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TRIBUTE WELL DESERVED

Around every college and university, one almost always finds a few persons who exemplify to the fullest the spirit of the school to the fullest, standing as human landmarks and as guide posts through the years to the students who pass through the institution and go forth into the world.

In many cases those human landmarks will be in the person of some veteran member of the faculty. Occasionally they may be in the person of one of more humble stature about the campus, but always they will be a person who has known and loved the college through the years.

Such a person and such a landmark was Dr. Ned Faucette Brannock, who has often been familiarly referred to as "Uncle Ned" by Elon students and faculty, for he spent the greater portion of his life in the shades of Elon's classic oaks, and he knew and loved every inch of the Elon campus and every Elon building.

More frequently than anywhere else, Dr. Brannock could be found among his test tubes and bottles in the chemistry lab, and I doubt not that he inhaled with pleasure all the odors and aromas which emanated therefrom, but many of us will remember as one of the most loyal supporters of Fighting Christian athletic teams and will picture him through the years contentedly munching on pop corn and watching an Elon basketball team get hot down on the floor.

LINES TO REMEMBER

By J. FARLEY RAGLAND

Have you ever wondered why some people worry all the time? I admit being concerned about things is a human sensible trait, but to mope and complain, unreasonably, is a bit on the pathological side!

Of course, life is going to be filled with a lot of things that are not pleasant, that are decidingly disagreeable, and things and situations that require a lot of thought to work out, but wise meditation is not worry.

It is only when we grope along, hopelessly in the dark, making ourselves and everybody around us sick, that we are worrying ourselves foolishly, aimlessly, and needlessly. If we do all that we possibly can about something that bothers us, and then turn it over to a Power higher than we are, then we will never worry.

Someone somewhere said this: "God give me the courage to change the things that I can change, the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference." There is a whole lot of comfort in this.

Some time ago the following lyrics came to me and I learned the futility of worry.

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A whole lot of worry is silly to me,
And a whole lot of hurry I just can't see!
A-running and a-ripping with your head in the air,
A-sliding and a-slipping and getting nowhere!
Now, some folks worry from sun to sun;
They whine and they pine, and get nothing done!
They worry 'bout the weather if it's hot or cold,
They worry 'bout their ages if they're young or old.
They worry 'bout their shoes, 'bout the clothes they wear,
They worry 'bout their hand,s and worry 'bout their hair.
Now, I never worry—what's th' use?
If I can't get coffee, I can drink orange juice!
If I can't have steak, I have turnip greens,
If I can't get chicken, I try pork-and-beans!
With a friendly meal, and a clean place to sleep,
There just isn't cause to worry and weep!
Faith is the power that makes us strong,
And we don't have to worry to get along.

—CLIPPED.

the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Vacation's over, folks! Ol' exam-poppin' time has chased the good Santa spirit back to the North Pole, and the campus cram-hounds are beginning to howl again from dawn to dawn. There'll be no rest for the weary till the task's' been done, and what a task! Some of us aren't particularly looking forward to the rest period, though, because of fear that it may last much longer than the five days granted for the mid-semester break.

It seems that our student handbook has come into the limelight several times this year because of campus problems that necessitated a leaning upon the constitution and the regulations of our student government. Those few of us who have taken the initiative to read our Student Handbook thoroughly have come to realize that our student body has been much too long without a clear, substantial, and completely fair set of rules and regulations to follow. What Elon's Handbook committees of the past few have been doing is a mystery. Their time coldn't have been spent in reading and revising the Handbook, for in its present form we find an ambiguous, faulty and outdated book that appears to have been thrown together hurriedly.

No system of government can be successfully run when it is based on a document containing as many flaws as our own Student Handbook. Naturally, many mistakes have been made in the past by our Council in dealing with student violation and campus problems because of the lack of any strong and definite rules in this document. Many regulations which have been enforced, though they may be proper when interpreted as their originators meant them, are constitutionally unfair because of the poor manner in which they are expressed in writing as we find in ou rHandbook.

Recently a new Handbook committee was set up to review thoroughly the old handbook and to revise completely any part that is ambiguous or faulty. Of course it is the duty of each and every student and judicial body to review the Handbook and to suggest any changes that they would like to see made and any additions that they would like to see in the new Handbook. In order to have a handbook that is suitable to all the students, it is necessary to have cooperation by all the students. It is hoped that this revised Handbook will be completed in the near future so that we may start the next year off with a good, strong backing for our student government in written form.

OVERHEARD: On the night of a recent basketball game, there were several students in the crowd that spent their time, not in watching the game and spurring our boys on to victory, but in observing and criticizing harshly our cheerleading squad. It takes all kinds of people to make up a world, but this type isn't needed or wanted in any society. Most students who are adjusted enough in life not to feel a compulsion to build their own egos by tearing down those of others will agree that we have a good cheerleading squad, but when they feel that the cheerleaders are lacking some necessary quality in their cheerleading, they have the decency to vent their feelings to a member of the cheerleading squad in the way of constructive criticism.

A suggestion to these gripers is that, since they feel that the cheerleaders have much to learn and since they know so much about what the Cheerleaders are doing wrong, is that they go out for the cheerleading squad and share a little of their great and flawless knowledge. If they are unwilling to do this, it is suggested that they sit up in the stands and give the team a little support instead of trying to find somehing or someone to criticize.

Short Shots

Women give more time to beauty than to education, because no matter how stupid a man may be, he isn't blind.

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Salary is an amount of money that no matter how large it is some people spend more.

DR. NED BRANNOCK IN SPOT WHICH HE LOVED

Dr. Ned F. Brannock, whose death was a shock to the entire Elon College Community on Monday morning, January 16th, is pictred above in the Elon chemistry lab, the one place which was probably most dear to his heart. He taught chemistry at Elon for more than fifty years, and he was most at home when in the midst of his beloved test tubes and bottles which pack the shelves of his lab. During many years as chairman of the college's chemistry department, he guided the department to a high rank among such departments in the state and nation, and many of his students have gone on to set high marks in the chemical world.

As Shock To Community . . .

Veteran Elon College Professor Dies After Illness Of Only A Few Hours

Dr. Ned Faucette Brannock, 87, a member of the Elon College faculty for more than fifty years, died in a Burlington hospital at 2:50 o'clock on Monday morning, January 16th, passing after an illness of only a few hours duration. His death came as a shock to everyone in the college community, since it removed one of the outstanding figures in the growth and development of Elon College.

Dr. Brannock was a native of Alamance County, where he was born on November 27, 1873, the son of the late James Monroe and Rosanna Faucette Brannock. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Mary Lula York Brannock, who preceded him in death by many years. She was a granddaughter of the founder of Duke University.

He is survived by five children, including one son, D. York Brannock, of Burlington, director of Burlington's city utilities organization; and four daughters, Miss Edith Brannock, of the home, and Mrs. Brinson Rouse, of Burlington, both of whom are home economics teachers in the Burlington City Schools, Miss Madge Brannock, of the home, and Mrs. D. L. Harward, of Fountain. Also surviving are four grand-children and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Brannock entered Elon College as a student soon after its founding and graduated with the Class of 1899, and throughout the ensuing six decades he was one of the college's most loyal alumni. Following graduation at Elon he later earned and received the Master of Science degree from Columbia University and did other graduate work at both Johns Hopkins University and the University of North Carolina.

During the early years after his graduation, he taught in the public schools of both Georgia and North Carolina, but he joined the Elon College faculty in 1908 and served continuously and with distinction as a professor in the chemistry department, which he served as chairman for many years prior to his retirement from regular service in 1955.

Following his retirement in 1955, he continued to teach as a part-time professor to extend his period of service past the half-century mark. He also served during his retirement as a consultant for the Carolina Biological Supply Company, and he devoted much time to his hobby as an amateur gardener.

In tribute to his ability and consecrated service in the field of higher education, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by Defiance College of Ohio in 1925.

Also as a tribute to his great service to Elon College and the world of chemistry, his friends and students some years ago established the Ned F. Brannock Scholarship Fund here at Elon. Following his death, members of his family requested that friends contribute to that fund in lieu of sending flowers for his final rites.

Funeral services were held from the Elon College Community Church at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, January 17th, with Dr. William J. Andes conducting the final rites. Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery near the college which he loved and served so faithfully for many years.

From The Watchtower

By ANN VICKERS

Several representatives of our Student Government Association have recently attended conferences in various parts of North Carolina.

Ed Boelte, president of the Student Body, and Bill Hassell, secretary-treasurer, recently represented our campus in the Human Relations Seminar for Student Leaders in North Carolina. This seminar was held in Chapel Hill on the University of North Carolina campus. The group discussed human relations as they pertain to "Problems and Promise in a Changing South."

The keynote address was delivered by Edward P. Morgan, well-known news analyst. Speaking of the four Negro school girls in New Orleans of recent debate, he chose the subject: "Goals and Little Girls."

A panel discussion on the sit-in movement in North Carolina was held by the group, and a few of the conclusions reached by the group are paraphrased below: "The world that lies before us at the beginning of the 1960's is a world of change. The advent of the new nations in Asia and Africa and their role in the United Nations, the continuing explorations of outer space, the relative strength and leadership of the United States, and other issues raised by our national elections, and the thrust of the sit-in demonstrations last spring are just a few illustrations of the rapid changes that are occurring in the world about us." In considering these changes, two facts became evident to the group — first, that the South must begin to consider her role and responsibility in adjusting to these changes, and secondly, that students in the South must take leadership in helping solve the problems that will come in this adjustment. However, before concerned students can assume a leadership orle, there is a great need to study and discuss together the complexities and problems that the South now faces and will continue to face in the coming years.

A delegation of five, including Lynn Ryals, Roger Grimson, David Plaster, Don Terrell, and Cliff Hardy, attended the State Student Legislature of North Carolina, which was held in Raleigh in December.

The Liberal Arts Forum presented its second program of the year last week when Dr. George Harper from the English Department of the University of North Carolina spoke on "The Vanishing Hero in American Contemporary Fiction." The Forvm is presently considering bringing some good foreign films to the campus.

A committee has been considering the drinking problem. The committee will recommend to the Senate that anyone caught

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL

Being as Elon College draws its student working crew from such a small minority of capable and willing individuals, it seems only justifiable that some from among this crew should be rewarded for their efforts. Prior to this year, the selection of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges had served this purpose well. The 1960 Who's Who obviously excluded most of the "Who's Who" on our campus.

One of the reasons for these exclusions was the criteria which demanded a 1.50 overall scholastic average. This would be all well and good if it was effective, but it is not. The selection, seen in the last issue of this paper, did not include any of the student body officers, the editor of the newspaper, either editor of the yearbook, or the president of any fraternity or sorority. On what basis were those chosen selected?

It seems to me that there has been an overemphasis on the student's academic average if all of the above mentioned must be excluded. Who's Who becomes only another honor for the "brain", who already had Dean's List of Distinguished Students and graduation honors to reward him for his diligence. If all students not maintaining a 1.5 average were suddenly ruled ineligible for participation in extra-curricula activities, you would surely see a sharp decline in the Elon activities or a sharp decline in the average of those eligible to participate.

At Elon, it is so hard to find students who are willing to work that the bulk falls heavily on a handful of devoted workers. These individuals work unselfishly for the entire student body to help make Elon College a more desirable and enjoyable school to attnd. The average honor student confines himself to his room or to the library, where he rams in the information necessary to pass tests with flying colors. He is rewarded with high grades for his efforts. Just what has that honor grade done for the entire student body of Elon College? It is good sometimes to be reminded that only about a half of one's education is derived from books.

I am not criticizing honor grades. I think academic prowess is quite commendable, but I hate to see all the awards go to this fellow, while the "work-hard" gets not even a pat on the back for his efforts. I believe rewarding the student who makes his honors in the curriculum, but let's also reward the student who makes his honors in the extra-curricula activities which benefit us all.

Charlie Rayburn has been an invaluable part of the inter-dormitory council and has maintained his average in math in addition to being co-captain of the Fighting Christian football squad. His outstanding character and his friendly manner are an inspiration to many students, yet Charlie as not chosen.

Teddy Standley, editor of the 1961 Phi Psi Cli, has put many hours, which could have been used for study, into working on our annual and has still maintained a better than 1:50 average, yet she was not chosen.

Ed Boelte, president of our student body, served his fellow students unselfishly on and off campus, this and last year. Few know the work required by his position, but those who do, appreciate it and realize that this burden is much to blame for Ed's ineligibility. It's truly a shame that one who works so hard for his school should go unrewarded.

Jane Morgan, a real asset to Elon's well-being, has served the college in many capacities. Truly she is one of the finest and most smile-provoking personalities seen around Elon in recent years. Jane has constantly maintained a better than 1.50 average. It seems as if her college is always ready to coll on her for some chore, but her school isn't ready to justly reward her with an honor she deserved.

George Platt has also served this college in many capacities. He is always dependable and hard working. Currently, he is the chairman of the Dance Committee, and those who have served on this committee realize its burden. George also headed the committee which helped bring Elon College its greatest Homecoming in history, yet George was not chosen.

Doris Faircloth, Lennie Riddle, Lula Roberts, Danny Gee, Carol Adams, and Cliff Hardy are but a few more of the unrewarding working crew.

I honestly believe the most recent selections were made in too much haste to include all the really deserving students. I hope, in the future, that we, as a college, will be more thoroughly represented.