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The honor system at work for students

by Bryant Colson

[Editors Note: This is a first in a series of articles which will examine the honor system of Elon College.]

To maintain the moral, ethical, and intellectual soundness of Elon College, the school instituted an "honor system." This honor system is explained each year in the student handbook. The system is defined in two codes, the "honor code" and the "campus code."

Under the honor code a student is on his honor not to cheat, steal, or lie. If he sees another student doing so, he shall report him/her to the

student attorney general or to the office of student affairs. Also under this code, the student is required to write, after taking an examination, the honor pledge: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received help on this test."

The campus code blinds a student to conduct him/herself as a gentleman or lady at all times. He is to see to it, whenever possible, that his fellow students do likewise.

This honor system is enforced by several judicial agencies. Depending on the nature of a honor system offense, they are: the general council, composed entirely of students; the honor council, composed of half students and half faculty; the administrative judicial council, composed of the dean of student affairs, and

two other professional members of his staff; and the judicial review committee, composed of the dean of student affairs, dean of academic affairs, and four members of the teaching faculty.

How effective is this system? "Our system is reasonably effective," says William G. Long, dean of student affairs. "It's as good as it can be. The general level of honesty is the highest of all places I've been." Professors do not usually leave the room during an exam, but that is what an honor system is based on.

Bill Britton, attorney general, said, "The system lacks efficiency because it is dean-oriented." The more students who work on it, the fairer it will become, he thinks.



Paul Gerni accomplished the impossible during last Tuesday night's billiard exhibition. (Photo by Rolf Rosenfeldt)

Cady emphasizes humanities

by Ron Laffaye

Dr. Ed Cady was the guest speaker for the annual Alpha Chi Lecture held Nov. 9 in Whitley Auditorium. About 150 people attended the lecture on the "Future of the Humanities" given by the Andrew H. Mellon Professor of the Humanities at Duke University.

Dr. Cady placed the future of the humanities on the future of humanity and immediately followed this by saying "as undergraduates you are really the only ones worth talking to." Winston Churchill was one of several famous people that Dr. Cady quoted during his lecture. Churchill's "never give up" was used by Dr. Cady to address himself to the

position that we as humanity should take.

"Play is a fundamental part of culture and civilization. People should play more, not less, for better mental health. Play educates them about their culture," he told the audience. Psychiatry, ethnology, biology and sociology are "all invented forms of play."

Dr. Cady ended his lecture by criticizing vocational education and the worth of it by saying, "No vocational course of training will train you for your profession in the 1990's; only a liberal arts education will prepare you for the necessary changes each of you will be forced to take in an ever-changing world."



Alpha Chi Speaker
Dr. Fred Cady—Andrew Mellon Professor of Humanities

New Civinettes inducted

The Collegiate Civinettes, the only service organization at Elon, inducted 15 new members on Nov. 8. The inductees were Emily Adams, Dina Armstrong, Susan Burkhart, Sherry Byrd, Janet Combs, Pam Davis, Beverly Faison, Cindy Grissom, Candy Gutierrez, Linda Kent, Karen Michaels, Debbie Parr, Fraun Talley, Nancy Tripp and Tammy Winstead.

The Elon Civinettes are involved in many service activities in Elon College as well as in the surrounding community. They visited and entertained at the Skilled Nursing Home in Burlington on Halloween and at Christmas will give a party for retarded children at Macedonian Lutheran Church in Burlington.

They are also involved in campus projects including freshman orientation, the compiling and selling of a recipe book, and sponsoring the annual "Queen of Hearts" contest on Valentine's Day to raise money for the Heart Fund.

The officers of the Elon Collegiate Civinettes are Janice Summers, president; Melinda Hicks, vice-president; Cindy Simmons, secretary; and Nan Pearson, treasurer.

Gerni astonishes crowd

by Bryant Colson

"For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, as Newton's third law states it, is the reasoning behind every shot," said Paul Gerni, internationally renowned pocket billiards champion.

Last Tuesday night in Jordan Gym the Student Union Board sponsored the 1975 European champion, 1974 U.S. trick shot champion, 1975 and 1976 world trick and fancy shot champion — Paul Gerni. Gerni dazzled and amazed his audience, which was comprised of mostly Elon students and several citizens from the town, with his trick shots that earned him many of his championship awards.

Gerni and his \$750 cue stick performed feats from the movie "Hustler" starring Jackie Gleason and Paul Newman. One shot by Gerni before perfection. Gerni, with his somewhat magical cue stick, allowed several spectators to try trick shots, all of them having positive results. He tried several times to get 12 balls in with one shot. Even with his best shot, Gerni came up two short. Several times

Gerni attempted shots that the audience reacted to as impossible; after the shot every doubt had been erased, for Gerni had accomplished the impossible.

The 29-year-old champion has been playing pocket billiards for 23 years. He won his first tournament in Newark at the age of seven. The certified professional has a master's degree from Purdue and has made many guest appearances on television talk shows. Gerni will appear on "Dinah" December 8.

Gerni's tour includes many appearances on college campuses. Prior to his Elon performance, Gerni appeared at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Gerni received raving applause and a partial standing ovation at the conclusion of his final feat when he knocked in two balls in two different pockets, made the cue ball travel up one cue stick and down another to knock in yet a third ball, all with one shot.

Court rules on tuition

(CPS) — A case before the Supreme Court may make out-of-state tuition rates unlawful. The Supreme Court will review two lower court decisions that ruled that the University of Maryland cannot charge the higher, out-of-state rates to students holding non-immigrant-alien visas.

The University has been allowed to continue charging the rates on the condition that it retroactively reimburse affected students if it ultimately loses the case.

The American Council on Education and four states have filed a "friend-of-the-court"

statement that says the consequences of striking down Maryland's "rational" system of classifying students for in-state tuition may be to "ultimately force publicly-supported colleges and universities to charge the same rate of

tuition to all students, regardless of state residency or domicile. This would deprive state taxpayers of the direct benefit of their support by raising the cost of education for them and their dependent children."

The case will probably be reviewed in early 1978.

Rudow speaks to SAM

by Tom Berry

The Society for Advancement of Management sponsored Dr. Edward H. Rudow as guest speaker last Thursday. Dr. Rudow is director of psychological services for the management consulting firm of Farr Associates, Greensboro. At Farr Associates, he is responsible for directing and administering all programs on major clients.

Dr. Rudow pointed out that one of the weaknesses of students finishing business schools and management classes is in the area of human behavior. In his talk, he emphasized that "a good manager always looks at all three

and (3) the human system. Dr. Rudow stressed human behavior, saying that the "human system is operating at 50% capacity, and to optimize all systems you must optimize the human system." He said that people want to be informed, people want to feel responsible, and that a lack of communication in an organization could be the downfall of the organization.

Dr. Rudow is the third speaker S.A.M. has sponsored this semester. Tom Berry, president of S.A.M., said these programs have been successful and educational to the students.

"We plan to continue to have featured speakers at our regular meetings this semester and during the spring semester to give students a better insight into management and business-related topics," Berry said.

aspects of the system." The three organizational aspects are (1) technical operating system—producers of the product of the organization; and machine logic; (2) administrative system — accountability;