

I'm Telling You . . .



By ROCCO SILEO

Local fans who were unable to attend our Turkey Day classic missed what we believe to be the greatest defensive exhibition put on by any team in the state this year. We are reluctant to agree with the statistics published in local papers, especially those giving Guilford a plus 15 yards net rushing.

It doesn't seem possible when time after time "most valuable" Calude Gentry broke through to throw a Quaker back for a big loss. And when Gentry couldn't make it, it seems that All-Conference Arnold Melvin, Bill Johnson, Claude Manzi, Sal Gero or John Zurlis would be the fifth man in Guilford's backfield.

Bill Johnson, comparatively unknown until the Guilford clash, turned in a great game at end. He played much of the game offensively and defensively, made his share of the tackles and snagged a circus catch in the first half to set up Elon's first score.

Mike Kozakewich, Bobby Harris, Fred Claytor and Zurlis auspiciously closed their college football careers with this tussle. Harris and Claytor provided the two tallies and much of the yardage, while Zurlis turned in what was probably his best performance since pre-war days at Elon. Gentry and Melvin were in every way worthy of their recent respective selections.

It seems from this corner that the coaches who failed to nominate Gentry on their all-conference squad missed the boat entirely.

The well known cry, "Wait until next year," once more echoes around the campus, but this familiar chant may prove more correct than ever come autumn and another football season. With only four lettermen expected to be lost via graduation, Coach Malory should have a veteran eleven, well drilled and experienced in the single wing. Remember, our boys caught fire in the Newport News tilt, and in the latter part of the season they were a much stronger club than most people realize.

Every character in the country

# Christian Cagers Win And Lose In First Two Starts

## Defeat Fieldale YMCA 43-40; Lose To Carolina Team 66-32

Our Fighting Christians ushered in the basketball season with a 43-40 victory over the Fieldale YMCA quintet here Friday night, and then fell to defeat at the hands of a classier Carolina combination at Chapel Hill Monday night by a score of 66-32 in the first of five games scheduled to be played before the holiday vacation.

Although their performance in these two encounters was far from exceptional, the outlook doesn't appear too dim for the Fighting Christians, considering the fact that we have a rookie coach at the helm and a comparatively green squad on the court.

As a matter of fact, of the 11 players who have seen action thus far as varsity cagers, only Leo Kampman, Ed Drew, Lacy Gane and Bill Hopkins are veteran lettermen. All the others are freshmen with the exception of Chips Chabalco, who played some Jay-vee ball last year.

In both issues to date, Coach Pope has opened with Kampman and Billy Rakes at the forward posts, Drew at the center slot and Gane and Nelson Cooper in the back court. The appearance of Rakes, classy cager for the Hargrave Military Institute last year, and Cooper, flashy ball-handling star of High Point's championship club of a year ago, adds plenty of speed, hustle and aggressiveness to an otherwise slow and apparently sluggish quintet.

However, at this point the team seems to be suffering from a bad case of the jitters more than anything else. In that event we should expect a smoother, quick-thinking ball team by the time the Fighting Christians play host to Atlantic Christians Jan. 10 in the conference opener.

For reserve strength, Coach Pope must look to freshmen wealth once more, with the exception of letterman Hopkins and Chips Chabalco, a couple of seasoned sophomores. Don Haithcox, an elongated pivot man who broke high school state scoring records last year, is slow and inexperienced, but he will be more valuable as the season rolls on. Larry Gaither turned in a sparkling floor game in the Fieldale tilt to attract considerable attention, while a couple of diminutive guards, Jack Graham and Jack White, are anxious to see plenty of action this season in the back court.

Frankie Albert, the San Francisco 49ers' passing wizard, has hurred at least one touchdown pass in the last 16 games.

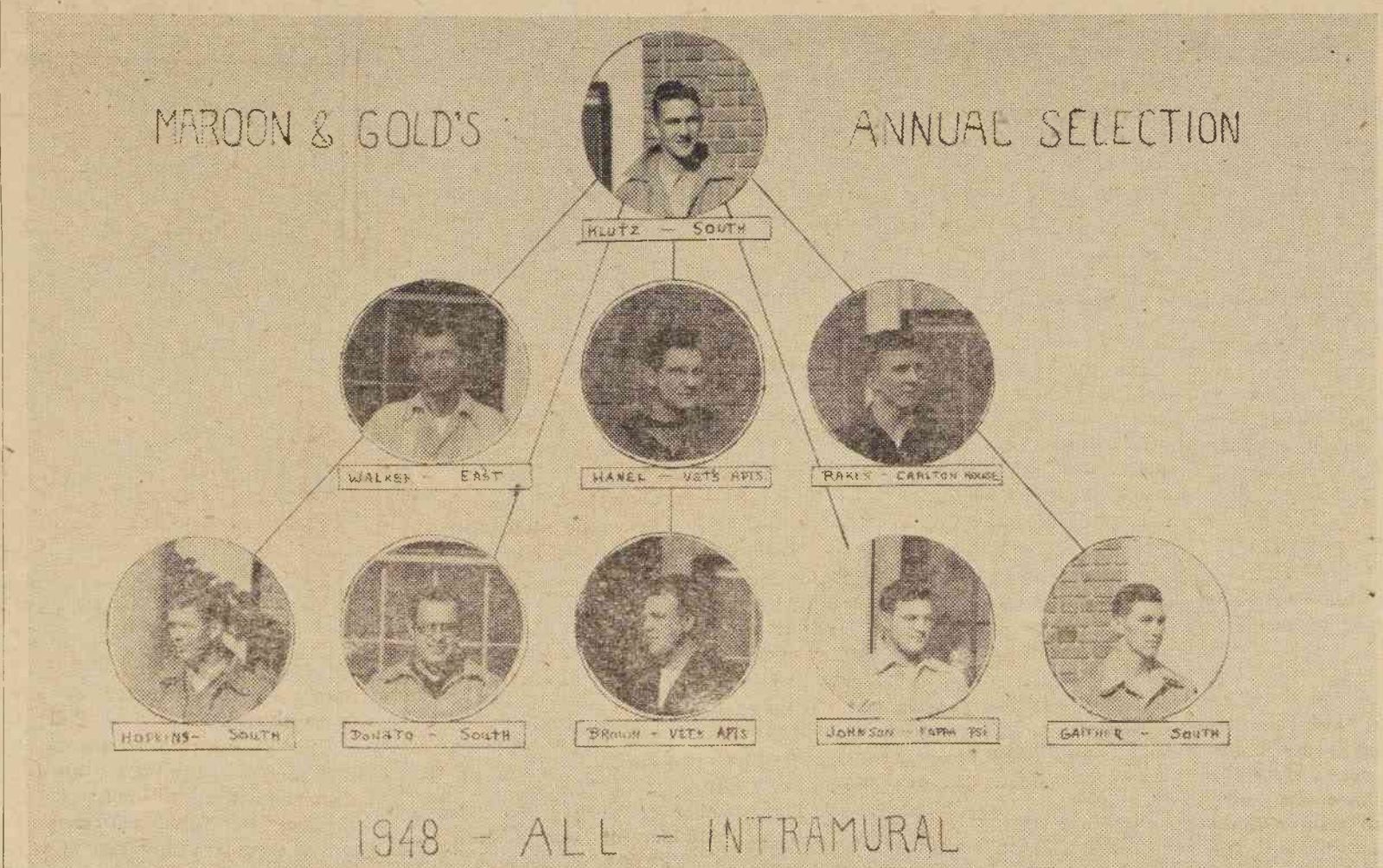
### 26 Games To Go; First North St. Tilt Jan. 10 With A.C.C.

Coach Harold Pope has released the Elon basketball schedule for 1948-49. In the schedule following, it will be noted that games with Fieldale Y.M.C.A. and U.N.C. have been omitted, due to their already having been played.

- Dec. 11.—Portsmouth Gridiron Club, home.
- Dec. 15 — Richmond Institute, home.
- Dec. 16—McCrory, away.
- Dec. 31 — Fieldale Y.M.C.A., away.
- Jan. 3 — Naval Air Station, home.
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- Jan. 6—Hanes, home.
- Jan. 7.—Lynchburg, home.
- Jan. 8—McCrory, home.
- Jan. 10 — Atlantic Christian, home.
- Jan. 13—Hanes Hosiery, away.
- Jan. 14—East Carolina Teachers College, home.
- Jan. 15—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 25—Guilford, home.
- Jan. 28—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 29—Catawba, home.
- Jan. 31—West Carolina Teachers College, away.
- Feb. 1—West Carolina Teachers College, away.
- Feb. 3—High Point, away.
- Feb. 8 — Appalachian State Teachers College, away.
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- Feb. 15—East Carolina Teachers College, away.
- Feb. 16 — Atlantic Christian, away.
- Feb. 17—High Point, home.
- Feb. 19—Guilford, away.

Football's longest run was chalked up by Wyllys Terry of Yale in 1884—115 yards. The field at the time was 110 yards long.

Bob Higgins, Penn State football coach, rates Fran Rogel "one of the best fullbacks I've ever seen."



1948 - ALL - INTRAMURAL

## First Annual Intramural Team Selected Business Ad Prof. Has Varied Interests

By GEORGE STANLEY

who professes to be a sports writer wants to contribute his All-American team about this time of the year. Rather than attempt to select one, I'd like to contribute an All-American squad selected by Hollywood's curvacious blonde—Betty Grable.

The cinema starlet came up with a 10-man team composed, not of the best runners, passers, kickers, tacklers or blockers, but of what she claims to be the hand-somest players around the country.

Her backfield consists of Doak "best-looking legs" Walker, Billy "maternal instinct" Bye, Norman Van Brocklin and Yale's Fred Nedherny. The line includes Barney Poole and UCLA's Bill Clements at ends, Bill Fischer and Rod Franz at guards, and Alabama's Pat O'Sullivan at the center slot with Phil O'Reilly of Purdue the only tackle nomination.

Prof. A. J. Hook was elected commissioner of athletics for the North State Conference colleges at the annual fall meeting held last week. Tentative plans call for conference tournaments in tennis, golf and track which gives Elon a great opportunity to expand in its athletic enterprises.

Undefeated in regular season play, the South Dorm Engineers swept through the playoffs with a 33-2 victory over Oak Lodge in the opener and a 13-7 win over Vet's Apartments in a final hard-fought game that featured vicious line play by both clubs.

Again Ernie Klutz and his passes proved to be the difference between the two teams. Two of his passes went for TD's. The first was completed to Larry Gaither, all-intramural end who made a spectacular catch. Later he and Bill Hopkins, the other end, in the end zone for the final tally.

Shumar and Hanel sparked the Vet's team, but they could never overcome the early lead taken by South. Jack Hanel pulled a Swiak in the second quarter with a circus catch in the end zone for the Apartments' only tally.

South Dormitory and Vet's Apartments, finalists in the playoffs, dominated the Maroon and Gold all-intramural selection. The Engineers placed four and the Vets two. Kappa Psi, East, and Carlton House placed one man each.

The group includes Ernie Klutz, captain of the squad, whose running, kicking and passing featured for South. He learned his football at Concord High where he starred three years. During his Senior year he participated in the Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte.

Bill Hopkins, end deluxe from South, helped better Ernie's completion record by making catches all over the field. He was runner-up in the scoring parade with 42 points.

The other end slot goes to elongated Lawrence Gaither. Also a fine receiver, Gaither pulled in four TD passes and had four points after for a total of 28 points. He was also a standout on defense.

Rocco Donato won one of the tackle posts with his heads-up playing. Heaviest starter on South's squad, he was a hard man to keep out on defense and was a stalwart in the line on offense.

The other tackle slot goes to "Tubby" Johnson of Kappa Psi, who was the most consistent ball player of the year. "Chubby" Brown, a day student performing for Vet's Apartments, was award-

## FOOTBALL TEAM FINAL STANDINGS

NORTH STATE CONFERENCE					ALL OPPONENTS						
Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.	PF	PA	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.	PF	PA
3	3	1	.591	44	85	4	5	1	.450	88	145

## Former Elonites In Sports . .

Warren Burns, star and captain of the 1946 basketball team, is now teaching and coaching at nearby Burlington High and studying for his M. A. at the University of North Carolina during the summer months.

W. G. Causey, who has played for the Christians, the Randolph Field Service team and the Greensboro Pro team, then later returned to Elon as coach, has just completed his first year as head coach at Goldsboro High.

O. "Buck" Mann, Elon graduate and ex-coach at Greensboro High is now director of the Greensboro Recreational Department, while Jim Day, former Elon gridster, holds the same position at Reidsville, N. C.

## West Team Wins Volleyball Crown; Goes Undefeated

With the close of the girls' Intramural Volleyball league play Monday night, undefeated West Team "A" were crowned league champions, and an Honorary Girls' Volleyball team was named by Miss Cecile Hope Pate and a committee of students.

Players on the championship team are: Shirley Boney, Jane Paterson, Jean Carroll, Jane Rust, Jane Upchurch, Virginia Davis, Frankie Ferguson, Virginia Rebeck and Jeanne Pittman.

Runner-up in the league was West Team "B," with only one loss for the season. West Third Floor and Ladies' Hall finished third and fourth respectively.

Girls selected for all-league honors are: Shirley Boney, Rosamond Bromley, Sue Edwards, Jean Harris, Evelyn McNeill, Jeanne Pittman, Jane Rust, Doris Taylor, Sophie White and Lacala Wilkins.

The two hottest halfbacks in the Far West this season, Nevada's Stan Heath and California's Jackie Jensen, were teammates on the Farragut, Idaho, Naval Base team in 1945.

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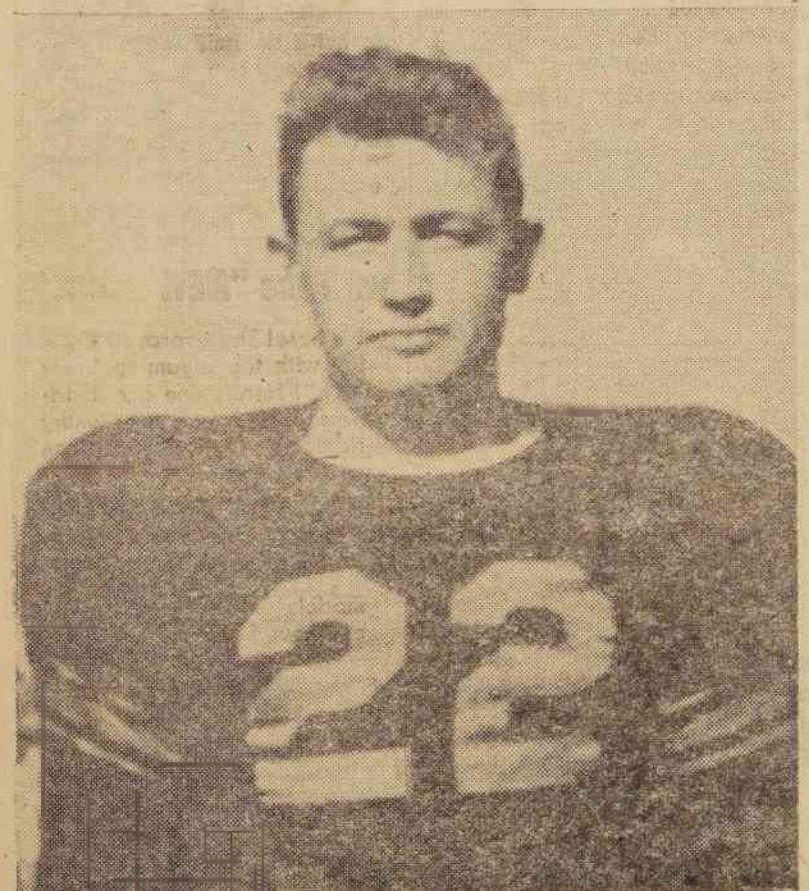
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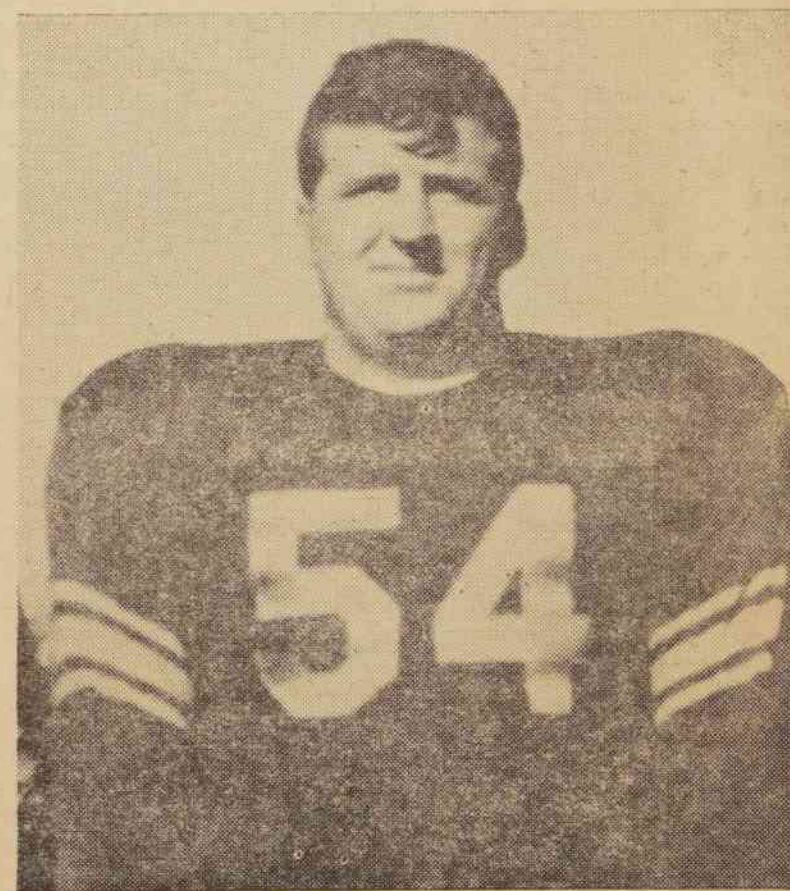
## Men's Volleyball Play Now In Full Swing

Intramural volleyball is now in full swing with two eight-team leagues battling it out for a spot in the extra-curricular athletic sun.

Winners in each league will meet at the end of the season to squabble over the championship, and the winning team will be given points toward the Intramural Team Trophy which is to be awarded at the end of the year. Last year the volleyball crown was taken by the I.T.K. Fraternity.



Claude Gentry, 200-pound end performance against Guilford, deluxe, who was recently selected Thanksgiving Day. The spectacular as the most valuable player on lar defensive play of this Junior the squad by his Fighting Chris-from Greensboro kept the Quaker teammates, topped off a brilliant in the hole throughout the brilliant campaign with a masterful traditional classic.



Arnold Melvin, Elon's 230-pound News All-Conference team and then won a berth on the second team Small School All-Southern. Melvin, who blocked six punts during the campaign, is a tackle was first named to the Daily Junior from Greensboro.