

# Sports

## Elizabeth City Defeats Morristown in Title Tilt

In a bruising battle that thrilled an overflow crowd at Memorial Field on October 30, the State Teachers College Pirates defeated the Morristown Red Knights by a score of 13 to 0 in defending the ECIA crown. Incidentally the Morristown Red Knights were the 1947 runner-ups to State Teachers College.

The scoring was sudden and confined to the third quarter. After a scoreless first half in which the Morristown Red Knights outplayed the Pirates, the Pirates struck with fury and went out in front.

### Scoring Begins

Deep in her own territory, Morristown attempted a forward pass which was intercepted by "Buck" Clay, Pirates' line backer-up, and returned thirteen yards to the 22 yard line. Three plays later, Clarence Dowd, fullback, dropped back and fired a touchdown pass to Paul Pruden who caught it on the 2 and went over. Pruden's conversion was good.

Near the close of the quarter a short kick which was downed on Morristown's 30 yard line led to the second score.

On the second play from scrimmage, Quarterback Percy Daniels passed to Hoggard on the 15 yard line where he stepped out of bounds. Joseph "Bomber" Bryant catapulted off tackle for the score. Daniels' attempted placement was no good.

## Seminary and College 74-0 S. T. C. Tramples Virginia

Striking on the third play, from the opening kick-off and continuing to roll for twelve touchdowns and one extra point, the Elizabeth City State Teachers Pirates defeated the Virginia Seminary and College 74-0.

The scoring started when Bryant went off tackle for ten yards on the third play to score standing up. From Seminary's forty-nine yard line the Pirates scored in seven plays, Hoggard going the last seventeen yards off-tackle.

"Cup" Williams intercepted a Seminary pass on the forty and scored, but a clipping penalty nullified the score. Playing the ball on the 55 from this point, the Pirates again scored on six plays.

A pass from Daniels to Walker added the extra point.

Coach Williams played every man in uniform in the rout, which was marred by many fumbles, five by the Pirates and six by Seminary.

The scoring was widely distributed among the Pirates' backs. Wilkes scored three times; Weeks, Braytn and Clay twice each; while Hoggard, Poole and Pailen scored once each.

A pass intercepted by Dowd on the visitors' twenty-five yard line led to the final score, with Weeks going off-tackle for the remaining nine yards.

The Pirates rolled up 355 yards net gain from rushing to Seminary's 30 yards not gained. There were 13 first downs to Seminary's one with the aid of a penalty.

Coleman, left guard, was outstanding for Seminary while the defense work of Dowd, Trotter and Enoch, the Pirates' center, made the Pirates look good.

## Sophomores Take Homecoming Honors

The Class of '51 has done it again! This marks the second consecutive year that this class has had the honor of crowding a Homecoming Queen. It was work, work, and more work for the hustling Sophomores. The task was a large one, and every member is to be commended.

Especially is gratitude due the class sponsors, Misses Elliott and Porter, who did an excellent job in keeping the class united.

Sophomores, we salute you! May success be yours in the coming years.

## The Quarter Ends

The last quarter, like all of the others, ended; but there was left the spirit of conquering the quarters to come. For some this ending meant graduation; for others, the first experiences of college; and for still others, it meant moving up a step toward the goal—graduation and the fulfillment of their purposes here.

Those who went away left friends with wonderful memories of their stay here. They left vacancies that will be hard to fill. Without them, the dorms will seem deserted. It will not be easy to find Lundy's room down the hall.

New students will move in and become friends, but will they take the places of the ones who are gone? Only time will tell. However, let us face this quarter with the same "get up and go" that we have always had.

The News Letter welcomes returning teachers and new students and wishes them the greatest success.

—Paul Pruden

## GO FORTH AND SING

As a Negro group, we should highly appreciate what the Othello Wilson Choir is doing and strive to help such groups to continue their work. The efforts they have made for the betterment of our race are commendable. May they continue to go forth and sing the Negro spirituals, making them a permanent or lasting part of American life.

## Coming Events

January 14, Elizabeth City State Teachers College will be hosts to a conference on Resource-Use Education involving a number of participating schools, elementary and high schools of this area.

This will be one of the most important conferences of the school year.

January 21, the Annual Banquet honoring the Football Team, Champions of the E. I. A. C. for 1948. Plans are under way to make this one of the outstanding events of the college year. Speeches, music, presentations will be in order. Many outstanding former players are expected to be in attendance.

January 28, the "Touring Players" will present, in the college

auditorium, Emilyn Williams' "The Corn Is Green", an outstanding Broadway dramatic production. The Touring Players is a company of professional actors, subscribing to the idea that a teacher can give more than entertainment to its audience. "The Corn Is Green" is taken from a book of the same name and is a moving picture.

The scene is laid in England and deals with a school teacher who is interested in the mine workers of her community. Lovers of the dramatic art will find this play to be an exceptionally high class entertainment, capable of withstanding the onslaughts of the severest critics. The Touring Players yearly present plays in the leading colleges of America.

## Poetry Corner

### THE NIGHT BEFORE

'Twas the night before going home  
for the Yuletide holidays,  
And all were happy and gay.  
The students were nestled all safe  
in their dorms,  
While visions of parents took various  
forms;  
And I in my room, my roommates  
were gone,  
Had just settled down to watch  
the wind-storm  
When there came a thought to my  
head like a light:  
There's going to be a party for all  
here tonight.  
So I sprang from my chair and  
rushed through the storm,  
With my gift for a friend held  
under my arm.  
As I came through the wind and  
the storm to the Hall,  
There was laughter from little  
ones, and big ones, and tall.  
The Santa, himself, thought an  
obvious hoax.  
Made everything merrier with  
corny old jokes.  
He called loud the names of those  
who had gifts,  
And looks on their faces took  
glorious lifts.  
The nuts and the candy and fruit  
added zest  
To an event I, for one, would call  
the best.  
So I'll close with a thought to  
those that are here—  
Merry Christmas to all and a  
Happy New Year.

—Nellie Drew

### TIMELESS MYSTERY

The fire light, the snow, the candles,  
the trees,  
The images of the Star—  
Christmas is made up of all of  
these:  
But it is much more by far!

It's the light in the eyes of our  
children,  
The love in our lives again,  
As the spirit of Christmas o'er-  
flowing  
Awakens the hearts of men.

Long ages ago a bright star kind-  
led  
A light for the life of man;  
Joined to its throne, a very great  
force  
The moment it began.  
We trust and are blessed far more  
than we know,  
In this timeless mystery.  
Our lives hold the faith; our lives,  
the power,  
Our spirits the golden Key.

—Edith George