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Honor Court System Being Studied and Revised

By Dan Stone

The honor system of Elon College has been under attack for the last few years by students and faculty. Upon taking office, SGA President Mark Mancini had determined that the honor system needed revision and stability. To achieve this, he appointed Lee Sauvain as chief justice and Dan Stone as attorney general. President Mancini's first instruction to his new appointees was reestablish respect for the honor system.

Chief Justice Sauvain called a meeting of the honor court to set up its policies and procedures. The first case of the year involved cheating, and because of the penalties imposed by the student handbook, the honor court took a very firm stand.

Problems did not arise until the introduction of cases involving dormitory visitation. The attorney general's offices had decided to take a stand of increasing severity in handling these cases. Everyone soon

found that honor offenses and general offenses did not mix too well. Many members of the court were unhappy with the added pressures. The problem reached its peak when two students were suspended for repeated dormitory violations.

After several visits to honor court proceeding, President Mancini realized that some of the problems could be overcome by the separation of honor offenses and general offenses. With the help of Dean Long, President Mancini, Chief Justice Sauvain and Attorney General Stone began revising the Elon College honor system. At this time, the revisions have not been completed but will be presented to the student body soon.

The SGA has a sincere interest in the well being of the entire student body. It realizes that the honor system at Elon affects every student. President Mancini is determined to make our honor system one that every student can respect and turn to for justice. The honor system belongs to the student body and is not an operation of the administration. Students should use it to protect themselves and their interests. The honor system of Elon College can work for all students if they will give it a fair chance.



Mark Mancini explains his recommendation for judicial changes in the SGA. [Photo by Dave Shuford]

Dr. McLaughlin Stresses Cultural Pluralism

By Vicki Moeser

"You can kill the dreamer, but not the dream," stated Dr. Raymond McLaughlin, professor of philosophy at NCA&T in a speech at Elon on Feb. 12. "Dreams are universal; all mankind shares dreams of equality." The visiting lecturer spoke in celebration of Black History Week.

Dr. McLaughlin stressed the fact that American culture is a "pluralist culture," a combination of various races and nationalities.

Quoting Martin Luther King, Dr. McLaughlin said, "Soul is the measure of the man. Skin is no measure--SOUL is. This is what makes us unique."

Dr. McLaughlin said there has always been inequality between races, but inequality of

opportunity only. Blacks have accepted the challenges of mankind, and this has made a strong race. Instead of violent demonstrations, Blacks should work within the system to improve political, environmental and economic conditions. The speaker favored "enriching the personality through contemplation, instead of outbursts of restless energies."

When asked if he thought all changes were good, Dr. McLaughlin replied, "No. Changes must be tested and evaluated. Blacks today must use all freedoms provided in the Constitution. However," he insisted, "not all changes are for the better. There are positive and negative changes. We must all work toward the positive."

Antiques Fair for Culture And Scholarship Funds

By Paige Garriques

The 13th annual Antiques Fair, sponsored by the Medical Auxiliary, will be held in Memorial Gymnasium on Mar. 12-14 from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be 26 dealers from New York to Florida with primitive and oriental rugs, furniture, silver, jewelry and handicrafts. The general admission is \$1.50 per day and the student rate is 50 cents.

Mrs. Coble, from the Snow Camp area, will demonstrate the art of quilting. Door prizes to be given away each day will be hand-made china dolls.

"Antiques can be a learning experience," says Mrs. Robert Carter of the Medical Auxiliary. "The fair offers cultural benefits for the community."

All rental fees and admission proceeds go to the auxiliary which sets them aside in a special fund for scholarships

and loans to students in medical related fields at Elon and TIA. Last year \$800 was made available to Elon for scholarships to those in pre-nursing, lab technology and other health fields. The Medical Auxiliary has also given \$35,000 in loans to medical students for continuation of health careers.

Another Big Brother?

By LANNA K. PERRY

Next fall students might not have to wait in line so long to register. Registration should be modified by Elon's new computer.

The administrative office is negotiating for a computer according to registrar Kenneth Harper. The final decision has not been announced yet; therefore it is not known just when the purchase will be made.

Travel and Chess Clubs Seek New Members

By LANCE LATANE

Two campus organizations are now seeking support and participation. They are the Travel Club and the Chess Club. Both provide a stimulating alternative to the bleak on-campus weekend and promise student fellowship.

The Travel Club meets each Monday at 3:30 in the second floor lounge of the Student Center. It offers leisure time activities and travel at group rates to interesting places in North Carolina and neighboring states.

Organizer Jan Henderson stresses that the organization is not a formal club. Any student resident or commuter, may participate. Ideas being considered are ski trips to Beech and Sugar Mountains and bike-camping trips to the Outer Banks. Jan said, "The ideas are endless; all that's needed is people."

Membership in the Chess Club enables novices to learn and develop chess skills and aids pros in strengthening their game through instructions provided by sponsor Rudolf Zazar.

SGA Outlines Steps To March 20 Election

By Tom Hall

The SGA election committee has spent much time restructuring the election system. They hope that the new system will invite concerned students to run for office, and student voters will know more about those they elect. The election committee is comprised of three senior class officers and five senior senators. One of the objectives of this year's class has been to prompt more concern and participation in student government by all students.

Hoping to eliminate confusion and to help both the candidate and voter, the complete program is outlined here:

Filing for candidacy began on Feb. 17 and will be extended until March 6. The filing application may be picked up in the SGA office on second floor of the Student Center. Applications must be filled out and turned in to the registrar. The offices to be filed for at this time will be president, vice-president and treasurer of the SGA, and class officers.

Eligibility requirements for elections are: a cumulative average of 2.0 or better; no violation of the campus or honor code for a period of one year prior to filing.

Thursday, March 13, is set aside for primary elections. If there are more than two candidates running for any one office, a primary will narrow the number of candidates. On Friday of primary week, pictures of all candidates will be taken so that they may be posted at the polls. Applications for Senate offices are due Friday, March 14.

The next week is the most important for the candidates and voters. All candidates will meet Monday for an explanation of the election. The Tuesday morning assembly will be set aside for speeches by

candidates of executive SGA offices and introductions of candidates for class offices. This assembly qualifies for the college program credit. Tuesday night the candidates for the executive offices of the SGA will be in the West Parlor at 7:30 to answer questions of students. Wednesday night the candidates for the executive offices will meet with students in Harden Center.

Thursday, March 20, will be election day with polls open in the Student Center from 8:00 to 5:00. Pictures of all candidates will be posted at the polls for the convenience of the voters. An additional polling place will be provided during the lunch hours at Harden Center. The results of the election will be posted on the SGA bulletin board the evening of election day. If there is a need for a run-off, it will be the following day.

Write-in votes will be considered legitimate in the general election. To campaign in the polling place or deface campaign materials is an Honor Court offense. A student must present his ID to vote.

FM Radio To Be Educational

By DOUG DURANTE

Contrary to student rumors, Elon's hope for its own campus radio station is becoming a reality.

Two years of planning and preparation are paying off for station manager Bob Hurst. Working closely with students and administration, Hurst has completed all the essentials to begin broadcasting, but he is waiting for final FCC approval.

To begin broadcasting in the fall of 1975, it will operate as a stereo FM educational station at 91.1 on the dial. WELN will transmit from noon to midnight daily.