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THEY STAY AWAY

"They stay away by the hundreds."

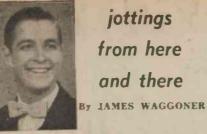
The above quotation is an apt description of the Elon College students on the occasion of almost any and all campus entertainment events, including athletics, dramatics, music and lectures, and it is a sad commentary upon the attitude of presentday college students here at Elon and elsewhere

It is a sad commentary, whether the condition stems from lack of interest or lack of time. If it is lack of interest, then it is even more sad than if due to lack of time, for it would indicate that presentday college youth has grown too worldlywise to appreciate such wholsome things as sports, plays, music and lectures.

Recent research in the history of a number of Elon student activities reveals that there was a time on the Elon campus when the Elon student body gave wholehearted support to the extra-curricular programs. There was even enthusiasm for the competition involved in an inter-society debate, but those days seem to have gone with the wind.

One has only to go out to the Elon ball park on any given day when the Fighting Christians are playing a game to realize the sad state to which the Elon spirit has fallen. With the finest college baseball team in North Carolina wearing the Maroon and Gold colors this year, there is only a handful of students who will take the short walk out to the park

The same thing may be said of the very excellent stage plays presented by the Elon Players, for the student actors quite often spend weeks in practice and then have to play to a practically empty auditorium, a fact which exists in spite of the fact that there is no cost attached to student admission. Student activity tickets are good for both the dramatic and athletic events.



HOW TO WRITE MORE EFFECTIVELY

Most articles written on topics pertinent to our title tend to be pretty dull and unimaginative. However, in one of our fouryear colleges an informal meeting in one of the Effective Writing Classes was held to benefit those interested in improving their hand at writing.

The class was fortunate in having two speakers as its guests. The first speaker, who is an outstanding writer of sermons and an author of several books, suggested some very interesting rules. In outline form are some of the suggestions given by the first speaker.

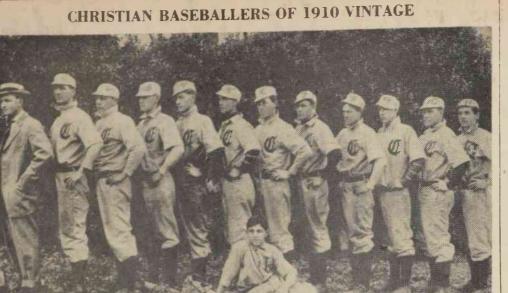
I. Suggestions regarding writing or speaking.

- A. Use little words.
- B. Use short paragraphs.
- C. Use a simple arrangement of words.
- II. Essentials for effective writing. A. Develop and use the imagination.
- 1. Children and great speakers have
- imagination. 2. Thinking enables you to apply it.
- B. Live
 - 1. Have experiences. 2. Listen.
- 3. Know people
- 4. Love people.
- 5. "Have a heart."
- C. Know the rules.
 - 1. Grammar
 - 2. Composition technique.
- D. Read much.
- 1. Do not day-dream while reading. 2. Read many books and magazines.
- 3. Underscore
- 4. Summarize

The next speaker, a southern representstive of the New York Times, spoke mainly on the writing of newspaper articles. Having been a newspaper correspondent for more than twenty years, the speaker gave excellent information on how to be accurate and more effective in newspaper writing, and he stressed five important factors.

- 1. Read newspapers-study their style and approach.
- 2. Read a good text. He suggested "Headlines and Deadlines." by Garst and Burnstein.
- 3. Read everything to find the stlyes. fads, and fashions of the day.
- 4. Search for words.
- 5. Look for a "cute" or unusual angle.

(Not night and day, ,but twilight.) Each speaker urged observation, wide reading, and the use of simple, exact words. As to the essentials, there are those Tho observe and those who don't. This need for good observation is further emphasized by the very fact that the best of men of the centuries have held concern



Pictured from a by-gone era is the Elon College baseball team of 1910, whose coach and star player was Bunn Hearn. later a fine professional performer and in recent years the head baseball coach of the University of North Carolina. The manager, pictured at the left, was C. C. Fonville, later a Burlington business leader. The players, left to right, as best present Elon residents could identify them, were George Garrison. Bunn Hearn. Joe Fogleman, Joe Farmer, Tate Hill, Joe Pointer, June Kernodle, Titus Rand, W. W. "Buddy" Elder and Ross Walker. The youthful bat boy was Clarence Spoon, who later became a doctor in Burlington. Fonville, Spoon and Rand (and perhaps others) are now deceased

On The Diamond Since 1900 **Elon Has Been Real Baseball Power**

By JAMES WAGGONER FIRST CHAPTER Baseball, which has long been tagged "The Great American Game," is the oldest of the varsity sports at Elon College, for Elon students have been throwing the horsehide sphere and wielding the willow wands since the birth of the college itself.

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In the earliest years of the colege, the games seem to have been more or less a student pastime. perhaps of the "choose-up" variety, but Elon has been playing baseball on a varsity basis for more than half a century.

From the earliest records here and from the memories of longtime Elon fans it appears that Elon played her first intercollegiate baseball in 1900, meeting such teams as Bingham Military Academy, Guilford, Catawba and David-

W. E. Lowe, retired railroad ball as an Elon sport, and he game of intercollegiate baseball Easter Monday games were in Elon history

Bingham First Opponent He recalls too that the first that Louis Hobbs, who had already the king, and the king come out ame was with Bingham and was tained fame playing for Guilford to see of Bunny." game was with Bingham and was gained fame playing for Guilford, played or: a hastily constructed *as "imported" to play for Elon in (Continued on Page Four)

This is the first chapter of the Bunn Hearn, later a major league Elon baseball story, one of a sertar and in recent years the head ies of research articles that tells coach at the University of North of Fighting Christian diamond Carolina: W. W. Elder, now a refortunes during more than half tired navy officer and chaplain a century. The story reaches who is remembered from his colback to the opening of the cenlege days as "Buddy" Elder; Joe tury and records many high-Farmer, Joe Pointer, June Kernodle, Joe Fogleman, lights of Elon play in the years that are gone, bringing back Foushee, Tate Hill, Ross Walker, memories of stars who set the and George Garrison Maroon and Gold on a high pinnacle in the great spring sport.

Bunn Hearn, who is known throughout the Southeast as one from the records of other schools diamond in a cornfield, which of the most colorful figures and was near the western edge of the best story-tellers in the realm of campus. The opposition seems to sports, went on from the Elon have been too experienced for campus to play on far-flung fields Elon that first season, and one all over the world. It was at the wag is said to have remarked, height of Hearn's playing career We have met the enemy, and we that he was on a barn-storming tour of England with a group of are their'n.

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Members of the 1910 team were

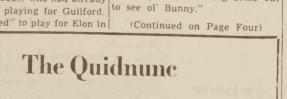
Hearn Was Colorful

Sam

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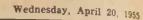
Dr. L. E. Smith, who was a stud- pro stars. man, who has long followed the ent here from 1906 until 1910 re-fortunes of Elon teams in baseball membered Elon playing in front land came out to one game, and the and all sports, was greatly inter- of West Dorm for home games, royal presence attracted a huge ested in the introduction of base- and that the Easter Monday class- crowd. Hearn, ready to take the ics with Oak Ridge were the out-mound for the game, is said to recalls that he umpired the first standing games each year. The have looked up at the crowd and remarked in his slow southern

played at the old Harden Park in East Burlington. He also recalls

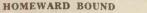


By GARY THOMPSON

slight improvement over last years' Afterthoughts



curley's campus chatter **By CHARLIE OATES**



WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The evening train rolls slowly out of the nation's capital, and you can hide your excitement no ketter than any other college student could on leaving Washington and homeward bound. As the train speeds southward, you try to free yourself of the lonely feeling you have and find a comfortable position. It seems that you are completely alone, now that the crowd you spent the weekend with is no longer around.

You have been gone only a few days, but it seems as though it would take weeks to squeeze in all the events that occurred during your visit. Things really happen in the city by the Potomac.

Now that you are out of the city, you sit back and watch the big trees flick by, the green hillsides of northern Virginia sprawled out on either side of you and the smokey blue mountains in the distance. This scenic beauty helps you to relax and to feel at ease. You keep thinking that this is the first time in three days that you have been alone to relax for any length of time, and it really feels wonderful in spite of the fact that you will be going back to classes the next morning.

You picture in your mind the many places you visited while in Washington. The places you went and the sights you saw and the sounds you heard all merge to form one huge picture in your imagination. You recapture the sight of the capitol dome, the Washington monument the museum, the zoo, Glen Echo Park, the Potomac River, and the masses of people hurrying to and from the railroad station. You think of sleeping, but you find it difficult to do.

After the conductor takes your ticket, and your ears to the occasional chatter of and your eyes to the occasional chatter of other college students who are also aboard the southbound train, and somehow your thoughts wander back to the Elon campus, pushing out, to some extent, the events you were part of while in Washington.

You begin figuring on the outcome of the elections that have been held on the campus and think of the great amount of work that you will have to do back at school, for this is the week of mid-quarter exams. Noting that the spring term is half gone, you wonder if you will have time to finish all the work that lies ahead of you. You also weigh along with these tasks the amount of social activities that will distract the student mind during the remaining part of the quarter.

You keep telling yourself that you will be glad to get back into the swing of college life, even thought it will be a distinct contrast from the weekend behind you. Suddenly you realize that it will be en joyable to hit the campus again and to see the familiar faces about you.

Again you think how much fun you have had and then consign the trip to the past, at the same time looking at your watch and calculating just when you will reach the familiar destination at home.

Glancing up and down the schedule, which you extract from your pocket, you figure how long it has taken to cover the first part of the journey. Familiar names are flashing by as you pass through the cities nearer home.

The forthcoming series of student music recitals, which will climax a full year of work for many music students, will be attended largely by relatives and friends of the young musicians and by music majors who are required by departmental orders to be present, and not even departmental orders could get most of the students out to hear a lecture or a debate. In fact, one hears that the last time Elon participated in an intercollegiate debate, it was almost impossible to get enough persons to attend to serve as judges.

Of course, many students will argue that they lack the time to attend such student activities as have been listed above, and many day-students will argue that they have no way of transportation to attend such extra-curricular events in the afternoon and evening. The fact remains, however, that those same students always find the time and transportation to artend shows, auto races and other events that have far less cultural and aesthetic value.

Now, one hears some of those students say, "But I like those things." That's exactly the point. It is a sad commentary upon Elon students and present-day college education that there is no more taste for the more worthwhile things of life. ----CONTRIBUTED

And now we are brought on to our second essential-that of wide reading. It was Goethe who said: "Never let a day pass without looking at some perfect art, hearing some great piece of music and READ-ING, in part, some great book." Even Emerson exclaimed, "Give me a book, good health and a day in June and I will make the pomp of kings absurd and ridiculous." And pursuing the subject the use of simple, exact words, which can be a help to all who attempt to write is the final essential magnified in our column today. Prof. J. C. Colley calls the over-use of words-Verbalism. This can be applied to both the speaking and writing. An acquaintance with a book called Roget's Thesaurus will help you to express yourself, yet we do not mean discredit the study for a good vocabulary.

The final matter as to more effective writing is that of tying the three essentials together. A good observor, a wide reader. and a user of simple, exact words are three definite essentials for every good writer, and this will make writing readable.

So may we all, in the measure open to us, attempt to be effective in our writings.



ucoup of forget-Seniors should note: A file on me-nots to the "boys of pigskin" fellowships and scholarships is for presenting President L. . Smith available in the dean's office he football used in last years' con- Bad news for music lovers-the

We flip our lid to the new stud- quest of Davidson. This writer nickel juke box will be a thing of ent body officers. Leave us not for- deems it very apropo . . . Warm the past January 1st. All new . Memo to weather is now snuggled around jooks demand a dime . get your promises the Business Office: How about us ... That means the beaches 1944 Elon Colonnades you can more adequate lighting facilities will soon be in full swing. Have read these words;

for our future thespian produc- you gotten your water wings? ... Wright Williamson, win- Dr. W. W. Sloan has sold his epic. tions: . er quarter graduate, now a truant God Marches On to the MacMilofficer in Norfolk, Virginia. He lian Publishing Company . plans to enter grad school this Spring football started last week. fall ... Saw Gary "Soup" Sears, Many highschoolers and ex-G.I.'s Elon alumnus, over the Easter reported seeking a place on the week-end. He is now desking it at squad. According to hear-say the he Ford Motor Co. in Richmond, team is working on precision drills Virginia ... Dean Clark, Hartford's for the fall opener against Missis-Dean of Religious Education, was sippi Southern ... If one is poor on campus last week. The dean at spelling it helps a lot if your poke to students interested in re- handwriting is terrible too ligious education . . . Elon's horse. Elon's racketeers off to a slow hiders are presently the hottest start in their tennis campaign. At ball club in the state Rumors present Richard Cooke is leading

have it that Jane Luce and Larry the Christian court men ... Here's Dofflemeyer will wed in May hoping the May Day festivities will these days. It seems that some un-The stork has recently arrived for come to a successful conclusion known person has been raiding the John Platts in the form of a by a well attended dance. I might his room. Could it be the Phantom baby son ... Iota Tau Kappa's an- add that tables for the event has struck again? ... Lefty Taylor, nual spring banquet will be held should be a pre-requisite . From the recent cinemas in Bur- ago, has recently signed a baseball May 21st at the Plantation. Some Quickies

Chapel speakers this year are a and seek more actors .

THE LAST HOUR You reached From where we sat And pulled a vine That clung tightly To a moss-green rock Stripping it to the roots

I cried. Cried with pain Unbearable, The grim words of me, Who is misunderstood, While you wrapped the vine Idly around your arm.

-Bill Meacham * * *

Ladson Cubbage is rather liked Elon chunking star a few years lington, it would pay Hollywood contract with the Pirates. He to quit shooting so many flicks stands a good chance of being assigned to Bur-Gra. . . Weidersehen!

Finally, the train flashes over the Dan River and through Danville, and you think its not much further. There'll be Reidsville and then Greensboro, and by this time you have figured out that you should roll into the familiar Gate City station at least five minutes ahead of schedule. The conductor verifies your figures as he passes through the car, and then you figure it's scarcely half an hour longer until the familiar scenes of Elon will be seen. You are amost tempted to try riding the train on to Elon, but a quick glance at

your schedule discloses that there would quite a wait, and a second thought convinces you that 'twould be far quicker and more convenient to ride the bus.

And so by Trailways you wind up the final stage of the homeward journey. You glance out from the front window of the bus and see the aviation blinkers on the WBBB radio tower, which blink downward almost over the Elon campus. At last you see the college wall and know that behind it are all the familiar things that have become a part of you.

Then you look up into the night sky and you see the lighted cupola that looms out of the darkness over Alamance Hall, and somehow it looks just as good to you as had the bright dome of the capitol' or the towering shaft of the Washington monument. That 8 o'clock class may not be so pleasant in the morning, but it's really nice to be back.