

Features

Captain J: more than just an army man

by LaDonna Martin

Sitting behind the desk with an Elon sweatshirt, he jokingly makes the comment, "I do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day."

At age 30, Charlie Jackson is only one of the military science instructors here at Elon. Captain Jackson, or Captain J. as he is called by most students, is not your typical military man. He is often seen around campus talking to students about joining the ROTC program and showing his support for the athletic programs.

He can also be seen helping the fraternity of Omega Psi Phi doing fund raisers and other activities. He is the advisor and has been a member of the organization since the spring of 1977, when he pledged at Florida A&M University.

Born on August 27, 1957, Captain J. became interested in the Army when he was in the eighth grade. "As a youngster, I was the middle child in a group of ten. I had older brothers and sisters who told me what to do, but then it always seemed that when I told my sisters and brothers that were younger than I what to do, they never really seemed to listen."

Captain Jackson joined the ROTC program when he was in the

eighth grade. "It gave me more power. I could not only tell my younger sisters and brothers what to do, I also could tell complete strangers what to do," commented Jackson.

Captain J. is from Jasper, Florida, and is the son of Henrietta and Wilmer Jackson. Though neither parent has any military background, Captain J. has been in the Army for nine years.

Out of the five sisters and four brothers he has, none has military experience.

After staying in ROTC through junior high and high school, Captain J. pursued his education at Florida A&M University on a ROTC scholarship. Although he majored in industrial technology, he still wants to be a school principal. Though he doesn't have what one would call "students", he has people who want to learn about the service.

"We (ROTC) strive for a high point in excellence for our cadets and have them performing at a degree far better than other corporations or businesses our size," commented Jackson.

Striving for this excellence has taken Jackson to many places, such as Fort Eutis, Virginia; Fort Knox,

Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Frankfurt, Germany.

Some other accomplishment Jackson has made since he began in the Army is being awarded the Army Accommodation Metal for outstanding performance during a tour in Germany.

He also co-ordinated the transportation for the former Iranian hostages. He was also awarded the Army Achievement Metal for providing outstanding logistical support to the 2nd Brigade 24th Infantry Division Maneuver at Fort Irving, California. This is where the National Training Center is which is built to train against Soviet-like forces.

Other than just being a captain in the Army, Jackson is married to his high school sweetheart. He and his wife Carolyn have two children. The oldest is Derrick who is eleven and LoToya is four.

Other than spending time with his family, Captain J. likes to dance, ride horses, listen to music and attend sports activities.

Upon finishing his studies at Elon, Jackson plans to re enter the regular Army and finish his career plans in the Transportation Department. He will be leaving Elon in 1989.



Captain Charlie Jackson

Summer study abroad: an educational vacation

by Betsy Dranttel
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This summer Elon is offering a study abroad program in both Spain and France. Learn about these country's cultures, history and customs, while learning their language. Take a trip into the past; learn about Europe.

Dr. Ernest J. Lunsford is in charge of the summer program in Spain. The cost is \$1600 plus airfare. Students will live with a Spanish family and meals will be provided. Six credit hours are taken in the morning, leaving afternoons and weekends free for school-sponsored travel, as well as free travel.

This is Lunsford's third year with Elon's summer program, and he says that the experience can only benefit the student. "They gain insights to the country and culture, as well as the language. Students leap to another level of language

competence after living in the Spanish environment," Lunsford said.

Dr. Jane Romer is equally enthusiastic about Elon's summer program in France. The France excursion cost \$1750 plus airfare. Tuition for six credit hours is covered, and room and board is provided by a French family.

This is the first program in France for Elon. Students will study at the Institut de Touraine in the province of Tours, located south west of Paris.

Dr. Romer says, "Tours is like a step back in time." She also says, "Students will be amazed at their progress. You get such a huge feeling of satisfaction when you order your first meal in French, and get what you wanted."

For further information, contact Dr. Lunsford at X2267 or Dr. Romer at X2131. The deadline for applications is May 6.



Of this and that...

Battling post-nasal drip:

how to keep your nose from running away

Friedlaender, allergist and professor of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit. "We have people who come in for the first time in their 50s or 60s. But the tendency is genetic."

Hay fever symptoms include sneezing, a stuffed-up or runny nose, itching and watery eyes and excessive mucus in the nose and throat. Some people also have a shortness of breath, itching welts or rashes and stomach or bowel problems.

Antihistamines and decongestants can provide some relief. Antihistamines stop itching, tickling and sneezing. However, they can also cause drowsiness.

Decongestants open swollen sinus and bronchial passages and reduce post-nasal drip. They also dry out the mouth and nose and are mild stimulants.

If you're one of those millions, you can try to keep yourself going with those over-the-counter medications, stay inside 24 hours a day, or hope for rain to calm down the pollen. Another alternative is wearing a surgical mask everytime you walk outside.

Wouldn't it be great if we could boycott spring and jump right into summer when trees, weeds and flowers have already bloomed and the pollen is gone?