

Editorials

Cultural events

Students neglect chance to learn

During each semester at Elon, various cultural events are offered to students, faculty, administration and the surrounding community. The expense and effort the college puts forth to bring these artists and speakers to the campus is enormous. However, the response from students is often very disappointing to the administration and to the guests.

One of the main ingredients of a well-rounded college education is an appreciation of many areas outside of one's major field of study and established interests. The only way to gain this appreciation is to actively participate in the cultural activities offered by the college.

One area seen by the students as being neglected is that of rock music. Complaints have suggested that students want a varied mixture of the style of music, speakers and topics offered. However, students do not realize that if they miss the opportunity to experience the cultural events offered at Elon they may never again have the chance to participate or appreciate so many things that could enrich their lives forever.

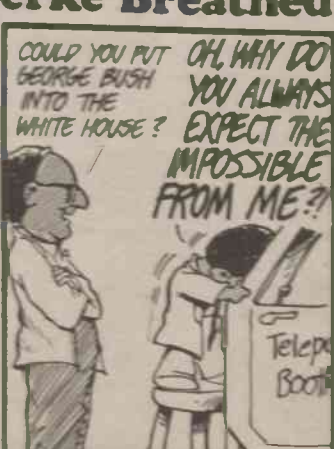
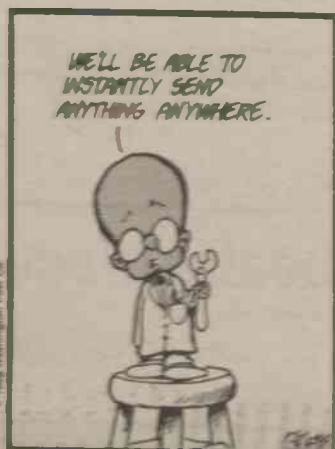
Attendance at many of the cultural events on campus is often embarrassingly slim. This makes the student body at Elon look very shallow in its willingness to learn and experience new ideas. We will probably never again have the opportunity to see programs such as the ones offered on campus free of charge. The ticket price for the majority of the programs is paid for by the college for every student attending school here. To not attend is like throwing away a learning opportunity with both hands.

Not all of the programs offered are for everyone. But, one should at least try to attend a few each semester. These events provide valuable insight to situations surrounding us and they provoke stimulating classroom discussions.

No one should have to force students to attend these events, but rather students should be eager to experience new sights, sounds and beliefs. This is what a college education is all about.

By Michele Lashley and Yvonne Evans

BLOOM COUNTY



DRINKING AND DRIVING CAN KILL A FRIENDSHIP.

by Berke Breathed

Letter to the editor

Reader responds to letter against military actions taken by U.S.

To the editor:

Michael Gaffigan recently stated that I reflect a misunderstanding and a fantasy prevalent in the U.S. that the Soviets in general are the root of terrorism throughout the world. (Letter to the Editor, *Pendulum*, Oct. 2) Fact or fantasy: A Soviet fighter shot down KAL flight 007 over the Sea of Japan killing 269 passengers, including a U.S. congressman (act of war or act of terrorism?).

In 1973 during a speech Soviet Premier Brezhnev stated "Our aim is to gain control over the two great treasures on which the west depends. . . , the energy treasure house of the Persian Gulf and the mineral treasure house of Central and Southern Africa." SWAPO (South West African Peoples Organization) and the AWC (African National Congress) are being supplied by the Soviet satellite nations (Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, and Botswana) to do their bidding. The jailed criminal and president of the AWC Nelson Mandela is a KGB agent.

Fact or fantasy: the Libyan Secret Police, the dreaded Mukhabarat, is lead by Marcus Wolfe, who is an official of the East German Intelligence Service, which is controlled by the KGB,

thus directly linking the Libyans and the Soviets.

The Libyans support terrorism on two levels; one, by creating its own groups and two, by aiding those already in existence. The three primary bodies that are operating under Libyan airspace are the National Arab Youth Organization for the Liberation of Palestine (which acts against American civilians); the Revolutionary Arab-Palestinian committees, (which are in Lebanon and operating against Israel), and the National command for the Arab Revolutionary Force, which coordinate activities of terrorism from Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and radical factions of the PLO, (which were responsible for the death of Navy diver Robert Stethem aboard TWA jetliner and Leon Klinghoffer aboard an Italian cruise ship). The Libyan Peoples Bureau warehouse arms for future terrorist endeavors. Terrorist in Indonesia receive money and weapons from Libya the LPB in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, serve or contacts for a multitude of Arian terrorist organizations

Fact or fantasy: The terrorist bombing of a crowded disco in West Berlin injured many and killing two, including one

American serviceman. U.S. intelligence later confirmed Qaddafi's responsibility.

One of the many ways the Soviets intend to cripple the world economically, industrially and militarily is by controlling the oil fields of the Middle East and the vital and strategic minerals mined in Central and Southern Africa. The need the help of people like Qaddafi, Moudela, Ortega Castro and Arafat to achieve control. To them the end justifies the means.

How many American need be killed or maimed while innocently standing in European airports, or while taking business or pleasure trips overseas before we as a nation, a government, or "enough?" How many warms does our government have to lose in order to protect our citizens before we act? Trigger happy, Michael Gaffigan? I think not. You may call my concern "Red hysteria" I, however, call it knowing my enemy and the threat they impose upon my freedom.

A Red, White and Blue Hyacinth
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