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not know and do not bother to learn. If America's image in the world is suffering, there might be reasons other than those offered by the politicians.

It is never too late to start remedying one's own deficiency. And the study of language is not just for the "gifted and talented." After

all, every person (unless severely mentally retarded) masters the basic structure of a language by the time he is four years old. Elon College

offers several languages, any one of which would help a student both in living and in making a living.

Betty K. Gerow

## Pi Gamma Mu is 50

Pi Gamma Mu is a member of the Association of College Honor societies and it publishes a journal entitled *Social Science*. The Elon Chapter is listed on the Roll of Merit in Social Science in recognition of work done by the chapter.

Under the sponsorship of Professor Ralph B. Tower, of the Dept. of Social Science of Elon College, the North Carolina Alpha Chapter was chartered on October 7, 1929. It is the oldest national honor society on the Elon campus and is celebrating the golden anniversary of its charter during 1979. Dr. A.L. Hook, dean emeritus of Elon College was a charter member of the local chapter. Current officers include David Thomas, president; Dean Thompson, vice-president; Debra Agee, secretary; and Prof. Jeanne Williams, treasurer. Prof. Rachel Holt, faculty sponsor of the Elon Chapter, is Governor of the North Carolina Province of Pi Gamma Mu.

Eligibility for membership in Pi Gamma Mu requires that students must be recommended by a faculty member, be juniors or seniors in class standing, have a minimum of 20 hours in the social sciences with at least a "B" average and have had no failures in the social sciences. Courses considered for eligibility are

history, geography, political science, sociology, and economics. Members are expected to endeavor to fulfill the purposes of Pi Gamma Mu which are to improve scholarship in the social sciences, to inspire social service to humanity by an intelligent approach to the solution of social problems, to engender sympathy toward others with different opinions and institutions by a better mutual understanding, and to promote the social sciences wherever possible.

The North Carolina Alpha Chapter sponsors an annual lecture to which the public is invited. The 1979 lecture will be held on March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in McEwen Dining Hall with Dr. Thomas Ganschow, professor of Chinese history at the University of Georgia, as speaker.

Plans are also being made for the return of an Elon alumnus, Dr. James P. Elder, Jr., in the fall of 1979. Dr. Elder is working at present in the Folger Library in Washington, D.C. A former president of the local chapter, Dr. Elder was also recipient of the Pi Gamma Mu medal which is awarded annually by the North Carolina Alpha Chapter. Dr. Elder is vice president of the national organization of Pi Gamma Mu.

## Hypnotist to bewilder us

edited by Joy Hamilton

"The Amazing Kreskin," the modern-day Houdini of the mental world, will demonstrate unique and baffling mental feats Wednesday, March 14, in Whitley Auditorium.

His show (he calls it a concert) is a combination of mental conjuring, thought perception, telepathic phenomena, subconscious sensitivity, suggestibility and humor. The three parts to his "concert" include magic, thought reading (ESP) and suggestion.

Appearing often on TV, Kreskin has been called by Mike Douglas "a unique and utterly baffling," performer.

Kreskin was born in West Caldwell, N.J., in the mid-1930's and began performing half-hour shows around the country when he was nine. At 11, he was using hypnosis in his programs.

According to the *New York Times*, he was probably the youngest performing hypnotist in the world.

His serious interest in the field began at age five, and by the time he was 10, he had read the entire psychology department of the adult branch of his hometown library.

Kreskin is also a devout Catholic who holds a minor degree in Catholic philosophy from Seton Hall University. Kreskin says, "The only way there would be a conflict between my religion and my career would be if I used what I do negatively to influence others in the sense of taking away from them, depriving them of religious concepts, defrauding them or misrepresenting myself, which I don't. I'm no more or less than I claim to be."

He can memorize a shuf-

fled deck of cards in 38 seconds flat, although it takes him a full forty-five minutes to prepare himself to perform. "I have to get ready. I turn off my problems and pressures." Kreskin loses more than two pounds during a performance.

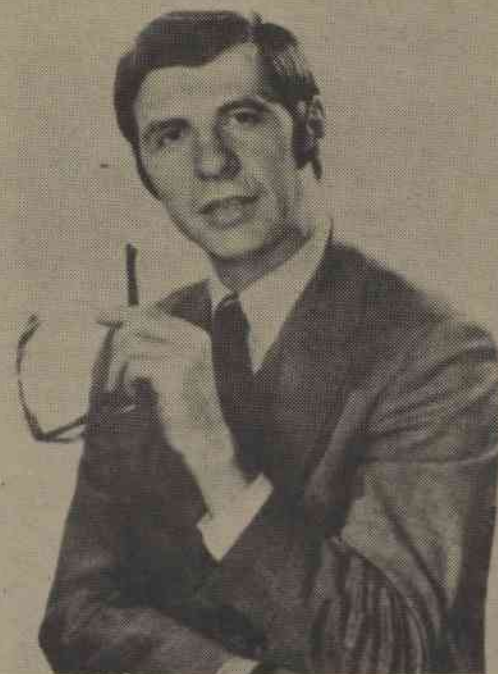
As a follow-up to the childhood game of Huckle Buckle Beanstalk, Kreskin lets a member of the audience hide his paycheck, with the understanding that he will forego his fee for that performance if he can't locate it. One of the audience acts as a guide to Kreskin by concentrating on the check's location. No words are mentioned. One of the oddest hiding places ever was in a man's upper dental plate.

The feats are almost lim-

itless. To sustain his credibility, Kreskin offers \$20,000 to anyone who can prove his employment of paid assistants or confederates in any phase of his program.

Kreskin says, "As a performer, I try to create wonderment. Because I am a showman, I dramatize whatever ability I have. As a showman, I utilize certain factors in ways the audience never thought possible. I stimulate curiosity into the world of science. On stage, Kreskin uses humor as an integral aspect of his performance.

The March 14 (Wed.) 8 p.m. performance is free to students. It will surely be an amazing performance you won't want to miss.



"The Amazing Kreskin"

## Chapter gets award

On the weekend of March 2 through March 4, 10 brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon's, N.C. Mu Chapter attended a regional leadership academy in Atlanta, Georgia. The weekend was filled with meetings concerning leadership development, academic achievement, rush activities and brotherhood development. The weekend was capped off by an awards banquet Saturday evening. The Elon Chapter of Sig Ep received the scholastic award for highest grade point average on campus and the excelsior award for the most overall improved chapters in the Southeast region which consists of 38 chapters in six states.

Sammy Barefoot, president of N.C. Mu received the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award. The award is the highest individual award

given by Sigma Phi Epsilon for leadership, inspiration and achievements in the chapter and on campus. A one hundred dollar scholarship award goes to a current sophomore possessing leadership potential for the Elon Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The award will be presented to the nominee through the college in September, 1979.

The brothers who attended the leadership conference feel that the knowledge they gained will be very useful in improving their fraternity and college activities. Brothers attending the academy were Sammy Barefoot, William Newman, Joey Mills, Mitch E.J. Johnson, Tommy Moose, Mike Kilgariff, Rodney Moore, Ronnie Davis, Mike Wilkerson and Buddy Hanslarger.



The oldest honor society at Elon, Pi Gamma Mu, celebrates 50th anniversary.