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PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

Why isn't God real to most people? Dean Inge suggested one reason when he said, "It is quite natural and inevitable that if we spend sixteen hours daily of our working life in thinking about the affairs of this world, and five minutes in thinking about God . . . this world will seem two hundred times more real to us than God."

The more we think about God the more real He becomes to us. And the more real He is in our lives, the more radically He will be able to change us. The kind of transformation of outlook and character that the Gospel promises is possible only in this way.

Jesus, the great Christian teacher, acted on this premise, for the record says, "He chose them that they might be with Him." The world saw the results of it in the lives of the early disciples, and "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Paul stated it as an exhortation, "Pray without ceasing." The radiant and effective Christians through the centuries—those of the "luminous trail," as Rufus Jones called it—have "practiced the presence of God."

They have discovered the secret of the abundant and victorious life. THE WORLD MAY NOT HEED THEIR MESSAGE, BUT IT IS ALWAYS IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES. Through the magnetic attraction of these Christ-dominated personalities people are drawn to the Cross for the answer to their deep inner needs. They are light in a dark world.

—G.B.T.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. Ruth Boyd, the dance committee, the parade marshal, the football team, and all students and alumni who made Homecoming of 1955 such a successful event, the Maroon and Gold congratulates you enthusiastically on your work.

The annual Homecoming Ball with its "Gay Nineties" theme, was indeed an outstanding feature of the weekend. The Queen with her royal court, music of Paul Zimmerman's Orchestra, and the decorations all proved quite impressive!

One of the finest things of the entire weekend was the parade through the city of Burlington. The attractive floats, the convertibles, the charming girls, and the spirit shown was noticed by all.

To climax a perfect Homecoming, the Fighting Christians turned in their best performance of the year and broke a six-game losing streak.

Again and to all, congratulations!

VETERANS' DAY

Observance of Veterans' Day—formerly Armistice Day—is set for Friday of this week, and 'tis indeed a pity that the celebration cannot be staged in a world completely at peace.

There have been very few intervals, however, when the world has been without war somewhere. This fact was stressed in impressive manner by Rev. W. J. Andes in his message at the 11 o'clock hour last Sunday, a message which everyone on the campus could have heard with profit.

The minister cited research which shows that in one period of 3,357 years of the world's history, there were only 227 years of complete peace, and he pointed out too that the intervals between wars in this modern age seem to be getting shorter and shorter. It is worthy of much thought that so much of the world's treasures are wasted in conflicts between men.

—CONTRIBUTED



the quidnunc

By GARY THOMPSON

Give me the football battle,
The captain's signal call,
The rush that fills the heart with thrills,
The line that's like a wall.
Give me the hard-fought scrimmage,
The joy almost divine,
When like a rock we stand the shock
And tackle 'hind the line.

Congrats are in order for the Christian pigskinners' recent football exploits. There's nothing like a victory or two to brighten up one's spirits. And while we are passing out posies of praise, I would like to commend the Homecoming Committee for a fine dance. It was the best these orbs have seen during four years stint at this institution.

Don't fail to see the Elon Players' version of "Out of the Frying Pan." It is time well spent . . . Jane Everett, 'Gator's filly, a recent visitor to the sod of Christianville . . . The sons of Dean Danieley and Prof. Brashear were christened recently in the Elon College Community Church by Rev. Andes . . . Andy Griffith, from this here state of N.C., has got his name in lights at the Alvin Theatre in New York. His debut on the stage was a hit . . . They should change the title of "No Time For Sergeants" to "Fine And Andy."

Yackety Yack

"Pea Turkey" Scarborough is another Mark Fallon when it comes to playing "Rook." 'Tis said he possesses X-ray vision in his eyes . . . Kappa Psi's Gordon Ward to wed Dot Mauldin later this month . . . Dean J. E. Danieley, Dr. Paul Cheek and two Elon students, Jimmy Bell and Jack Cale, attended the southeastern regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in Columbia S.C., last week . . . Church services on Sunday mornings during November are being aired by Radio Station WBBB.

"The Burning Cross" ??? It seems that Guilford had a couple of her students to visit us recently, a visit during which they painted a few signs on the entrance to Whitley Auditorium and then decided to burn a cross in someone's yard. Guess whose yard they mistakenly chose? None other than Elon's police chief. Needless to say they were apprehended immediately.

Did everyone notice the Club House's outstanding float in the Homecoming parade? Many who saw it thought it to be exceptionally clever, and there were remarks that favoritism was shown in the awards . . . but not to the Club House . . . Glad to see all the old grads who visited Alma Mater for Homecoming weekend . . . Intramural volleyball scheduled to start in the very near future . . . And let's all head for Hickory this weekend to see the Christians upset the Bears of Lenoir Rhyne . . . 'Twould be nice to see All-Conference Bob Stauffenberg back in Elon's football line-up for that game . . . According to announcement by Prof. John West, the Colonnades will be published this year . . . "Rebel Without A Cause," starring the late James Dean, explores the jungle of juvenile delinquency. A must for the movie lover.

Good For A Laugh

The moon was yellow,
The lane was bright;
She turned to me
In the autumn night,
And with every glance
She gave a hint
That what she craved
Was real romance.
I stammered, stuttered,
And time went by.
The moon was yellow,
And so was I.

A salesman, stranded in a small village, asked one of the natives if there was a movie in town.

"Nope," was the reply.
"Any poolrooms or bowling alleys?"
"Nope."

"What form of amusement do you have?" asked the exasperated salesman.
"Wal, come down to the drug store," said the old man, "There's a freshman home from college."

A conscience is a killjoy!
It takes away the fun
You had in doin' somethin'
Yo' shouldn't oughta done.

Chaucer and I wrote a dirty story,
Bawdy and lewd from the start,
But mine, people said, was pronographic,
And Chaucer's was classical art.

'Tis the end for now, lover!

STAMPS FOR HIS HOBBY



When Shigemi Morita, just plain "Joe" to most of the Elon students, came to the Elon campus this fall to continue his program of education, he brought with him at least one of his old hobbies, that of collecting stamps. The Japanese boy, who came from the faraway city of Kyoto, feels that he has learned much from his collection of stamps from all parts of the world, for he always tries to learn something of the nation from which his philatelic treasures came. The Maroon and Gold's roving photographer caught "Joe" in a moment when he was studying and arranging his collection of stamps from more than fifty countries. In the accompanying story Gary Thompson tells something of "Joe" Morita's life in Japan and since he came to America, not forgetting to tell of the Japanese youth's reaction to American education. "Joe" has already found a real place in the life of the Elon campus and in organizations like the Student Christian Association.

Its Shigemi Morita In Japan, But . . .

He's 'Joe' To Elon Fellow Students

By GARY THOMPSON

EDITOR'S NOTE

This article on Shigemi Morita, Elon student from Japan, is the first of a series of studies of foreign students enrolled as students at Elon College this year, giving something of the background of the Japanese youth and of his impressions of American schools and American students after a year and a half of stateside schooling. Other articles concerning other students from foreign lands are planned for the Maroon and Gold at intervals during the 1955-56 college year.

but also in the routine aspects of the American way of life.

American college life, as Joe sees it, is featured mainly by classroom informality. Joe can recall how he drew curious eyes of his classmates when he stood up and bowed slightly in an Oriental manner at the sight of an incoming professor, who seemed puzzled at Joe's "unusual" action. That was a year ago.

Wise To Informality

Nowadays, Joe is quite "informality wise." No longer do his eyes pop out at such stunts by some professors as perching on the table and chair-rocking in merry-go-round fashion.

One thing that seems unusual to Joe in American classrooms is the disagreement of hair color among students, and also the large proportion of left-handers, who can take notes at Jet-propelled speed.

"My eyes rolled when a couple of co-eds called me 'you kid,'" Joe remarked, "but my surprise was even greater when I heard the students calling each other 'you guys.'"

A friend of Joe's in his homeland, who had spent a couple of years in the States, advised him to watch his language in dealing with American girls, but this "you guys" greeting made him relax from language tension. "Sometimes I think that the American language itself consists of slang, because I never hear students talking in good grammatical conversation," Joe stated. "As I have said, their conversation is always the 'Hey you guys' type."

Our subject can well understand how American students enjoy their dates, which usually wind up with endless 'good-byes' on and around the "38th Parallel"

of girls' dormitories, beyond which "no men and dogs are allowed."

American Frankness

Another thing that struck Shigemi Morita strongly is the openness and frankness of American people. "They say 'no' when they feel that way," Shigemi stated. "They express their feelings without restraint." He went on, "this way may sound quite a natural thing here, but it is not always so in Japan. We are often more concerned with the other person's reaction than with frankly stating our own feelings." Joe does not exactly know what caused such tendencies, but he feels that the old feudal system which Japan had for so long may have had something to do with it.

"I do feel that we Japanese should change this habit," he pointed out. "However, frankness can be almost rudeness if it goes too far, and at the same time there is some merit in reserve. If it springs from the genuine desire not to hurt other people's feelings, I like the informality in Americans if it is due to simplicity and not to sloppiness."

Joe has begun to understand what the freedom of the individual, independence and eventually democracy, can really mean. He had heard these words frequently in Japan, especially since the American occupation, but it is only recently that he has begun to understand these things as part of his living experience. He feels that, despite a tendency to conformity in this country, the concept of freedom and independence of the individual is strongly rooted in American culture.

Dislikes The Ads

Nothing in America is so sickening to Joe as the frequent interruption of radio and TV shows by spot ads. Commenting on newspaper ads, he says, "I think I have become completely anesthetized during the past year."

Mail-order catalogues of various department stores offer foreign students such as Joe up-to-date knowledge of terms which can hardly be found in the dictionaries, and he says that these catalogues are going over big with foreign students.

"America as seen and understood in 3-D fashion was one of the main outcomes of my 17-months study that has just come to a close," Shigemi Morita concluded, "and I am now wise enough to tell 'root beer' from 'real beer' and 'cheese-cake' from the kind of cake on the coffee shop menu."

person to person

By CHARLIE OATES



SUCCESS! That is the story of the 1955 Homecoming weekend, and no small factor in the success of the weekend was the grid battle with Western Carolina's Catamounts, which yielded the Christians a 19 to 6 win.

Although victory is quite a tradition for Elon's annual Homecoming games, this victory over the Catamounts came as a real treat to some 1,500 fans who had been waiting all season for a win. The Elon team seemed sparked by the Homecoming festivities that had been in progress prior to the game.

The turn-out of students, old grads and other Christian fans was something short of tremendous, but it was quite satisfying in view of the ill success in early season and it is only a proof that Elon spirit can live and support the team in both victory and defeat.

Fans Do Help

'Tis likely that the support from the Elon stands had quite an influence in the victory, for the Catamounts were far from their mountain lair and had very few supporters in the stands. It was just the opposite of last year's contest at Cullowhee, where Western Carolina had its own Homecoming crowd for support. It almost worked, too, at least for one half, for the Cats were leading 20 to 0 at half-time of that game. Remember that Elon "come-back," however, which netted a 20-20 tie at the final gun.

Only tough break of the entire weekend was that the half-time ceremonies were cut short by rain, for the Elon Band had already started things off in spectacular style, and the crowd missed a treat when the downpour halted the presentation of the Queen and her royal attendants.

However, there was nothing to mar the beauty and enjoyment of the dance that opened the big weekend, for the gym was really a thing of beauty. The dance committee really outdid itself in the most beautiful set of decorations these eyes have gazed upon at Elon College, and the music by Paul Zimmerman and his Band was mighty easy to listen to, especially that vocalist.

Many Alumni Spotted

Many old grads were back on campus for the Homecoming events, and distance meant little to some who returned this year. Woody Stoffel, a former Student Body president, came from New Jersey. Dave Hardy, of "bring-em-back alive" fame, came from Baltimore; and Dave Maddox, last year's basketball scoring ace, was back all the way from Alabama to get in on the fun and excitement.

Ted Webb, once a well known "Spider" about the campus, and his wife, the former Aleane Gentry, one-time cheerleader, came back from Wilmington; and seen with them was Raleigh Ellis, one-time co-captain of football, and his wife, the former Carolyn Abel, who was one time chief cheerleader. Another couple—and still another cheerleader—on hand was Tommy Matthews and wife, Jane Peterson, from Norfolk.

Mike Moffo, once an All Conference center in football, took time off from his coaching duties at Suffolk, Va., to join the fun here; and Nat Burwell, another footballer, was with the gang. Nat has given up on his coaching for an industrial post. Another coach on hand for Homecoming was Joe Bryson, who tutors football at Bessemer, and Clay Brown dropped over from Yanceyville for the game.

Has Own Radio Show

Curt Welborne, a Greensboro friend of mine and an Elon graduate of a couple of years ago, is now MC on his own record show, which he calls Curt's Caravan. His program, one of the most widely heard in the Greensboro area, is on the air for several hours each evening. During his Elon years he wrote for both the Maroon and Gold and the Colonnades.

Curt went on from Elon for a whirl of graduate work at Duke. Other Elon men now in graduate school at Duke are Bill Simmons, George Barron, York Brannock, Matt Currin and James McDonald. Possibly others.

Painters Wanted

Friend of mine from Guilford asked last week if anything unusual happened on the Elon campus on Halloween Night. I could give him no definite answer, but I thought he might be referring to some of his Guilford friends who answered a recent sign on the bulletin board in Almance. The sign read, "PAINTERS WANTED."

It seems that the Guilford boys either saw or heard about that sign, so they just came down and went to work.

'Tis said, however, that they failed to count on the alert presence of Elon's "Mr. Law," who happened on the scene and interrupted the job.