

Guest Column



By D. J. Bowden

Yesterday I watched a squirrel as he bounded across a carpet of fallen leaves and scampered aloft into the bare branches of a silent oak. And there he sat, gnawing the shell of a hickory nut, chattering, and flipping his bushy tail. He was very much alive. And I stood and wondered: what is life?

I've seen leaves of maple turn from green to golden brown, a puppy playing with his fellow, a baby chewing pudgy little hands, boy and girl walking hand in hand, the scientist at his microscope, the pastor by a sickbed, the artist at his canvas, the student in his daily going to and fro. And I've wondered: what is life? What is the meaning of it all?

Twenty-four hours each day we give our lives to something, you and I! When day is done, and tired or bored we leave behind in sleep the noise of home or dormitory, we might well pause to ponder on the things to which we gave ourselves this day. In youth the days are many, countless and unnumbered, and often we pour them thoughtlessly through our fingers like grains of sand as we sit upon the shore. Life, for youth, is to be enjoyed, and rightly so. And not for youth alone! Life should be enjoyed by all. But what's it for, this business we call life?

Shall we say with the Buddha that life is but a vale of tears, a weary existence filled with suffering and pain? Shall we say with Schopenhauer that human existence is a constant recurrence of unhappiness, of disappointment; that man's happiest moment is that in which he is just drifting off into a sound sleep? Is life something from which we should seek escape? Is it all a weary illusion, filled with moments of conflict and remorse, of profitless effort and broken hopes?

Or shall we take the other extreme of the so-called Epicureans, that life should be a search for pleasure and an enjoyment of the superficial. Shall we say that thinking is but a weariness to the flesh, and that nothing but pleasure is worthwhile?

The answer of college students is apparent: life is filled with disappointments and heartaches, but it brings also its joys and its compensating pleasures. We shall not run from life as from a fiery-breathed dragon, but we shall face it and enjoy its beauties and take its sorrows as they come. We are not afraid of life nor shall we be made to cower before its threats of failure and disappointment. We shall stand on our own hind legs and live the victorious life. This is the spirit of youth on its heroic side.

But there is another side — a side which is neither that of fear of life, nor yet of insane seeking after pleasure; nor is it the courageous heroism of one who knowingly faces the dangers of human existence. It is the side

Messiah Will Be Presented Dec. 3

Soloists Are Announced

On Sunday evening, December 3, at 8:30 o'clock, the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" will take place in the Whitley Memorial Auditorium. The Elon Festival chorus, made up of the regular choir and several other people from surrounding communities, will be directed by Professor Pratt, head of the Music department.

The presentation of this oratorio is an annual affair, everyone concerned is striving to make each performance better than the preceding one. Practices on the "Messiah" have been held since school started, with special attention being given to it the last four weeks.

The soloists for this year are exactly the same as those of last year. They are: Helen Maddock, soprano, Eleanor Edwards, alto, Thomas Edwards, tenor, and Walter Vassar, bass. These soloists are well known throughout the state as artists of merit. They gave a fine performance last year and everybody is expecting an excellent performance again this year.

This oratorio is the most important musical production by the Elon group during the year, its nearest rival being the music presented at Commencement.

Noted Educator Heard By Elon Student Body

New York University Professor Is Deemed Interesting By All

Dr. Ambrose Suhrie, head of teacher's training at New York University and editor of Eastern College Teacher's Journal spoke very interestingly Tuesday to the Elon students at the morning assembly and at a special meeting of the education students.

Intermingling humor with educational philosophy and advice, the New York University professor captured the attention of the entire student body. Although a man of very wide reputation in the "game of education," his intimacy and spirit of friendliness made the students feel that he was one of them.

Basic to his message of the morning was his emphasis on cooperation in the field of education. "Cooperation," he says, "is so conducting one's self that others can work with you. Through this one quality can you forge ahead in the game of education. One doesn't get ahead by scolding or punishing. No, it takes cooperation with an understanding of student activities and desires."

"I know of no better message to a group of teachers than this," he continued, "that you make yourself acceptable to your students, winning their fullest cooperation, making them realize that an education is acquired through their own efforts."

of unthinking, careless acceptance of what comes, without a determined attempt to see the possibilities of the future and to prepare for them. It is the tendency on the part of some college students to "enjoy the present and take little thought for the morrow." Perhaps the squirrel does not think as he sits and gnaws and chatters and flips his tail; the puppies are not thinking beyond their next meal, and the baby, whether he smiles or cries, is doing little more than reacting to an immediate situation of pleasure or pain. But we who are grown up are endowed with the ability to look to the future and to determine, partially, at least, that future. Life is largely what we make it, and a serious attempt to see life clearly and to see it whole — that is education!

A CELEBRITY VISITS ELON



Pictured above is L. A. "Speed" Riggs of Goldsboro, N. C., and his sister Clell who is a junior here at Elon. Mr. Riggs is the regular auctioneer on the widely aired Kay Kyser Klass of Musical Knowledge program, and is considered the ace of tobacco auctioneers.

ELON GETS TWO BROADCASTS WEEKLY FROM GREENSBORO

SENIORS CHOSEN FOR WHO'S WHO

The American Universities and Colleges Association selects each year from the senior class those students who have distinguished themselves as leading personalities on each college and university campus throughout the country.

The seniors that have been selected from Elon for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges" are: Duane Vore, Francis Bean, Curtis Jones, Florine Ray, Wesley Holland and June Leath.

Gay Holiday Party To Be Given Students Before Christmas

On the Saturday night before the holidays, every student is invited out to the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Tau Zetas and Kappa Psi.

The party will be held in the gym where fun, entertainment, and mistletoe will be provided for all. Louie Hubbard and his Collegians will provide their gay rhythm, both sweet and swing. If you do not care to keep step with the music, then try your luck at the games and win a prize, or perhaps you'd prefer to toast your toes around the Christmas fire. If you don't believe in Santa Claus, then it's most certain your ideas on the subject will be changed if you're around on the night of the ninth of December.

Get your dates early, fellas, and those dresses borrowed soon, girls, for it'll be a gay time in one Elon that night.

THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST TO GO TO ORPHANAGE

When Thanksgiving comes to Elon College it always brings with it the best weekend of the year; a grand dinner, a football game, banquets, and parties. But the Elon student remembers that there is someone else in the world, someone else who would like to share a part of his Thanksgiving. To remedy this in equality he is always glad to contribute a part of his feast to the less fortunate ones, the boys and girls at the Elon Christian Orphanage.

For the past several years the Elon student body has given its Thanksgiving breakfast to the

For the first time in the history of Elon College, broadcasts are to be given directly from the college campus. The broadcasts are to be presented every Wednesday evening and Tuesday afternoons. A line has been connected to Elon College from Station WBIG in Greensboro enabling us to broadcast directly from Whitley Memorial Auditorium.

The first in this series of broadcasts was presented last Wednesday evening from 10 o'clock to 10:30 p. m. A program of two-piano selections was given by Professor Stewart Pratt and Professor Fletcher Moore.

Next week's program will be highlighted with several songs by Professor Thomas A. Edwards.

The popular Greensboro station, in addition to the Wednesday evening broadcasts, is sponsoring a fifteen minute broadcast on Tuesdays from two o'clock until two fifteen. This time will be given over to the students and faculty for formal discussion and lectures on various subjects.

We hope to find these programs beneficial and enjoyable to the students.

Aeronautics Class Now Numbers Ten

Prospects for wings in the Aeronautics class now number ten. Five of the original enrolled members have been dropped from the course by a selective board. This selective board was forced to meet due to the government's new quota for only ten students. The government, however, is going to increase its quota next year to twenty or thirty members.

The class is now well on its way in their course. In two weeks' time flying lessons will begin at the Burlington Airport, where each student will receive thirty minutes of flying instructions a week.

The laboratory which is now being prepared will contain wind tunnels, model airplanes, and all the necessary mechanics for flying and navigation.

Orphanage and, again, this year the custom will prevail. Almost unanimous consent was given when the vote was held in the Dining Hall on November 17.

The contribution will be made by the college in the form of money, the cost of each student's breakfast.

FUTURE PLANS OF FRESHMEN

They Plan Further Spirited Activities During The Year

Encouraged by the enthusiastic way in which their initial venture at self-expression was received, the Freshmen have formulated other plans to display their school spirit. They are determined to show the campus what they can and are ready to do.

The yearlings are planning a surprise prior to the Thanksgiving Day clash with Guilford. In addition they are sponsoring two parties, the first of which will be given in February. They are also planning an all-Freshmen picnic for the early spring.

We believe that the entire student body should be complimented for encouraging the Baby Christians in their attempts. At first their attitude was a patronizing, complacent one; however, now they realize and appreciate that the class of '43 is working in behalf of the welfare of the entire school.

Boys Glee Club Is Organized On Campus

A glee club for Elon men held its first meeting Thursday night, November 16, with seventeen boys attending. Although a good many of the boys who had expressed an interest in a glee club were not present, prospects seem good for a glee club here this year. Several numbers were tried out, which seemed to go nicely for the first practice.

More music is being ordered, and several numbers are being arranged in the Fred Waring Glee Club style by Mrs. Edwards.

Professor Edwards wants all boys who are interested in a glee club to see him as soon as possible. He wants to have a large group and then be able to choose about twenty of the best ones from this group. He emphasized that anybody who expected to stay with the organization would really have to work.

Day Students Party Starts At Eight Tonight in the Gym

After many weeks of preparation, the Day Students are expected to put their semester party into full sway this evening, starting at 8 o'clock. They have moved the party to the campus this year and are dressing the gym in its "Saturday" best. There are to be no bids issued due to the fact that the entire student body is cordially invited.

Music will be furnished by a nickelodeon and ample games provided for those who do not care to "hop-hop-here."

Those receiving credit for committee work are: Virginia Crawford, Mary Hiatt, John Westmoreland, Mary Pritchette, Mildred Frolter, Virginia Fowler, Hope Patterson, Walter Kernodle, Fred Lowe, H. M. Austin, Jack Franks, Fred Gilliam, Charlie Walters, Jimmie Pritchette, and Donald Isley.

The Day Students urge everyone to come on out for the fun.

BOWDENS' ENTERTAIN SIGMA PHI'S AND DELTA U'S

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Bowden were host and hostess at a weiner roast for the Sigma Phi Beta fraternity and Delta Upsilon Kappa on Monday night, November 13. The picnic was staged in the Bowdens back yard where weiners were roasted on the new outdoor fireplace, recently built by Dr. Bowden and Bill Looney.

After supper the guests left for Burlington where they attended the theater.

Nino Martini



Artist Who Appears Here February 14

Enlarged Concert Series To Feature Nino Martini

Elon College will step to the front this year with the finest Concert Series ever presented on the campus. Never before in the history of the series has it been possible for the students to see and hear such famous artists as will appear here during the coming year. This is due in a large measure to the whole-hearted support of Alamance County residents who came through with 495 subscribers to the Cooperative Concert Association.

Foremost in the series will be the tenor, Nino Martini, who will appear here on February 14. An Italian by birth, Martini was first brought to this country to star in motion pictures. Since then he has achieved great success in every musical field, the Metropolitan Opera, the concert platform, and radio. He is the only singer ever to have received the Columbia medal for distinguished contribution to radio art, awarded also to Leopold Stokowski, Colonel Lindbergh, and Admiral Byrd, and to Martini as "the man, who more clearly than any other individual, symbolizes that artistic perfection whereby radio lives and grows."

The General Platoff Don Cossack Choir, which will give the first Concert, will be here during the second week of January. This group has been singing together for thirteen years and has given over 3700 concerts. The transcontinental tour which brings them to Elon, however, is only the second time that they have toured the United States. Their repertoire comprises the best of the traditional old Cossack songs, ranging from tender lullabies to wild songs, gay songs and hymns to God. Outstanding features of their performances are the wild Cossack dancing by the choir and the thrilling Caucasian Sword dance by an expert.

The final concert will be a joint recital by Carola Goya, a world's foremost Spanish dancer, and Beatrice Burford, outstanding concert harpist. The date of their appearance has not been determined either, but it will be sometime during the second week of April.

Professor Pratt, Chairman of the Public Entertainments Committee, which selects the artists, stated, "This is by far the best group of artists ever brought to the Elon campus, a superior series in every way. Although the series is a sell-out at this early date, each student who has a Student Activities Book is certain of admission. Don't, however, give your book to someone else to use, as every individual will have to be identified as the true owner of the book which he carries."