

# Elon Wins Cumberland Meet



## Varsity Views

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Successful athletic programs are hard to come by. They don't just all of a sudden happen, and they are not just all of a sudden successful. Of course, in order to determine whether an athletic program is successful or not there are many things to be considered. A leading dictionary defines "successful" as -- having success; ending in success; prosperous; fortunate. This definition has little meaning when talking about athletic programs.

My thoughts on a successful athletic program are centered more around the word "meaningful." I think three major questions must be answered before a program can be considered a success or not. (1) Is the Elon athletic program meaningful to the participants? (2) Is the Elon athletic program meaningful to the students? (3) Is the Elon athletic program meaningful to the school?

The participants in Elon's varsity athletic program number over 100. This means that one out of approximately every 10 male students enrolled at Elon is involved in a sport of some type.

Is the program meaningful for the people who participate? I think not. Elon's athletes are treated like second-rate athletes. They have second class facilities for either practice or play. In some cases they get second class equipment with which to play, and in the minor sports the athletes get little or no coaching. Little wonder it's hard to instill pride in Elon athletes.

Does the Elon athletic

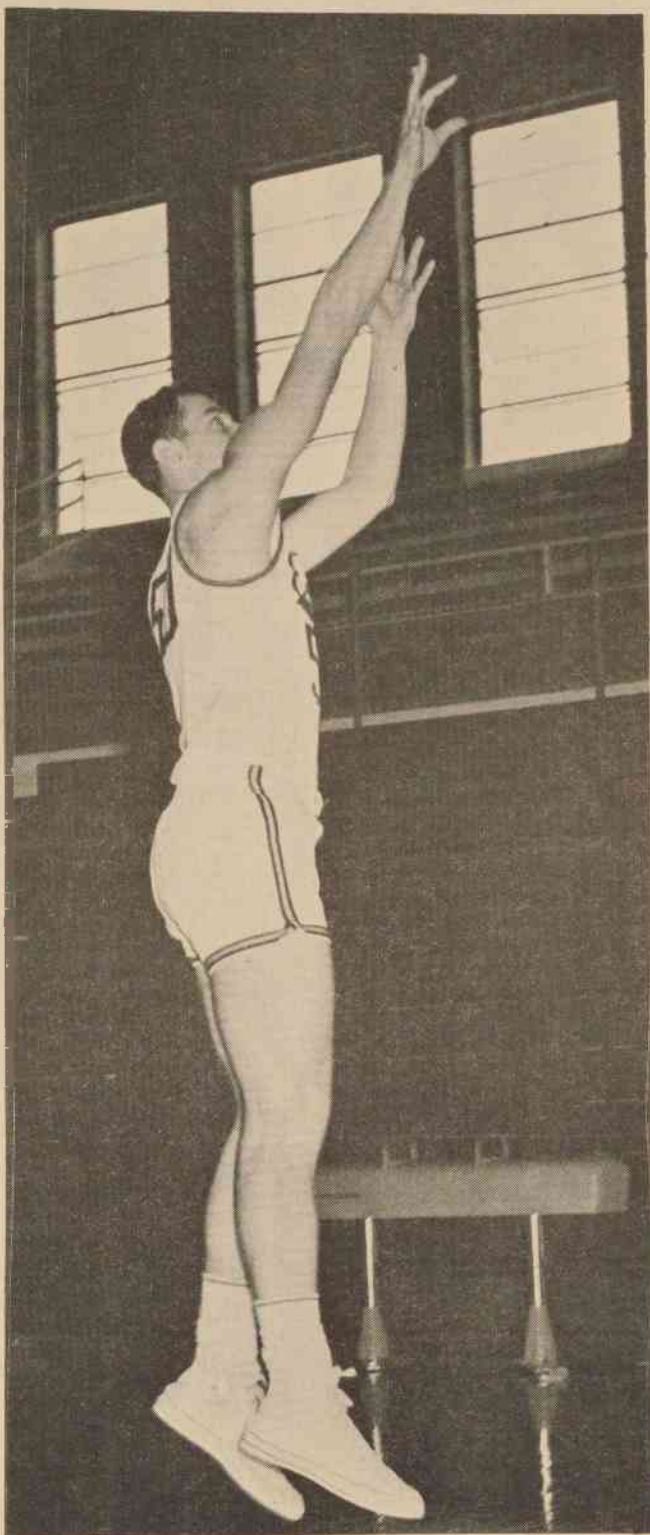
program answer the second question? I think an athletic program has a very serious obligation to the student. I think this obligation should be shown in the form of a meaningful intramural program. The Elon intramural program is on the way up, thanks to the new director and his assistants. However, I think the program should be widened to include more students, both boys and girls.

Now what about the third question? I think this question can best be answered by asking another question. Does the athletic program make money for the school? The crowds at the football games this year certainly were the largest in history. The larger the crowds the more the cash registers jingle, and the more the cash registers jingle, the happier the school administration seems to be. As long as Elon athletic teams win, people will pay to see the Christians perform. To school officials, I suppose this means a successful athletic program.

As everyone knows Elon is in the middle of a building program. The athletic program (varsity and intramural) is in dire need of new facilities. I know there are plans for some new athletic facilities on the drawing boards, but how long are they going to stay there. All I have heard is talk.

There are many other facets of the Elon College athletic program about which I would like to talk. But since my space is limited, I will follow this column with another on the "Elon College Athletic Program."

### GOEDECK IS BIG ELON THREAT



Henry Goedeck, Elon's big junior center, has racked 65 points in Elon's first three games of this 1967-68 campaign, which gives him an average of 21.7 points per game, well ahead of his 17.7 average which he posted in his sophomore campaign a year ago. The big boy from Long Island racked points for a 24-point average two years ago as a freshman, and thus far in his varsity career has scored a total of 1,111 points in 54 games for a 20.6 average. He has thus been ahead of his all-time average in the first three contests played this season. Goedeck has won All-Conference recognition in each of his first two campaigns, and he bids fair to repeat for this 1967-68 season.

## Elon Takes Two Wins In Tourney

The Fighting Christian cagers gave promise of a fine 1967-68 season when they travelled out to Kentucky and chalked successive victories over Georgia Southern and Shorter College to grab championship honors in the Cumberland College Pre-Seasonal Invitational Tournament, which was held on Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving holiday period.

The Christian cagers turned back the Georgia Southern cagers 74 to 73 in the opening round of play at Williamsburg, Ky., and that win showed the strength of the Christian quint, for the Georgia outfit has been the finest in its area for the past several years.

Henry Goedeck, Elon's top scorer for the past two seasons, showed promise of continued excellence when he hit 23 points in the first game against Georgia Southern and then bagged 26 points against Shorter to pace the Elon attack in the Kentucky tournament. On the basis of these two fine scoring efforts, Goedeck was named "Most Valuable" player in the tournament. Elon 74, Georgia Southern 73.

The Fighting Christian cagers opened Elon's new basketball season with a thrilling 74-73 win over the Georgia Southern quint in the first round of the Cumberland College Pre-Seasonal Tourney on November 24th, with Henry Goedeck hitting the winning point from the free-throw line in the final two minutes.

The Elon quintet moved ahead and held the lead all the way, although the Christian margin at the half-time was only a single point at 34-33. The Christians also led all the way in the second half and staved off a Georgia rally in the closing moments.

With Henry Goedeck and Bill Bowes both shooting and rebounding well and with Tom McGee banging in points with deadly accuracy, Elon moved to an 11-point margin in the final five minutes and then had to hang on desperately against the Georgia Southern comeback.

Bill Bowes cleaned the boards all night as he pulled in 16 rebounds and also contributed 17 points. Goedeck, who topped the game scoring with 23 points, added 10 rebounds. McGee banged in 16 counters. Tom Westfield had 20 and Rick Moore 16 to pace the Georgia Southern cagers.

#### THE LINE UPS:

Elon (74) Ga. S. (73)  
F. Bowes (17) Miller (7)  
F. Caddell (9) Pritch. (2)  
C. Goedeck (23) Moore (16)  
G. McGee (16) Wester. (20)  
G. Davis (8) Carmi. (8)

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## Elon Topples Wofford 59 To 55

The Christian cagers overcame a cold shooting spree and hit on crucial points in the final two minutes to turn back a stubborn Wofford Terrier club in Elon's first home game on Tuesday night, November 29th, by a 59 to 55 margin.

The Terriers led through the early minutes, and the lead changed hands eleven times before Elon edged out a 35-34 lead at half-time. The Christians then led most of the final half, but Wofford rallied to lead by one with two minutes left at 55-54, with Bill Bowes hitting two free throws

to shoot Elon ahead for keeps.

Henry Goedeck topped the scoring for Elon with 16, with Steve Caddell, Tom McGee and Bill Bowes all hitting double figures. Jimmy Littlefield paced the Terriers with 13 counters.

#### The line-ups:

P. Elon (59) Wofford (55)  
F. Bowes (10) Payne (11)  
F. Caddell (14) Hysong (1)  
C. Goedeck (16) Pegram (12)  
G. McGee (12) L-Field (18)  
G. Davis (9) Hendrix (9)

Half-time: Elon 35, Wofford 34.

Elon sub -- Marshall. Wofford subs -- Reed, Lentz 4.

## Williams Kicks For All-Star Grid Win

Perry Williams, senior kicking star for the Elon College grid squad during the 1967 campaign, continued his starring role when he kicked the East All-Stars to a 10-7 victory over the West in the first annual Sudan Shrine Temple All-Star battle in Raleigh on Saturday, November 25th.

Playing before a disappointing crowd of slightly more than 7,000 fans, the Eastern All-Stars grabbed the win in a fumble-marred contest, which saw Perry

Williams and his educated toe account for four of the ten points chalked by the winners.

East Carolina's Jeff Hughes grabbed a 63-yard TD pass from Carolina's Jeff Beaver in the second quarter, and Perry Williams kicked the extra point. The Elon star had already booted a 29-yard field goal, and the East held a 10-0 margin at halftime.

The Western Stars tried desperately to overtake that 10-0 East lead, (Continued on page 4)