

Maroon And Gold

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ELECTIONS AND YOU

Leadership, scholarship, character, and dutiful service—these important qualities and students who possess them should be foremost in our minds as we approach election time on the Elon Campus.

In order for Elon's student government to move forward, we must have in positions of leadership people who are willing to give freely of their time and effort. We must get away from forming a mutual admiration society and put only those in office who are qualified and competent.

This coming Monday morning all students who have expressed their candidacy, via the new filing system, for the various student government positions will have the opportunity to speak. Listen to each one carefully. Chew, digest and swallow his orations and decide for yourself who is the candidate for you. This matter should receive your utmost attention.

In the elections almost at hand, attempt to choose candidates who will give service not curtailed by any lack of interest, nor by any lack of effort, nor by a lack of power to put through the improvements which mean growth and progress rather than stagnation.

In the past many people have run for various offices just to see if they were popular enough. After being elected to office their interest sagged greatly, but they had proven to themselves and their egos that the popularity contest was a success. Don't let this election fall into the category of becoming an egoistic popularity poll. Stick by the issues involved, listen to them carefully and decide (as individuals) just which candidate you favor. Don't be a mere puppet on a string caught in the swirl of incompetent candidates.

Student government is only as good as the student body itself. If we have an incompetent student body, can we expect much more as WE elect them into office?

During last spring's student body elections, Elon's student body voted approximately 75 per cent. This is a very healthy situation for student government. It shows that the majority of Elon's college students are actively interested in student government.

It is felt that the total vote to be cast for the upcoming elections will surpass last year's total. It takes just a minute turn out at the polls in both the primary and general elections. It will be worth your while. The elections will be one of the highlights of this quarter, if we treat it with the proper respect. Show your respect by voting for your aspiring candidate.—LEB.

SPRING FEVER

That perennial disease, sometimes called "Spring Fever," is already making itself felt on the Elon campus. Suddenly it seems so easy to sleep through classes, or to day-dream about almost anything, particularly when seated before an open textbook. Suddenly it seems so much nicer to simply sit and watch the flowers and the green grass, but someone else has already written that "It is later than you think, so we cannot forget that exam time is not too far ahead, all of which will bring a time of reckoning.—CLIPPED.



Sounding Off

By LARRY BARNES

Down through the annals college students have been doing such wierd things as pilfering Army mules, swiping LSU bengals, and swallowing goldfish. It is always gladdening to read about Elon College in other newspapers. Here is an extraction of Bill Diehl's column "On The City Side," which appears daily in the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch. It deals with various collegiate happenings.

"This brings me to one of my favorite college stories as related by H. Reid, a former Norfolk newspaperman now working in Newport News.

"Reid attended Elon and William and Mary. If you can believe him, Elon some years ago was the mecca for a group of the most ingenious students in America. It was nothing for them to hoist a cow or something similar into the church tower.

"One of Reid's school chums was something of a bug on automobiles. The boy had a Model-A Ford roadster that he cared for as a mother would fondle a baby. The boy's every spare moment was devoted to tinkering with the car. And it ran with amazing smoothness for its age."

"Some of the students felt that the young man was so devoted to the car that it seemed a shame he should part with it during the night.

"So one weekend, while the auto genius was away, they confiscated his roadster. Diligently and around the clock they worked on the car. They were seen to carry heavy objects into the dormitory.

"Sunday night the departed student returned. Happily he placed a key into the door to his room. He switched on the light and there to his amazement stood the very essence of his life... his car.

"His buddies had dismantled the vehicle and put it together again in his room.

"Can you imagine walked into your bedroom and finding an automobile there?"

While we are on the subject of college antics, I would like to relate the funniest college story I've had the pleasure to hear. It appeared first in "Sounding Off" February 8, 1956. It felt like it is indeed worth repeating. It went like this:

"... This tale was told to me by jovial Arthur Pitts. The locale of this little epic takes place at the University of Virginia about five years after the turn of the century. Its principal characters constitute Art's father and two collegiate companions.

"The three young men had just graduated from the Wahoo institution and found themselves without spending green. It was necessary to have funds so they could properly celebrate their conquest. Gaiety filled the atmosphere for everyone but the trio. Parties and dances were being held all over the campus. Laurie Pitts and his colleagues, John Bell and Frank Hoffman, sat in the local hangout pondering how to acquire some moola. Their faces had that long, downcast look and gloom permeated their infrequent chatter. Suddenly, Hoffman's mind flashed a brilliant idea. He got up from the table, excused himself for a moment, and headed for Western Union. Unknown to his two friends, he sent an urgent telegram to Bell's father, a man of some wealth. It read...

JOHN DIED EARLY THIS MORNING. WIRE MONEY FOR CASKET AND EXPRESS ON BODY HOME. REGRETFULLY. HOFFMAN AND PITTS.

Hoffman then returned to his companions and told them nothing of the deed just done.

The next morning Laurie Pitts was roused out of his bed by a constant knocking. He went to the door and was met by a Western Union delivery boy who thrust a telegram into his hand. Pitts had no idea who could have sent him a telegram. He noticed that it was addressed to Hoffman and Pitts. That discounted the fact that maybe someone at home was ill. Maybe the Dean had sent it telling them that they did not graduate after all. Hurriedly he opened the envelope. Surprise crossed his face as he scanned...

SHIP JOHN C. O. D. KNOWINGLY, MR. BELL."

That about wraps it up for this issue. We'll be looking for you next time when the column returns to its normal "Confidential" style, chock full of yellow journalism.

With Five Straight Titles

Elon Tennis Had Its Days Of Glory

By JAMES WAGGONER

The golden age of Elon College tennis came in the mid-thirties when the Christian Letmen won five consecutive North State Conference titles and compiled records comparable to any other tennis squads in the state.

During the seasons of 1927, 1928 and 1929 records were difficult to find, yet it was certain that tennis was gaining popularity with the other sports, and in 1930 regained its rightful place as a minor sport on the Elon campus.

The Fighting Christians, coached by Professor Ross Ensminger, placed a hard fighting but inexperienced squad on the tennis courts, and by virtue of triumphs over High Point and Danville Athletic Club were entered in the Little Six championship matches which were held in Greensboro.

In that particular meet the powerful doubles combination of Johnson and Parker swept to the finals, only to be eliminated by the championship pair from Lehigh Rhyne. The Christians managed to bring home, however, both the football and baseball championships that year.

Although no records were available for the 1931 tennis season, Elon played numerous matches against North State Conference competition, were entered in the North State championship matches in Greensboro, and played in the State championship matches at Chapel Hill.

A list of the members of that team was found, and among them were Flicker Johnson, coach; C. D. Johnson, Jr., captain; Charlie C. Howell, manager; Orva Perkins, Harrison Smith, David Johnson, E. Frank Johnson, William Smith and Lily. That year Elon continued to bring home more trophies under the leadership of Peahead Walker, winning the conference titles in both baseball and basketball.

There was also a girls' tennis team in 1931, which deserves attention. This squad, having shown well in the previous season, once again made plans for intercollegiate play at the "play day" in Greensboro. Members of the team

SECOND CHAPTER

The great years in Elon's tennis history form the subject for this second chapter in the Christian net history, with the historic recording five consecutive North State tennis championships and one string of 68 wins in 80 matches in the late 1930's. The chapter brings Elon tennis history up to World War II.

included Jeanette Niederlander, coach; Johnnie Sharpe, captain; Alta Dick, manager; Marguerite Edwards, Mary Barnwell and Polly Waters.

In the previous year, they had sent several girls from this squad to the "play day" at N.C.C.W., an annual affair there, and the Elon girls played and won five single matches, with its captain, Johnnie Sharpe, winning two matches. These games were played against six different colleges, indicating the aliber of competition.

As they have many times, the athletic achievements on the Elon campus provided many a thrill for Christian rooters everywhere, as the Maroon and Gold athletes won conference titles in football, basketball and baseball, while rating third in tennis in the 1932 campaign.

Among the members of the squads were C. D. Johnston, Jr., Captain Hinton Rountree, Ben Holden, and Jape Rawls. The doubles of Johnston and Rountree did not lose a match, and each of them lost only one in single competition all season. Johnston rated high in the conference and reached the finals of the annual Conference tournament.

Records again were not available for the 1933 tennis season, but a list of the team members was found. Members of that team included Hinton Rountree, captain; Delmont Griffin, Jimmy Rising, Leander Mauldin, Mike York, Willis Boland, Jape Rawls, Paul Taylor, John Kernodle, Gene Lankford, Ben Holden, and George Taylor. Rountree captained, coached

and managed that team. Once more the Fighting Christians won conference titles in football, basketball and baseball.

The 1934 tennis season was a successful one for the Elon netters, as they grabbed the North State net title. A list of the members of that team included Hinton Rountree, coach, Delmont Griffin, captain and manager, Ben Holden, Mike York, Martin Pitt, L. E. Smith, Jr., George Taylor and Vernon Barrett. The Fighting Christians were also able to bring home three other conference crowns in football, basketball and baseball.

The 1935 tennis season saw Elon once more bring home the conference title in North State competition. The Elon team which had won the title in 1934 gained more steam in this season, when the Christians compiled a record of 15 wins, two losses and one tie. Although games were not listed, Elon did defeat N. C. State in her initial contest—Jones, Crables and Holden winning in singles.

Members of the squad were Daniel "Rusty" Jones, coach; James Parham, manager; Ben Holden, captain; Gordon Crabill, L. E. Smith, Jr., Gene Lankford, "Murphy" Tulchinsky, Arthur Greenwald, George Taylor and "Doc" White. Rusty Jones was selected member of the North State Championship doubles. Elon also won the title in football that season.

Four veteran lettermen returned from the 1935 season, together with two freshmen, to make up the squad nucleus for the 1936 tennis year. Daniel "Rusty" Jones, coach, Arthur Greenwald, L. E. Smith, Jr., and captain George Taylor were the monogram men returning, while freshmen John Dickerson and "Gene" Malbon rounded out the team. Gene Lankford was the team manager.

It is also interesting to note that four new courts, located between the campus wall and the high school just off the campus proper, were provided and were in good shape for the season operation.

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under the oaks

With

CHUCK OAKLEY



Spring is in the air. The inspiring season for nature lovers is here. It is time to roll up your sleeves, dig out that summer wardrobe and head for the baseball park, the tennis courts, the golf links or other spring attractions.

If you are fortunate enough to have a convertible, you can now let the top go back and enjoy the fresh coolness of the spring air. If there's no convertible, then you can take a walk beside a stream or through a park and enjoy the sweet aroma of buds and flowers.

Basketball has passed into history books, and baseball enters the picture. In that sport, once more, a band of determined Christians will make every effort and go all out to prove that Elon is a stubborn and well-rounded foe in the field of sports. The only trouble in recent days, however, has been that the Weather Man has given the baseball team but little chance to prove its excellence.

Then, too, there are other sports on the Elon calendar, with Coach Brashear tutoring a well-balanced golf squad, Coach Charlie Johnson directing a hopeful crew of racket wielders and Coach Sid Varney starting his thin-clad trackmen off in pursuit of honors in track and field.

The Veterans' Club met recently to elect its first year and chose Bobby Bramley as the new president, succeeding to a post that has been held by Joe Steelman. The club has had a good year, but there is need for an increased number of veterans to enroll. How about it, vets?

Chit Chat

Janet Burge said, and I quote, "I smell wild onions, or is Walter around somewhere?" ... People who do the most complaining about Elon wouldn't leave for a sum ... That charming Tidewater King is preparing his wardrobe for THE weekend ... Bill Walker is one step closer to Hollywood. He will perform the role of Andrew Jackson in Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills," which is given each summer at Cherokee ... Now that the basketball season is over, spring practice in other sports is the order of the day ... Such players as Bobby Sharpe, Gilbert Watts and Larry Bulla have shifted their interest from the hardwood to the baseball field ... Johnnie Meadows, who attended the Pasadena Playhouse in California last summer, has recently been selected for a role in "The Lost Colony" at Manteo ... Alumni Gordon Ward and Dot Mauldin Ward are proud parents of a son. The Wards are living in Jacksonville, Fla. ... Woodrow Brown is constantly making trips to Duke Hospital. I hear they have an excellent department of plastic surgery ... I understand that the cast did cover his entire head at one time ... Sonny Martin may go to Hollywood any day now. That guy is really talented ... Wonder what DiSibio will use for an excuse now. He can no longer say that he is refereeing high school basketball games ... Marie Stone and Clark Dofflemeyer have people wondering ... Curley Long and Mike Erlich spend every weekend in Raleigh ... Who passes who in the race? ... Bobby Bennett is getting ready to pop the big question to Peggy Wood ... Sonny Jim stayed straight for a whole week! What's this about another bet with BooBoo? ... Who was the guy that slipped up on a string bean in the dining hall and fractured his ankle? ... Maxy Garrett thinks he's pretty sneaky, but we all know about the girl who "lives just around the corner" ... Larry Gregg has a new nickname, "Hot Lips." Wonder who gave it to him, Betty or Teddy. Don't tell me there's another in between ... Rayford Pate has been going crazy since "Peanut" (Miss Vermont) dropped out of school ... Have you ever noticed where Ed Juratic spends his evenings and his weekends? I'm led to believe that it's just down the road toward Gibsonville ... Charlie Oates is good at imitating professors, especially one ... That Elon Player performance of "Julius Caesar" at Catawba last Friday night was fine ... Zack Walker has a good singing voice ... Believe it or not, Brock, Walker and Farthing leading the campus race for the most time spent in the sack ... The Elon quartet is one of the best I've heard anywhere. Let's hear more of it ... Tony Carcatera will be working for a construction company instead of a lighting company ... In a certain English class, an instructor finished calling the roll and said, "Everyone in here today except Farthing." Charlie Oates, a freshman from Greensboro, spoke up, "What do you expect? He was just here yesterday." ... It's the biggest show of '57, featuring everybody that's anybody in blue and rhymer at the Twin City Memorial Coliseum on April 5th.

On The Campus

By JOHN BIGGERSTAFF

and seconded. It was unanimously passed.

At a previous session Larry Barnes addressed the governing body stating that Mrs. Truitt, representative of Elon Garden Club, requested that the students of Elon College contribute funds for the purchase of one waste disposal unit (trash can) portable size, for pole hanging for the township of Elon. One fellow Legislator stated that \$30 was trash for such a unit but the dream that the inscription "Donated By the Students of Elon College" refusal was a last word so the motion was duly made and seconded unanimously.

With no further ado a legislator moved adjournment, which passed unanimously. Thus, the March 20th legislature meeting was closed with the rap of the gavel.

Our Privileges

Less than 100 years ago a statesman rose before a tattered and torn battle field upon which had lain twisted and torn bodies ... "We have resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Here at this institution of learning and instruction, courses are taught in government and what it means to have the word "Freedom." But this freedom that men gave their lives for a century ago is today, here at Elon, being neglected and misused. How many of us are guilty of not reading the college student constitution, not those sessions.

attending school legislature assemblies, not voting on constitutional changes.

To cite an example, only 150 students cast ballots in the Constitution Amendment. Perhaps we do not realize this "Priceless Heritage" is ours to have and hold. Politics, campus functions and programs play a major role in our life, and each can be real fun.

In the forthcoming election, sneak behind the political front and see what is going on. Follow campus functions. There you meet many new friends and ideas and find enjoyment. Men gave their lives on the village green at Lexington and at Gettysburg and Pearl Harbor, reminding us that participation here at Elon and in our towns and cities is a privilege.

"On the Campus" feels that the well-rounded liberal arts students such as Elon produces must familiarize themselves with the Student Constitution and display the Elon spirit. By so doing they are preparing for later life plus letting those with whom they associate know that they are capable and willing to achieve the best that Elon offers.

In football it takes eager and willing boys to play the game, but also observing from the side line and offering advice is the coach. This understanding must be exemplified by both sides before this "freedom" can be labeled "secure."

So fellow students get out and vote, discuss your favorites, attend the student legislature assemblies. There are some real live wires at those sessions.