

ALUMNI NOTES



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Mr. Gibbs has made good in his pastoral work. After taking his B. D. degree from a Theological Seminary we shall naturally expect more of him. He is a man that put his all in the task at hand and does not "choose" to stop until the task is accomplished. We congratulate our Fellow Alumnus.

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"An Appreciation"

Dear Elon Friends:

As "Hard-Rock" Paul Simpson is winding his way toward the rising sun with that determination that is characteristic of any hero, we find ourselves, too, looking forward to the end of the trail that will bring us to another commencement. Especially, does this apply to the Seniors who have run successfully the four year college curriculum. As this particular class stops in the busy rush to think for a moment of the four years happily spent, there will come many happy reminiscences. These thoughts will mean more as the years come and go.

What of the other classes that have "come and gone"? They too have had cause to express many an appreciation of what their Alma Mater has meant to them. One has only to glance through the Alumni page of the Maroon and Gold to see the evidence of this fact, or to meet with an Alumnus and, in conversation, hear happy incidents recalled.

There are many reasons for this appreciation on the part of the sons and daughters of our Alma Mater. In the

first place, she has made contributions to the church and state that we can justly be proud of. A letter came the other day to my desk from a faithful missionary in Porto Rica. While in Chicago attending the International Council of Religious Education Meeting I found former Elon students taking the lead along many lines in this important field of religious endeavor. As I look over the roster of my own denomination I find many of its leaders graduates of Elon. While traveling in southern North Carolina soliciting students an aged educator told me that the schools of that section was being largely supervised and taught by graduates of "Ole Elon." Certainly, we can be proud of the past contributions.

In the second place, we have the recent accomplishments. The writer has visited many institutions recently and he has come away with a greater appreciation of his own college. January 18th, 1923, marked the end of the old administration building that had contributed much in the past; but the date marks, also, the New Era at Elon College. It awakened the loyalty of every Elonite. The emergency was met, and as a result we have one of the best student bodies and as good equipment as one is able to find on any campus. The recent growth in materials and the rapid increase in the student body goes to prove that the administration and faculty are among the best to be had. Surely, we appreciate this recent growth.

Thirdly, the present makes us take our hats off to the things that have been brought about this school year. With great pleasure and interest we have read your much improved paper. Paul Hook and his staff made a great contribution, but the news made the paper! The athletic successes, the social events, the Alumni news and organization, the accomplishments in the field of Religious Education, and literary attainments, etc., have given us cause to rejoice.

With such a successful past, with the present seemingly secure, the future looks hopeful. And we have confidence enough in our Alma Mater to predict that the Alumni that come after us will have more things for which to be proud.

We are hoping that "Lefty" Briggs will win many more and that Hard-Rock will reach the goal successfully.

Very truly,
F. L. Gibbs.

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SPORTS

By Maurice W. Carrow

CHRISTIANS BLANKED ERSKINE 7-0 IN FAST GAME

Capt. "Daddy" Fowler Allowed Only One Hit and Struck Out 13 Men.

The Christians blanked the Erskine nine here last Friday in a fast and interesting game by the count of 7-0.

Captain Fowler proved to be too much for the Due West nine. He pitched stellar ball and was master of the occasion at all times, striking out thirteen men, and allowing a lone hit in seven innings.

Briggs took the mound in the eighth frame and pitched air-tight ball, allowing one hit and sending four of the South Carolinians back via the strike-out route.

Good willow work by the Christian batters was evident throughout the game, each getting a hit. Captain Fowler and "Otney" Briggs were the batting stars for the Christians, each hitting for a safety twice.

The Due West nine played air-tight ball most of the time but were rather loose at times, several errors being chalked up against them.

TENNIS

With our opening match of the season on our home courts with Guilford on Friday, the Christian racquetees are shaping up well. This match will be composed of two doubles and five singles. According to Coach Regan the two doubles teams will be the Hinton-Rountree combination and the Loessi-Hamrick duet. The five singles men will be chosen from the men who make the best showing in practice this week. It is likely that Dog Hunter, Red Jones, Whitley, and Loessi will be four of the singles men, but in the old court game advance dope is likely to receive an upset.

Whitley is showing up much better in the singles than in the double. He is working hard and is going to push some one hard for a berth on the varsity. Loessi is improving rapidly also. He possesses a sharp twisting act and has the ability to place it so as to make the ball nasty to handle. Hunter and Jones both play a hard smashing game in the singles, and they enjoy more success here than they did in the doubles. "Pony" Hinton ought to make the other berth, but as yet it appears that he lacks coolness and steadiness under fire. When paired off with Rountree in the doubles though he does well.

BASEBALL

With only three more games on our schedule to be played the Christians are sitting pretty. We have two games this week and one next week. Davidson journeys here Thursday for their return engagement, and we go to Siler City Saturday to play our second game with the Quakers. The following week we go to Guilford on Tuesday to play our last game of the schedule. We have the mental edge on our opponents in these games since we have played them each one game and shut both of them out.

We have had a great season in the intercollegiate games this year, winning twelve and losing one. "Peahead's" proteges have not received a single setback in their last eight starts, and are making a strong bid for state honors.

During the entire season our adherents have emphasized our batting offense, and indeed they have had a right to do so as can be seen by the batting averages compiled in these columns. If the sluggers keep up this pace the opposing outfielders will soon be in form to enter C. C. Pyle's bunion derby.

PITCHERS

Our pitchers have come through in fine shape this year, even tho the brunt of the work has fallen on the shoulders of

our two veterans, Briggs and Fowler. "Lefty" Briggs, our southpaw, has not lost a game this season, and Captain has only a lone defeat accredited to him and in this game he held the opponents to a lone hit. Murrow has done a little hurling, and sure looks good for next year. We are banking on his being a sure fire winner for us. Cox and Woodlief have seen very little action. Both show up well but are in need of a little experience. Dave Shepherd again has done the receiving in his usual creditable manner.

INFIELD

Coach Walker has perhaps shown his ability as a coach to the best advantage in this department of the team. Facing a trying situation of having only one regular and one sub back from last year's team, he has built up one of the fastest infields in the state. "Red" Smith, our lanky third sacker, is a new man and has been converted from a first baseman into one swat player on the hot corner of the diamond and is leading the team at bat. "Red" has been a tower of strength to the team's offense. Zeb Harrington, the only regular from last year, is having the best season of his career at short. Zeb had a habit

of making costly errors last year, but he has sure steadied down this season and is performing like a veteran. Otney Briggs, another rookie, is holding the keystone sack down and is proving to be the star of the inner garden. Otney has accepted seventy chances this year with only a quartet of miscues. The initial sack has been well cared for by a sub from last year's team, Tobe Crutchfield.

OUTFIELD

With Squire Sims batting as clean up man, the Christians are always assured of a few runs. Squire and "Red" Smith have been having a merry chase all season for batting honors, and it has been a royal nip and tuck affair. Squire has proven to be one of the most reliable men in the field on a fly ball this year. "Cod" Walker has ably cared for centerfield and has persisted in carrying out his personal tradition of hitting in the pinches, thus being accountable for many of our runs. "Cap" Clarke has played his first year as a regular and has proven to be right there. If Cap can collect a few extra hits in the remaining games he will be among the elite of the .300 batting class.

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