decisive action-- action which will determine whether Elon students will indeed govern themselves or whether they are satisfied with the status quo.

From the frequent complaints over present conditions heard around campus it seems inconceivable that the status quo is satisfactory to the student body as a whole, yet few students seem willing to take the responsibility for change upon themselves.

The changes necessary to overcome the weak spots in Elon's student governmental set up outlined above can only come about when the student body as a whole rises and unites within the S.G.A. to demand them. Anything less than total support of every S.G.A. member can result in nothing more than a continuance of the present near impotence of Elon's "student" government.