

Day Student Sketch-Book

Did ya' have a nice vacation, and are ya' glad to get back to work? All right, so it is a dumb question: well, I don't want a dumb answer. That goes for you, too, "Pop." I didn't have time to catch up on the holiday gossip, but no doubt there is plenty to be known.

Remember Richard "Lovelorn" Hogan, the boy who says he's a woman hater? He's the guy who's marrying Marie Wagoner on December 21. Marie was a commercial student up here last year, remember? Congratulations, you two, and more power to you. (How about letting me in on the art of how to do things like that?)

It seems that the library book, "Marriage and Family Life" is becoming rather popular. Did you like it, "Petey" Boyles? If you did, maybe I'll try it. Who knows?

Would you like a course in letter writing? If so, just find Bill Hancock; he'll give you a few lessons. We can't say just what effect his course will have on you, but we can assure you that there will be some kind of excitement. If you doubt my word, just ask him what happened when he wrote a letter to Trinity.

Know the Morse Code? Of course you do, WHO doesn't know all those DOTs and dashes?

Frank Moses wants to know if there are any veterans, who live in Burlington, who play pinochle. If you are available on Tuesday night, drop around to 412 North Main street for a game.

I don't blame anyone who went home for Thanksgiving, but you really missed a wonderful game. I didn't say that I liked it as well as I did the one with E. C. T. C. (we won that one, remember?), but we were mighty proud of our boys because they did some swell playing against Guilford. After the game, Miss Lila said that she thought the students made a mistake in their election of cheer-leaders, after watching Dr. Smith, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Scott in action. They certainly let everyone know they were from Elon, and that they were giving the team all the support possible.

Jimmy Hines seems to have part interest in the Graham Cafe. No, that's wrong, it's the owner's daughter, Carol. She is kind of ALL RIGHT!

This isn't ALL I know, but if you're interested in knowing it, see me later, 'cause Al says I talk entirely too much (he doesn't have space to print it all). Don't forget that it isn't long before Christmas, so get busy and do your shopping. (I'm not hard to please!) And I hope Ole Santa Claus is very good to you.

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VIEW OF ELON'S CHEMISTRY LABORATORY. Dr. Ned Faucette Brannock, head of the chemistry department, whose association with the college dates back more than fifty years, poses beside his original equipment—thirty bottles (near Dr. Brannock's elbow). Bottles on shelves are part of modern equipment which makes Elon laboratory one of finest in North Carolina.

Personalities

Dr. Brannock At Elon Over Half A Century

ROBERTS

"Well, hello! It's none other than James 'I slay the women' Rimmer 'They slay me' Roberts!"

"Yeah," Jimmy admits, "it's me." And that's the lad this column is about.

Although many of this self-styled Romeo's activities have quieted him down, and he dips only occasionally into the whirlpool of romance this year, last year was an entirely different story. This friendly, blond-haired, cherubic personality from Lemon Springs (suburb of Jonesboro, we hear), N. C., has led a varied and interesting life which belies his disarmingly innocent appearance. Yes, James has seen quite a bit of life in his twenty-odd years.

A transferee to Elon from Pfeiffer Junior College in September, 1942, Jimmy packed his duds in March of '43 and left for the Army. He was a fighting member of the 7th Army in Europe, saw enough of the continent to realize that there's no place like home, and returned to Elon last January.

As to his special likes, pretty girls and steaks with French fries rate four stars on his list. Basketball and "sack duty" don't come far behind. On the side of his dislikes, Jim holds conceived people to be worst, but he also doesn't think much of women who don't like to cooperate toward having a good time.

As a campus personality, Jimmy Roberts is a definite asset to Elon. He is secretary of the Veterans' Club, an active member of the I.T.K. fraternity, and has been a member of the Student Senate. Business administration is his major subject, and someday soon we expect to hear of Roberts' Five and Dime store on a corner of Moose and Goose streets.

Around the campus he is known to all as "Uncle Ned," and he's as much a part of Elon as its buildings. A half century of association with Elon College is his proud record. He is Dr. Ned Faucette Brannock, head of Elon's chemistry department and a native of Alamance county.

Dr. Brannock was born only ten miles north of the college campus, so it's a small wonder that he seems so much at home when you encounter him in the classroom or among the colonnades. As a youth, he witnessed the laying of the cornerstone at Elon, and ever since he has followed, or has been associated with, the growth and progress of the institution.

It was in 1892 that Ned Brannock entered the preparatory department of Elon, and in 1899 he graduated as a chemistry major. During the next nine years, he taught chemistry in schools of North Carolina and Georgia, and it was in 1908, that Dr. Ned Brannock became a member of the faculty at Elon. In that year he organized the school's original chemistry laboratory. At first, the chemistry department was housed in a tiny room, with only thirty bottles and a scant handful of chemicals at the young instructor's disposal; but as the years went by, under Dr. Brannock's guidance, Elon's chemistry laboratories waxed and flourished, until now the department is recognized as one of the most excellently organized and best-equipped in the state.

As a student or a member of the faculty, Dr. Brannock can boast association with the college under all of its five presidents. He entered Elon as a student during the presidency

of the late W. S. Long, graduated during the term of Dr. W. W. Staley, became a faculty member during the incumbency of Dr. E. L. Moffitt, served as an instructor during the presidency of Dr. W. A. Harper, and is presently serving under Dr. L. E. Smith.

Besides his teaching, Dr. Brannock's chief personal interests are his family and his home. Whenever he finds time from his duties at the college, he can usually be seen at home in the garden. Gardening is his hobby.

Back at his desk in the chemistry department, if you should question him about the atom bomb, he will say: "Scientists have developed a deadly weapon. If the energy is used properly, it will prove invaluable to the progress and comfort of civilization; but, if we fail to control our atom findings, we'll not only destroy ourselves but our civilization." If you remain a minute longer, he will probably add, in characteristic good humor: "The students believe that all they have to do to pass a course is to laugh at my jokes, but some of them do not laugh at the right time."

NEXT ISSUE

Next issue of the Maroon and Gold will appear on all newsstands on Saturday, January 11, 1947 (we hope!).

INQUIRING REPORTER

It's human nature for everybody to gripe now and then. Perhaps some of us do more than our share, but none of us are completely innocent of a complaint once in awhile. Somehow we feel better after getting them off our chest, even though they seldom bring results.

We are ignoring the justification angle in this article, giving voice only to your particular complaints. Here are your answers to the question: "What gripe concerning Elon do you have?"

Evelyn Moore: "Can't they arrange the schedule so I can get 'Moore' sleep?"

Charles Hilliard: "It is said that the heat is being saved till winter—can't we give them a little warmth over at South Dorm now?"

Lewis Lawrence: "I love the place! No complaints!"

Roy Perry: "Ordinarily I wouldn't mind going to chapel services, but

when it becomes compulsory, something in me rebels! Can't they let us use our own judgment?"

Andre Saltoun: "The courses are too easy and simple. I don't have enough difficulties to overcome."

Charles Nichols: "There should be more milk served at the meals. This would add more to the meals than anything."

Anton Wright: "There is definitely a lack of recreational facilities here at Elon. Couldn't this be improved?"

Miss Keen: "I know it's an impossibility, but I wish there were some way I could get out of grading my themes!"

Allene Stallings: "A law should be passed, requiring all boys to shave now and then!"

Leila Mae Dixon: "I don't have enough dating time during the week; it's downright cruel!"

Vera Williamson: "I think something should be done about the school spirit—rather the lack of it."

"Little-bit" Isley: "These weekends are too dull! Why can't there be more fun then?"

Frances Branson: "The mail service is too much like the Army."

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