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THE WILL TO WIN

There is a saying that "the team that won't be beaten can't be beaten," which is just another way of saying that determination wins out. That saying can be applied to other activities in life, both to individuals and to groups, just as well as to athletic.

The fall semester here at Elon is almost half gone, and many students have already given up on some of their courses, with the result that their names will be included on failure and probation lists at the end of the term. In many cases, if those students had enough of the will to win out scholastically, they might still salvage those courses. The "Gullfordian," student newspaper at Guilford College, recently had an editorial on this same idea which is well worth reading. That editorial follows:

When the first permanent settlers came to America, they brought with them a certain, unseen SOMETHING — the same SOMETHING that stayed with them through battles with Indians, struggling for survival in a strange wilderness, and the building of their homes and churches. It was made from the characters of the people that brought it to the New World with them. This SOMETHING stood, tall and towering, behind the bearded farmers as they blasted the British redcoats into oblivion in the American Revolution; it sat at the table in silent pride when Thomas Jefferson drew up the Declaration of Independence; and it laughed loudly enough for the whole world to hear it the day the Liberty Bell was rung.

This SOMETHING can be called by various names—bravery, courage, determination, or simply the will to win. This will to win—coupled with God's help—was the sole thing that carried our forefathers through the perilous pioneer days and the wars that were part of them. They longed for independence in a country where no one lived in terror and where all had equal freedom to think and to worship. Their longing made them seek to build this New World into something really great, and their will to win made them do it.

All this is history—it happened a long time ago. But these settlers fought, not as much for their own rights, as for ours. They wanted a free nation, for their children, and for their children's children. And now we have it. We have the freedom that they wanted for us. We have the newspapers, the democratic government, the powerful military forces, the modern household conveniences, and the respect of the rest of the world as a free and mighty nation.

But where is that determined will to win—the one that carried our ancestors on covered wagons through the cold Rocky Mountains? Did this, too, die with the horse and buggy, and the spinning wheel? Did progress and the huge electronic "brains" of modern times push it back into history along with the butter churn and the stagecoach?

If this is true, the country and its people will suffer. Let us see if we cannot try to regain this will—to keep it alive and working. Each individual needs to put a foot forward to help himself and his country. Since we have the opportunities for good education and fairly easy success, we should have the will to use them to the best advantage. Let us remember that it is our country—and that it is because the will to win was strong enough to stand up for liberty.

A pert Vassar junior, emerging from a conference with the renowned old professor of drama and literature, remarked ruefully to a roommate, "That old boy may be tight, but he's still in there pinching."



on campus

By BOBBY LAWSON

Thanksgiving holidays are just around the corner, and of course vacation days are always welcome at ol' Elon. Students will head in all directions for days of fun and leisure. Some will journey North, while others will enjoy the deeper South. Whatever your plans are, I am sure that everyone will be glad to get away from the books.

Dining Hall

That did it! My last column really put the fire under some. I'm sorry if I offended so many of the virtuous souls about Elon, but you can't be a twenty-four karat "phony" forever. I feel that most of you agree with me that something had to be done about the line breaking. For the first few days it was almost a pleasure to wait in line at the dining hall, because there was no rushing or line-breaking. But of course that was under supervision of a faculty member, and the very day that there was no supervision people began breaking line again. Does this mean that we are like a group of first graders in that we need someone over us at all times. We are considered young men and women; so let's start acting like them. Besides it doesn't look very nice to visitors and gives them the wrong impression of our campus.

Fads

Fads come and go, often without leaving any notable impressions on the generation that gives them birth. These passing fancies usually expire into nonexistence leaving little effect other than a slight dent in the pocketbook.

Not so with leotards! They are still around, and the effects are more noticeable than just a pocketbook dent. I say do away with leotards because they don't do anything for a girl except emphasize the slimmness or heaviness of her legs. And those girls with the pretty legs shouldn't want to cover them up.

I predict that if the hula hoop hadn't passed so fast that we would have a healthier and better-looking crop of girls. Their figures would have been improved—waist lines would be smaller. And, as hula hoops circled the necks, arms, waist, hips and legs of every red blooded American girl, the very fiber of her physical being would have been better. I also agree that there are some that don't need changing.

So fads come and go without arousing the interest of us so-called more serious-minded inhabitants of the college campus, but, I say, "away with leotards!"

Honor System

There are, of course, numerous problems of campus-wide interest. One of the problems on our campus is the honor system. Do we, the students, understand the honor system? Do we even want an honor system at Elon? Am I living up to the honor code?

For the past several weeks, there has been much discussion on the Elon College campus about the problem of cheating on the part of the students. The cheating that has been discussed is not merely the copying of test papers, or cheating on the test, but covers many other aspects of dishonest work.

What is to be done about this matter? It is not a problem that concerns only the faculty, nor is it a problem that concerns only the students. It is a problem that merits serious consideration from both the faculty and the students.

However, while the problem of cheating involves both the faculty and students, the students should give it much more consideration than it is now receiving. It is in actuality the individual student's problem. Cheating affects the student. Cheating harms both the student who cheats and the student who does not cheat. So, even though you do not cheat, you are affected by the student who does. Are you going to do nothing while someone cheats you?

Bid Night

Bid night was once again successful for the greek letter organizations on campus. They brought about a flurry of activity within the Pan-Hellenic Council. There were sorority and fraternity meetings, rushing parties, dancing and a sleepless weekend. But everyone enjoyed it, especially those who were giving the initiation.

They tell of a lad who took so long to get through Harvard that he had ivy growing up his left leg. He met his fate when he fell out of a speeding airliner. His last words were, "Gad, I guess that wasn't the washroom after all!"

Looking Backward At ...

Greek Letter Origins On Elon Campus

The Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at Elon College date back almost four decades to the period just after World War I, when a group of students petitioned for permission to form social clubs as a means of improving the social life of Elon students.

The Elon College catalogue for the 1919-1920 term carried a record of the action of the trustees in granting such permission, and that first act of the college trustees carried many of the provisions that govern the social organizations today.

The catalogue of that day stated that "for the promotion of brotherhood and good fellowship and the cultivation of social life, the Board of Trustees has provided for the voluntary organization of social clubs among the students, with the consent of the faculty and under faculty supervision."

The trustees further provided that there should be not more than four such clubs for each sex, reserved to the faculty the right to disband the groups, that meetings should be held monthly (not weekly as they are today), and that there should be some type of award to the group which maintained the highest standard of scholarship and campus activity.

Meeting Rooms

At that time there were no special club rooms, all meetings being held in the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. rooms. The Y.M.C.A. rooms were then located on the first floor of old North Dormitory, the building which was torn down last year, while the Y.W.C. group held its meetings on the third floor of West Dormitory.

The meetings of the social clubs were later held on the upper floors of the Old Alamanca Building, which was destroyed by fire in 1923. The individual club rooms were not provided until the new plant was built, when rooms were allotted to each group on the first floor of the Mooney Building.

These early regulations also provided for the maximum initiation fees, yearly dues and additional assessments. The maximum cost of a pin was first set at \$10, but ten years later the little "Red Book" had advanced the maximum allowance for a pin to \$12.50, perhaps in recognition of the advancing costs of that day.



The Chatter Box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

brought before them concerning violations of the Honor System or the Campus Code.

As is stated in the Handbook, "under the Honor System you are on your honor not to cheat, steal, or lie; and if you see another student doing so, you are on your honor to report him to the Honor Council." "Under the Campus Code you are bound on your responsibility as a gentleman (lady) to conduct yourself as such at all times, and further to see to it, insofar as possible, that your fellow students do likewise."

Many complaints have been issued toward the Honor Council. They, as any earth-made organization, are not infallible, but their hands are tied if they are not given the chance to function and to fulfill their duties as representatives of the Student Body. Many people condemn the Honor Council for the supposed mistakes that they have made in dealing with the cases of previous years, but if they who condemn knew the entire situation in each of the cases and of what information the Honor Council had to deal with, they might be a little less quick to criticize.

When we come into Elon College, we enter under the rules listed in the handbook, and we are expected to follow these rules. If we dislike or disagree with the rules, we should find another college whose rules are

more fitted to our natures. If we come into Elon with no intentions of following the rules and seeing that they are enforced, there is no use whatever in having them.

Of course, any member of our Honor Council is expected to maintain its good name, and if he is not doing so or has no intentions of doing so, the best thing for all concerned would be for him to remove himself from this position. The Honor System here at Elon is the foundation of the Student Body, and when it falters, the Student Body falls down with it.

Since the Honor Council members are elected as upstanding, trustworthy, and fair, they are looked to as some of the best among the Student Body. If we can't have this type of student in the position of the all-important Honor Council, how can we expect the other students to stand by it or to live by its rules?

We cannot put any blame on the Honor Council as to the justification of their actions until we have given them a chance to function when the need arises. There are undoubtedly many of us who have run into violations of the Honor System, and we have turned away from it because of fear.

Sometimes we may restrain ourselves from turning some

another college whose rules are

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'twixt and between

By JIMMY ELDER



Last weekend the regional meeting of the National Student Association was held at Duke University, and Elon College was represented by four student delegates from the legislative, executive, judicial and journalistic branches of the student government.

The meeting, which was a workshop in student activities and interests, not only campus but national and international, produced tentative plans for the North Carolina Student Assembly to be held at the state capitol building in Raleigh in the near future.

Both the NSA and the North Carolina Student Legislature have been involved in a certain amount of notoriety regarding their extremely liberal racial views; but, despite the criticisms that have been presented against these organizations from some quarters, it has been beneficial to Elon College, particularly to participating students, to attend these meetings.

A third such student association to which the Elon College Student Government belongs is the North State Student Government Association, which will convene here on December 5th and 6th. Plans on the part of the Student Senate and the student executive officers have been very slow to materialize. It is the responsibility of both to act as the functioning organism in preparing for the meeting of the ten or more member schools here at Elon.

If preparations for the meeting are inadequate, it will reflect on the whole school. The time has come for the members of the Student Senate to absolve themselves of the apathy which has been running rampant in the group.

The very active dance committee is making plans for a big Christmas dance this year. This dance, which will be in addition to the annual three seasonal dances (though there were only two last year) is being planned for both upstairs and downstairs at McEwen Dining Hall. The upstairs will be used for dancing only, with the band being located there. The Southerners, a local outfit, will probably play for the event and should be very good for the occasion.

Among the tentative plans discussed by the dance committee chairman, John Williams, is a Christmas motif, carried out through a big Christmas tree and splatterings of Christmas greenery. Eggnog will be served to brighten the festive occasion. There is only one drawback to the plans to date, that being that the dance will be formal.

This columnist is highly in favor of formal mid-winter and May Day dances, when the gymnasium will be used and when a reasonably well-known band will be performing, but such is not the case for the Christmas dance as planned. It is doubtful whether many students will want to rent tuxedos to dance to a local band in McEwen Dining Hall, especially just before Christmas when everyone will be needing more money. NOTE: Cost for renting a winter tuxedo exceeds \$9 in cold cash. However, John Williams and his committee deserve plaudits for planning this extra dance.

Congratulations are also in order to Dennis Rossi and the entertainment committee, who headed the committee on arrangements for the performance by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo on November 2nd. Dennis, ably assisted by Al Capuano, spent long hours planning and advertising. Though the ballet was not a financial success, the reaction of the audience was evidence that the performance was a success in every other way.

Approximately 525 persons attended the ballet performance, a small crowd and an even smaller response from the Elon College student body, for only 75 student tickets were sold. The venture netted a loss of about \$40 to the sponsors.

The fact that the student body did not support the Ballet Russe in large numbers will definitely hurt the chances of obtaining the Four Freshmen for a concert. The Student Government budget cannot accommodate an expense as great as the Four Freshmen the way appropriations are set now.

Initial capital is needed to bring any more concert groups here. Ray Conliff asked for \$5,000, and the Four Freshmen ask for about one-third that figure. Undoubtedly, a group like the Four Freshmen would attract a large crowd and pay the Student Government substantially.

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