

Rambling

With YOCK MALLOY

An Open Letter To The Freshmen

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Dear Freshmen,

By now I suppose Mr. Colclough, with the aid of Dr. Smith and Dean Messick, has enlightened you with the historic and educational highlights of Elon College. So putting all that aside I will try to bring to you some of the sport highlights of dear "ole" Elon.

The proper thing to bring up first would be the nicknames of our teams and their derivations. As you all know, the most famous name is the "Fighting Christians" and this is taken from the fact that Elon is a Christian institution. Secondly, we are known as the "Cannonade", which no doubt speaks for itself. And finally "The Big Red Team," which has been forgotten in the last two years in view of our new gold uniforms. Well, there are the names by which our teams are known, but if you Freshmen have any new ones that sound good, just start yelling them during the games and they will soon be picked up by the student body.

This brings to mind the subject of our coaches, and when we speak of coaches we must say that we have two of the finest leaders that could be found anywhere. Hendrickson and Brunansky have shown in the past, and I am sure that they will show in the future, that they are capable of molding together fine teams. Not only winning teams, but teams that have shown, and I am sure that they will show, team play, spirit and sportsmanship.

Enough for the present; now we must let ourselves dwindle into the past. From here on I am going to relate stories that have been handed down from year to year, some of which you no doubt have already heard. For instance, how many of you have not heard a story about "Peahead" Walker, who was coach here for so long that his name is a legend here at Elon? The story most vividly brought to my mind when I hear the name "Peahead," concerns "Ike" Fesmire, who was a star basketball player under "Peahead" a few years back. It seems that "Ike" was seriously handicapped by blisters on his feet and he couldn't walk, so he didn't show up for practice. Noting his absence, "Peahead" sent the manager after "Ike". When the manager returned and told "Peahead" the reason for "Ike's" absence, "Peahead" said, "If he still has two good hands and two good knees, you had better tell him to crawl over here." I could tell you many more stories about "Peahead," but it would take up this entire paper to tell them all, so I will just say that he is now head coach at Wake Forest and doing very well for himself.

Talking about old timers brings to mind "Mayor" Lowe, Elon's number one rooter. Like the ever popular "Peahead," the "Mayor's" past life has been related over and over on the Elon campus. By a twist of fate the "Mayor" received his education at Catawba, which he now considers his chief rival. Ask him to tell you the story about "Chubby Kirkland," the head coach at Catawba and an Elon graduate, and the ice cream. I am sure he will be only too glad to tell you the story, and he can do it much better than I could.

Speaking of Catawba brings to mind the burning of the Indian. No doubt, you all know that the Indian is the symbol of Catawba. Well, three years ago a few of the Elon boys carried an image of an Indian to the Catawba game, and between the halves it caught fire. Now, if it was an accident or whether it was done on purpose, I don't know, but there was much confusion and the game was delayed a few minutes until the field could be cleared of the pugilistically minded fans.

While on the subject of fire, I would like to bring to light the other big fire that had much to do with the future of Elon's sports. While glancing through the catalogue, no doubt many of you have seen the name "Comer Stadium". Now I suppose that many of you stopped and tried to recollect whether or not you ever saw a stadium on the Elon campus. Well, to set you straight, at the present time the stadium does not stand, but at one time we had a stadium on the present site of Comer Field. This, however, was destroyed by a tremendous fire, one night after Elon was victorious over Catawba in a key game of the season.

Last but not least we come to the subject of school spirit. It seems that many years back we had splendid spirit here at Elon, but in the few years preceding last year the spirit seemed to die. But last year with the aid of a splendid Freshman Class, the spirit rose to life and the team really appreciated it. Before the games there were large pep rallies and many signs were placed about the campus. This, with the many followers we had at the game, led to successful seasons in all sports. Well, enough for the spirit displayed here last season. What I want to speak of now is the spirit that is going to be shown around here this season. I hope that you Freshmen will pull together and really get behind the team.

I think, by now, that I have rambled long enough, so I will bring this letter to a close, hoping that I have mentioned some facts that have interested you.

Sportsfully yours,
Yock Malloy,
Sports Editor.

Intramural Program To Begin Next Week

ANXIOUS CHRISTIANS !!!



Pictured above is the starting line-up for Elon that will face W. C. T. C. tonight at Cullowhee. There is one exception, however; Palantonio, due to injuries, will not make the trip. Coach Hendrickson is expected to start Emo Showfety in his place.

This year for the first time Coaches Hendrickson and Brunansky have capable replacements for all positions and in some places the substitutes are three or four deep. But most of these "subs" are untried freshmen, who will be playing in the first major football game.

All in all the setup points to a successful season, but we will have to hold all this in reserve until tonight, when we will know definitely whether we have "it" or not.

Football, Volleyball, Tennis and Horseshoes Constitute Program

Within the next seven days Coach Brunansky and his assistant Jack Boone will inaugurate the fall intramural sports program for all boys attending Elon College. Intramural sports, long a feature at Elon, in this fall semester will consist of football, volleyball, tennis, and horseshoes.

All boys not participating in one of these sports will be expected to take gym exercise at regular periods. However, it is the hope of Coach Brunansky that most of the boys will take advantage of this opportunity to get outdoors and compete amongst themselves.

All boys have been listed according to the dormitories in which they live. From this list will be selected the teams to represent the dorms. This method of team selection applies to both football and volleyball.

It is expected that at least seven, and probably more, teams will compete in both the football and volleyball leagues. These teams will be the various dorm teams, and the teams of the Alpha Pi and I. T. K. fraternities. Neither Sigma Phi, nor Kappa Psi Nu will enter teams this year.

Volleyball is a new sport offered at Elon, and therefore we have no past performance to guide us in our selections. However, we can attempt to hazard a guess as to the probable outcome of the competition in the football league. As we go to press, we have only a fairly good idea of the personnel of the various teams, but from the material at hand we can attempt a few predictions.

We think that I. T. K., last year's champions, will be dethroned this year and probably Alpha Pi, defeated in last year's finals by I. T. K. will do the trick. In our pre-season book, Alpha Pi is the odds on chance to cop the title.

Alpha Pi has lost but two men, Curtis Jones and "Strawberry" Ford, from last year's second place team. But this loss will be offset by the addition of Sid Kruckin and Jack Gardner, both former varsity men. As usual Jack Foushee, "Peewee" Inman, and Molly Kraft will pace their attack, and they have an almost impregnable defense as proven by the fact that only 12 points were scored against them last year.

I. T. K. will be hard hit by graduation, losing such stalwarts as Whitley, Fuller, Hardison, and "Poppa" Puglisi. Left from last year's team will be "Gourd" Longest, Hobson, and Caruso. These boys will lead the attack, but we believe that reserve weakness will prove their undoing.

"Bagley's Bearcats" will represent East Dorm, and aided by Bev Rogers we know "Bagley's boys" will hold their own. The Publishing House, Mecca of sports minded Elon, will field a team probably a little weaker than last year's 3rd place club loss of Bagley, now doing missionary work in cost. McClellon will hurt, for as yet, no adequate reserves have been found. However, led by Bowden, Malloy, and Hall, this club, to use an old Publishing House saying "will get along."

As yet, the personnel of most of the dorm teams are unknown, but usually at least one dorm pops up with a team that threatens to upset the leaders. This year will probably be no exception. These same clubs will probably field volley ball teams as well.

In tennis and horseshoes individual competition is the rule. Play will be conducted on a percentage basis. The winners will be determined on by won and lost records, and winners will be awarded.

1940 Elon College Football Schedule

In the forthcoming football season the Elon football team plays a total of nine games. This is one less game than was played last year, when the club book five, while dropping five.

However, this year Elon is not stepping out of its class to play opponents vastly superior in man power. Last year, if you recall, we played La Salle, Catholic U., and Wake Forest. Elon was defeated in all these games, amounting to 60 percent of their losses, but this season we anticipate better things.

Of the nine games to be played, six are North State Conference games. The schedule opens on Saturday night, when we play Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee. This is our first Conference game.

Then on September 18 the team goes to Newberry, S. C. to play Newberry College. On October 5 we resume a traditional, and bitter rivalry when we play Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. We celebrate Homecoming day on October 11 when we play Lenoir-Rhyne at Burlington. These last two games are also Conference tilts.

October 28 is an open date on the schedule. But, on October 2, the squad journeys to Miami Florida to play Miami U. This is an important intersectional game and both players and coaches are anxious to take the first game, in what may be an annual event.

On November 1 the team returns home to play High Point at High Point. On November 8 comes the game that all of us are waiting for: The Catawba game, at Salisbury, which has been the scene for many bitter conflicts between students as well as both elevens. These two games, both Conference games are played at night.

Bristol, Va. is the next stop for the Cannonade, as on November 16 they roll down to play King College. Greensboro Memorial Stadium is the end of the trail for the Fighting Christians; for there, on November 23 we renew our traditional rivalry with Guilford.

This Conference game winds up what we hope will be an extremely successful season. It is a tough schedule, entailing much traveling and play on strange fields before hostile crowds. The boys will do their best, but we students also have a great responsibility. A discussion of this student responsibility is found in Rambling, Yock Malloy's column. And good advice it is, too. Read it — remember it, and heed it — and will all benefit by it.

CRUISING

with Crutchfield

Slowly but surely that King of College Sports, football, is pushing the vacation sport of baseball off the pages of the daily newspapers. Each year there is a terrific struggle over the choice spots on the sports page, and each year the grid game emerges the victor.

However, in recent days the New York Yankees have forced the spotlight to focus back momentarily on baseball. Their thrilling comeback to fight Detroit and Cleveland down the stretch for the American league pennant has made the junior league race an unusual one. Usually such finishes are reserved for the National league. But this year the situation is reversed. Cincinnati long ago practically sewed up its second pennant.

New York and Detroit have been the hottest teams in baseball in recent weeks. The Yankee power, long dormant, has shown

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Cannonade Captain



"WADDY" SAECKER

When the "Fighting Christians" of Elon College take the field to night against the "Cannonade" of W. C. T. C. they will be led by the very capable "Waddy" Saecker. "Waddy" has been a standout player here at Elon for the past three years. Last year he was selected on the All-Conference Team for his outstanding ability at the end position.

This year Captain Saecker expects to lead his team to one of the best seasons ever here at Elon and we are sure he is capable of doing this.

"Waddy", a Portsmouth, Va. lad, was classed as one of the best defensive ends in the state last year, and this year in practice he has shown a definite improvement on the offense. We are sure he is headed for his most successful season since coming to Elon. Luck to you, Captain Saecker, when you lead the team on the field at Cullowhee tonight.

Prospects Bright For Football Team

On September 2, Coach Horace Hendrickson's football hopes for 1940 began to prepare for the coming season under the able directions of Coaches Hendrickson and Brunansky.

The Squad started practice minus four of last year's regulars, namely Art Lea, end; Jim Fritts, guard; Charlie Pittman, fullback and Lee Fones, halfback. All of these boys except Fones graduated. He failed to return to school this fall.

The prospects are fairly bright for the coming season. There is a big veteran line in front of light but scrappy back-field led by Jack Boone. Boone is the only back who was considered a regular last fall; however, a group of lettermen and reserve from last year's squad are going to cause many headaches for the opposing teams and coaches. These boys are: Joe Magnotta, Steve Castura, Joe Tomanchek, Bernie Askin, Stan Yonkowski, Bernie Daher, Junius Williams and Dick Staten, the latter a freshman who showed up well in spring practice.

The line is made up of such huskies as Saecker, Hopkins, Shaw and Pearce, ends; Causey and Donoto, tackles; Palantonio, Showfety and Bryan, guards; Laws and Wilkinson, centers. All of these boys are tested players and are anxious to show their wares.

Then too, there are some very bright prospects in the Freshmen ranks. Although these boys lack experience, they make up for it in fight, and before the season is over, some of the veterans may be pushed for their starting berths.

We are not making any predictions as to the success of the club but the spirit, is the best seen at Elon in many a year and if it prevails throughout the season as it has the first two weeks, you can bet the Alamance building that "Elon will have the Ball" when the season ends.

The squad list is as follows:

Ends: Saecker, Hopkins, Shaw, Pearce, Kidwell, Barrthus, and Lentz; tackles: Donoto, Causey, Glenn, Hood, Wood, Zurlis, and Zyvith; guards: Bryan, Palantonio, Showfety, Pamplin, Agresta, Hayes and Wrenn; centers: Laws, Wilkinson, Utsey, Wingard and Cronin; backs: Boone, Magnotta, Castura, Tomanchek, Askins, Yonkowski, Daher, Williams, Staten, Adamitus, Bohensky, Halama, A. L. Nance, A. B. Nance, Russell, Davis, Wilson, Shumar and Saunders.

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