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THE BEST STEP

Concerned over the many problems which are finally being admitted to exist on the campus, student officers and faculty members held a joint meeting last week to discuss feasible solutions. Ideas and opinions were expressed freely. And for the most part they were striking at fundamental problems and the suggestions were of a constructive nature. This, we believe, was the best step that could have been made toward improving Elon. We hope that this procedure will be maintained when the committee made up of twenty-three students and three faculty members, which was formulated to discuss further the campus problems, goes to work.

One proposal made at this meeting which will soon materialize is a study hall for all students who failed a subject. We are definitely in favor of the tentative plan since it should in many ways be inductive to higher scholastic work. Attendance at study hall will only be compulsory for the students who need it most, the ones who failed a subject. But it will also be available for use by other students who sometimes find it difficult to find a quiet place to study. That there will be cries of "high-schoolish" and "it shouldn't be compulsory", when this goes into effect, we don't doubt. But we don't doubt either, that these cries will come from the few who need it most. That something is needed to improve the scholastic efforts is beyond question. And this method of setting aside two hours for four nights a week for directed study is a good start, and will undoubtedly show worthwhile results before the end of this semester.

We express a hope that now while this committee is still in the developing stage tolerance for each others opinions, frankness, and mutual confidence in each others earnest desires will be maintained. We also hope that if problems are recognized and definite courses determined by this student and faculty committee everyone will do their part to carry them out. We believe that if these principles are observed it will help more than anything else in keeping alive the interest of students and faculty in this gradual process of improving Elon. We thoroughly believe that nothing will cause off quickly. And then probably the administration would blame students to lose confidence quicker than to have proposals which they have decided upon dismissed or ignored. And if this should ever begin to happen, student attendance at the meetings would drop off quickly. And then probably the administration would blame students for not holding up their end in the cooperative effort. They would then say students were not interested enough to be given a share in determining policies. So let's not forget that recognition through fair trial and through careful consideration should be given before proposals and questions are dismissed.

The Maroon and Gold is truly glad to see this step toward improving Elon done in the cooperative manner which has been started. This we have always maintained was the most democratic and, therefore, most likely method to succeed.

MONDAY'S NOMINATIONS

One of the most important student chapel periods of the year will be next Monday morning's meeting. At this time the nominations for next year's student officers will take place. There is, if used properly, a great deal of importance attached to these offices. We should, therefore, begin thinking now about the eligible candidates and which would make the best officers.

The looming elections will probably bring to life again the Liberal party. And again this year we look for them to be a potent factor in determining who will succeed to the various offices. But we look too, and think it necessary for their own good and the good of the entire student body, for the fraternities and sororities to change their tactics. One course which is open to them is to group themselves as one party. This would give us two large parties on the campus. Let each party then nominate its candidates irrespective of whether they are fraternity or non-fraternity men. Rather have them put up the men they think best suited for the office. Then let's see a real campaign with political rallies, campaign speeches, banners, debates and political parades with competition keen and the best men being elected.

SNIP AND SNOOP

TRIANGLE STORY

Everyone on the campus knows what a predicament Claude Lawrence, runner-up for May King, is in with his women; in this case, only two. You do, if you read our column from issue to issue.

Back to our 'Romeo!' The tale brought out in our column several weeks ago has finally come to a head. The New Jersey girl arrives on the campus, and most unexpectedly too; it sweeps Lawrence right off his feet. What is he going to do? The little lass came all the way from Jersey land to see just him, and he has a date with "Sugar" in Greensboro.

He was in a mess, wasn't he? (He probably still is.) To top it off, it was the afternoon previous to Bid-night, and was he on the spot, besides having to run around to see if the prospective pledges were still prospective. Bid-night passed, and Claude appeared at breakfast the next morning with his brothers. "To bed I'm going after this," he said, "for I am all in."

Time passed . . . Church . . . no Claude . . . Sunday dinner . . . no Claude . . . did he sleep through it all? Poor boy, he must have been tired. Strange as it seems, but it always leaks out, and we understand (Claude doesn't know that Mr. Lawrence spent the rest of the day AND NIGHT at "Sugar's" in Greensboro.) Jersey waited to see her lover all afternoon but as she told her sister that night: "The dear boy needed the rest".

If she only knew. Something tells us that our campus romeo has certainly got to think fast now.

A KISS

A kiss is a pronoun because it stands for something. It is masculine and feminine gender; therefore it is common. It is a conjunction because it connects. It is a verb because it signifies an action. It is plural in number because it calls for another. It is usually in opposition with a hug or at least another kiss. It may be conjugated but not declined, And it agrees with everyone in the country.

MUST BE LOVE

This story is unique for the fact that the woman involved did not change her mind. Our story comes from Peewee Inman's historic visit to Washington. It seems that Lila Budd discovered and disapproved of this journey. She did her best to keep him here. He showed his appreciation by leaving without even saying—Good bye. Upon finding that Peewee was really gone she began to cry and declaring that she loved him no more. She promised never to speak to him again. Then she sat down and wrote her private "Declaration of Independence". This was her last letter to him. This was the end. The past was forgotten. The future was to bring her somebody else. She was never going to even notice Peewee again. Several days later Peewee returned and she rushed to meet him with open heart and arms. The last time the writer saw them they were closer than the Siamese twins. Love must be a wonderful thing. I repeat this story is remarkable because the woman did not change her mind. She didn't have to—she knew she really loved him all along.

A NEW ENDING

Our student teachers had, to say the least, an interesting time while at various schools throughout the county last week. Lib Armfield taught the first grade and she began the day by having them recite the Lord's Prayer. Just before she got to the end she stopped to let them finish it by themselves. Every voice in the room was quiet, except one little boy who babbled out, "With liberty and justice for all. Amen."

SNIPS

Seen at the Elon-High Point game: Evelyn Lilley dividing sixty minutes of play between two young gentlemen and the band boys; Tom Bass with a girl, thanks Tom, we didn't know; Betty Bell selling candy and we do mean selling. Not seen at the game: Charles Parker, wonder why he had to work, that night of all nights.

Watch out, here comes a snip that is a snoop—Jack May made honor roll and we don't mean MAYBE. But wait, there's more; they say it's all because of a girl—must we say more?

Have you heard the latest means of securing rushees during the rush season? Guaranteed that you won't be an "Old Maid" if you join our group . . . One group is not allergic to being called old maids. They love it . . . Can you imagine Jimmie Eider being embarrassed? He really was the other afternoon when a lady sat in his lap at the show in Burlington and started to put her baby in Roberta's lap.

DAY STUDENTS

Right back with more news of will be glad to oblige. How about the people who spend what time it Alice Blue? . . . New Talent: they are on the campus in their Keron Walker has a knack at cars, blowing the horns and wak- painting pictures—just in case ing up people who are trying to some of you are interested in go- sleep. ing over some of her etchings . . . Don, are you sure that the Don't worry too much, Allen. blonde hair on your coat came You know secrets will leak out from John Walker's head? Hazel . . . We will have a day student seems interested and a bit het up ping pong champ if Davis Lee ever runs across his ideal paddle. over the whole affair . . . Marie Every time the ball goes a bit is spending quite a bit of time haywire the poor paddle is to sewing lately for her hope chest blame . . . Joy, you can't expect wants to know what happened to feel like working three shifts. your voice after hearing an em- attending classes and practice phatic "here" in answer to the teaching, to say nothing of night roll call and then not being able life . . . Katherine, you seem to have gotten over Bill's leaving quicker than was expected . . . history question . . . In fact he Couldn't even locate you; were What's this we hear about you losing your tie Weldon? Remem- you hiding or had you been sit- ber you're a ministrister student ting in a seat near the door? . . . Edna thinks Gordon's losing some of his bashfulness. If you Reports have it that Billy John- keep trying, Edna, we think you son won't sleep in the same room will get him yet . . . Paul, is it the with his brother . . . For a couple formal or the girls you are after at W. C.? . . . Wonder if there has been a De Loche-Lowe split? . . . Boys, did you know that Dad Bassit has a daughter here?

This is all we could find, but next time we will be back with more news of the Day Students.

LIBRARY NEWS

How many times have you wanted to know the life and works of some famous person, living or dead, and didn't know where to look? The average student uses some type of biography at least once a week and should know what is best and where it can be found. The following are books and sets of books that are the best in the field of general biography, and one in the field of authors.

Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography by J. G. Wilson and John Fiske is, on the whole, the best of the older American biographical dictionaries. This set contains generally accurate and fairly long articles, little bibliography, many portraits, principally small but clear cuts in the text, and many facsimiles of autographs. It is often wise to look in an older volume, like this, if you are looking for someone who lived before 1900, since the information is often more accurate.

The National Cyclopedia of American biography by N. Y. White includes living personages in all volumes and in the current volumes. Some of the biographies in these volumes cannot be found in Appleton's. They are not arranged alphabetically so it is necessary to use the index when looking for something in these books.

Who's Who in America is a contemporary dictionary of notable living men and women in the United States. These books are issued biennially and are an excellent dictionaries of contemporary biography containing biographical data, with addresses, and in case of authors, lists of works. The latest volume, volume 20, of this was published in 1939 and another volume will appear some time during this year. This volume includes all types of people and should be very helpful and used a great deal.

The Dictionary of national biography is British set edited by Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee. Important names are treated at great length, minor names more briefly, and they are generally reliable and scholarly. The Dictionary of American biography edited under the auspices of the American Council of learned societies, and by Allen Johnson is one of the most recent sets in the field of general biography. It includes only persons no longer living, no contemporaries. Its scope includes noteworthy persons of all periods who live in the territory now known as the United States. It also includes signed articles and bibliographies. Everyone should become acquainted with this set of books if only for general information.

Current Biography published monthly by the H. W. Wilson Company and edited by Maxine Block, is the most recent publication for contemporary biographies. It gives fairly long and accurate articles and pictures of who's news and why. It is interesting as a current reminder of what is going on. It is edited in a larger volume semi-annually.

American Authors (1600-1900), is a new Biographical dictionary of American literature. It is complete in one volume with 1300 Biographies and 400 Portraits. This is very good in its field.

All of these volumes and sets can be found in the library on the reference shelf and many more in specific fields.

By the way, Professor Pratt has just ordered the mos' recent publication in the field of music, "Living Composer". This should be a help to music students.

ODDS AND ENDS

As my mind meanders, I recall the night of the Freshman-Sophomore reception and the lovely voice of Dotty Stubbs. Her radio audience has seemingly increased since her personal appearance here. For those who haven't heard her, listen in over WBIG Sunday afternoons at one forty-five.

On to current events now; see by the papers that the U. S. S. North Carolina goes into commission on April eleventh. It will be the fourth combat ship, in the history of America, to bear the name of this state.

Behind The Scenes—O the llo the tragic Shakespearean production, given here last Thursday, and Friday, was another successful bang-up job to be credited the department. It's really none of my business, but since I have none of my own I'll stick my neck out by speeling off some of those unpredictable bad moments that actors hate to think about.

There's the time when Desdemona had to cross back-stage atop a table which was barring the way to her next entrance on-stage . . . No one was embarrassed, of course, but it was just the principle involved, the male element of the play, with their costumes all way off and street clothes only half way on, the High Point visitors decided to go back stage . . . After all it wasn't the plans of the actors in breaking all the tumbler's . . . apologies, to the spectator whose head or lap may have caught one.

Minor Details: In North Carolina during Nineteen Forty 299,192 barrels of beer were consumed. Did we do our part? . . . Surprising, how all of a sudden the "Breakfast Club" radio program has suddenly gone commercial . . . It would take about sixty hours to read an entire issue of the New York Times. Some fellow tried it a few weeks ago and went crazy in the attempt . . . Vitamin B is necessary for a good appetite.

Wisdom Of The Week
It's easy enough to be merry
When there isn't a jolt or a jar,
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When his wife is driving the car.

EXCHANGE NEWS

The boys of Washington and Lee University entertained four hundred girls for their 35th Annual Fancy Dress Ball, Friday, January 31. Charles Chapman, President of the Student Body, reignited over this gala Pageantry, while Benny Goodman swang out on his clarinet.

VERDANT WAHOOS

A flash from Charlottesville, Virginia tells us that Jan Savitt, who played at their Openings, has dedicated a new song to The University of Virginia.

Here's what Savitt says, as quoted in "College Topics": " . . . It won't be long before the band records it for one of the studios . . . I also want you men to know the recording is dedicated to each and every one at THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA." Jan calls the song "The Green Goon Jive."

CO-EDS AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest College continued its co-educational institution, when five girls recently enrolled for the second semester. This brings the total of co-eds up to fifteen, ten of them having enrolled in September. The girls there are either daughters of Professors or home town girls.

PROFESSOR CLAIMS BOYS ARE SISSIES

Professor Edward Squire, head of the Civil Engineering Department at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, frankly told the students in a recent "Polytechnic Reporter", the school paper, that students have decayed in the last quarter of a century. He terms the college men today as definite sissies. "Our boys now," stated Professor Squire, "aren't as tough. Why boys even flocked to B. P. I. for training during the last war. Boys now are trying everything under their power in order to be eliminated from the draft." Boys cut classes in those days too, but they'd all cut together. Professor Squire spoke of them as being more fraternal. Someone asked the good professor where the fellows went when they skipped classes. "To the Star Theatre? Oh, yes, that was an . . . a . . . er . . . burlesque," he finished.