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HEART-WARMING SPIRIT

No more heart-warming exhibition of the Elon College spirit has been seen in recent years than that seen when more than one-hundred fifty Elon students and faculty members gathered at Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday night, March 2nd, to welcome home an Elon cage team that had just lost to their bitter rivals of High Point College.

It had been a fine sight on the previous Saturday night when a crowd of approximately three hundred Fighting Christian supporters, including students, faculty and townspeople, gathered at the gymnasium to welcome back the triumphant Christians, who had that night rolled for a victory over the High Point Panthers and were bringing back to the campus Elon's first Conference cage crown in nine years.

That welcome celebration on Saturday night had only served as a climax to the noisy and enthusiastic support accorded to the Elon cagers during the three nights at Lexington, and it is always easy to find enthusiasm for a winner, even more easy to find enthusiasm for a championship winner, and easier still to lift resounding cheers when that championship is the second within three months time.

The real test of enthusiasm comes in the face of defeat, and the Elon spirit met that test when the group braved a cold winter night to meet the basketballers who had just gone down in defeat and in so doing had lost a chance for a trip to the national tournament at Kansas City. Yes, indeed, it was a wonderful display of spirit on Elon's brick-walled and oak-shaded campus.

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

He whips the enemy nations and then gives them the shirt off his back. He yells for speed laws that will stop fast driving, and then won't buy a car if it doesn't go 100 miles per hour. He gripes about the high prices of things he has to buy but gripes still more about the low prices of things he has to sell. He knows the lineup of every baseball team in the American and National Leagues and does not know half the words in "The Star-Spangled Banner."

An American will get mad at his wife for not running their home with the efficiency of a hotel and then he will get mad at a hotel for not operating like a home. He will fall out with his wife over her cooking and then go on a fishing trip and swallow half-fried potatoes, burnt fish, and gritty creek water coffee made in a rusty bucket and think it is good.

An American will work on a farm so he can move into town where he can make money so he can move back to the farm. He will spend half a day looking for vitamin pills to make him live longer — then drive 90 miles an hour on slick pavement to make up for the lost time.

But we're still pretty nice folks. Calling a person "a real American" is the best compliment we can pay him. Most of the world is itching for what we have — but they won't have it until they start scratching for it the way we did. — SELECTED.



a view from the oak

By MELVIN SHREVES

Spring Elections — Almost Here!
In just ten more days, March 22nd, the Student Body will be hearing from the candidates for the top four offices in the Student Government Association.

The Board of Elections has announced that filing is now open for these offices, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the candidates will be making their speeches on March 22nd at a Student Body meeting in Whitley.

Everyone who has been at Elon for the Spring Elections knows of the excitement and tense moments that are a part of the elections. Speeches, posters, leaflets, promises, and fierce individual campaigning.

If there are more than two candidates for any of the four top offices, the Primary Election will be held on March 25th. The General Election has been slated for April 1st, and the Senate Elections for April 8th.

As may have been noticed, the election dates are two or three weeks earlier this year than they have been in the past. This change will give the newly elected officials more time to make key appointments in the SGA set-up, and to work with the outgoing officers for a longer period of time, so that the new officials will be better acquainted with their jobs when they take over.

Time is getting short and there aren't very many candidates, but as always, candidates' names will be on the ballot come election time, and the voters will have a choice in most all instances. The voters as well as the candidates themselves should take plenty of time to decide on their choice, be it whether or not to run, or which candidate to vote for.

A Suggested Issue

There are certain issues that come up in elections each year, and new ones are always coming to the front. If we may suggest one.

In the state of North Carolina, there is an organization known as the State Student Legislature which is composed of delegates from some twenty odd colleges and universities in the state. This organization meets annually in Raleigh to discuss and debate current issues before the people and/or General Assembly.

Whenever the liberal-minded assembly meets, the newspapers blow up the resolutions passed by the group without giving the reasons for their actions, and for this reason, the organization does not have the best name in the state.

But there are two residents of Alamance County who were at one time members of this group that have really made good. One of them was reared in Ossipee and attended Elon, while the other is a native of Haw River. One became one of the youngest college presidents in the nation, Dr. J. Earl Daniely, and the other was elected as one of the youngest Lieutenant Governors of North Carolina, "Bob" Scott. (They are not members of the same party, however).

Since the membership of the House of Representatives of this assembly is in ratio to the enrollment of the member schools, the larger colleges and universities have more votes and a great deal of power. And it is the vote of the large schools that elect the officers.

At the present time, it is almost impossible to elect an officer from a small school. But it could be done if there was an organization of small schools such as the now extinct North State Student Government Association.

The last time the organization met was in the Fall of 1963. In fact, Elon dominated the meeting as holder of the coveted Most Improved Student Government Award (awarded the previous Spring under Jim Buie's term as SGA president), and an Elon student held the office of President of NSSGA.

But when it came time for the Spring meeting, things fell apart. None of the member schools could get in contact with the president, and no Spring meeting was held. Elon had its report ready, as did the other schools, but there was no one to receive the report.

And so NSSGA folded. And the Elon SGA was as guilty as anyone for letting it do so. So here is the pitch.

Can the new Elon SGA administration get the ball started for the reorganization of NSSGA? It would be a tough job, and the other members, plus any new ones, would have to do their part. But the rewards could be worth it.

At NSSGA meetings, member schools are able to exchange ideas and programs that can benefit all of the members, and it could form a strong block of votes and power that would better enable the small colleges to deal with the larger colleges and universities at the State Student Legislature.

Definitions

COURTSHIP — The period when the girl decides whether she can do any better.

BABY-SITTERS — Girls you hire to watch your TV set.

THINGS SEEN AS ELON WON CHAMPIONSHIP



Coach Miller And His Boys Plan Strategy



Branson Hits Two More Against Pfeiffer



And Two More Against High Point

the other view



By

RICHARD GUNKLE

In my last column I advocated that a letter be sent to incoming students explaining the honor system and what the spirit of honor means to the individual student. For many of us college is the first great test of personal honor. The honor system is idealistic, but it is not unattainable.

Here in part is an address delivered to a freshman honor meeting at Princeton University by Mike Smith, chairman of The Undergraduate Council. This speech was delivered last September to the Class of 1968. "... but most of all, the whole of your experiences will be bound together and made more meaningful by the mutual trust and respect shared between you and your fellow classmates."

"The cornerstone of this mutual trust and respect is the honor system. You are the 76th Princeton class to agree before you begin here to respect the tradition and give it highest place among your obligations to your fellows. In this sense, you now hold the same pivotal position which each class before you has held. You are the newest link in the chain which safeguards Princeton's honor, past, present, and future. From your letters over the summer, I feel confident the new link is well formed and strong."

"However, the honor system is not sacred or even successful merely because it is old. (I know some of you may have cynical notions about Ivy Clad traditions of a less serious nature.) And so that your understanding of it as an operative and efficient system will never leave you, let me explain it to you now."

"First, this summer you all agreed by mail with me, (and thus with each other), that you would accept and actively support the honor system. No one can enter Princeton without making that promise. This means that on each examination or test paper you hand in, you will write the following statement, and sign your name to it: "

"I pledge my honor as a gentleman that, during this examination, I have neither given nor received assistance."

"Second, each student, by his letter to me this summer, has accepted a corollary responsibility for reporting any violation of the code which he observes. Over the years violations have been rare, but I think you should know that there are about four violations each year. It is the most unpleasant task an undergraduate can perform, to weigh testimony and evidence for hours and discover that a student has indeed broken his compact with his fellows. But you must realize that it is not up to you as an observer to determine certainty of guilt before reporting a violation, for many cases each year are found, upon careful investigation to be groundless. It is indeed a pleasant task for us to acquit a fellow student. But for the preservation of our system without taint, every suspected violation must be reported and investigated. This is your pledge to each other and Princeton."

"Some of you, while agreeing in your letters to support the system expressed concern about this second stipulation, though all of you agree to it. You all have been brought up not to carry tales and not to spy on others. But careful thought reveals that this is a far cry from reporting infringements of the honor system."

"First, responsibility always goes with power. As undergraduates with a heightened awareness of our increasing maturity, we want to have freedom in examinations; we want to be assured honorable. The honor system provides this, but you must accept the adult responsibility with it."

"Secondly, everyone knows about the honor system and what it means before he arrives at Princeton for the freshman week. He is fully aware that others have a responsibility to report him, and that he has the responsibility to report others in case of an infringement. In other words, the rules are spelled out and agreed upon before the event."

"... all through your life you will be faced with the necessity of making difficult decisions, and you might as well learn to do it early in the game. Doctors and lawyers and judges, for instance, are constantly faced with delicate and difficult decisions. As they are professional men, so are you a professional — a professional student."

"When a violation is reported, a committee will meet as soon as evidence can be gathered, and will sit until a verdict is reached. Note the honor committee cannot influence, but can only ascertain the facts in a reported violation. Accuser and accused never meet, so there can be no hard feelings in event of a false alarm. All available papers and witnesses are carefully examined in strict confidential meetings. If a man is acquitted, there is absolutely no stigma — the incident is closed and no one else knows of the meeting. In cases of guilty decisions,

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ON BENCH AND COURT

... moments of the Elon players and fans during the three nights of play in the Carolina Conference Tournament at Lexington, three nights during which the Elon Christians rose from a lowly sixth spot in the standings to win the big golden trophy that symbolizes the championship of the Conference for 1965. Pictured top above is a bit of consultation between Coach Bill Miller and his boys at the bench as they map part of the strategy that carried them to victory over Appalachian, Pfeiffer and High Point in successive nights. Jesse Branson, Elon's brilliant forward, is pictured in the centered picture as he leaped high in the air to drop a two-pointer against the Pfeiffer Falcons, cutting loose the shot over the head of Pfeiffer's Danny Carver. Then, in the picture at the bottom, Branson hits for another two-pointer in the thrilling victory over High Point in the final game of the tournament. Other pictures from that final triumph over the Panthers are shown on Page Four, and a shot of the complete Christian squad is found on the main sports page.