

Elon responds to Cambodia

by Bonnie Barnes

The world has an eighty's holocaust occurring in the once tranquil country of Cambodia.

"Phnom Penh (capital), once among the most beautiful cities of Asia, often called the Paris of the Orient, was emptied by force, as were other cities and towns. It became a ghost town."

Who has perpetuated these "atrocities"?

Blame sits in many laps but perhaps heaviest in the Pol

Pot regime's, a Peking-supported government which took over Cambodia in 1975 and began active destruction of the nation. Between 1975 and 1978, roughly two to three million people died at the hands of the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot's "rag-tag" army. Statistics vary but all sources agree that the country's population has been cut nearly in half, beginning with the intelligentsia and professional people and including

women, children and all educators.

Some authorities believe that blame partially rests earlier, in 1969, in the laps of American bombers on secret missions in Cambodia. The bombings were directed against the Viet-Cong and North Vietnamese whose troops had established sanctuaries and supply depots for their war with South Vietnam. Otherwise neutral, Cambodia's weak and poorly equipped army had allowed its borders to be violated by the Khmer Rouge.

In his book, 'Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon and the Destruction of Cambodia,' British journalist William Shawcross has charged that the bombing and invasion of the country set the stage for the Khmer Rouge conquest of Cambodia."

Historians, authors, and all scholars will argue for years trying to place blame on this country or that coup, Peking oriented or Hanoi led. But arguments will not feed the 2½-3 million Cambodians devastated by whomever's lust for control. Arguments write books and answer questions in the future. Action can feed—now.

Many government agencies have legislated and are sending aid.

In addition, privately supported humanitarian and religious related groups such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the U.N.'s UNICEF and the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief — together are sending 7,000 tons of food and supplies. Of course, Church World Service, CARE, Catholic Relief Services and many other smaller agencies work along side with UNICEF and ICRC staff members.

Elon College now joins their ranks with its CWS/CROPS supported 28-hour fast, to be held March 26-27. The religious life committee spearheaded the project, organized and supported campus-wide by every dorm area, club, and organization, provides a means for concerned people to actively help "them" (translated "people").

The lecture on the U.S.S. Monitor to be given by Gordon P. Watts will be held tonight in Mooney Theater. Everyone is invited to attend. College Program credit will be given.

Mimist to perform

by Joy Hamilton

Crowds flock to the grill on Thursday nights.

Tonight and every Thursday night, the SUG/SGA is sponsoring a coffee house. With the help of the West Area, this program has been a big success. The grill on Thursday nights is the place to go on campus for entertainment, grill specials, and good conversation. Best of all, it's all free and there will be open microphone between acts. This week's special is a hot dog, french fries and a Coke for 50 cents.

This week Brad Burnett, an

acoustic guitarist from Greensboro, will play. Next week, "Possom" will appear.

Mimist Tim Settini will appear this Wednesday on campus for mime workshops, teasers, and a show at 8 p.m. in Whitley.

Settini is from Chicago and has studied mime at the Pocket Mime Theatre in Boston. He performed in city streets all over the Northeast.

The magic of Tim Settini is the ability to suspend reality; to create belief in something that exists only in the mind. Settini sizzles with inspira-

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Senior recital planned

by Freida Matkins

Elon College students Peggy Gray and Freida Matkins will present their senior voice recital on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

Peggy, a mezzo-soprano, is from Lancaster, Ohio. She is the Presser Scholar of 1979-80 at Elon College. This scholarship recognizes musical and scholastic achievement. Peggy's flair for comedy, so evident in her portrayal of Little Buttercup in the fall production of

"H.M.S. Pinafore"

Composers represented on the program range from Bach to Barab, and also feature works of leading German and French composers. The lighter side of the program includes Irish folk songs and the Grandmother's aria. Accompanists for the recital are Paulette Glenn, Marcia Groome, flutist Meri Ford Lightbourne. Elon professors James Glenn and Terrell Cofield have both assisted these students in the preparation of this program. The recital is free and open to the public.

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years as a patrolman, he became interested in investigative and detective work. He studied under the institute of government at UNC and took various courses involving criminal investigation. It wasn't too long after that when Durham started a Public Safety Officer program, almost unheard of in this state. After a few years with that system, Seagroves had it down pat.

So last November, the town council, approving a PSO proposal from Seagroves, and hiring Seagroves to head it, started in on the new system.

The attitude around here is a better one and Seagroves has a lot to do with it. "Regardless of past feelings; our philosophy is to develop good relationship with the students and family" said

Seagroves. "We are one town and we work together under the same system." Seagroves has other ideas but is taking everything step by step. He went on to say about the system that "We are in a new position, I am new, we are off to a good start and everyone has a good understanding of what is to be accomplished."

Aloha, Hawaii

by Joy Hamilton

A trip with a church group ended up netting 15-year-old Ann Suttle a trip to Hawaii.

Ann is the winner of the MacDonald's halftime basketball shootout contest at Elon College. During half-time of each of the men's home games, 10 people who had purchased programs were chosen at random to compete in the foul-shooting contest. For the final game, the winners all came back and competed against each other for the Hawaii trip.

"I was with a church group visiting the Elon College Children's Home," said Ann. The group from Hank's Chapel went to see the Elon basketball game. The rest is history.

"I don't yet know who will go with me to Hawaii. I wasn't sure at first that I'd won. I was really happy; it was certainly the biggest thing I've won," said Ann.

Ann is a native of Pittsboro and attends Northwood High School. As a freshman Ann said, "The coach wanted me to try out for the girls' varsity team. I did and made the first team." She averages 8 points per game and has been playing basketball for two years. Her other hobbies include softball and tennis.

Ann and a friend will go to Hawaii in January of '81 for eight days, escorted by the Elon men's basketball team and friends. The team will play Brigham Young Univer-

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Rabbi speaks on Mideast

by Joy Hamilton

Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro, spoke at college programs assembly Tuesday morning. His lecture concerned "Grounds for Conflict in the Middle East."

Rabbi Task pointed out the disagreements and conflicts arising from land ownership. In the West, land owners believe that treaty, war, or purchase can change ownership of land, but in the East, land ownership never changes; it is hereditary.

Rabbi Task compared the situation to that of the Cherokee Indian in western North Carolina.

Israel believes that the land was promised to them by Abraham. But Abraham had two sons; Ismael, father of the Palestinians and Isaac, father of the Jews. According to Genesis 21:12, "Through Isaac your descendants will be named."

"Let Russia gain dominance over the Middle East and she becomes stronger than all the countries of Europe put together. Let Russia become dominant over the Middle East and she becomes a threat to democracy and a threat to man's hunger for freedom," Karl Marx was quoted in the N.Y. Herald. Task added, "If Russia can control food and fuel supplies for Europe, she is in a very strategic position." If Russian gains control of the Persian Gulf or another warm-water port, she will control oil and industry in the world. "The Soviet Union sees turmoil in the Middle East — they want control of as much of the world as possible. The United States wants to prevent this," Task stressed.

"The Middle East throughout history has been crucial

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Avenue residences and between the dorms and the intramural fields which border Arcadia Drive residences, the planting to be in place before the end of the year. 2. Posts to be set along Arcadia Avenue extension to prevent vehicular access to the playing fields and housing area from Arcadia Drive. 3. A concrete sidewalk to be constructed along Williamson Avenue, west side, for pedestrian safety in walking to the traffic light at Haggard crossing. (The Town will investigate possible pedestrian crossings with the N.C. Department of Transportation since Williamson is part of the state highway system.) 4. The chain link fence behind Hardee's to be opened at the end for pedestrian access to Haggard Avenue. 5. The dormitories to be constructed and to look essentially like the plans presented. 6. All sewer and water line work and costs to be borne by the college. 7. Fire hydrants to be installed at locations as presented by the college and at the college's expense.

In addition, the Town Board set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. to consider a proposal for rezoning the playing fields RA-12 residential to prevent further encroachment of college housing on residential areas. The present playing fields would not be affected.

Most of the residents of Arcadia Drive were present and spoke against the proposed dorms in this area at both the Feb. 12 and 27 meetings because of the possible lowering of house values and raising of noise levels.