

Elon Team Prepared for Tournament

By RONALD WARREN

The "Fighting Christians" of Elon College are preparing for a victory in the coming Carolina's Conference Tournament scheduled for February 25 - 28. The Christians have posted wins against Western Carolina (62-61) and a stronger one over Presbyterian (51-50).

Earlier in the season the Elon squad captured the Holiday Classic at Elon and the Christmas Tournament in Wilmington, N.C. The Christians believe that since they have two tournament victories, they might as well get another one.

Elon edged Western Carolina 62-61 on two free throws made by guard Noble Marshall with 1:47 minutes left in the contest. The Cata-mounts of Western Carolina were in the lead during most of the ball-

game. Late in the game a Christian press turned the tide for Elon. Elon coaches felt this was one of the Christians poorest played ball-games. Elon made almost 50 per cent of their shots from the floor but turned the ball over to the opposition 21 times.

The Christians attacked the Presbyterian team without their senior forward Richard McGeorge. McGeorge, sidelined with the flu, will be ready for action in tournament play. Assist. Coach Wiggins commented that the Christians played better ball against Presbyterian than Western Carolina. Wiggins stated that good defense and the outstanding play of forward Robbie Hicklin who contributed crucial baskets and a total of 18 points were two keys to the Elon victory.

The Elon squad displayed successful season

play during 1969-70. The Christians placed second in the conference play and posted an overall record of 14 wins and 7 losses as of February 17. Assist. Coach Wiggins stated that the seniors on the Elon squad have been the backbone of the team this year. Gratitude should be extended to seniors Jimmy Arrington, Tom McGee, Richard McGeorge, Noble Marshall, and Bill Wallace for their fine performances and good sportsmanship exhibited this season. Senior Bill Wallace deserves special recognition. "Wallace's good hustle and enthusiasm shown in practice made better Elon practices and a better Elon team," commented Wiggins.

Assist. Coach Wiggins is announcing try-outs for high school seniors who would like to qualify for Elon basketball scholar-

ships on March 21 in the Elon gym at 1:30 PM. In-state and out-of-state high school seniors are welcomed. Coaches appreciate any leads to basketball talent that students can offer and ask that students visit the office of Assist. Coach Wiggins in the Elon gym to make suggestions. Tournament play is scheduled to begin either the night of the 25th or the 26th of February for the Christians with Atlantic Christian or High Point. The Maroon and Gold encourages an excellent turn-out to support our fine team.



The Old Timer



"Parents no longer bring children up. They finance them."

Greenbay's Second Choice: McGeorge

Richard McGeorge, Elon's senior tight end from Roanoke, Va. was the first round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers in the annual professional football draft on January 27, 1970.

While at Elon McGeorge has set many records. He holds the Elon records for the most catches in a single game with 15, with single game yardage of 285, along with season marks of the most passes caught with 65, most yards on passes caught with 1,061 and most TD passes caught

with 13, and best per-game average with 117.1 yards. His career mark shows 224 catches for 3460 yards and 31 touchdowns, with a per-season average of over 800 yards.

During McGeorge's four year collegiate career at Elon he received many honors. Among them are All-Carolinas Conference Football Team, All NAIA District 26 Team, Greensboro Daily News All State Team, Kodak All-America Team, Associated Press Little All-Amer-

ica, NAIA All-America, Lineman of the Year in the Carolinas Conference, and a bid to play in the annual North-South Shrine game.

During the last two years, Richard McGeorge has been among the top players in this part of the nation. Many of the pro scouts are in agreement that McGeorge is one of the best tight ends to ever come from this part of the country. McGeorge proved this in the North-South Game on Christmas day in Miami, Florida. Most of the professional

scouts have said that McGeorge is definitely pro-material and can go a long way in the pro ranks.

Richard's reactions to his early draft pick to Green Bay were very excited ones. He was very surprised that he was drafted in the first round. McGeorge's feelings about his draft pick can be expressed best in his own words when he said, "The Pack is Back," referring of course to the Green Bay Packers which had a losing season last year. We at Elon know Richard is right.

Elon Wrestlers Post Winning Season

Elon wrestlers have added two more victories to their record with wins over Wingate College and N. C. State. Elon defeated Wingate College 31-15 and N. C. State 29-15. Coach Brown's team has a string of six consecutive victories after two initial defeats.

David Burke recorded a 55-second pin against Wingate and a 12-4 decision against N. C. State to extend his undefeated season mark to 7-0 at the 142 lb. class. Ken Strickler is also undefeated at the 190 lb. class.

Injuries have sidelined three of Coach Brown's front line wrestlers, Ed Kaplan, Captain David Tew, and Ken Strickler have been victimized by injuries in the past two weeks. Despite the injuries, the team will be ready to meet Pfeiffer College at home, February 17 in the final match of the season.

ELON VS. WINGATE
118 lb. S. Branson (W)
p. P. Clark 2nd period.
126 lb. W. Freshwater
(E) d. J. Shoaf 5-0

135 lb. B. Stonestreet
(W) Forfeit
142 lb. D. Burke (E)
p. Winthrow, 1st period
150 lb. Wrike (W) default
D. Tew, injury.
158 lb. E. Quinlivan (E)
d. J. Nelson 12-4.
167 lb. W. Burke (E)
p. A. Brown, 2nd period.
177 lb. A. Covington
(E) p. E. Wright, 1st period.
190 lb. K. Strickler (E)
Forfeit
HWT J. Hall (E)
p. Hunt, 2nd period.

ELON VS. N. C. STATE
118 lb. Burroughs (ST)
p. Clark, 1st period.
126 lb. Freshwater (E)
p. Test, 3rd period
134 lb. Washam (ST)
Forfeit
142 lb. D. Burke (E) d.
Tulman, 12-4.
150 lb. Clapp (ST) p.
Giordano, 2nd period.
158 lb. Quinlivan (E)
d. Harry, 8-5.
167 lb. W. Burke (E)
d. Weiss, 9-5.
177 lb. Jernigan (E)
Forfeit.
190 lb. Covington (E) p.
Head, 1st period.
HWT Hall (E) p.
Zueru, 2nd period.



Pep Band Contributes To Elon Basketball Games

By BARRY SIMMONS
Elon College's Pep Band is drawing to the close of its second successful year.

George Cannon, director, attributes this to the fact that there are better musicians in the Pep Band this year than last year and there is a spirit in the group to achieve higher musical standards. Cannon said that although there have been hard work and conflicts within the

Pep Band, the members have enjoyed themselves and have learned more about music and its functions.

When asked the purpose of the Pep Band, Cannon said, "I think the Pep Band's purpose is to get the team and fans up for the game, to set the mood of the game, to provide live entertainment at half-time, and to supplement the cheerleaders. The Pep Band also pro-

vides the members of the group a way of expressing their feelings about the game."

Elon's Pep Band practices on the average of an hour and a half per week in preparation for a 20-minute show for each game. Cannon said that the band usually reads through 50 charts selecting only 25 for performance at the basketball games. Some of the numbers played by the group are: "Mission Impossible Theme", "Hawaii Five-O", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Can-Can", and of course "Elon" and "Mickey Mouse".

Cannon commented that the only "legitimate" number the Pep Band plays is "The Star Spangled Banner", a number that is seldom played with individual interpretation.

Cannon believes that Elon is the only college in its conference that has a pep band. He added that other schools in the conference do not have a pep band because they lack the facilities of a large enough gym to accommodate a pep band. "This is the reason Elon's Pep Band does not perform at away games," said Cannon.

Pep Band members are usually those holding a band scholarship. However, this year there are some volunteer members. The Pep Band consists of 18 members. In the woodwind section are Cliff Karnes, Donna Kerkow, Cynthia Coker, Steve Griffin, Steve Stewart, Bob Snyder, and Ken Ellington.

Members of the brass section are David Towe, David Baker, Bill Ogle, Dallas Smith, David Ashby, Mark Lavina, Bill Haffey, Bruce Johnson, Barry Simmons, and Perry Crouch. The Pep Band's percussionist is Bill Crocker.