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Up-dated Course Shelved

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Afro-American! Militancy! Black Power! Do we as students of Elon College, realize what these words mean? Can we even attempt to understand the problems of the Black people in American today? It is evident that we, as citizens of the United States, must learn the principles behind the Black movements which are springing up across the country. Is it not time to initiate a Black Studies course at Elon, or shall we remain behind this stone wall of ignorance and indifference?

This past summer, Dr. Charles Harper, Professor of History at Elon, worked out an introductory course in Black studies entitled Afro-American History and Contemporary Thought, Designed as a readings course on the junior-senior level, it would consist of three semester hours and would cover the history of the American Black Man and his ideas and problems today.

Prior to organizing the course, Dr. Harper checked with other schools such as The University of South Carolina and North Carolina A and T University as to the content of this initial course in Black Studies. He also inquired among Elon students and found many both willing and ready to enroll in the class.

As previously stated, this would be a readings course and many books by leading Black authors would be used. The basic text would be John Hope Franklin's From Slavery To Freedom, and other works by such authors as Eldrige Cleaver, Malcolm X, and Booker T. Washington would provide supplementary reading.

Upon completion of the course outline it was submitted to the history department for possible addition to Elon's "flexible" and "experimental" winter term. Dr. Durwood Stokes, head of the department, shelved the course for the present time stating that there was "no room" for the course in the present year's schedule. According to Dr. Stokes the classes for this academic year have already been set and there is no way to work the course in.

It seems there is ample room for a course at Elon in which the professor advocates slavery and cracks "Nigger" jokes but not for a program that might promote an understanding of one of the more pressing social problems of the day. Is the curriculum at Elon College of such narrow scope that we cannot be instructed in this relevant and meaningful course now when the immediate need is so apparent.

We Shall Go On...

Campus Encounter

One of the basic elements in the organization of a newspaper is an office where the editors and the staff can meet and work together so the paper can be published on schedule. The Veritas lacks this basic element.

Last year Veritas shared office space with the Elon Colonades. Even though it had permission from the Colonades' editor to use this office, Dr. Danieley "asked Veritas to vacate the space in order to permit those who had been assigned the space to use it."

According to Dr. Danieley, the basic reason the Veritas has not been given an office this year is because of the very severe space limitations on campus. No space will be available until the new classroom-office building is completed in January. Until then Veritas will not have any authorized office space because Dr. Danieley "does not know of any satisfactory arrangement which could possibly be made under the present circumstances."

When asked why Dean Looney has an office in the Student Center, Dr. Danieley said it was the only place they could put her. He also stated "it is the responsibility of the College to determine how the building can best be used and I will probably continue to be necessary to use parts of the building for administrative or educational functions even after the additional building projects which are now underway have been completed."

If you're a member of that vast majority of Elon students who think that campus life could be greatly improved, you'll be interested in hearing about Campus Encounter. An idea which evolved during the Religious Life committee's planning retreat last weekend, Campus Encounter's purpose is to work toward bringing all the various groups on campus closer together. According to Larry Sage, group spokesman, the main project of the year will be a happening-type campus encounter which will take place tentatively on April 11, 1970.

The various activities of this day will take place in the lake area near the Harper Center complex, with the intention being that the students of the "two campuses" will be drawn closer together. Planned thus far are several types of musical Entertainment, arts and crafts exhibits, swap shop, game area, exhibit station, talent show, and a fashion show. Informality will prevail, and it is hoped that many barriers between such groups as the administration, faculty, commuters, and campus students will be bridged. President Danieley has expressed enthusiasm for the project, as have several faculty members.

The students involved in the planning of this Campus Encounter are quite enthusiastic, and they welcome anyone's suggestions or opinion.



The "Day's End"

On October 10, 1969 (Next Friday) there will be an Outdoor Concert. The "Day's End" band will be performing next to the Lake beside Harper Center.

The time for this concert will be at 6:30 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. Left to right: David Bullard, Gary Newbury, Bill Roby, and Donny Falk.

To Those Who See

Within the circularity of it all...
the cosmic riddle of
life -- and death -
---and Life again
Each swan is always a swan ---
with all its beauty and grace
and--the bluejay remains a jay--
No turtle would try to induce
a frog - to live his way ---
Perhaps---
There in--
Lies the secret
of peaceful co-existence---

Gwen Frostie

Existence in itself as a most difficult task but peaceful co-existence is an impossible one. We can co-exist with others, but the past has shown us that it has not always been peaceful, in your own sphere of life, at Elon College, the United States, nor in the world. There is no absolute solution to the problem of co-existing peacefully but perhaps the message transmitted by the beginning quote could aid in its promotion. It would be very depressing to think that the solution could be so simple for so complex a problem.

Examine your own sphere of life and the relation you have to other people. Most of the acrimony between people is caused by differences in opinions, manner, intellect or outlooks. Each person has his own ideals and he is sometimes rancored by their absence in his co-habitants. In your own sphere of life you choose those with whom you wish to associate because of some characteristic which does not clash with yours. You are not apt to peacefully co-exist with someone whose beliefs and actions are totally contrary to yours. The reason it is impossible is because unconsciously you will try to induce them to change.

Examine Elon College. The Elon society consists of many

people of many sizes, shapes, intellects, personalities and beliefs. Barriers are created because of positions. The faculty must act as a faculty, the administration as an administration, a student as a student. It is idealistic to think that the three could come together and decide upon some policy. Each group would have its own ulterior motives and would want to protect its ideals as a force. The administration would try to achieve its purposes without destroying its traditions. The faculty would like to have a meaningful relationship with its students, without stepping down. The students would like to change relationships between themselves and the faculty and administration. Through peaceful co-existence this would not happen. Where each force tries to change the other, there is not peaceful coexistence. Man likes to think that change takes place within himself.

The problem is the same in the racial situation in the United States. Why can't the whites let the Blacks live their own life? It is possible for co-habitation of two races if each respects the beliefs and actions of the other.

In the world also is this apparent. Why does a democracy feel that it is the best form of government and that communism must be stopped? Why does the United States send its people to die? It is really quite simple. We have lost sight of the basic values of life. Our minds are cluttered with our own concerns. We have lost an understanding and affection for our fellow human beings. Can we let people be dissimilar? It is true that we can not co-exist peacefully?

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Robert Craig McCreary

McCreary Special Services Officer

There are numerous problems that students may be forced to face during their college careers. Some of these problems can be solved personally, many cannot. Sometimes the individual may need special guidance; but fearing to face the administration permits the problem to continue. In this case, the person should go to Elon's Special Services Officer, Craig McCreary.

Craig, whose home is in White Plains, New York, acts as a link between the students, the SGA, and the administration. Craig works to make students aware of campus problems and misunderstandings. He has worked diligently to improve such things as dormitory conditions, the mail service, and the telephone service.

When a student cannot understand something that the administration or the SGA has done, they should contact Craig to try and reach an understanding. He can be reached in the SGA office almost any afternoon. This is a very conducive service to the students and should be taken advantage of. Craig has done a commendable job and his services are available to all students at any time.

Registration

Changes in registration procedures were initiated this year at Elon College under the supervision of Mr. Robert Gwaltney, Registrar. Registration seemed to go much smoother as a result. Mr. Gwaltney said there were a number of changes, such as no drop-adds during registration, and the separation of pre-paid and pre-registered students from non pre-paid and non pre-registered students. Mr. Gwaltney said the results of this fall's registration changes will be evaluated and then determined whether they will be retained or altered further. However, some students still endured long hours of standing. Mr. Gwaltney noted this, and said this problem would be an area of future change, such as the staggering of the students alphabetically when registering.