

## Stokes to write college history

Dr. Durward T. Stokes, retiring history professor at Elon College, has been named college historian and commissioned to write a history of the College, it was announced recently.

Dr. Fred Young, president of Elon College, said the history will be published in connection with the school's centennial activities in 1989.

Dr. Stokes said he expects the book to be finished in two years, with additional chapters being added to complete the 10-year span between publication and the school's 100th birthday.

The former chairman of the Social Science Department will retire from his teaching duties this year and will begin research on the book early next fall. The Elon College Pre-Centennial Committee, chaired by Dr. A. L. Hook, dean emeritus, laid the foundation for the history over the last several years by taping

interviews with people connected with the college and gathering historical information.

This will be Dr. Stokes's third book. He has also written histories of Dillon County, S.C., and the Christian Church. And, although only historical sketches of Elon College have been written, he hopes this book will be less difficult than the previous two.

The Alamance County native said he expects the hard cover book to be about 400 pages with numerous illustrations. It will also include much of the history of the town, since, he says, it would be impossible to separate the two. The town, consisting of only a freight station along the rail road, was known as "Mill Point" when Elon College was founded in 1889.

Dr. Stokes adds that the book will represent a true picture of the history of the school and will not attempt to show just a public relations image.



Dr. Durward Stokes

## Graduate record exam has undergone changes

by Liz Priestley

College seniors planning to take the graduate record examinations (GRE) aptitude test next fall will see some changes in the exam. A new section designed to measure analytical skills will be added to the traditional areas that test verbal and quantitative skills.

The change, the first since 1940, is based on an extensive research effort initiated by the graduate record examinations board that showed that analytical skills can be distinguished from verbal and quantitative skills and are related to academic success.

Janis Somerville, GRE program director at ETS, said, "The new measure will test a student's skills in a number of areas. Students will be able to show their ability to recognize logical relationships, draw conclusions from a complex series of statements, and determine relationships between independent or interdependent categories of groups." Somerville also explained that no formal training in logic or methods of analysis is required to do well on the new measure. The three-hour test since the verbal and quantitative portions have been shortened.

## Students visit Disney World

by Dave Glenn

As I was returning from my spring break in beautiful downtown Key West, Fla. I stopped in the Orlando-Lake Buena Vista area long enough to visit Mickey Mouse and his friends.

Accompanied by Wes Strickland, Dan Kuhns, Warren Mills, and a host of others, we parked our car and climbed aboard the Disney World monorail that would eventually take us into the land of the Magic Kingdom. Once inside this land of fantasy, Cinderella's Castle stood before us like a great mirage. We all realized that just beyond the castle lay more fun and amusement than any of us had dreamed of in all our days. There had been rumors from

those that had gone before of something called Spice Mountain. By this time we were all ready to face the final frontier first.

Wes and I later took a trip to Mars also. We left the space rides to see the Caribbean Cruise and the Pirate's Cove. These were both boat rides that offered everything from real pirates to giant elephants running out into the water to attack the boat. But just as all fairy tales go, we always returned, never hurt but often wet.

Later that day we visited the Hall of Presidents, something that had a lasting effect upon us all. For once inside, we saw the 38 Presidents that have made our country standing and looking at us with the same

interest as we looked at them. Abe Lincoln even stood up and gave the Gettysburg Address.

After being patriotic for a while, we stopped to ride Peter Pan. This ride was one we visited several times during the day. As we all wore down, the Milelong Bar was a perfect place to stop, throw our feet up on a table, and have a drink. After several minutes trying to choose our fancy, Root Beer became the order. The drink was mighty refreshing.

Very tired, with dragging feet and still high from the last Peter Pan ride, we left satisfied beyond our wildest fantasy. As we walked away we all wished we could be in Mickey's clan forever. In some ways, I guess we always will.

## Journalists learn about town hall

by Ted Salisbury

So far this year the town of Elon College has collected \$3,000 in parking fines. This is just one of the things the journalism class learned on its visit to Town Hall on April 14. Speaking to the students were Mrs. Beth Hetzel, town clerk and administration department head, and Mark Robertson, police officer.

Parking tickets are now \$5.00. The reason for the hike is that many students were leaving their cars on the streets and using local merchants' parking places. The students also learned that although Elon College is 65 per cent non-taxable, the town collected about \$50,000 in taxes in 1976 (10 per cent of that came from taxes on beer and wine). Additional revenue comes from water and sewer payments (\$70,460); from the Powell bill (\$48,000 from gasoline tax); from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (\$71,881); the special water project fund (\$347,900), and sewer projects (Gunn Creek \$91,700) and the downtown improvement grant (\$95,000).

A board of aldermen is the governing body of the town, and they are assisted by a planning board and a board of

adjustment. Mayor T. L. Smith is chairman of the board, and the aldermen include M.E. Campbell, D.D. Atkinson, Robert Olsen, Dwight Wall, and the only woman on the board, Sherley White. The mayor is elected every two years; the next election is next November. Aldermen are elected for four years on staggered terms.

The planning board is composed of eight members, four of whom live outside the city limits to have jurisdiction over the radius of one mile outside the city boundaries. The duties of this board consist of studying improvement needs. They review zoning requests, annex petitions, and subdivision plans. They are now involved in reviewing the city's land use, growth, and transportation. Mr. Campbell is preparing a new zone book which will be aired in a public hearing probably within two months.

The board of adjustment, composed of ten members with five living outside the city limits, makes final decisions on use requests and hears appeals on building permits which were denied by the building inspector.

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## London tour pre-planned

Studies in Britain will again be a highlight of the Elon College winter term next January. A preliminary planning session was called last Thursday by Dean William Long, coordinator, to set core activities and courses for credit. He is now looking into costs, dates, and air fares.

The courses with special emphasis on England, and the professor in charge, are English with Prof. Betty Gerow; humanities led by Dr. Mary E. Priestley; history, Dr. Carole Troxler; political science, Dr. Fred Watts; and music, Dr. Walter Westafer.

As on previous study tours, the group will spend a month in

London with five or six tours to other cities and areas and free time at the end of the four-weeks to travel abroad or stay in England as the student wishes. The core of activities will include, in addition to the set tours, plays, symphonies, ballet, and Elizabethan banquet and numerous visits, lectures, and tours within London.

One weekend may be reserved for a visit to Edinburgh by those who sign up for places on the Flying Scotsman train and in the hotel. The study tour is open to all students of good standing and to friends of Elon College. Further information will be available soon.



Cinderella's Castle can be seen in the background at Disney World as Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods tour the easy way. ©Walt Disney Productions

## Writing and teaching conference held

The English department sponsored a conference on writing and teaching for the college professors and county high school teachers of English last Saturday on campus.

The program for the morning featured speakers who explained what the English department here is doing in the freshman composition courses in teacher preparation, and the program for special students — the skills lab and the enrichment program for high achievers.

Prof. Betty Gerow considered a student theme, shown on a

screen, and corrected it as to mechanical errors, diction, and organization and style. She also explained to the high school teachers the types of written work required at the college during the first year. Prof. Helen Euliss told the group about the courses required, the screening of applicants, as well as student teaching with six visits to the teacher during his or her apprenticeship in a high school. Mrs. Betty Maness explained the work of the skills lab on campus and offered the facilities to all high school students taking advanced level

courses at the college. Dr. Russell Gill told of the ways high achievers may take college courses in the credit bank program, in advanced placement, and in enrichment sections of courses at the college.

The conference had opened with a welcome from Dr. Robert Blake, chairman of the English department. Dr. Mary Ellen Priestley had then spoken on "Problems in Language and Thought: The Larger Context."

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