

Elon Basketeers Trounce Catamounts In Loop Tilt

The Christian cagers broke loose for five points in the final forty second of the game to clinch an 81 to 75 victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts at Cullowhee last Saturday night, January 22nd.

The victory, which gave Elon an even split for a two-game invasion of the Carolina hill country, moved the Christians to a 6-2 record in Conference competition and assured them of third place in the standing as the North State teams swung into the final half of the regular season play.

Lanky Dave Maddox, Christian co-captain and scoring leader, paced the attack for Coach Mathis' squad as he pumped in ten field baskets and an equal number of shots from the free-throw line. Ed Juratic hit for 18 and Don Packard claimed 17 points to aid heavily in the Elon offense.

Herman Shamel, husky 6-6 forward for the Catamounts, who has taken up the scoring slack left when the Catamounts lost Jimmy Jordan by the flunk-out route, was top man for the Western Carolina outfit. Shamel had thirteen field buckets and nine free throws for 35 points.

The North State rivals played it close throughout most of the game, with Elon holding a bare 37-33 margin at the intermission. The Christians were leading by a scant 76-75 count as the final minute began, bringing the final rally that sewed up the victory.

Pos. Elon (81)	W.C.T.C (75)
F—Maddox (30)	Shamel (35)
F—Juratic (18)	Magiola (11)
C—Stone	Wilson
G—Packard (17)	Swartzel (6)
G—Whitley (2)	Holecomb (9)
Half—Elon 37, W.C.T.C. 33.	
Elon subs—King 8, DeRita 2, Brown, Western Carolina subs—Rogers 5, Matthews 9.	

Radio Program By Miss Nelms

Miss Elizabeth Nelms, member of the Elon College music faculty, was presented in a radio program over Burlington's Station WBBB at 11:45 o'clock last Saturday morning, appearing in a program of songs that were offered under the sponsorship of the Burlington Music Club. She was accompanied by Prof. Jonathan Sweat, pianist, also of the Elon music faculty.

Miss Nelms, a soprano, is a graduate of MacMurray College, where she received the B.M. degree, and of Indiana University, where she received the Master's Degree in Music. She has also done graduate study at Julliard School of Music.

Twelve Teams In Battle For Campus Cage Crown

East Tops I.T.K. Titular Contest

The East Dorm volley ball team grabbed off the championship in the intramural volley ball play-offs by defeating the I.T.K. fraternity lads. It was the first campus sports crown for the East Dorm lads since the spring of 1953.

The four top teams in the volley ball play were Day Students and I.T.K. in a tie for first and East Dorm and Kappa Psi Nu in a tie for second. The I.T.K. outfit reached the finals with a victory over Day Students in two matches out of three, and East Dorm defeated Kappa Psi two out of three in the other semi-finals. Playing without the services of Bob Bergman, its star performer, the East squad went on to clinch the title

Twelve campus basketball teams in two leagues are battling for the 1955 intramural championship as Prof. Scott Boyd gets his winter sports program in full swing, and most recent standings show three teams tied for the leadership in each of the six-team loops.

Knotted for honors in the Dormitory League are the South Dorm, East Penn and I.T.K. squads, each boasting two wins and no losses in early battles. The triple tie for the leadership in the Fraternity loop features the Day Students, Sigma Phi and I.T.K. (A) quintets, also with two victories apiece.

In recent games in the Dormitory loop East Penn defeated East Dorm 43 to 34, with Frank Stempinsky, Kerry Richards and Davey Gould topping the victors and Johnson leading the dorm boys; South topped North 52 to 47 in overtime, with Ray Scott and Jerry Slaughter pacing South and Bruce Beck and Harold Long leading North; and I.T.K. (B) defeated the Vets' Club 51 to 26, with Charlie Michaux and Larry Dofflemyer leading I.T.K. and J. Barber leading the Veterans.

Games of recent days in the Fraternity circuit had Sigma Phi topping West Penn 38 to 24, with Thompson pacing the attack for the Frat five and Jim DiPerna leading the West Penn combination. Day Students trampled Alpha Pi 58 to 32, with Miles, Lashley and Stout as top performers for the Day Student crew and McGee leading Alpha Pi; and I.T.K. (A) downed Kappa Psi 41 to 32, with Bob Robertson leading the winners and Larry Gaither topping the Kappa Psi scorers.

Most recent standings in the two leagues are as follows:

DORMITORY LEAGUE		
	W. L.	Ave.
I.T.K. (B)	2	0 1.000
South Dorm	2	0 1.000
East Penn	2	0 1.000
North Dorm	0	2 .000
East Dorm	0	2 .000
Vets' Club	0	2 .000

FRATERNITY LEAGUE		
	W. L.	Ave.
Day Students	2	0 1.000
Sigma Phi	2	0 1.000
I.T.K. (A)	2	0 1.000
Alpha Pi	0	2 .000
Kappa Psi	0	2 .000
West Penn	0	2 .000

CHURCH GROUPS

The Baptists and Methodists hold a distinct edge over other religious denominations among Elon College students, according to statistics compiled by the registrar. The figures show the Baptists numbering 252 for 27 per cent and the Methodists with 212 for 22 per cent.

Ranking third is the Congregational Christian group, with 151 listed, followed by the Presbyterians with 110, the Catholics with 32, the Reformed with 23, the Lutherans with 18 and the Episcopals with 17 students. All other groups include 128 students.

THEY ARE SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS



Officers of Elon's sophomore class, who are leading the activities of the group through the 1954-55 college year, are pictured above in a moment of relaxation about the Coke machine. The sophomore leaders (left to right) in the picture are Don Johnson, of Dunn, president; Sylvia Smith, of Henderson, secretary; Margaret Patillo, of Burlington, vice-president; and Gordon Ward, of Suffolk, Va., treasurer. Fred Pryor, of Laurel, Md., class representative to the Student Legislature, was not present when the picture was made.

America And Germany

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are free, but you have to pay for your studies at a university.

I think that I am entitled to say that German high schools reach in many aspects, at least in the last two years, the level of an American college like Elon. That is the reason why I compare my own high school as corresponding to Elon.

American's Many Cars

Now I want to turn away from school to other aspects of daily life. One of the most spectacular differences is the number of cars you find on the American roads. We do not have nearly as many cars at home. Usually, German cars are smaller, most of them can seat five persons at best, whereas I often see seven persons in an American car. I have been told that the average American car costs around \$2,300, but the most popular German car, the "Volkswagon," ranks around \$1,200.

This large number of cars in the United States may account for another difference—most Americans hate to walk. I know many students at Elon who even dread the short way down to the post office. They regarded me as unnatural when they found out that I like to take a walk or run over the countryside, whereas they, as they said, would not be able to run half a mile. This is quite different at home. Though you will not find many people who run outside as I do, you will see many people take a bus to the outskirts of the cities to enjoy a long walk in the woods or parks on the seaside. On fine Sundays the whole family, with dad and dog, spend the afternoon outside in this way.

Though there are not too many cars, most Germans like to travel. The favorite vehicles are motorcycles and bicycles. There are such large numbers of them on the German highways that they have become a nuisance and a danger for traffic. I myself prefer a ride on a bike to a ride in a car, as you do not depend on good highways, and it offers a much better

chance to see the beauty of the country rather than hurry through it. Most people prefer a silent, untouched place—enjoyed by a small group of classmates or a religious group—to the well-known sights, where you might find rich people with their noisy cars.

Prices Are Different

Prices, of course, are different. Watches rank between \$10 and \$30. Food is much cheaper at home. During my Christmas vacation, I used to eat a meal in this country for about eighty cents, consisting of a cup of soup and two hamburgers. (It seems funny to me that you give a German name to what we call with the English name of "steak.") I always left hungry, thinking of the completely satisfying dinner I would have got at home for the same amount.

The reason for the comparatively low prices in Germany are the low earnings. I think fifty cents an hour are the average German wages. When I shall have completed my studies, I shall not get more money as a German teacher than I got working as an unskilled laborer in an American warehouse during Christmas vacation.

Radio programs are different. No advertising merchants pay for the programs, but the radio owners have to pay a certain tax on their radio sets. Most of the radio stations are owned by the states. The programs consist of classical music, dancing music and educational broadcasting (Schulfunk), news, political and cultural discussions and dramas. There are, however, some exceptional radio stations in the former American zone in Germany, which correspond exactly to those in this country.

These are some of the most obvious differences I know. I tried to take an impartial standpoint without giving any evaluation. Nevertheless, if I should have made mistakes, please do not blame the whole nation collectively, but me individually. I'll try to straighten it out.

Girls Start Cage Play This Week

The Women's Recreation Association, which sponsors physical education activities for girls on the campus, will inaugurate its 1955 campus basketball season Thursday night, according to Miss Louise Moseley, director of girls' physical education.

Five teams, including three freshman and two upperclass combinations, will participate in the series of games to determine the champion. The five teams and the roster of girls on each team follows:

UPPERCLASS DORM — Janet Crabtree, Joyce Perry, Carolyn Abernathy, Peggy McKee, Frances Knight, Louise McLeod, Evelyn Fritts, Doris Chrismon, Sylvia Smith and Sis Beckwith.

MAROON DORM FRESHMEN — Ann Dula, Pat Chrismon, Betty DeLancey, Ruth Lloyd, Dot Mauldin, Betty Carson, Doris Gaddis, and Shirley Sorrell.

GOLD DORM FRESHMEN — Jane Davis, Patricia Coghil, Jean Coghil, Jackie Williamson, Emily Scott, Cathy Lambeth, Jane Everett, Charlotte Williamson and Ann Wilson.

FRESHMANN DAY STUDENTS — Dot Keck, Helen King, Jane Williamson, Oneita Frye, Katrine Frye, Betty Ammons and Emma Wagoner.

UPPERCLASS DAY STUDENTS — Martha Walker, Polly Payne, Kathleen McDonald, Margie Englebright, Margaret Boland, Shirley Phillips and Jennie Keck.

LIBRARY NOTES

A packet of old letters held together by a faded yellow ribbon, search for rare old stamps, and a rainy evening with nothing pressing to be done... such were the ingredients that went into the making of "My Dear Brother," a fascinating and nostalgic book that is among the recent additions to the Elon College library.

The book, which is from the collection of Catherine Thom Bartlett, is a story first-hand, as told in letters from an early settler in Virginia, a settler who came from Scotland to Virginia after the days of Bonnie Prince Charlie in a flight that culminated in the building of a new home in the Virginia Piedmont, where the raising of tobacco by hosts of slaves became the center of family economic interest.

The letters, which were written by this settler and his descendants to "My dear brother," with a few to "My dear sister," present a panorama of history from the hectic days in Scotland to the even more hectic days in America, as it was torn by a great Civil War between the North and the South. They are also the story of an amazing family and of social customs of the time, with their descriptions of marriages, cake baking, courtship, schooling, riding, traveling, sight-seeing and plantation life.

The letters reach a height of interest in the turbulence of the Civil War days, with their stories of propaganda and the scenes that shift from Richmond to New Orleans, from Baltimore to Mobile, and from military prisons across the Atlantic to Paris. Altogether, they paint a wonderful picture of times long gone.

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