

Maroon And Gold

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VANDALISM

Vandalism has always been found from time to time on the Elon campus, but within recent weeks it has reared its ugly head more and more frequently, with some party or parties unknown inflicting damages to college property which appear entirely inexcusable.

The vandals in past years have more or less frequently damaged doors, broken out windows and perhaps wrecked heating equipment or others materials which had been placed for the service of the students and faculty, but two examples which appear utterly senseless and needless have occurred within recent days.

Someone tore loose and destroyed the rain gauge which had been placed by the science department in the grassed center of the faculty parking lot just north of Alamance Building, and other person or persons tore loose and removed the bronze memorial plaque which had been placed in the corridor of Smith Hall.

In each case, the vandals could have had absolutely no use for the articles which were removed from their customary places, so the damages inflicted can only be branded as completely malicious in nature, and malicious vandals have no place in the Elon student body.

The science department and the college administration has offered \$25 cash rewards for the apprehension of the persons who committed these acts of vandalism, and surely every right-thinking Elon student would like to see the guilty parties discovered and dealt with in proper manner.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

At this season of the year, it is well to think of the Lenten observance and its meaning, and the United Church Herald, in a recent issue, published an interesting and informative comment on the origin and observance of this pre-Easter period. A portion of that comment is presented below:

Although the season of Lent, which began February 15, is an increasingly meaningful and creative period, bringing to full climax the Christian year, there was a time not long ago when its observance by non-Episcopal and non-Lutheran Protestants was not only a novelty but even a cause for suspicion. What is its meaning? There are many interpretations. Gregory the Great, who decreed that Lent be forty days not counting Sundays, had this to say on one Ash Wednesday in the sixth century:

"From this day unto the joys of Paschal solemnity we, who through the past year have lived too much for ourselves, should mortify ourselves to our Creator during the tenth of the year through abstinence. When, most dear brethren, as ye are bid by the law to offer the tenth of your substance, so offer him also the tenth of your days." Christians have spent this "tenth of the year" in many different ways. "By using these days for deepening the devotional life," states the CC Book of Worship, "the faithful Christian is better prepared to enter into the sufferings of Christ, which are recalled during Holy Week, and into the joyous triumph of Easter."



the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Congratulations to our new May Queen and King and to members of their court. Perhaps this year's May Day weekend will invite more enthusiastic participation than last year's, since the hard-working, though somewhat thankless, 1960-61 student government officers have remembered to balance the budget so that finances will allow for well-planned and interesting activities for the weekend.

The Midwinter's Dance, now definitely set for the night of March 4th, is to be semiformal and will be held in McEwen from 8:00 to 12:00 o'clock. Those who attended the Homecoming Dance this past fall saw how successful such an event can be with a good attendance, good planning, and the right atmosphere. It is hoped that the Midwinter's Dance will be made a successful one by the participation of the majority of the student body.

What is wrong with the Elon College students? If we were all a scatter-brained bunch of teenagers with no need to use our brains for anything except cramming, the attitudes and actions of the majority of Elon students could be well understood. When we first came to college, we were expecting to attain many of the characteristics of adults from our environment here, because we had always felt that college students were young adults. But now, as we stand in the cafeteria line and observe the line-breakers, the food-throwers, and the wild bunch of animals making a mad dash for the "seconds" table to grab a handful of apples or whatever, we begin to wonder about the theory of man having derived from the ape.

It's also a little disheartening to try to sit through a campus movie on Friday night, especially when the plot is a love story, and listen to the mocking sighs and snickers of male students. Uninhibited 12-year-olds would feel at home with such a group.

The above displays of immaturity are equaled by those of many students in regard to the Honor System, which, we are reminded, is a system that was chosen by our own student body several years ago. Some of the actions of students toward the honor system are so outrageous to be mentioned in writing, but it would be sufficient to remember that if the majority of students feel that the average Elon student is too immature to be responsible for his own honor, they may at any time rid themselves of this system and return to the system employed by most of the high schools and grammar schools.

It's surprising to see, every now and then, in the food-throwers and movie mockers some traces of human elements. It is also amazing to realize that these people with definite tendencies toward savagery are very well thought of by those who know them well as individuals. Perhaps it is because when they are apart from the rest of their tribe, they conduct themselves ideally as ladies or gentlemen. Their group action most probably comes from the same source as that of the lynch mob.

The majority of students on the campus seem to draw fearfully away from any conversation or event that would put their culture or their intellectuality to a test. Those few students who dare to talk about any subject which would have a definite effect upon the world now or in the future, it has been said, are merely laughed at or placed in a certain category outside of the "accepted" student. There seems to be a general opinion that one can't be athletic or popular with one's fellow students if he or she discusses anything of worldly importance or attends any function on or off the campus that would broaden his intellectual life. This attitude should have been left behind in the seventh grade.

Many of the male students have had the opportunity of visiting the modern New Dorm parlor, in which one is not forced to rest himself in an easy chair, but may have his choice of sitting on the rugless, hard floor or in a hardback chair, if one happens to be available in the dorm.

They say if you are unhappy about a situation, you should count your blessings—then your troubles will fade away. So let's count our blessings, New Dormers: When the parlor is supplied with furniture, it will be completely new, for a new building just wouldn't do with old furniture. We may have been graduated several years before its furnishing is completed, but it will be nice for our children, whom we will naturally send to Elon, to have new chairs to sit in, though by then the dormitory will be old. And new furniture just wouldn't do in an old dormitory.

Only thirty-five days to go

Highlights Of Basketball...

Elon's Ten Best Cage Seasons Named

By JAMES WAGGONER

Basketball, which is considered the greatest of all spectator sports, has had a long and glorious history on the Elon College campus, for Elon students began playing the game on a more or less informal basis soon after 1900, and the game has attracted much interest among the students since it became a major sport in 1912.

During the past half century the Fighting Christians have engaged themselves in slightly over one thousand games, and it would be nearly impossible to pick out ten magic moments among all the intercollegiate games involving the Maroon and Gold basketballers.

However, it is possible to name the top ten basketball seasons, seasons in which high honors came to the Fighting Christians, seasons when the Maroon and Gold colors waved high in the winter sport.

1914 State Champions

The Elon basketball team of 1914 compiled on equal terms with the best in the state and the South, and the Fighting Christian squad of 1914 won the state championship. That 1914 team defeated every team in the state, including Carolina, Trinity (Duke), Wake Forest, A & M (State), Guilford

and Atlantic Christian. Captain J. U. "Dummy" Newman, C. C. "Jack" Johnson, Samuel B. McCauley, R. T. "Shine" Bradford and "Boomp" Morretta were among the members of that squad, and Bob Doak was their coach.

1915 - State Champs Again

Elon's Fighting Christians continued to rank high in 1915, and again they merited the state championship. That 1915 team posted victories over every team in the state at least once and downed Trinity (Duke) and A & M (State) twice each. One of the victories over Trinity was the first defeat handed the Durham basketballers on their home court in four years. That squad also posted the best single-game defensive mark when it defeated Guilford 32-5. William C. "Mollie" Morgan was the team captain, and other starters included Samuel B. McCauley, "Shine" Bradford, George Moorefield and "Mug" Massey.

1921 - Title Claimants

The 1921 season must rank among the best years, for Elon College refused to concede the state championship to the University of North Carolina, on the grounds that the Tar Heels failed to play every team in the state. The Christians did play every

team in the state, winning seven and losing four. They won two from Guilford, two from Lenoir; they split with Wake Forest, State and Davidson, members of the "Big Five" and lost a single contest to Carolina. Frank B. Corbo coached the squad which included several Elon immortals, among them Captain Joe Newman, McGhee Fix (later an All-Stater), Mark McAdams, L. J. "Hap" Perry, E. S. "Johnny" Johnson, B. B. Johnson and "Jerry" McCauley.

1932 - First North State Champs

Elon's basketball squad of 1932 won the first of Elon's seven North State Conference championships. Led by Roy Rollins and Captain Dick Caddell the Christians posted a 7-1 mark in the Conference, the lone defeat at the hand of the Quakers of Guilford. The season included a northern trip against Lynchburg, Bridgewater, St. Johns, American University and Randolph Macon. Besides that trip Elon won 14 out of 16 games scheduled in the state, the outstanding game being an over-time victory over Davidson. Rollins was named to one of the All-State first teams, and he was considered the best center in the state. No all-conference team as named.

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Scribendi

By ED BOELTE

requests to and from other institutions the first semester this year. This excludes campus communications and notes.

There are also many committees, most of which need and require financial aid. So when you see that our Student Government Association is not free of complications.

I believe that most of the dissatisfaction comes from separate individuals. I can remember very distinctly last year individual persons screaming for a big Mid-Winter Dance. Do you remember last year's Mid-Winter's? We had a BIG ONE! Big name band and all. As a matter of fact \$1500 worth of band. I don't think the music sounded any better or was any more danceable than many small bands costing less than \$500. Do you also not remember the May Dance? We had less than \$125 left for the May Dance. A shame—but the truth! Not enough to buy decorations for the gym. Then that was the story? "I want a big name band for the ay Dance." the same people as before straining their vocal chords to shreds!

This year it is the same story. Some of the same people are yelling the same song about the same event at the same time. Just a circle! I would be that if we could afford several big-name bands the "screamers" would be yelling, "too much of our money for big name bands."

It is a never ending cycle. You can't please everyone. That is one of the problems of any government. You can not please the entirety of the masses at any one time. You can try! That is why the Dance Committee is trying to do. So make suggestions to the people on the Dance Committee, for they are there to serve you.

By the way, the Dance Committee is talking in terms of a big name band for the May Dance. There has been some conversation from the Entertainment Committee that they might try to get the Four Freshmen back again for the big May Weekend. Plan now! I know this will make more people happy than sad. So the sad ones will just have to string along.

I have again tried to explain one of our problems as we face it. I hope that you have been in some way enlightened or that you now better understand the problem.

The student of the week? It was an easy choice this time. I just saw him strolling from under the oaks just about an hour ago. And naturally with him—one from among the fairer sex! The hero of all the girls and a man to be admired among the men. He is one who has contributed a great deal to this campus, not only with his dashing personality and charm, but with his know how in the field of academics, and he had been a tremendous asset to the football team for the past three years. Not only a believer in good sportsmanship and fair play, he is also a practitioner of the same, a student admired by the faculty and respected by the students. The tip of the hat this time goes to Charlie Rayburn.

Charlie, a senior and a math major is from Norfolk, Virginia. A star on the football team and an officer in the "E" Men's Club. Charlie received the "Sportsmanship Award" in football this year. He has been a dorm counselor in Carolina Hall all year and recently became a member of the Student Government Entertainment Committee. Charlie is one of those among us who will go a long way.

Rush week is again upon us! Now is the time for all good men and women to start looking over the various frats and sororities and thinking in terms of which group they would like to call brothers or sisters.

The college fraternities and sororities are a part of the American college and university life. They have been in existence since the time of Thomas Jefferson and at the rate they are growing they will continue and will become more a part of the campus. Today there are more than two and one-half million Greek letter members and over 500 chapters in 400 colleges and universities.

The typical German fraternity (Verbindung) is something quite different from the American counterpart. Members have the time-honored habit of sipping at each other's faces Zoro-like with flashing swords. "Actually, however, dueling is less a part of student life than is hazing in America."

In 1954 there were about 6,000 bound volumes in the library of fraternity literature, based upon the William R. Baird collection of books relating to col-

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



Before too long, Spring will be here. With it comes greenery and some warmth, but what's more important, Spring Vacation.

This year, I have a feeling that dear ole Elon will be well represented on the beach at Fort Lauderdale, come vacation time. Some of the interest which has been brewed is a result of the recent movie, "Where the Boys Are," but most of the interest stems from the fact that it's where the girls are.

A few slam-bang, anything goes, adventure-seeking pals of mine plan the trip this year. They plan to take with them twelve cans of pork and beans, hardtack biscuits, bathing suits, Elon sweat shirts, and fraternity pins, not to mention the remaining equipment essential to one young slam-bang anything-goes, adventure-seeking youth's jolly good rip-snorting time. As a matter of fact, I'm looking for a ride. Gentlemen prefer blondes, but I'll settle for her convertible.

The planned operations of this horde of young gallants is hilarious. All seventy-three of them plan to embark in caravan style from ye ole college. After driving the entire way, minus food or drink (I didn't really mean it); they will arrive at the historical fort. But do they all parade up to a hotel for reservations? Get serious? They hide and send one representative, a single, ivy-clad, soft-spoken gent, into the fine establishment to order his own lodging. The proprietor, really taken by this certainly well-meaning lad, forks over the nicest room at the minimum charge, because no excitement could ever come from this fellow. Ha! Low and behold, when our solitary visitor whistles and starts up the hotel steps, he is followed by seventy-two sleeping bags over shoulders of seventy-two you-know-whats. Once the room has been assumed, the sleeping bags are tagged and staged against the wall for future reference. Our sweet young fellows, disguised as lambs of prey, amble onto the beach only to be the victims of she-wolves. The horror of it all.

The sleeping bags, by the way, were oily gimmicks to put dear mom, back home, at ease. These guys never sleep. They save all their class cuts until after they return, when they sleep for one solid week. After this trip, boy, they need solid sleep.

There are telephone booths to drag onto the beach for pack parties, traffic to be directed in the cutest of costume, Volkswagens to place in hotel lobbies, policemen to be hung in effigy, and all sort of neat little tricks to learn.

Anyone really interested in going should see Pete Smith. Pete is eluding the caravan. I hear he already has packed his camel. Happy hunting, Pete!

Aside from vacation, Spring brings something else to the campus. Spring, said Tennyson, is that time of year when a young man's fancy turns fightily to thoughts of love. If a young Elon man's fancy has turned to anything else, I'm sure there are few aware of the fact. The girls who have watched Jimmy Holmes operate during the winter have seen nothing yet. His eyes get greener with the leaves.

On the lawn in front of West Dorm will be seen many couples lazily strolling along or sitting, pulling grass blades and exchanging amorous glances. It'll be quite a surprise to see how the couples pair off for constant companionship.

I've been watching the change come over Tidewater's darling, Frank Lawrence. Since the weather's gotten warmer, he sure has been sharpening his teeth. I would not hesitate to issue a general alarm to the sweet young ladies concerning this fact. They tell me that Charlie Hawks has a Playboy Playmate on his wall which is so outstanding that it causes hair to stand on end. If you can just imagine how this effects Charlie. P.S. His scalp tingles.

Oh, by the way, anyone interested in studying a broad, see Ed Boelte, and he will fix you up. And all the time I thought it was Tassel who was renowned.

I hope everyone has now heard about Bill Diggs' new safety device. He wears lead shoes in the wind. We feel much more secure now Bill.

Midwinter's has been rescheduled for March 4th. The attire will be semi-formal, and I've heard from various sources that the contracted band is one of the best in this area.

The Elon Players' next show scheduled is "The Rainmakers." Those who are interested in working on the show should see Professor Day. The group especially needs people to work behind the scenes.

I've gotten down to the bottom of the page, so I suppose I'll sign off for now. See ya later!