

Civinettes induct 17, make Christmas plans

The Elon College Civinettes on Oct. 28 inducted into their service organization the following persons: Gail Plummer, Tracy Owens, Linda Cousins, Mary Evans, Cheryl Ryan, Karen Winfrey, Karen Harris, Christie Wensaver, Cheryl Tingen, Suzanne Fishel, Cindi Osborne, Joy Adams, Sharon Foster, Tricia Byrd, Patricia Aycock, and Belinda Peoples.

The Civinettes are in their

seventh year at Elon. Their 45 members are involved presently as Secret Pals to many of the faculty and staff members. Each Civinette is also assembling life-saver dolls and making preparations for their Christmas for Retarded Children. Officers of the Eon College Civinettes are Lyn Fulford, president; Nancy McLawhorn, V.P.; Donna Taylor, secretary; Laura McLamb, treasurer; and Kim Daniel, chaplain.

R.C.'s create pleasant dorm life

By Teri Miller

The title Resident Counselor implies facing many challenges, responsibilities and conflicts, but above all it means that a resident counselor must be a leader. Carrying out the duties of an R.C., a student must be a "role-model", says David Joyce, head of the resident life staff.

Residents must be able to turn to their R.C.s for counseling on the various problems all students encounter at some time. The R.C. deals with hall residents as a group as individuals. The job sometimes entails working with problems as serious as suicide. Therefore, it is vital that the R.C. be concerned with each resident.

Students must prepare and train as resident counselors. These students, about 40 at present, are required to take Social Science 203, Practicum in Student Development. It is designed to teach different approaches and counseling techniques which R.C.s will use in pursuing their work as resident counselors.

A pre-service training program teaches these students to understand the expectations involved in being an R.C. The program is taught by current resident counselors under the guidance of David Joyce, assistant dean of Student Affairs.

Each spring the resident

life staff, along with three acting R.C.s select new resident counselors for the coming year. Besides the requirement of an application and interview, these students must have a 2.0 average and have been dorm residents for a year.

Resident counselors do receive pay monthly, but pay is minimal. The resident life staff looks for students who are interested in "serving to help, not to earn money," says Dean Joyce.

Dan Daly, resident counselor on second Smith, says that students should know that "a resident counselor is also a fellow student with the same needs and desires as everyone else."

Dan also thinks that "as an R.C., one has to deal with many negative things, but the quality of the positive things makes everything else seem trivial." Daly defines the resident counselorship as a "unique position which involves representing the college as well as the students."

"The jobs of an R.C. is a 24-hour job," he says. F.W. Lewis, R.C. on second Sloan, agrees, saying, "Fulfilling the responsibilities is very time consuming."

O'Neill discusses courts, press

By Mari Behrend

Recent Supreme Court decisions involving the public and the press have made Dr. Sally Ann O'Neill optimistic.

A major reason for her optimism is the results of a Supreme Court decision in a Virginia case which involved a Richmond judge closing a trial hearing to newspapers and public.

As a result of the closed trial the Richmond newspapers sued the state of Virginia.

The Supreme Court then reversed the judge's decision

stating that the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press and speech implies that if the media cannot gather news, they lose the meaning of freedom of the press and speech.

In another case in New York, a trial judge closed the court, but the Supreme Court agreed in this case. However, it stated that the press is the vehicle for most people to hear what goes on in the trial.

Dr. O'Neill also pointed out that the English court has been open to the public since the 17th century, and that 45 states in the United States now have constitutional provisions for open courts.

Soon, the Supreme Court will hear a case on cameras used in the courtroom. Federal courts do not allow cameras, but states can decide whether or not to allow them. The question, do cameras restrict a fair trial to or for defendants.

"Courts are moving in an open direction," said Dr. O'Neill.



Dr. Sally Ann O'Neill, former Elon College student, spoke to Pi Gamma Mu in honor of their 51st anniversary Oct. 30. Photo by Overstreet.

However, he adds, "In the long run, it is worthwhile to know you've helped someone."

The college refers to the resident counselors as paraprofessionals. These students are meeting the requirements of a profession by practicing his or her vocation all the time.

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Trend back to homestyle cooking

Students dine in Gibsonville

By Lowell Smith

When it comes to eating out, most Elon students look to fast food restaurants such as Hardee's or McDonald's. However, a trend has started among students to sample some of the Gibsonville eating establishments. These local eateries provide excellent home-style cooking at good prices and a unique atmosphere.

One of the local favorites in Gibsonville is Pete's Grill, located on 137 Piedmont Street. Pete's Grill offers a wide variety of fresh vegetables that accompany one of several entrees. Meals are served in a semi-cafeteria setting. The portions are big, and the prices are reasonable for the average college student. Pete's Grill is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two restaurants in Gibsonville specialize in barbecue, a long time delicacy in North Carolina. Jack's Barbecue, 213 West Main St., serves barbecue and a variety of other meals at affordable prices in a friendly atmosphere.

For a change of pace and a good meal, Gibsonville proves to be a good bet for both.

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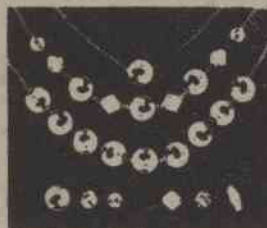
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