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JAKE BLAKE SAYS:

Freshness am a good
recommendation for eggs
but a mighty po'r one
for students.



WORDS OF WELCOME

Maroon and Gold is glad that every student is again on the hill. We welcome you again to the campus, and to the work of a new college year. We welcome the many Freshmen who come to us for the first time, and we wish for them a happy and profitable year.

There are many things in a college career. The first of those things is the work for which we have come. Nothing should be allowed to detract from that purpose; and to the task of growing we should set ourselves without a single reservation. College activities will claim time, and no student should refuse to co-operate with the life of the college campus. That, too, is a part of the growing process for which we have come to college. College activities should have the loyal support of every student. Elon is not a large college. We have no desire to be large, but we do desire efficiency, and to have that every one must give his or her best. The fact that we are a small college increases the individual responsibility. It gives a better chance to work, and to work is to grow, and that is why we are here.

College athletics merit our support. The football season will depend in a large part on you, even if you never wear a uniform. Your support, your sympathy, your boosting will help our team to be a winning team. They are your boys on your team playing for your college; believe in them.

Advantages and opportunities multiply in a small college. They are yours: use them to the limit. To all that Elon is or may be we welcome you. Let us build together a college of which we may be proud, and make it always OUR COLLEGE.

PLAYING THE GAME

We hope that nobody has come to Elon expecting to be in heaven. You will not be. We hope that you have not come expecting everything to be just as you would like it to be. It will not be so. There are over three hundred different ideas of what is right and proper, and three hundred opinions of just the thing to do. All these must be considered, and some of them will conflict, and the first lesson to learn in a college course is self-sacrifice.

Everything is not as we would like it, but we have learned, through, we fear, bitter experience, that we can't always have it so, and that other people have ideas that must be respected. Even the faculty have ideas that should be respected, though they may differ from ours. We should

be slow in our condemnation of them. They might be right. If we, students and faculty, begin the year with a tolerant attitude toward each other, realizing that all of us have ideas, and that those ideas, right or wrong, are entitled to respect, we are of the opinion that this will be the best year in the history of the college.

Autocracy is the easiest way, but it is never the best. Those in authority must speak, and those in subordination must obey; but unwilling obedience breeds insurrection which smoulders in the hearts of underlings, and eventually breaks forth in unquenchable blazes which destroy both the master and the slave. Democracy is the harder way, but it is the way which leads to peace and harmony and good will. It is democracy for which we plead at the beginning of this new college year and if we have it we can play the game together in peace.

Our new building is not completed, though we are to occupy it, and it isn't going to be as convenient as many of us could wish it, but we must play the game bravely, and playing it so the inconveniences will be happinesses, and we will be glad to sacrifice.

College life is real life in miniature. There are regulations and limitations beyond which we may not go, and there are other people to be lived with, and with whom we must play the game. Playing the game of life here rightly will keep alive the Elon Spirit, which is a very real factor in our life; and that spirit will yield fruits of gladness undreamed of. It is playing the game together rightly which has given us the Elon spirit, and it is playing the game together still which will make it live and grow. We love this Elon Spirit, and we long to see it thrive. We long for co-operation and loyalty which will make it impossible for any student to destroy any piece of college property or to infringe upon any other student's rights,—such a spirit that will bring faculty and students into close and intimate understanding. This year we must build a spirit which will make these things impossible, not because they might be handled by the Student Self-Government, but the real Elon Spirit will make it impossible for any student to want to do anything which would in any way lessen the usefulness of our College. We stand for right, and in these columns we shall fearlessly condemn whatever we believe to be wrong; but we hope that we shall not be called upon to write destructive editorials. We much prefer to build, to suggest, and to work toward a better college for ourselves and for those who shall follow us.

Through this year let us remember that we cannot talk about Elon without talking about ourselves; that what we are our college must be. It is not our college which is "rotten;" it is we ourselves, for we are the college. Whenever we speak derogatorily of Elon we speak so of ourselves. Therefore let us boost and build.

"Boost and the world boosts with you,
Kick and you kick alone;
A big broad grin will let you in
Where a kicker was never known."

If we stop to think that when we talk about our college we talk about ourselves, we will be careful what unkind things we say.

We believe in ourselves and in our college, and we believe that we are going to play the game together bravely, and make this the best year yet.

The vacation season has run swiftly by. It is hoped all have come back renewed in body and spirit, and ready and anxious to launch heartily into the work of the year. Let all determine to make this year's work of the college the best in its history.

BETHLEHEM COLLEGE TO OPEN DOORS THIS MONTH

President Expects Fine Year—Weds a
Member of the Faculty—Receives
One Thousand Dollars.

Bethlehem College, the new college of the Christian Church, will open its doors for the reception of students on September 12th. President M. W. Hook is expecting a most successful year for the college. His faculty are largely Elon graduates. Miss Nonnie Bailey, Mr. Herbert Scholz, Jr., Mrs. M. W. Hook and the president, with a music and commercial teacher for the departments, will compose the faculty of the college.

The catalogue which was issued during the summer offers fine courses for young people. The work on the college is progressing nicely. The college recently received a donation of \$1,000, and other monies for its support are gradually coming into the hands of the president. The people of the southern conferences are appreciative of the opportunities which the college affords them, and a fine opening is confidently expected.

The college is located at Wadley, Ala. The town has made a fine contribution to secure the institution, and its situation places it convenient to the people of the Christian church.

President Hook was married to Miss Minnie Edge, a member of his faculty for this year, on August 2. Mrs. Hook is expected to continue her work with the institution.

LARGE GIFT ASSURES RELIGIOUS BUILDING

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the fifth in the Greater Elon program, and completes the present plans. This structure will provide space for all the religious activities of the campus, as well as the community, and will be especially designed to meet the needs of present-day Religious Education. A center of religious activities has been the growing need of a college in the past few years, especially in a denominational school, and the erection of such a building on the Elon campus promises great things for the future. The students are especially appreciative of this provision.

A NEW JERSEY GIRL WEDS ELON STUDENT

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Mrs. Hook is a very talented young woman. She is a former student of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and a graduate of a New York music conservatory. She has taught, and made a place for herself in the music world.

Mr. Hook will be graduated with the present senior class, and will probably do graduate work in some northern university. He is one of the young ministers of the Christian Church, and gives promise of a fine career.

Reports for 1922 show that it was a banner year for American churches. More than \$60,000,000 was spent for church buildings. Gifts totalling \$40,000,000 were made to foreign missions. A substantial increase in the average salary of ministers was made. This, too, in the face of much financial depression. Surely the Kingdom is coming!—Selected.

Time to Change

"I hear that Kitty is getting a divorce."

"Yes, she married a Captain during the war and now, of course, he's frightfully out of style."—Life.

Sideshowman: "Step in, gents, and see the armless wonder trim his finger nails with his feet. Most wonderful performance!"

Doubting Thomas: "If he's armless he can't have any finger nails to trim."

Showman: "True, that's what makes it so wonderful. Step up, gents."

MISS SAVAGE BECOMES HEAD OF NEW LIBRARY

Work of Reconstruction Begins Monday—Six Girls to Assist With
the Undertaking.

The library force is at work again with a new vim. On Monday morning five girls, along with the head librarian, went down to rearrange the old periodicals and put in place the new ones. At the first glance of the table in one corner of the room which was stacked with magazines and papers, the girls were heard to say, "Oh, we don't have much work," but whether they were mistaken or not they worked all day getting in order the summer mail, and at the close of the day's work some were heard to say, "I'm tired."

Miss Louise Savage, who is dean of women, becomes head librarian for this year. She will be assisted by Misses Victoria Adams, Nannie Aldridge, Essie Cotten, Margaret Rowland, Della Cotten and Myrtle Sommers. The library force is composed entirely of juniors and seniors, and it is expected that the library will be carried on in an efficient and orderly way.

The library will not be opened during the evenings this year, as was the custom last year, until the new building is completed. However, it is thought that in a few weeks all of the books will be moved to the administration building, where a temporary library will be made until the new building is completed, and then by a systematically arranged schedule made by each student, it is the general opinion that each student will be able to do his required amount of research work.

A good many new books have been brought in during the summer, but only those which will be needed most will be catalogued until the administration building is in readiness for the books. As soon as these books are listed a copy will be placed in the hands of the Maroon and Gold editor for publication in order that each student will know how rapidly the library is growing.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGAN LAST MONDAY

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weeks of practice will tell something as to how she will meet this task.

The old men back, including varsity men and those who had training last year, are: Captain McAdams, Smith, Whitesell, Allston, Kirkland, Paul and A. I. Braxton, Hainer, Brannock, Hiatt, Thomas, Banks, Alf Brown and C. E. Sides.

The new men who will be out for the team are not known yet, but there are several promising prospects. There are still many old men who have not yet arrived.

We All Know Him

Jack: "What kind of a fellow is Blinks?"

Bill: "Well, he is one of those fellows who always grabs the stool when there is a piano to be moved."—Oregon Lemin Punch.

Of Two Evils

Fond Parent: "Now, Doris, if you won't kiss your uncle, I shall have to send you to bed."

Doris (after a few moments' silence): "Very well—good-night, mama."—The Humorist (London).

Slight Chance Nowadays

The Man (having surrendered his seat): "I beg your pardon!"

The Girl: "I didn't speak!"

The Man: "Sorry, I'm sure. I thought you said 'Thank you!'"—The Bystander (London).

irate Woman: "Say, you, do you remember marryin' me to Albert Blinks, bachelor, six months ago?"

Justice of Peace: "Why, er—yes, I think I do."

irate Woman: "Well, wotcher goin' to do about it? He's escaped."

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