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Train Of Thought

On Christmas Eve of 1896, the spirits of Elon College denizens leaned more to complaint than of good cheer.

They sent a greeting to the North Carolina Railroad Commission:

"This is a petition asking the commission to make an order requiring the defendant, the Southern Railway, to build a new freight and passenger station at Elon College. There is only a small building now, wholly inadequate for the demand of passengers and freight service at that point."

Santa Claus brought the complainants a hearing for May of '98.

One of the college's professors that spring day warmed up to his subject wonderfully:

"The present building," he said, "was erected several years ago, before any school or business houses were established. Now there is a college building with more than 125 students; a town of 200 inhabitants, several stores and 25 nice, handsome residences. Gentleman, passengers are put to great inconvenience on account of the small accommodations furnished."

The teacher had a wind-upper:

"That other stations along the line, not doing near the business that is being done at Elon College, are furnished with much better accommodations, I do not understand."

The state agreed and even the Southern did, as well. A new depot was constructed, one that lasted until my undergraduate times. When the station was demolished in the Fifties, it still bore the class numbers I painted on the slate roof.

For some time after the razing of the structure, passenger trains would stop at that field-like space between the grade crossing warning lights.

A goodly church woman from Chicago, at Elon for a conclave, worried about how she'd get away from the place.

"There's no station," she told Dr. Earl Daniel.

"Oh, the train will stop for you," he said.

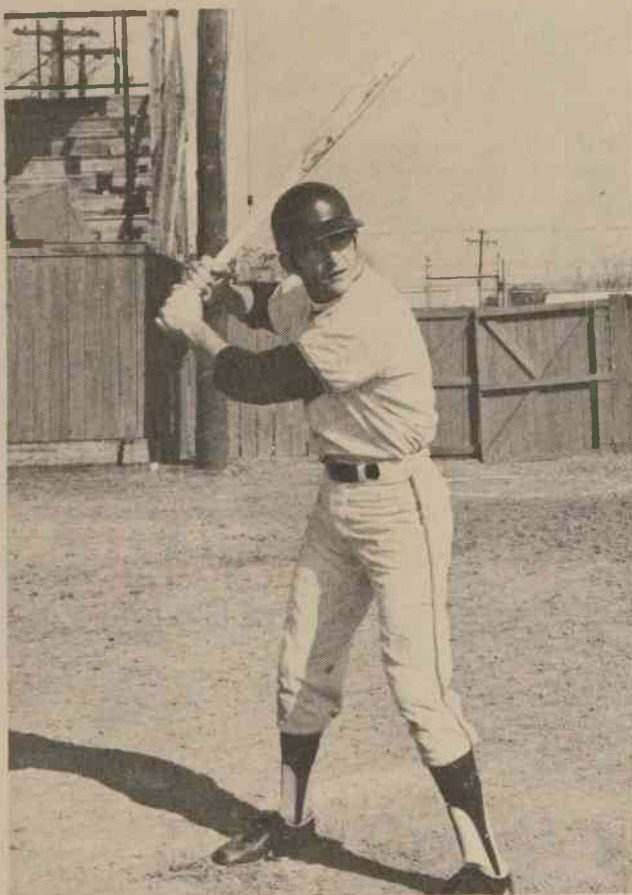
"Really? Why nobody on that train knows who I am."

"Come on. I'll carry your suitcase over to the tracks. That train will stop for you. Our trains don't bypass church people."

She didn't believe Dr. Daniel, of course.

The train came barreling on into Elon and there was Dr. Daniel waving his handkerchief

CLIBORNE AND FRIESINGER TOP ELON HITTING AT MID-SEASON



Mel Cliborne (left) and Jimmy Friesinger (right) are the top hitters for the Fighting Christian baseballers and Coach Jerry Drake's squad passes the mid-season mark of this 1969 campaign. Cliborne, an All-Conference outfielder, is topping the Christians with the stick after 13 games with 16 hits in 43 times at bat for a .372 average; while Friesinger, who has also won All-Conference honors at second base, is pushing right behind with a mark of 14 safeties in 41 trips to the plate for a .368 average. These averages were good enough on April 15th to place the two Christian stars in the top seven hitters in the Conference among players who had been at bat 30 times or more.

Cindermen Defeat Camels

The Christian track squad chalked its third victory of the year on April 16th when Coach Jerry Tolley's thinclads toppled the Campbell College tracksters at Buies Creek by a 73 to 72 score. It was the second time within three days that the Christians had taken a one-point win over Campbell.

Once more the Christians clinched the victory with a win in the mile relay, with Joe Freve, Phil Cook, John Austin and Bruce McFerren racing

to a 40-yard triumph in that event.

The Christians also won both first and second in the quarter, the half-mile and the discus, but Campbell made clean sweeps of all three places in the one mile, three-mile and high hurdles.

Ronnie O'Brien and Dan Linker both won two first places for the Christians, with O'Brien winning both sprints and Linker taking both shot and discus. The summary was not available when the paper went to the printer.

Music Dept. Plans Opera

Mrs. Terrell Cofield, who joined the Elon music faculty this year, announced this week that Mozart's opera, "Cosi Fan Tutte," will be presented by the music department next fall, with the show to be in English. The title translates as "Women Are Like That."

Tryouts for the roles in the great Mozart opera were held under Mrs. Cofield's direction on Monday night of this week, and the names of those who won parts in the production will be announced in the next issue.

with the gusto of a boy scout learning wig-wag.

Surely, the train halted -- the door of the coach right in front of the church secretary.

Right here, the story really should stop, also. I mean the next sentence kills it all:

Dr. Daniel had already phoned ahead at Burlington to be certain and stop that cotton pickin' train.

Camel Nine Downs Elon In 5-1 Tilt

The Christian baseballers dropped their second decision of the year to Campbell College nine at Buies Creek on Friday, April 10th, going down by a 5 to 1 count in the non-conference tilt. Campbell had won the earlier meeting at Elon by a 6-5 margin.

Jim Ramsey worked a beautiful mound game for Elon through the first six innings as the Christians and Camels battled in a scoreless duel, but the Camels got to Ramsey and to relievers Tom Jernigan and Keith Brewer for all five Camel counters in the seventh. Joe Rinaca homered for Elon's run.

The line score:

	R.	H.	E.
Elon	1	6	1
Campbell	5	7	2

Ramsey, Jernigan (7), Brewer (7) and Brady; Moody and Hagen.

Rules Changes Sought

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Allen and me to study the honor system has included in its report proposals to clarify the drinking rules. Mr. Allen will present the report to the student body at an early date for consideration and action. If the report is approved by the students, it will be presented to the faculty; if it wins faculty approval, it will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final ratification.

In concluding his statement, Dr. Daniel pointed out that Elon College was chartered for the purpose of "offering Christian training and instruction in the liberal arts, sciences and/or any specific field of higher education and learning that may appear expedient or useful."

This statement of purpose indicates that the college has a special orientation which differentiates it from many other institutions of higher education. Although the Board of Trustees has full responsibility for the operation of the college and the charter vests in it the authority to set the policies and to determine the regulations for the government of the college, the trustees must discharge their responsibilities consistent with the provisions of the charter and in keeping with the philosophy and objectives of the college.

He further declared that it is the aim of the college to be a liberal arts, church-related, Christian college. In this role Elon has rendered significant service in the

past, and we believe that it will continue to serve effectively within this framework. We hope that students and faculty will come to Elon because of the college's character and orientation and that the very nature of the college will enable many of our students to find their college experience enriching and meaningful.

There are undoubtedly many students for whom the church-related campus is not the best possible choice; it may well be that they cannot achieve their educational goals in an institution which openly and unapologetically professes and seeks to be Christian. No college can be all things to all people; Elon is no exception. We are prepared to serve in a special way those students who accept with us the aims, objectives and philosophy of the college. We are pledged to serve such students to the best of our abilities.

I repeat what I have said on many occasions. We believe that differences of opinion are healthy. We welcome suggestions and recommendations for change. There are many areas of life of the college which need to be changed; there are many other traditions, policies and practices which are worthy of full support. The long-range improvement of the college requires the best efforts of the trustees, administrators, faculty, students, alumni and friends. This is a task to which many of us are deeply dedicated.