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## The Elon Sports Corner Presents: My Philosophy of Athletics

By S.S. Wilson

One of our leading scientists recently said, "this generation in which we now live is either going to be the best or the last." I do not know how it affects you, but it really got to me. I realized how vital our responsibilities and obligations are to the youth of today. The future of our country will soon be put into their hands. At the moment, we have the responsibility of training our student-athletes to meet the coming situations. How they turn out must be our particular concern, because their success in life will be the yardstick of our success in an athletic program. Fortunately, Elon College has a fine record in this category. But times are changing and we must understand the thought patterns of today's youth in order to give the student-athlete the best training possible.

We should help our athletes develop academically, socially,

physically, emotionally and be aware of the vital importance the attitude plays in absorbing knowledge and reaching maturity so that they become well-rounded individuals. Today, more than ever before, I am convinced we need a strong sports program in our colleges, high schools, and on all levels of education. Simultaneously, I realize that athletic programs must operate within the perspective of the overall educational program and fit into its aims, objectives and goals. If we believe the sports program is important, let's have a good one—one that will earn the respect of all concerned. It is a privilege for me to talk to a visitor or outside acquaintance about such outstanding departments here at Elon as our science, business, music, teacher education, history, English education, history English, or whatever it may be. I hope the athletic department has earned

and will continue to foster this type of mutual respect. Loyalty to each other and to our college as a whole is a treasured possession. We can point out many values of a sports program, but the time has come to test ourselves to see if we are accomplishing what we say we are.

Athletics is only a supplement to an academic life. We have many students participating in our overall sports program. Those who cannot participate on a varsity level have an opportunity to engage in the intramural program or free play provided by our physical education department. The combination of sports and academic work can be a tremendous experience in a young person's life. It has been said, if you want to find out about a person, play a game with him. To back up the values that can be derived from a good and wholesome sports program we must set up definite plans to follow. (1) Enter into the contribution in the development of the student to well rounded maturity; (2) Train the students for leadership; (3) Encourage the student-athlete to achieve academic success; (4) Make them concerned in regard to their mannerisms, dress and general appearance; (5) Develop refine and teach ethical values; (6) Teach the practice of excellence in competition; (7) Be concerned about his attitude in the overall educational process. Attitude, from all reports I have studied, is the key to success. We must realize a person's attitude can and will direct his life and future. He can control his attitude by how he thinks. We become what we think about.

I believe the destiny of our nation rests in the hands of coaches and athletic administrators who are willing to take a personal interest in each young person they come in contact with and become the mold and designer of tomorrow's national and community leaders. In our work, we can influence and affect the lives and character of young people. We can teach true values and the real meaning of a successful life. We can teach the proper mental attitude and the vital role it plays in absorbing knowledge and reaching maturity. I believe the crucible may be the football field, the basketball court, the baseball diamond, or the track; the ingredients—courage, honesty, self-confidence, determination, the will to win, and love of God—but the inspiration must come from the one who leads. We must develop leaders!

## Elon College Skiing Courses Are Popular

By Ron Perkins

The Physical Education Department of Elon College was one of the first to offer snow skiing to college students in this area. The course is offered through the French-Swiss Ski College. There are now 110 colleges involved in the program. At the present time, there is a one-hour ski program starting during the latter part of Christmas vacation and a three-hour interim program in which students may ski through January and advance from beginner through intermediate to advanced intermediate.

The three-hour course was first conducted in Europe at Innsbruck, San Antou, and Dorfgestine. The department of physical education also set up a three-hour program in Vail, Colo., but the class size was not sufficient to reduce the cost.

The department at the present time is planning to offer the same type of program for the Christmas vacation and interim semester next year, and it is hoped that it might be possible to have students repeat the courses on an advanced level.

## Fighting Christian Golf Team Hopes For Repeat Season

Last season, the Elon College golf team, under the leadership of Head Coach Bill Morningstar and Assistant Coach Charles Harris, has an impressive record. They challenged some of the best collegiate teams in the state at the North Carolina Collegiate Golf Tournament in Charlotte and brought home the first-place trophy. Chuck Scott, Elon's number one player, won medalist honors in the event. Elon had a fine 18-2 record at the end of the regular season and then took Carolina's Conference and NAIA District 26 honors to qualify for the NAIA national championship tournament in Aberdeen, S.D. This year, Elon will have 12

players in two teams. When asked about his expectations for this year, Coach Morningstar said, "We're working for the tournament more. We're setting a goal to win the district and conference and return to the national tournament. We should be much stronger than last year."

Elon's players this year are seniors: Bill Atkins, Tom Hall, Tim Stevenson, and Jimmy Simmons; juniors: Bill Overton, Bill Burton, and Wilson Shelton; sophomores: Chuck Scott, Greg Nance, and Ray Dodson; and freshmen: David Overton, Danny Arnold, Dave Braxton, and Myron Moore.

## 1975 Women Cagers To Host Southern Regional Tournaments At Elon College

By Janie McGann

The Elon College Fighting Christian girls basketball squad will host a Southern Regional Women's Intercollegiate Tournament this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Sixteen teams will participate, coming from five states: Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. The top three teams plus Elon will participate.

The junior college regional tournament will also be held at Elon this year. Four teams will be participating: Peace and Brevard College from North Carolina, and Sullins College from Virginia, along with Anderson College (the defending national champions).

Student tickets cost \$1.25 a day and \$3.00 for all three days; while adult tickets cost \$2.00 a day and \$5.00 for all three days. Elon students and faculty must purchase tickets, since this is a tournament of importance and not sponsored by Elon.

The women's intercollegiate basketball team racked up three more victories in a row. The teams defeated were High Point, UNC-G, and UNC-CH. After completing the UNC-CH game, the women held an overall average of 11 wins and 3 losses.

Wanda Wilson and Sherri Pickard now hold the highest point average. Wanda leads with an average of 18.4 points per game, and Sherri is next with a 17.0 average after the High Point game. Players Susan Yow and Teddi Ireland hold the highest rebound average. Again after the High Point game, Susan's average was 8.4

rebounds per game and Teddi's was 8.3. Senior Laurie Newman holds the number one record for steals or interceptions, averaging approximately 4.0 per game.

The UNC-G game held some exciting plays. One such play occurred right before halftime. The cagers had three seconds to bring the ball in before halftime, so Susan Yow threw it in to Laurie Newman, who passed it to Wanda Wilson, who in one second took a long shot which dropped through the hoop just as the buzzer sounded. At this time, the cagers were leading with a halftime score of 47-34.

The second half the game brought more rebounding and several other exciting plays. Another amazing play took place when Sherri Pickard stole the ball from a UNC-G player and then was caught in a crowd on UNC-G's offensive part of the court. Meanwhile, Wanda Wilson broke off down the court to Elon's offensive court. Without turning, Sherri Pickard took the ball and threw it backward down the court into the hands of Wanda Wilson who then scored for Elon. This play was only one example of the excitement and fantastic plays that occur game after game with the Elon women cagers.

Coach Kay Yow told some spectators at the UNC-G game, "It is always good to see some familiar faces at our away games." She added, "We need the support of the school," and jokingly said to some girls, "It was your cheering that helped us win the game."



The Elon College Fighting Christian Wrestling Team has ended another great season. (Photo by Dave Shuford)

## Invitational Golf Tournament To Be Held At Piedmont Crescent

Elon College will host the 36-hole Elon College invitational golf tournament on March 10-11 at the Piedmont Crescent Country Club. There will be 20 teams participating: Elon College with two teams UNC-CH, Lenoir Rhyne, Greensboro College, Lynchburg College, High Point College, UNC-W, Richmond, Atlantic Christian, Wofford College, Campbell College, Gardner Webb, Hampden-Sydney, N.C. State, Wil-

liam and Mary, Christopher Newport, Virginia Commonwealth University, Louisburg, and Coastal Carolina College. The teams will stay at the Ramada Inn. Tee off time is 8:00 a.m. March 10 for the first round.

The first-place team in the tournament will receive a team trophy and each team member will receive a plaque. Second and third place team trophies will be awarded.