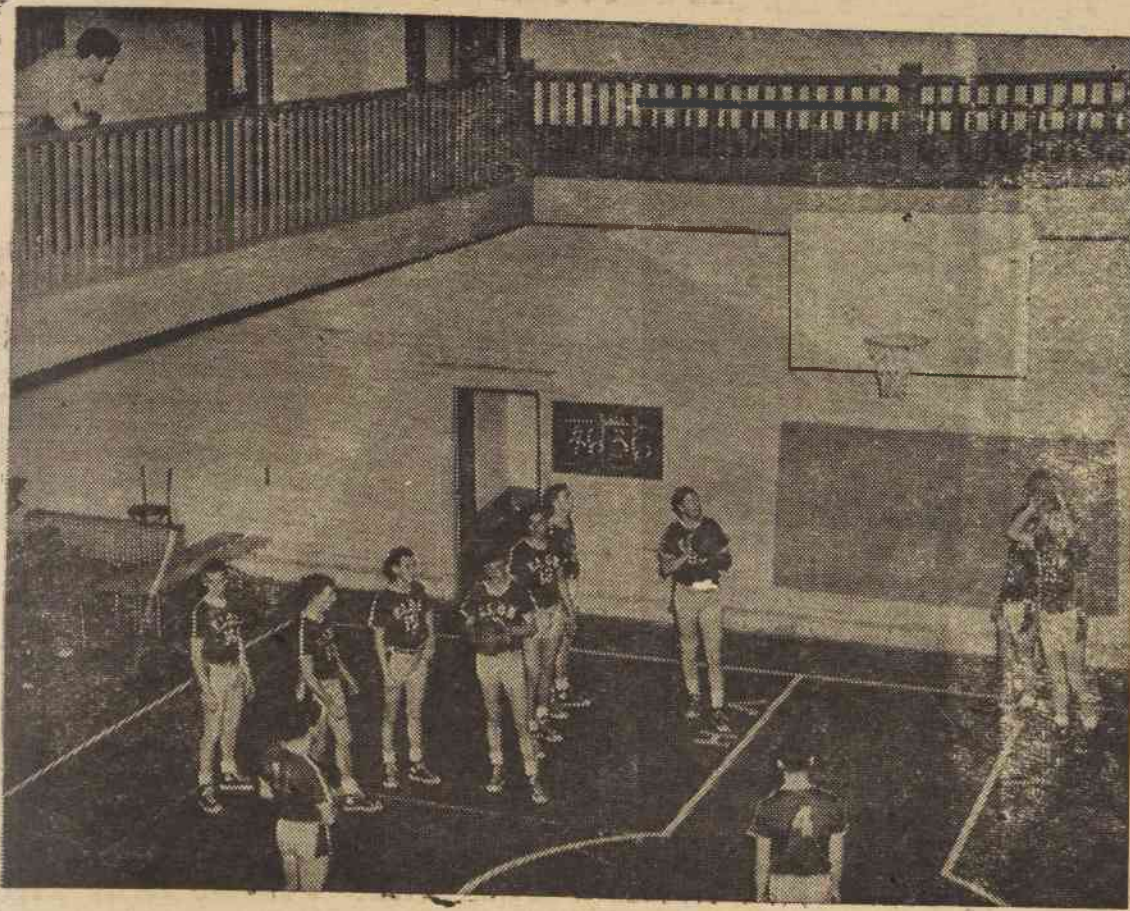


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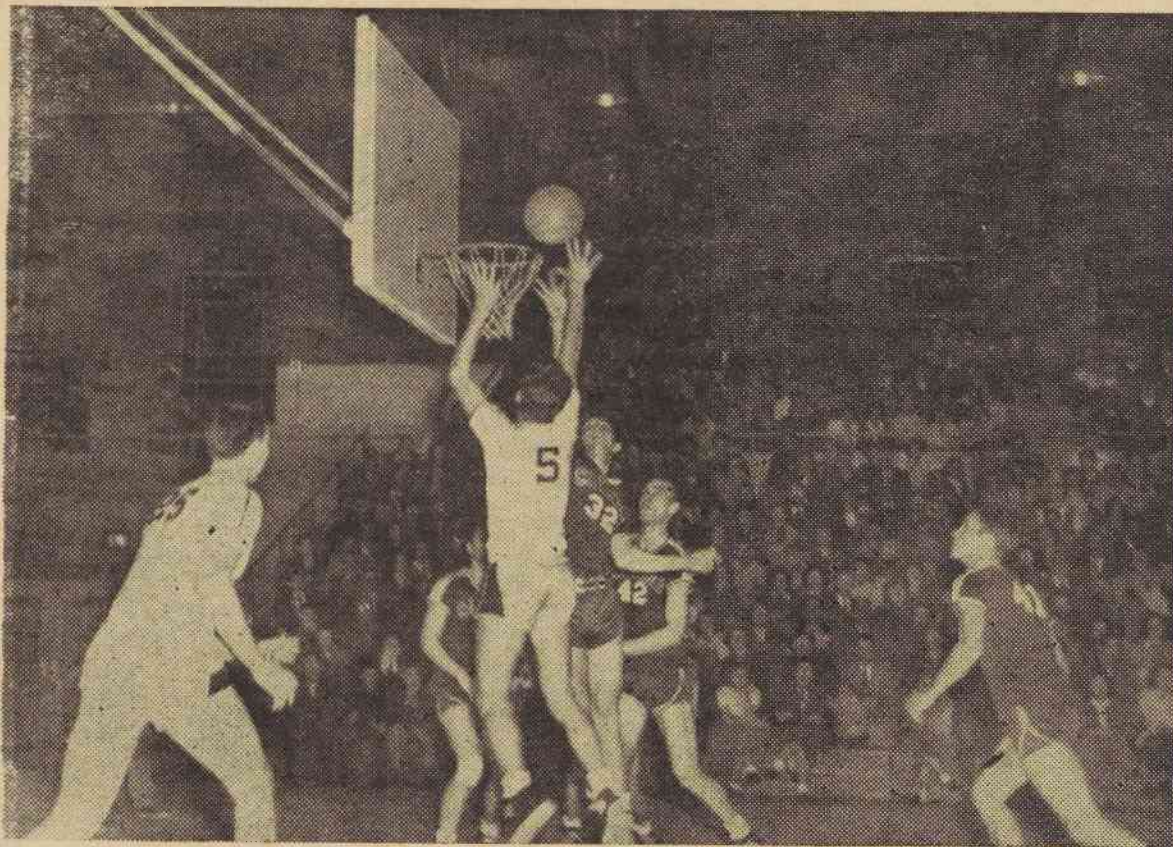


The scenes in the old gym (left) and the new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium (right) show the great contrast. The picture in the new gym shows part of the tremendous crowd which hailed its opening January 14th and is unusual in that it also shows all ten players on the Elon and Catawba squads in action on the floor. Elon players shown are Billy Rakes (10) in the background as he goes up for a push shot, Don Haithecox (number hidden) in the left foreground as he drives in for a rebound, and Dave Mondy (5), Nelvin Cooper (4) and Les Fowler (11) in the back court and closing in on the action. The Catawba players shown are Tomlinson (behind Haithecox), Larry Graham at the foul line, and Wood, Hunsucker and Johnson in the background. The third picture (just below) shows a bit of fast action around the Elon basket during the battle, with Dave Mondy up for a shot at the basket in the battle, which Catawba won by a 66 to 57 score.

AND THE NEW



AND A BIT OF HOT ACTION



Undefeated Fives Lead Campus Cage League

By GEORGE STANLEY

PING PONG TABLES DRAWING INTEREST

One of the busiest spots on the campus during recent days has centered about the two ping-pong tables in the Student Union, where both boys and girls have been concentrating on practice for the big table tennis tournament to be staged under the direction of the Women's Athletic Association.

Ollie Bass, who defeated Pete Marshburn in the finals of the men's tournament last year, is preparing to defend his title, and there is also much interest in the men's doubles, girls' singles and doubles and mixed doubles. Final entries must be signed up on the bulletin board by tonight.

After two weeks of play there were only three undefeated teams in the boys' Intramural cage loop. The South "A" quintet, along with Kappa Psi Nu and ITK, have each amassed three wins against no defeats and top the lists to date.

East Dorm, defending champions, has suffered two early season defeats, dropping games to South 36 to 18 and to North-North 27 to 23. The South "A" club thus far appears to have the best rounded club and has served notice it will be hard to beat, with its victory over East and wins over Sigma Phi "A" 35 to 26, and over Sigma Phi "B" 48 to 23.

Kappa Psi Nu has chalked three wins over North-North 30-20, over Alpha Pi 47-13, and over South North 29-17. This means that the Kappa Psi will be a strong contender for the crown, Sigma Phi "A," South-North, Oak Carlton and Vet's Court have each lost only one game.

One of the most exciting games to date was the Sigma Phi "A" and North-North game. The boys from North held a commanding lead, but Sigma Phi tied the count at 29-29 on a foul shot Manzi looped a free shot with seconds left to win for North-North 30-29.

Sigma Phi "A" has tallied the highest team score for a single game when it downed Sigma Phi "B" 55 to 14. Bob Lewis has topped individual game scoring with 25 points as his team downed Cedar-Club House 50 to 15.

The top scoring leaders are Lewis (South North) 44; Watkins (Kappa Psi) 36, Perry (Sigma Phi 33), Perry Sigma Phi "A" 33, and 36, Marshburn (ITK) 35. Hopkins (Sigma Phi "A") 33, and Stanley (Sigma Phi "B") (Sigma Phi "B")

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Ave.
South "A"	3	0	1.000
Kappa Psi Nu	3	0	1.000
ITK	3	0	1.000
Sigma Phi "A"	3	1	.750
South-North	2	1	.667
Oak-Carlton	2	1	.667
North-North	2	2	.500
Vet's Court	1	1	.500
Vet's Apts.	1	2	.333
East	1	2	.333
Cedar-Club	1	2	.333
South "B"	1	3	.250
Day Students	0	2	.000
Sigma Phi "B"	0	3	.000
Alpha Pi	0	3	.000

I'm Telling You

By ROCCO SILEO



The inaugural at the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium ten days ago, which saw the inspired Fighting Christians fall before the Indians of Catawba by a 66 to 57 margin, was met with many interesting comments—diversified, sane and stupid.

Many of the grandstand coaches must have expected the Globe Trotters to romp into the spacious playing surface instead of Elon's youthful varsity cagers. Or, perhaps, they just deemed an Elon victory inevitable and appropriate on that historic opening night. Instead, they saw a club composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores and a team which undoubtedly suffered tremendously from the loss of Walter Deal, a transfer student and brilliant playmaker, who was declared ineligible on a scholastic technicality.

Many spectators, on the other hand, were prone to disagree with the critics, for they felt that Coach "Doc" Mathis' youthful charges really put up a battle, considering the fine opponent on hand for the occasion. They say that Elon played the strong Indians, who were led by high-scoring Larry Graham and deluxe playmaker Bob Johnson, right down to the wire, all of which delighted a goodly portion of the 2,250 fans, whose combined total gave the North State Conference a new attendance record.

Frankly, the varsity quintet fared better than I had expected them to do. Lester Foster, moving up to a starting berth for the first time in three years, did a commendable job, along with Don Haithecox, Larry Gaither, Dave Mondy and the consistently smooth Nel Cooper. Incidentally, Foster is the only Junior among the starters, the other four being Sophomores. So far, Coach Mathis is going along with his plan to build around and play the younger cagers, while holding the older veterans in reserve. The Christians will not set the world on fire this season with such a setup, but this policy will undoubtedly pay off in the future.

The boys proved they have the makings of a fine quintet by keeping pace with Catawba and then holding the highly-touted Hanes Hosiery squad to a 30-30 half-time count, only to have that vastly more experienced and taller

semi-pro outfit pull away in a free-scoring second half.

Coach Lou Savini, last season's varsity captain, has molded together a formidable Jay-Vee quintet, which thus far has provided the spectators with some really classy basketball. The Baby Christians, strictly a freshman aggregation, have averaged 69 points for their two games on the new court and have sunk an amazing 37-percent of their floor shots.

With neither malice nor criticism. (Continued On Page Four)

They Play 'Em Hard And Close, But—

Victory Eludes Elon's Cage Squad

The Fighting Christians have lived up to their fighting name in recent games on their 1950 schedule, and they have played plenty of close ones, but victory has simply eluded their grasp through six bitterly fought games.

The Christian scorers have been hitting for a fair percentage on their shots and have averaged 49 points per game through the six-game losing streak, but they have faced strong and experienced competition all the way and the opposition has penetrated the Elon defenses for a better than 60-point average in the same engagements.

However, Coach Mathis' youngsters, most of them freshmen and sophomores have shown improvement as they moved through the schedule and may upset some of the favorites before the season ends. Brief accounts of the recent games follow:

HANES 51, ELON 29

Inability to hit the basket on floor shots cost the Christians a 51 to 29 defeat at the hands of Hanes Hosiery in a game at Winston-Salem on Saturday, January 7th. The Elon cagers hit less than ten percent on their shots as Hanes rolled up an early lead and coasted to victory.

The line-ups:
Elon (29) Hanes (51)
F.—Cooper (2) Anderson (4)
F.—Mondy (2) Swartzberg (9)
C.—Haithecox (11) Hampton (14)
G.—Deal Paxton (7)
G.—Gane (4) Loftis (1)
Score at half—Hanes 23, Elon 15.
Elon subs—Kampman, Rakes,

Gaither (1), Martin, Drew (2), Blackstone, Owen, Foster, Joyce (3), Taylor (4). Hanes subs—Vaughan (7), Harris (7), Greer, Sheek, Mason, Nichols (2).

A. C. C. 65, ELON 62

The Christians dropped the first game of a two-day Eastern Carolina invasion when the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs chalked up a 65 to 62 victory in Wilson on Tuesday, January 10th. This game marked the opening of Elon's North State Conference campaign.

The Mathis men showed much improvement in this game and pushed the Bulldogs hard in the final half. The Christians found the hoop for only 20 points in the first half, but came back strong after intermission to roll in 42 markers.

The line-ups:
Elon (62) A. C. C. (65)
F.—Gaither (11) Glazer (17)
F.—Rakes (7) B. Tart (16)
C.—Haithecox (14) Sugg (17)
G.—Cooper (4) Slott (2)
G.—Owens (10) Allsbrook (11)
Score at half—A.C.C. 28, Elon 20.
Elon subs—Kampman (1), Mondy (5), Drew (2), Taylor, Foster (2), Gane (2), Martin (4). A.C.C. subs—R. Tart, Haseldon, T. Tart (2), Coggins.

E.C.T.C. 56, ELON 44

Jack Everton, six-foot-seven forward, rolled in 22 points to pace the Pirates of East Carolina Teachers' College to a 56 to 44 decision over the Christians at

Greenville on Wednesday night, January 11th. It was the fourth straight Conference win for the Pirates.

The line-ups:
Elon (44) E.C.T.C. (56)
F.—Gaither (10) Everton (22)
F.—Mondy (6) Russell (8)
C.—Haithecox (8) Fennell
G.—Cooper (8) Bauer (5)
G.—Gane Collie (12)
Score at half: E.C.T.C. 29, Elon 20.
Elon subs—Martin (2), Rakes (4), Kampman, Taylor, Drew, Blackstone, Foster (6), Owens, Joyce. E.C.T.C. subs—Thrift (1), Corbett (2), Blake, Brown, Guthrie (6).

CATAWBA 66, ELON 57

The Catawba Indians got hot in the closing minutes to defeat the Christians 66 to 57 in the first varsity game to be played in the new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here on Saturday night, January 14th.

It was a terrific battle through most of the game, with the Christians matching point for point with the high-flying Indians, statistics showing that the lead changed hands sixteen times during the battle and the score tied eight times.

Don Haithecox, who hit for seven field goals and three foul shots, paced the Christians with 17 points, but Larry Gaither hit 12 and Nelvin Cooper and Dave Mondy 11 apiece.

The line-ups:
Elon (57) Catawba (66)
F.—Gaither (12) Graham (14)
F.—Mondy (17) Swartzberg (19)
G.—Haithecox (10) Hampton (14)
G.—Cooper (7) Loftis (22)
G.—Foster (10) Paxton (28)
Score at half: Elon 30, Hanes 30.

Elon subs—Rakes (2), Kampman, Martin, Drew, Blackstone, Gane, Joyce, Leigh (2). Catawba subs—Brown (1), Taylor (2).

HANES 33, ELON 66

The Christians played one of their best games of the season offensively and rolled up their highest score of the campaign to date in dropping their second game to Hanes Hosiery here on Tuesday night, January 17th, by an 83 to 66 margin.

The experienced semi-pros from Hanes were away in front early in the game and never trailed, but the Elon squad scrapped hard all the way and tied the score just before the half, first when Mondy hit a push shot to knot the count at 28-28 and again just ten seconds before the half when Foster pushed one from the left corner to gain a 30-30 tie at intermission.

Dave Mondy proved the big shot in the Elon offensive when he turned in seven field buckets and three free shots for 17 points, but Kampman, Haithecox and Foster all had 10 for the Christians. Cedric Loftis was tops for Hanes with 22 points.

The line-ups:
Elon (66) Hanes (83)
F.—Gaither (7) Anderson (8)
F.—Mondy (17) Swartzberg (19)
G.—Haithecox (10) Hampton (14)
G.—Cooper (7) Loftis (22)
G.—Foster (10) Paxton (28)
Score at half: Elon 30, Hanes 30.

Elon subs—Rakes (3), Martin, Kampman (10), Drew, Blackstone, Gane, Joyce, White (2), Owen, Hanes subs—Harris (7), Tuttle, Greer (2), Vaughan (9), Nichols.

CAMP LEJEUNE 61, ELON 44

The Camp Lejeune Marines chalked up their twentieth victory in twenty-nine starts for the season as they moved out in the second half to defeat the Christians 61 to 44 here on Thursday, January 19th.

Coach Mathis uncovered a new star as his team fought hard against the brilliant service quintet. The new star was Carl Jones, freshman forward, who racked four field goals and eight of ten foul shots for a 16 point total. McNaughton, former star for Franklin College in Indiana, hit 25 points for the Marines.

The line-ups:
Elon (44) Lejeune (61)
F.—Mondy (5) Hurst (9)
F.—Gaither (4) Lister (9)
C.—Haithecox (6) McNaughton (25)
G.—Cooper Reese (4)
G.—Foster (5) Nofsinger (12)
Score at half: Lejeune 28, Elon 24.
Elon subs—Jones (16), Rakes, Martin, Kampman (2), Hall, Drew (2), Blackstone, Gane (2), White, Myers (2). Lejeune subs—Gennett, Davidson, Miller (2), Thomas.

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