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THANKSGIVING AHEAD

In some ways it seems hard to realize that Thanksgiving is just ahead, and the changing calendar does throw it further into the future than was the case just a year ago this time, for the annual autumn holiday falls exactly six days later in November this year than in 1962.

That changing calendar, with a switch that occurs every six or seven years, has a definite effect upon Elon students and campus activities. One effect was upon the Maroon and Gold itself, which is forced to extend Thanksgiving greetings further in advance this year than was the case last fall.

The Thanksgiving issue rolled from the press on Friday before Thanksgiving last year, but this year it is an extra week ahead of the long-looked for vacation period. A quick glance at the calendar will show that the holiday jaunts home will have already been made before another two weeks is gone.

Such being the case, the Maroon and Gold extends the heartiest wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving, but it also urges everyone to give a thought to the Thanksgiving season as meaning more than just a holiday and a visit home.

It may be well to recall George Washington's first presidential proclamation of Thanksgiving, in which he said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly to implore his protection and favor."

Both houses of Congress had, by joint action, requested Washington to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

And thus he recommended and assigned the final Thursday in November that year "to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and Glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all that good that was, that is and that will be... And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations... and generally, to grant to all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows best."

Certainly, in this modern time, when so many in all parts of the world are denied the blessings of liberty and prosperity, it is well that the people of these United States take time from their busy and often hurried and harried lives to breathe a few sincere words of praise and thanksgiving for the life and joys which have been accorded them.

With such a thought for the season just ahead, the Maroon and Gold wishes that the blessings accorded to both students and faculty may include that blessing of a safe return to the campus when the approaching holiday is ended.

Wings of Wisdom

Money talks all right, but in these days a dollar doesn't have enough cents to say much.

A pessimist is the type of person who prays for rain but won't buy an umbrella.

Most men need two women in their lives: a secretary to take things down and a wife to pick things up.

a view from the oak



By MELVIN SHREVES

The Man Behind The Mike

Elon College's radio program which is aired over Burlington's radio station WBBB is the product of one man's efforts and determination.

Now when I say one man, I can't truthfully say that just one person was responsible for the airing of this very successful program.

The idea started three years ago when Carol Trageser and Lynn Ryals attended a NSSGA Conference and learned that several colleges had successful radio programs in their home areas.

They came back to Elon with big ideas. The Community Relations Committee sponsored them to speak before the Burlington Rotary Club. Ryals told them about their hopes for a radio program to inform the people around Elon of their little college.

At the end of the Rotary program, "Easy" Jones of WBBB told them that air time was hard to come by.

Naturally this boosted the spirits of the serious-minded sophomores, but the enthusiasm of the Student Senate was poor and they were unable to obtain financial support to begin the program.

Last year, things began to pick up again under the pushing and pulling of a new sophomore class president, Fred Stephenson.

One Of Two Projects

Stephenson was working on two major projects last year for the Community Relations Committee. The first, a project to get identification cards for the students, gave way to the radio program by a stroke of luck. The Senate thought that it could not finance both programs, so the committee began working on the program that would be less complicated. The I.D. project proved to be the more complicated, so wholehearted work began on the radio idea.

On December 12 of last year, the Community Relations Committee presented to the Senate a bill to provide \$450 for the purchase of a tape recorder and other equipment to get the radio programs started. It took the Senate over a month to approve the bill, but it was finally passed in January.

Working alongside Stephenson on the project was a senior who made the dream a reality. When help was asked, Paul Robinson worked tooth and nail to get what was needed at the best possible price. He contacted electronics specialists at Western Electric for advice and then wrote to numerous electrical supply houses looking for the right equipment for the job.

And at the same time, he was humming, borrowing, and almost stealing equipment to get the show going without the Senate's finances. He did get several programs on the air before the Senate acted, and it was the success of these shows that probably swung the Senate.

A New Year Starts

While other students were getting settled for another year within the academic walls of Elon College, Paul Robinson was interviewing people, editing tapes, trying to convince the higher-ups that he needed a recording studio, and for more important, informing the people of this area about the little college down the road.

And he is doing a good job of it too. When students shop in Burlington they hear people praising the show.

"This is Elon College" has been on the air every week since the beginning of the semester. In short while it will be known as the "Elon Forum" and Paul hopes that like other college radio shows, it will be aired throughout the state on other radio stations.

You might think that this is another dream, but look at what happened to the previous dream.

I'll even bet that Dean Moore agrees to let the Radio team have the old recording room in the rear of Whitley in a few weeks.

Specifications For A Man

Sometime during World War II while in Italy, a lieutenant in the Army sat down and wrote out for a younger cousin in the Navy what he thought were the specifications for a man. It went like this:

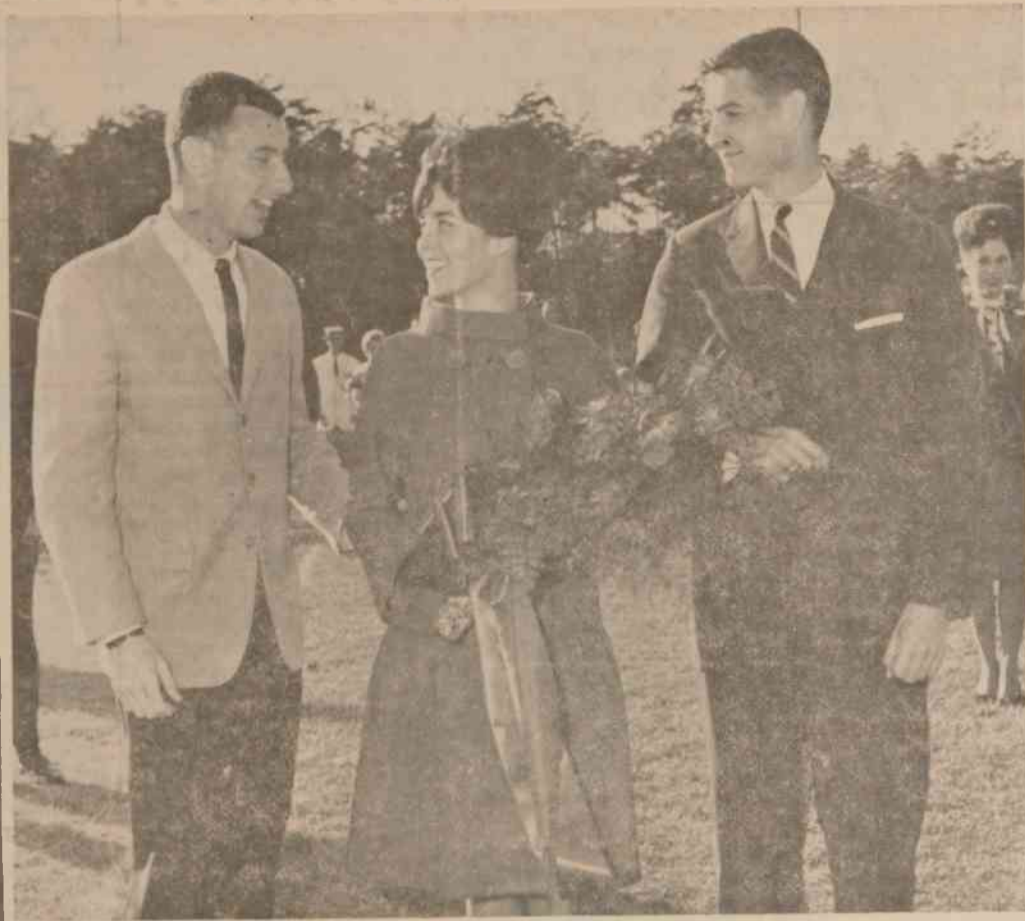
"To respect my country, my work, and myself. To be honest and fair with my fellow men as I expect them to be with me. To be a loyal citizen of the United States. To speak of it with praise and act always as a trustworthy custodian of its good name. To be a man whose name carries prestige with it wherever it goes.

"To base my expectations of a reward on a solid foundation of service rendered. To be willing to pay the price of success of honest effort. To look upon my work as an opportunity to be seized with joy and to be made the most of, not as a painful drudgery to be reluctantly endured.

"To remember that success lies within my own self and in my own brain, my own ambition and my own courage and determination. To expect difficulties and force my way through them. To turn hard experience into capital for future struggles.

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ELON HOMECOMING QUEEN AT FOOTBALL GAME



Bonnie McEvoy, of Burlington, who ruled as Homecoming Queen over Elon's gala Homecoming festivities the first weekend in November, is pictured center above during coronation ceremonies at half-time of the annual Elon-Western Carolina football game. With her at the left is Wally Sawyer, of Portsmouth, Va., president of the Elon Student Government, who crowned the queen; and on the right is Lynn Ryals, of Durham, the royal escort for the queen.

Elon Lists Four All American Stars

As this 1963 football campaign nears its end and as the time approaches when the so-called All-Americans will be naming their All-American, All-State, All-Conference and All-Everything teams, it may be interesting to recall some of the Elon gridiron greats of years gone by, those Fighting Christians who won recognition on the All-Teams of the past.

Four of Elon's grid stars have been accorded rank as All-Americans from the ranks of the smaller colleges by winning berths on various Little All-American picks. They are Arnold Melvin and Sal Gero, a pair of gigantic tackles, Tony Carcaterra, a great end; and George Wooten, speedy quarterback.

Melvin was placed on the Little All-American squad of the Associated Press in 1949, while Sal Gero

was thus honored by the Associated Press in both 1950 and 1951. Carcaterra won his Little All-American rank on the Williamson selection in 1958, and George Wooten was chosen on the NAIA Little All-American squad of 1961.

Another of Elon's greatest stars would almost certainly have won Little All-American honors if there had been separate selections for the smaller colleges in his day, for Jim "Jack Rabbit" Abbitt was given honorable mention on an 11-man All-American team which was named from all of the colleges and universities in America in 1937. Abbitt later went on to play football in the National loop.

Eight of the Elon stars were named on recognized All-State selections, according to best available records, and it is possible

that others may have been so honored and the records not found. The Elon All-Staters include Nap Perry at halfback in 1922, Pete Williams at fullback in 1929 and 1921, Jim Abbitt at halfback in 1935 and 1937, Joe Golombek at fullback in 1938, Sal Gero at fullback in 1950 and 1951, Homer Hobbard at center in 1954, Bob Stauffenberg at fullback in 1957 and Tony Carcaterra at end in 1957 and 1958. Arnold Melvin never made All-State, but he was named All-Southern in 1948.

Fifty-five Elon gridgers have been chosen to the All-Conference teams, some of them being thus honored for three seasons, in squads chosen from the Little State or Carolinas Conference. This is according to records.

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Syde Lines

By SY HALL

For many years we have been told that Communism will gradually cease to exist, as our economy and democratic government will rise to stamp it out. However, for the past fifteen years the United States has seemingly been slipping slowly down hill. Are we losing the Cold War?

Since World War II the Communists have gained thousands of miles of new territory. The Communists have turned millions of people against our way of government, and they have converted once free people into Communists sympathizers. Are we Americans selling out our country? Were our representatives sent to Washington to do nothing but make concession after concession to the Russians?

Less than one hundred miles off the coast of Florida lies the Communist stronghold of the Western Hemisphere. Five million Cubans were betrayed by the country they had always looked up to. The Cuban people suffered unmercifully, homes were confiscated, property was stolen, and everything of value was pillaged. The Cubans waited, the world waited, but we did nothing.

This was the greatest of all Communist acquisitions since their movement began, and it showed several things. Firstly, it showed that the United States has a poor and ineffective intelligence system. Castro was a known Communist sympathizer for many years, yet he received the United States support during the Cuban Revolution. Secondly, it proved that Ameri-

cans no longer thought freedom was worth fighting for. We were content to just sit back and offer idle threats to the Russians as they conquered a once proud republic.

Thirdly, it showed the weakness and the fallacies of our foreign defense pacts. How much do the NATO and SEATO treaties mean to other countries in the world when we cannot defend an island that lies a mere 90 miles off our coast?

Fourthly, the fact that the United States did not enforce the Monroe Doctrine has rendered it useless for all future purposes.

Recently our government has entered into an era of so-called "co-existence" with the Russians. Friendship and good will was shown by both sides. We no longer mentioned Cuba to the Russians for fear that they might take it the wrong way and destroy this friendship which they have so graciously given us.

So it is that we'll keep our eyes off Cuba and try to forget that embarrassing situation if the Russians will be so kind as to let up in South Viet Nam. In this way, our present administration will be able to return to the White House in 1964 on the platform of peace and prosperity.

We are now in the process of negotiating the sale of wheat to Russia. Reports from behind the Iron Curtain stated that the Russians are in the midst of a terrible famine. The people are discontented; many farmers and peasants are causing small uprisings

throughout the Soviet Union. This is absolute proof that the Communist system does not work. Here is a great advantage for democracy, and we are not in position to give it up, but all we are doing is to strengthen the Communist movement by supplying wheat to our enemy.

America is currently in the midst of a terrible war. There are no bullets being fired, no bombs are being dropped, but land is being conquered, and people are losing their freedom. The way in which the Communists work can be explained in one word—"Infiltration." The University of Havana has been turned into an espionage school. It is turning out hundreds of well-trained Communist agents that are being sent to South and Central America.

How would you feel if you read one morning that South and Central America had been taken over by the Communists? When it happens, it will happen just that fast, as one quick and perfectly well-timed overthrow of all South and Central American governments.

What can we as Americans do about it? For one thing, we should stop making concessions to the Communists. We should stop pacifying the Russians. We should recognize them as the enemy of the United States and treat them as such.

We cannot get rid of a vermin with food and protection. It must be destroyed before it overruns the countryside. Communism is a vermin, and as such it must be gotten rid of and destroyed.

what about this?



By

BILL WHITTENTON

When a columnist waits until just at deadline time and then comes down with an attack of disabling influenza, it becomes necessary for a pinch-hitter to step into the scene. In many cases, that pinch-hitter finds the use of a pair of sharp scissors and clippings of interesting items the easiest way to full the void.

Some truly interesting items appeared in a recent issue of The Appalachian, the campus news sheet on Appalachian's mountain-encircled campus. The items appeared in what might be described as blank verse, for certainly it included considerable blank space.

One series of thoughts were entitled "On Man." They follow in exactly the form they appeared—

The rose knows the touch of clod the feel of sod the breath of God.

The rose is clod and sod and God and so

is man.

The same Mountaineer poet also offered a number of lines, which were entitled "Briefly." Again, those lines are presented just as they appeared—

- THE TOUCHED,
- TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE.
- SAVAGELY
- THE EMBRACED,
- LONGING AND LIFE.
- PASSIONATELY
- THEY STRUGGLED,
- DARKNESS AND LIGHT
- QUIETLY
- THEY PARTED,
- MAN AND ETERNITY.

- DARKNESS . . .
- SILENCE . . .
- PAIN . . .
- STRUGGLE . . .
- BIRTH
- PAIN . . .
- SILENCE . . .
- DARKNESS
- . . . MAN!

And again, that same poet, still speaking briefly, offered thoughts of sea and sand and moonlight and man's place upon the stage thus created. Those thoughts are presented below—

- FROTH UPON THE SEA
- SHADOWS UPON THE SAND
- RIPPLES UPON THE POND
- FROZEN BREATH BY MOON-LIGHT
- AS FROTH MARKS THE SEA
- AS SHADOW MARKS THE SAND
- AS VANISHING RIPPLES LEAVE THEIR TRACE
- AND FROZEN BREATH HER ETCHINGS
- UPON THE NIGHT,
- SO MAN STANDS UPON HIS PEDESTAL OF TIME
- AND WRITES HIS NAME UPON THE WIND
- AND DIES
- AND ETERNITY LAUGHS.

Still another of the mountain poets mused upon the subject of "A Leaf," and certainly such thoughts are proper in this season of fallen leaves. That final selection is offered here—

- a leaf falls before its division from the tree is felt a feeling changes before its presence in the heart is known a gay sense of security is pierced by a pure golden ache for home