



Professor Hugh Fields talks with student Tammi Offenbacher about the complexities of biology. Photo by Avrette.

Biology buff loves wildlife

by Mike Bryan

Knowledge, understanding and love of wildlife has been a lifetime interest for Hugh Fields. A biology professor at Elon College, Fields has been closely associated with wildlife and biology for more than 25 years.

Professor Fields began a hectic life after he graduated from North Carolina State University in 1952. He graduated on a Saturday, was married on the next Saturday, then began work on Monday.

Fields went to work on Lake Okeechobee, Fla., as a fishery biologist with the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. He was working in an area known as a haven for outlaws. The fishermen who

lived in the area were either outlaws themselves or related to some type of outlaw.

While stationed at Okeechobee, Fields worked closely with these "outlaws" on a controlled seining operation. This meant that the fishermen could harvest freshwater fish and sell them for a profit with the exception of black bass which could not be harvested.

The fishermen sold their catch throughout the Mississippi River valley and Fields monitored their catch and made sure they harvested only legal species by actually going out on the lake with them.

After four months of dealing with the "outlaws of Okeechobee," Fields found himself working as a wildlife biologist at Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area. Gulf Hammock was a logging area located on the

Gulf Coast. It consisted of 120,000 acres of primitive land.

His main job as the wildlife biologist for this area was to maintain the area and collect biological information. Gulf Hammock contained deer, turkeys, squirrels and waterfowl. Check stations had to be set up in order to keep extensive records of all game taken from the area.

Fields was also given arrested powers, and he actually arrested violators when the problem arose and there was no other solution.

After four years at Gulf Hammock, Fields became a marine fishery biologist with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, located in Brunswick, Ga.

He became involved with the South Atlantic Fisheries

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ROTC emphasizes leadership

by George Holmes

What has been called the "new" Army ROTC on today's college campuses is perhaps best explained by the president of the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Dr. Leo S. Dreyfus. "ROTC is not the military in the university; it is the university in the military," he said.

"There is a new look, a new feel, and a new philosophy to Army ROTC training," said Lt. Col. C.H. Jackson, Sr., of N.C. A&T University. "The emphasis is on finding, evaluating and achieving the full leadership and management potential of our cadets."

"Naturally there is still a certain amount of basic drill and field training. But most of these programs are reinforced by what we call adventure training which has its own special challenges. This kind of training is more in line with team sports, which can build and help to discover leadership potential," Col. Jackson continued.

"What we are after is to have our cadets be able to relate to the problems of the civilian world within their roles as future officers," Col. Jackson said. "Here at Elon College we discuss such topics as the citizen/soldier, the national defense, principles of military leadership, map reading, etc."

"When our cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants into the Army, Army Reserve and the National Guard after graduation, we want them to be able to assume the responsibilities of leadership and management required by the

Army, whether it be on active duty or in Reserve or Guard units."

Many of the top corporations and businesses in the United States, Col. Jackson said, look upon today's Army ROTC training as a major plus when recruiting young men and women for

management positions.

"If a young man or woman is looking for a career and a background that represents a sound recommendation and reference, it will pay that student to look into the possibilities offered by the ROTC," Col. Jackson added.

New security system reduces book losses

by Robyn G Stiff

An electronic detection system installed by the Elon College library should pay for itself in reduced book losses.

The "Tattle-Tape" detection system was installed in February and began operating Feb. 19, after an inventory revealed that the library's materials had been disappearing.

Since the electronic system went into operation, the library's book loss has been reduced. This is because the system is highly effective in deterring potential book thieves.

"There are other savings impossible to calculate in dollars," points out Guy Lambert, head librarian. "The system also helps us to protect out-of-print material which can't be replaced at any price. Most important of all, it saves disappointment and frustration on the part of patrons when the items they need are missing. And now we can spend most of our book budget on adding to our collections not replacing it."

The system, which is

manufactured by the 3M Company, involves sensitized markers which activate an audible alarm and lock the exit gate if an attempt is made to leave the library with marked books or periodicals not properly checked out or approved for circulation.

The marker can be deactivated in a fraction of a second by a book check unit located at the circulation desk, so the system does not slow down check-out procedures. The same check unit activates markers again before books are returned to the shelves.

Because the detection system works quietly and efficiently, and because they recognize the need for it, library patrons have accepted the system well, Lambert says. "They seem to be pleased with the results of the installation as the library staff is — and we think the growth in our collection made possible by reducing book losses, will give them more reason to be pleased as time goes on."



Tim Buffington enters the new library security system. Photo by Priestley.

The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) is holding its annual "April Fool" contest to promote school spirit and unity between faculty and students.

The contest will run from March 31 through April 6 with the winner to be announced during the April 7 College Program.

Many sororities, fraternities and other organizations are entering nominees. Voting for the "Campus Fool" will be counted with one penny counting for one vote.

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Look at the football team. As I look at the past, I see that a lot of yards received were made by a black guy. That is just one example of how the blacks have helped out Mighty Elon. If you can't stand for the blacks to be equal, then I think you should find another college to attend, 'cause BLACKS are here to stay.

William Murrell