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APPRECIATION

Alumni everywhere have the name of Coach D. C. (Pea-head) Walker on their tongues. Lovers of the college athletic program—and there is a multitude among the former students and graduates of Elon—are enthusiastic over the success of this redoubtable mentor during his stay at the head of things athletic. Eleven championships within five years is a record of which any man or institution may well be proud.

It is well, too, that the innumerable admirers of the success attained by Coach Walker should let him know that they are appreciative. Elon alumni and alumnae are like the graduates of other schools: indifferent, silent in their approbation, or clamorous. Of the first and last classes there are, we believe, a minority. Yet, too many belong to that class who do their applauding inwardly. Boisterous applause, as though a college were intended solely for its athletic prowess, is at best barely tolerable; indifference rests with those concerned; silent, but none the less genuine, approval could do much, were it to be expressed, to guide the directing hand to more and greater accomplishments.

A GROWING INSTITUTION

The unmistakable signs of the growth of Alma Mater are reassuring. Increased enrollment signifies an interest and belief in the college on the part of young men and women who are seeking better to prepare themselves to live. Not only is the enrollment this year appreciably better than that of the year preceding, but, if reports from the Field Secretary, George D. Colclough, run true to early predictions, a still larger student body will be at Elon next year. Selection of Elon for their higher education by an ever-increasing number of high school students indicates that the prestige of the College is in the ascendancy.

Faith of the public in any educational institution must, in the final analysis, rest on the strength of its faculty. Buildings, athletic accomplishments, and equipment are indispensable; but if the students now coming away from our progressive high schools are to be wooed and won, and their affection and confidence retained, any given college or university must enlist the assistance of able and reputable men. That such a policy has been the one of the present administration from the beginning is obvious. The addition of L. R. Johnston to the department of education is a continuation of that policy, and Elon is to be congratulated that it can add a man of his caliber to its staff.

If through a constant strengthening of its faculty, Elon expects to develop and maintain a vigorous liberality, it must be remembered that Alma Mater has, through its more recent lean years, retained the devotion of many of its present faculty who have served it long and well. Such devotion, plus a growing faith in the future of the college, must bring success.

Back of all the burgeoning is easily seen and felt the influence of the man who is now at the helm of Elon College. Dr. L. E. Smith has shown a leadership during his three and a half years there that inspires the faith and confidence of able men and women. The Board of Trustees, the Church, Alumni, Faculty, students, and public are behind this son of Alma Mater in his untiring and significantly successful efforts to build for both the present and future.

ing him along the pathway of life.

And who has not heard the expression, "Now, I don't want to see the game. We'll probably lose." "And why would 'we lose'?" For one thing, it would happen because some students were not loyal to their team and refused to help cheer it to victory.

Who does not know of instances when friends were friends, and then, one got in some difficulty? The other one drops him when he could really prove his mettle and aid his pal. And what's the reason? Simply the fact that there was no loyalty for one another—merely a fair-weather acquaintance.

So, let's be loyal—loyal to Elon, loyal to its professors, loyal to its teams, and loyal to our fellow classmates.

LETTERS

Columbia, S. C.
March 6, 1935.

My Dear Pat:

I am so delighted with the March 1 issue of Maroon and Gold that I must write you about it.

The facts about the progress of the college are a revelation to me. Your enrollment is a high tribute to the officials and students of Elon. We have lost several hundred here at the University.

Particularly do I wish to congratulate Dr. L. E. Smith on his administration. Everywhere I go I hear fine reports of his personal and executive qualifications. And Peahead Walker! He is an institution in himself. Be sure to give my most cordial regards to Dean Hook, George Colclough, Dr. Wicker, Dr. Newman, and others. How is Uncle Ned? I do not think I have ever had the privilege of sitting under finer teachers than

lieve in the long run the results would justify such expenditure. Were a secretary paid a part-time salary, he could keep the details of the Association moving. This is said with no reflection on any given individuals. Members of the different in the Association have given freely of their time and services.

I should like to see something done about this situation at the coming commencement.

Sincerely,
R. H. GUNN.

Brown Summit, N. C.
April 11th, 1935.

Mr. George Colclough,
Field Secretary,
Elon College, N. C.

Dear Mr. Colclough:—
I just wanted to tell you how much that I enjoy reading the MAROON AND GOLD. I have been wanting to write you some time. However, my time is limited.

I enjoy MAROON AND GOLD so much as it brings back memories of long years ago with the College. Each time the MAROON AND GOLD comes into our home I love to look over and read the life of the College as it has grown up to the present time. I like to think of the name of Dr. Newman who has been spared by our Heavenly Father to carry on the good work.

And I have been spared to send three of my own boys, Elwood, Harrison, and William, to Elon and I was permitted to see all three of them leave Elon with A.B. degrees. I know wherever they are today they work for Elon. I have one daughter, Annetta, I hope will be with you all there this fall.

With best wishes for your future success

Yours very truly,
V. O. SMITH.

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Coach Peahead excelled in baseball, in which he was a heavy hitter. He put aside his professional career in 1926 when he went to A. C. C. to coach, to be lured away the following year by Elon.

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