

FISH AND LOAVES

by Al Mann

Believe it or not, there are some Christians on campus who are concerned with the cause of Christ. And as there are many differing concerns, there are differing groups; each seeking to minister to the needs of the campus.

There are many individuals and three major organizations which compile Elon's ministry. They have done various things on campus including a number of chapel programs. The three major organizations are the Mathatians, the Baptist Student Union, and the E.C.F.

The Mathatians, a long established organization on campus, is composed of the pre-ministerial type, students and others interested in Christian service as a vocation. The Mathatians have been very active in bringing some outstanding scholars to the campus. We must truly thank them for bringing Dr. Selby, Dr. West, and Dr. Mead to the campus and allowing us to hear some interesting sessions in lieu of some run of the mill class meetings. Apart from campus activities, the Mathatians have established the Big Brother Program with the Elon Home for Children. The Mathatians meet each Thursday evening in the Prayer Room from 7:30 to 8:00. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

A second group, the E.C.F., is composed of all kinds, pre-ministerial students, young general Jesus freaks, and regular college students. It is a new organization, formed by students last year, and an organization still unsure of its

name. It is the Elon (Campus, College, or Christian) Fellowship, whichever sounds appropriate at the moment. Its main concern is the individual growth of one's relationship to Christ thru action groups, Bible studies, and other oddities. The E.C.F. is affiliated with Inter-Varsity, a national organization. The E.C.F. has regular jam sessions, fellowship meetings, or Bible studies (whichever term you want to use) on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the Prayer Room and at 7:30 in the Coffeehouse. These meetings are, as the Mathatians, open to everyone.

The third group on campus is the Baptist Student Union, founded this year by a United Church of Christ man. You don't have to be Baptist nor do you have to be dunked to join. The B.S.U. is a large organization with chapters on several colleges in North Carolina alone. It adds another dimension to fellowship on the campus. It has access to films and other aides through B.S.U.'s regional offices. The meetings occur on Monday nights, the time and place is posted in the Rotunda of Alamance along with the topic of the session. These meetings, likewise, are completely open to all.

All three groups have a common experience. Each group has teams go into the local and no-so-local churches to conduct worship services and task sessions with the congregations.

This is by no means all that happens, but its all that was just written up.



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PRISON TUTORS

Numerous Elon College students have been in prison this school year but not as prisoners; instead they have tutored the inmates at Graham Prison in nearby Graham County.

Graham Prison, a minimum security unit, has teaching programs established Monday and Wednesday nights to further the education of its constituents. Students have served as tutors since 1972 but participation had almost doubled since the coming spring semester.

Students have been meeting in front of Alamance Building at 7:00 and leaving the prison anywhere from 8:30 to 9:00. Spanish, English, mathematics, biology and reading round out the areas being taught. The education of each inmate varies, some have had less than high school while others have secured a college degree.

"I am really impressed with some of the talent among the inmates and wish it could be developed more fully," said Patsy Lynch. "Sometimes I feel like they are teaching me more than I teach them." Overall, the reactions of the tutors involved are highly favorable.

Plans are currently underway to secure this teaching program as an independent study course for the upcoming fall semester. "Nothing definite has been established but there is a good chance that students will have the opportunity to teach these inmates and obtain a three-hour course credit, explained Debbie Cochran."

"I feel that all individuals seeking a teaching degree at Elon would greatly benefit from this program," cited Judy Dean. "It would make the person more well rounded and be able to see life from the other side."

competent person and has been doing a good job in this area and there have been a number of programs that have been developed. This American Institute of Banking program has been inaugurated; the Eclipse Program; phase I and II, is being established. I do see where that can be developed further. At the right time I'll get to that, hopefully, and we can deal not with just English to assist students, but can deal with Math and counseling.

"I'm very much interested in developing programs that are in demand with the full time student and I think that I sense here an interest in a nursing program, but I don't know for sure. It's one of those things that is still up in the air."

"Where I came from, I had an urban-oriented college, so I developed all kinds of programs to serve the community, for example the evening school. Here our evening school has become a small thing. I want to give that a careful look, sometime in the future, and see what we can do with that in service to the community as well as the student, because night classes can give students more flexibility in scheduling."

"I'm very much interested in the Winter Term courses and what we can do to enlarge dimensions in affective learning, where we involve ourselves in what we are doing. For example, for a sociologist to have the opportunity to work in a ghetto, to work in parks and on playgrounds, or to work in some public welfare clinic is sort of a 'hands on' operation that you get emotionally involved in. This is the kind of thing that the Winter Term might well offer, the kind of thing I would like to see developed. Now I can't make a judgement on that program because I haven't really concentrated on it."

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As The Bubble Breaks

"As our story opens, we find Wanda Worrywart serving tea to her dearest friend and next-door neighbor, Bertha Busybody . . ." "Hey, quiet out there, we're trying to watch our soap-opera." Yes friends, it's that time of day which is devoted to television watching. Noise, if any, consists of oohhhs, aaahhhhs, sighs and sobs: an array of sounds emitted from the mouths of all who are addicted to the magic box.

Let's take a look at a typical college campus. As the hour approaches, we find figures scurrying to and fro trying to reach their destinations before the television awakens to reveal the continuing saga of melodramatic absurdity. Today, like any other weekday afternoon, one finds such shows as "As the Stomach

Turns", "General Boredom", "The Dumb and The Busted", "At The Knife's Edge" and finally, "All My (Illegitimate) Children".

The plots of these stories are marvellous: so and so is married to what's-his-name who fathered lunk-head's child and the story goes on and on.

The theme of all these "dramas" revolves around drugs, sex, adultery and other topics which occur in life. Life personified on television. An open portal, a means of escape from the monotonous patterns of everyday living.

There is a growth of unspoken kinship among those who partake in this afternoon ritual. An inner awareness that another is involved both emotionally and mentally in the problems of Erika

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