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—The College opens September 4. Be on the Hill in good time.

—If you are an Elon friend, speak to that wavering young man or young woman, a word to help him to decide for a college career here.

—Watch Elon grow. Its rapid strides have attracted everybody's attention. If, as a young man or a young woman, you wish to help make it still greater and grander, be here September 4.

—Is it hard for you to decide whether it pays to go to college? That depends upon whether you will put good effort into college life. If you purpose being an idler, a loafer, a "dead-beat", don't come to Elon. The only way it can grow is through its constituency. So a constituent, a student that adds nothing, is most likely to subtract from the sum total of college life.

—The office force has been exceedingly busy all summer with correspondence and advertising, sending out literature and the like. The results are already apparent. The attendance will continue to climb. The spirit of unity of effort grows, and a feeling of greater Elon is everywhere in the atmosphere.

—This summer issue of the *Weekly* will reach old students just before time to return, and it carries the hope that every one of you has enjoyed his vacation and is getting more anxious each day to get back and take up your college course again. Let your copy be an invitation in your hands to the young man and young woman whom you might yet influence to come with you.

—Marked improvements have been made during the summer in the various College buildings and much new building is going on about the College and in the village. New families are moving into the town and others are wanting to come until every available house is taken.

—Will it pay to decide for Elon? Hundreds have found it pays, and hundreds of others will find it pays. You can well afford to be one of them. Don't let an offer of fair salary or the earning of a few hundred dollars cheat you out of a college course. Many a young person has

allowed an opportunity to earn money to rob him of education in the opportune years for school life.

—Avoid short cuts to mind culture. The four years' literary course in college cannot be substituted for by a get-quick tempting educational offer. If you mean to develop your mind, take time, spend four years in college and do it right. A botch job of so important a matter as mind development and character development is poor economy and poor judgment in the serious matter of living a serious life.

—The Elon way is the way to Christian culture. Its way is the way of character development. It wages a constant fight with the evil tendencies that constantly strive to drag many young people to lower levels of life. The Elon way is "Now! all together! Upwards!" A cultured mind, sound wholesome ideals, a living belief in Christian character, is the Elon way. Education in order that we may serve our fellows better, and not that we may escape service, is the Elon belief, for the greatest life is that of greatest service.

—The Elon belief is a vigorous healthful body directed and controlled by a highly cultured mind, energized by a well-tempered religiously inclined spirit. Elon believes in clean vigorous manhood and womanhood such as makes the race better. Elon believes in sports for physical development, but not in athletics as a major in college, neither does it believe in growing book-worms. Elon believes in physical as well as intellectual—clean thorough intellectual culture as a means to the development of the highest type of Christian character.

VACATION NUMBER.

As is the custom of the Weekly Publishing Company a vacation number is issued just before the opening. We hope that all members of the faculty and all old students have had a delightful vacation and that the Weekly may shake hands with a very large number of these old friends Sept. 4, and also a large number of new acquaintances.

They tell us about the President's office that Elon will be full and maybe overrun the coming session. There is certainly genuine belief there that we are to see the largest enrollment in the history of the College. Well, the Weekly likes to see the College grow, and it pats the boys on the back and bids them God speed in this great work of building Christian character. Bring your neighbor boys and girls along with you and help make this a great year in a greater Elon.

BE ON TIME.

Plan to arrive at Elon the day before the opening. Notify President Harper and ask him to have your room and boarding place all arranged, if you have not already done so. If you are going to have a good year at College, be on time. Get an even start with the beginning of the session.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

A committee from the Christian organizations will meet the trains Sept. 3rd and 4th. Look for their badge when you get off the train. They will give you

any information you need about finding your room and boarding place, or they will take you straight to the President's office in the Administration Building, if you have not already got your room and board arranged. If your room in one of the dormitories, you will want to get your trunk brought up from the station as soon as possible and get unpacked and fixed up ready to begin to get acquainted and settled in your new environment. You want to be at Chapel when the second signal bell stops ringing for the first chapel service Sept. 4th. You will need here a pencil and note-book to get announcements. Everybody looks alike and you cannot distinguish some of the instructors from some of the students and you will not know in every case which name belongs to which professor, so a note book will now be of service if it ever is.

After chapel service you will go to the President's office for registration, where you will need \$6.00 in order to get through this bit of red tape. Next you want to visit the library and find out about your books, unless you have not already been classified, in which instance you will have to have a little conference with some of the professors known as a Committee on Standing. But get your work arranged and purchase your books Sept. 4th, and get down to study for your first recitations next day.

WHAT NEXT.

After you have got your course arranged and settled, there will come the question of becoming a member of the various College organizations. You will be wanted to join the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A., the Christian Endeavor, and a literary society. Then you will be offered membership in the Athletic Association. College life means a good deal more than the study of text-books, and your attitude towards these College organizations in the beginning will have a far reaching effect on all your future life. You have a certain rating socially and otherwise in your community, but you will receive a new rating when you enter College, and this rating is based upon evidence of character and a genuine desire for all-round culture; therefore join the religious organizations at your first opportunity, also enlist in the Athletic Association to assume regular, systematic physical exercise under the best instructions the Association can give. You will have pressing invitations to join one of the literary societies. This choice may best be delayed a fortnight, but it pays to be a member of a literary society, for here is the best drill in public speaking and in parliamentary practice, and to the members of the literary societies come the honors of appearing before the public in debates, literary entertainments, and representing the societies at commencement, Thanksgiving, Washington's Birthday, and at Easter.

DON'T

Don't be a "smart aleck."
Don't be too eager to form new friendships. An undesirable confidant is hard to uproot without damage to your own life.
Don't leave money or other valuables

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lying around in your room or in your trunk, unless it is kept locked. There have always been, now and then, mysterious disappearances of money in colleges.

Don't lend money to your fellow students, if you expect to keep their friendship. Neither be a borrower from them.

Don't fail to get system and order into your college life from the beginning.

Don't let loafers rob you of your time.

Don't be too popular. It is dangerous.

Don't subtract from, but rather add to the sum total of college life.

FINANCIAL ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Gymnasium Fee.

The Board of Trustees have decided to collect a Gymnasium Fee of two dollars each term. This fee is payable, as will be noticed below, on the opening days in the Fall and Winter Terms. This means that all student will pay sixteen dollars in fees from now on instead of twelve dollars as heretofore. Even this is far less than the fees charged by Elon's sister institutions. This fee, two dollars each term, will be paid when the student matriculates.

Text-Books and Sheet Music and Art Material.

The Trustees voted to sell text-books for cash only from now on. The College sells the text-books for just what they cost with a very narrow margin for carriage and cannot afford to sell on any other terms than cash.

Sheet music will also be sold for cash only, but the price will be reduced con-