

Day Student Personalities Sketch-Book

CASTURA

If you don't already know him, you ought to. He's one of Elon's most popular personalities, a soft-spoken, modest fellow behind those "specs" in the classroom, but a whirlwind when he takes them off and climbs into an athletic uniform.

That's Steve Castura, 165 pounds of man, the guy with the crew-cut blond hair, the E-sweater, and the half-dozen books he always carries around.

"Sure Steve," as he's been tagged ever since booting those two extra points in the A. C. C. football game, comes to Elon from Hazelton, Pa., and is majoring in English and Physical Education. He first made his appearance here in 1939 but from June, 1941, until October, 1945, spent his time serving Uncle Sam. Two of the years were passed serving in Newfoundland, and he eventually attained the rank of staff sergeant. The best part of his army service, as he happily recalls was the last two months, during which he acted as a lifeguard.

The date Steve best remembers, though, is not the day of his discharge, but April 23, 1945, when—yep!—he got married. Proud Papa Castura (baby Diana is four and a half months old) and his attractive Georgie (he met her in Washington, D. C.) have turned one of the new Vets' apartments into as cozy a little home as you'll find at Elon.

Besides his family, sports in general are what Steve is most interested in—swimming in particular, even though he has letters in basketball, baseball, and football. He doesn't have any particular dislikes.

President of this year's Senior class, Steve also is newly elected head of the E Men's Club and a member of the Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity. He acted as sports editor of the Maroon and Gold last spring (journalism is one of his side interests), and will be remembered for his part of Buono, the janitor, in the Elon Players' production of "Mr. and Mrs. North."

Lastly, but not least, Steve aspires to do graduate work at Temple university, in his home state of Pennsylvania; and, if his quiet, determined nature is any standard to judge by, we don't see what can prevent him from realizing that and all his other aspirations.

MORGAN

Lucille Irene Morgan: a small, charming, wavy-haired brownette from Hampton, Virginia, and a senior majoring in Piano.

Lucille simply can't wait to tell you how she loves—music—and even her music professors; and she has spent a great deal of time studying both, and enjoying music. Classical music comes first with this Cavalier belle, next "Night and Day," and then anything by Perry Como. Roy Acuff? "Good heavens, no!"

Dixie born and true to her state, Lucille appreciates fried chicken, lemon meringue pies, and anybody from Virginia, especially anybody from Norfolk. Favorite color, blue. Nicknames: Lucy, Lucifer, Bette Davis (have you noticed the resemblance?). Member of the Early Risers Club. No-likes: catty girls and cowboy music. Nothing said about the cowboys, though.

Her timing sometimes goes wrong when she is cooking—one half the egg goes on the floor, the other half sticks to the shell. Try us with a piece of cake anyhow. Shortage on cake? always, with the M. & G. staff. We wouldn't hint to Lucille, of course. Or to you, gentle reader.

Miss Morgan is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the famous Elon Choir, Tau Zeta Phi soror-



FLIGHT TRAINING is part of Elon's Aeronautics course, instructed by Professor A. L. Hook, shown here (extreme right) on flight line with a group of air-minded students.

ELON OFFERS FUTURE IN AVIATION FOR STUDENTS

By ALEX SCHIFFELBIAN

Regular courses in aeronautics as part of the students' curriculum in the secondary school systems appear likely in the near future, according to Professor A. L. Hook, head of the Department of Physics and Electronics at Elon College. Revealing in a recent interview that approximately a dozen states already offer such a program as a safety measure in education of the student, Professor Hook credited World War II with bringing aviation into the spotlight.

In the spring of 1939, thirteen state colleges, including that of North Carolina, were selected by the Federal Government in an experiment to train civilians for private pilot licenses. So successful was the initial experiment that the program was expanded. In the fall of 1939, Elon College became an agent for Civilian Pilot Training. With the advent of World War II, the War Training Service was instituted, followed by the Army Air Force program. Since the close of the war, the Veterans Administration has carried on the highly successful work.

Elon's Civilian Pilot Training program instructed ninety-five persons in groundwork, the War Training Service instructed forty, and the Army Air Forces, six hundred and seventy-two. Counting the twenty-seven students now enrolled in the aeronautics course at the college, and twenty-four civilians in the Veterans Administration groundwork course, approximately eight hundred and fifty individuals have received groundwork training under the instructions of Professor Hook.

During the past year ten students have completed their ground courses and have secured their pilot licenses.

They are: Thomas Burton, Reidsville; John Cobb, Liberty; D. B. Harrell, Jr., Mount Olive; John R. Hill, Elon College; Gerald Hook, Elon College; Vincent Long, Burlington; Paul Plybon, Elon College; Wayne Taylor, Effland; Jack Walker, Burlington; and Alex S. Schiffelbian, East Northport N. Y.

The Veterans Administration program, listed in the Elon College catalogue as "Aeronautics," includes three quarters of a college year devoted to a study of general service of aircraft, meteorology, navigation, and Civil Air Regulations, and, in addition, flight training is given by the Burlington Flying Service, which has its temporary headquarters at the Fairchild Air Field, located on Route 70, east of Burlington. Upon completion of new runways at the Burlington Municipal Airport, the Flying Service will resume operations at that site.

To date Burlington Flying Service has a record hard to surpass. Among all the students who have received flight training, not one accident has occurred involving other than minor damage to aircraft.

"The only hazard in flying," says Professor Hook, "is the pilot himself, who often becomes over-confident and careless."

Regarding the future of flying, Professor Hook believes that within the next twenty years owning an airplane will almost be as much in style as owning an automobile today. At present, plans are under consideration for a Commercial Pilot Training program at Elon, as the college moves forward in step with one of the booming industries of our time—aviation.

I discovered, at the game, the reason "Peep-Eye" likes the food at that Graham cafe so well. Is it really the food, "Peep" or is that nifty little waitress you were with? Anyway, it isn't hard to understand why you have suddenly become so attached to Graham. Who says I'm dumb? (STUDENT PLEASE!)

George Cross made a point to let everyone know that Jack Moore has a band. Is it really yours, Jack, and were you sincere about his making a mess of things for you? Anyway, he seemed to be doing a good job of seeing that you kept things going.

Lucy Truitt seems to like school "Moore" now than ever. Why, Lucy? But I can't find out the guy's name that her "big sister," Blanche, was with at the game, so how can I comment, except that they looked good enough?

Burch, one of the boys told me that you liked "Peanuts" in all shapes, forms and fashions. I don't get it, do you? I thought you would, but how could I since I'm not "one of the boys"?

Have you heard the little story of Jimmy Hines going to the Navy Band concert in Greensboro? How did you feel when she asked if you meant it, or was it just a pastime? Wally, you really didn't mind his deciding to drive for you so suddenly, did you?

Hal, what do you think about that "little shadow of doubt"? And have you convinced Clegg that three isn't a crowd when you go to the swamps? (Somebody told me to say that, but it still makes no sense to me—how about drawing me a picture sometime?)

What happened to Jane, Howard? Wonder if she has missed seeing you around—her?

All of you who didn't attend the meeting of the Fine Arts Club at Miss Newman's don't realize what a nice time you missed. Get John Taylor to tell you about the time he was "Frozen."

Find out why Harold Walton was late to class if you can—he just won't tell me.

Flash! Take all your medical problems to Dr. Jimmy Westmoreland. (Pay your life insurance first.)

Al says this has to be finished in a hurry, but I'll be back and tell you all the "dirt" I hear about.

See you around—
DALE.

CALLING ALL CARTOONISTS!

With the thought in mind that "pictures speak louder than words," the Maroon and Gold editor is looking for a first-class cartoonist, to brighten up the pages of the paper with an occasional drawing. If you are an art student (or even if you're not), and you've got the knack of cartooning or caricaturing don't waste any time—hotfoot it to the Print Shop in Duke Science Building and show "Ye Editor" your wares.



Seeing all these unfamiliar faces around the campus makes us wonder where they come from and what kind of an impression Elon is making this year. Hence, we are asking both newcomers and returnees this question:

"What do you like about Elon?"

Doris Peedin—I like the student body, particularly the male following. (me!)

Dalton Harper—The cute sweater girls.

Ray Day—That spirit that grows on you; friendliness, the fun of a small school, and the chance to be a part in the student body.

Jessie Ree Doughtie—Van Johnson is here!

"Nose" Cornish—Sports, speaking, and spooning; also the well-developed personalities!

Dave McClenny—Just the redheads.

Tommy Burton—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Carolyn Tuck—Where else can I have a wonderful English teacher like Dr. McClure. (Jane was present at the time!)

"Peanut" Bain—Oh, the "vittles."

Anonymous—No Apel!

John Watson—The centipedes of South Dormitory; of course we can always pour hot water on them.

Miss Brown—East Dormitory.

"Drummer" Snyder—Beryl, my girl.

Ted Parker—The new "High Point" touch!

Frances Branson—The atmosphere

of the soda shop after dinner!
Frank Roberts—The girls over at Ladies' Hall. They are all so good-looking!

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