

# 'All-Fools Day' To Become All-American Holiday

What Fools  
These  
Mortals Be!

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# COLD WAR HOT CONFLICT NOW

## Elon Pioneers Holiday Movement For Nation

By DREW BEERSON  
(Legislative Correspondent)

Elon College, April 3.—Because of the foresight and Temerity of the Student Legislature of Elon College, "All-Fools' Day" is now and for all-time to come the great All-American holiday, and the name of Elon will be hailed by all posterity with awe and appreciation.

This was assured in the wee hours this morning when the Congress of the United States in special session enacted into law a provision for the nationwide observance of the new holiday.

The same law carried with it a rider, attached to the original bill by Senator Claghorn, of Dixibama, to abolish the official observance of Washington's Birthday. Speaking in support of his rider, Claghorn declared in booming voice that "Washington's Birthday honors only one man, while All-Fools Day is a tribute to all Americans and crap-shooters too."

It all began on the Elon College campus last Saturday, April 1st, when the Student Legislature, in regular session in the private dining room of The Flamingo, voted unanimously to add All-Fools' Day to the list of campus holidays. At the same time the student slocks laid down special provisions for its observance, which attracted instantaneous and nationwide approval. The student bill read:

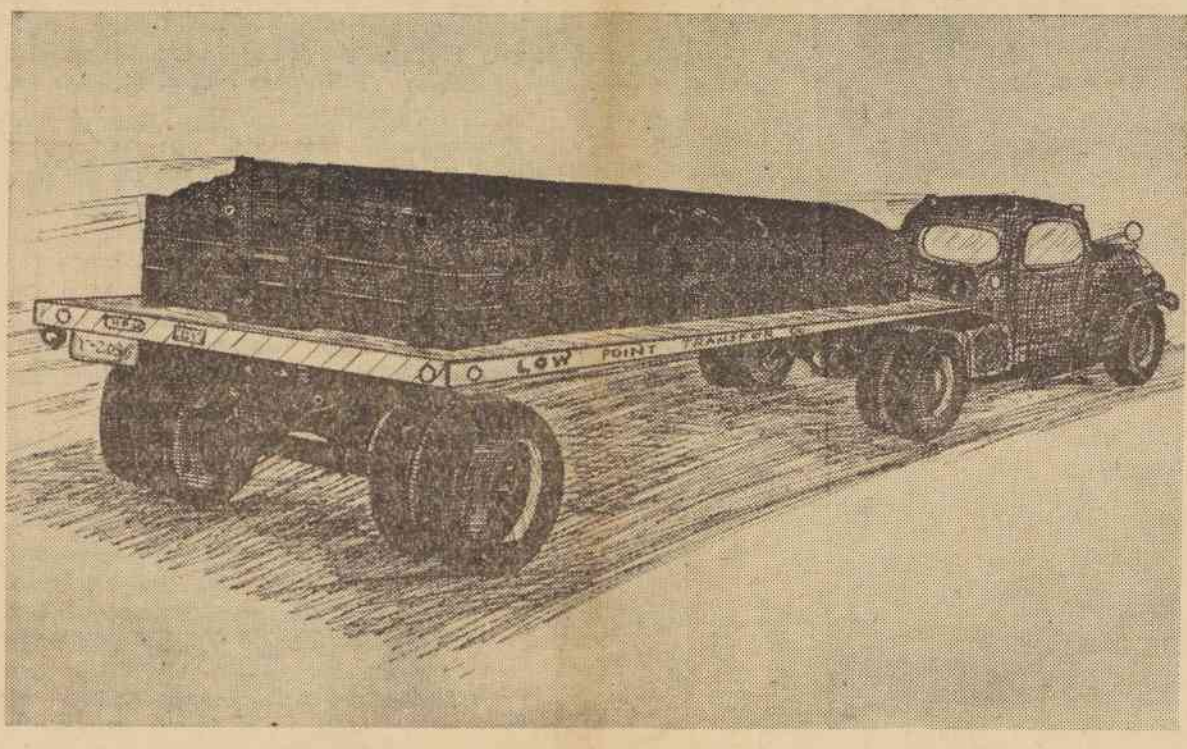
"Whereas, April Fool's Day has been observed in only haphazard fashion on the campus of Elon College; and Whereas, we believe in that old adage that 'All men are fools,' and, likewise, in that other well-known cliché that 'There's no fool like an old fool;' and Whereas, we realize that each and all of us shall some day be old and in due course be 'old fools' and thus deserving of some honor and tribute;

Therefore, we, the Student Legislators of Elon College, do enact, ordain and declare: That for all time to come All-Fools' Day shall be celebrated and observed as a campus holiday; and that said observance shall be extended for a period of one fortnight; and That no classes shall assemble during that interval between All-Fools' Day and the Ides of April; and That during the aforesaid fortnight all Ph. D.'s shall wear the fool's cap and the parti-colored costumes of the court jesters and That during such previously ordained period all persons whose names have appeared on any Dean's List shall wear sackcloth and ashes in penitence for their diligence; and That for the duration of such observance the college dining hall shall remain open throughout the hours from noon (since no one should arise earlier than that hour) until three in the morning, serving no meats except T-Bones and Sirloins, with appropriate side-dishes;

The idea spread like wild fire. Other colleges fell in line by mid-afternoon Saturday, and weekend-ing students carried the news to their homes. Parents began wiring to Washington, and President Truman hastily called Congress to assemble at midnight Sunday to extend the Elon ordinance to cover all Americans. Acting as usual, in perfect compliance with Truman's wishes, Congress passed the bill unanimously before dawn this morning. The national law extends the jester's grab to all public officials and the requirement for sackcloth and ashes to all persons who have ever held a job.

Inspired by nationwide acclaim, Truman wired Student Body President Art Fowler this morning: "My deep-felt thanks to Elon for pioneering this observance, as also to the 82nd Congress for complete cooperation. I shall request that one week of the period be set aside in special tribute to my dear Republican friends."

## HOW ELON GYMNASIUM DISAPPEARED



A new process of night photography, developed and known only to W. Graham Moore, M. and G. photographer, made the above picture possible and solved the mystery of the sudden disappearance of the new Elon Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

## Naval Force Daringly Rescues Elon General

By GABBIEL COLDER  
(Special War Correspondent)

Elon College, March 31.—The "cold war" between Elon and Low Point is a hot conflict now, hostilities having risen to fever heat in a series of incidents that occurred within the past week, which included the capture and rescue of General Jim Mallory, commander-in-chief of the Elon ground forces.

The capture of General Mallory occurred on the night of March 28th following "Diamond Jubilee" peace-time maneuvers with the forces of Wake Forest in neighboring Brownsboro, maneuvers which resulted in a decision favoring Elon, whose forces "got there fustest with the mostest men."

The Elon commander was not missed until the following morning when he failed to meet his 8 o'clock class, a fact which caused no undue alarm, but the heat was really on when Fourth Lieutenant Ray Hayes, in charge of Elonite radar and television operations, picked up the intelligence that Mallory was held captive in the Low Point "dog house" near the shores of Deep River.

General Alonzo Hook, commander of all Elon Air Forces, immediately dispatched Colonel Paul C Plybon in a War Surplus plane, just received from Cherry Point, for an attempt at rescue by air. This fell short when a wing dropped off at Sedalia. Plybon made a forced landing there and heriocially taxied his plane down High-

ways 70 and 100 and through the gates into the sacred confines of the Elon campus.

It was then that Admiral J. L. Pierce, commanding Elon naval Task Force 16, assumed personal command of Operation Rescue. He led a flotilla, consisting of two rowboats, three rafts and one canoe, down the waters of the Haw and on a spirited dash up the waters of the Deep River into the very shadow of the Fortress of Low Point.

The Elon Band, directed by Commander John Phillip Jacobowski, stood majestically on the gun deck of the leading rowboat and played "Deep Purple" as the flotilla broke through the Purple Curtain and approached the scene of action.

A barrage of atomic "jet propelled" golf balls and tennis balls was laid down as a squad of fleet-footed commandos sprinted madly up the banks of the river to rescue the captive Elonite general. Corporals Ollie Bass and Dave Mondy fired volley after volley of ping pong balls at the Low Point guards as Roland Yii shouldered furdas as Dink Underhill shouldered the Elon commander and brought him triumphantly aboard ship.

The rescue force was given one of the greatest ovations in Elon history upon its return to the campus. Members of the party landed at Altamahaw-Ossipee and were personally greeted there by Deans Bowden and Liles, who immediately palced the names of all concerned on the perpetual Dean's List and excused them forever from all attendance at classes.

The heroes were then greeted with a shower of dried oak leaves from the upper gutters of North Dorm and the Old Power House as they rode proudly up the Avenue in Al Terzino's convertible and Lefty Taylor's jeep. The Elon Choir, in full regalia, was drawn up in formation before the North Portico of Alamance Hall and sang "When Jimmy Comes Marching Home" as the parade swung into the reserved parking spaces and cast anchors there.

Edward V. Engles, well known Elon College dramatic star, this week offered a \$10,000 reward for information in regard to the whereabouts of Shrdlu Selgne, who was the author of a slanderous article in the columns of the Maroon and Gold some weeks ago.

# Alumni Memorial Gym Disappears

## THIS AIN'T FOOLIN'



The petite (ask Mrs. McDonald what that means) Miss shown above, gazing so demurely into the lens of the camera and from this page into the eyes of the reader, is none other than royalty itself. In fact, she is bonafide Elon royalty, as everyone will realize when she is seen ruling with charming grace over the Elon May Court of 1950. One wonders just what she would have done if someone present at the taking of the above picture had remarked with prophetic truth, "And she shall become the Queen of the May!"

## New Stadium Be Ready This Year

A huge new football stadium, capable of seating 50,000 spectators will be ready for the opening game of Elon's 1950 football season. Rumored for some time, the fact was confirmed this week with the announcement of an outright gift to Elon from the Alagamat Distillers of America.

The decision of the distillers was made months ago, but the deal hung fire when the Elon authorities refused to accept any gift earned on the profits from whiskey. The difficulty was overcome when the distillers' Board of Control agreed to use for the stadium only money made from sale of whiskey for medicinal purposes.

## M. And G. Photographer Obtains Picture That Solves Mystery

By ERNEST HIMROYD  
(Special War Correspondent)

Elon College, April 1.—The Low Pointers scored the final touchdown and tied the score in the "Hot War of 1950," which culminated early this morning, when Elonites awakened to find nothing but a bare field where their beautiful new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium had stood the night before.

Early risers, enroute to the dining hall for their usual breakfast of country ham and eggs, rushed to the scene, completely mystified by the sudden disappearance of the huge sports arena. Some suggested an atomic explosion, while others looked to see if the structure had sunk into the murky depths of Elon's new half-million-dollar swimming pool, completed only recently just north of the new tennis courts.

The mystery was solved, however, with the arrival on the scene of W. Graham Moore, energetic news photographer for the Maroon and Gold, who dashed up on a pair of roller skates with his camera and a newly developed film, which disclosed the gymnasium disappearing westward along Highway 100, chained tightly on the flat bed of a transport truck.

The M. & G. camera fiend stated that he had arisen shortly after midnight and decided to take a nocturnal swim in the new pool and that, upon arrival at the pool, he had scarcely dived into its muddy depths when he heard the big truck rolling down Highway 100 from the west and come to a halt at the front of the gymnasium. Scraps of conversation which he overheard apprised him that occupants of the truck

## FLASH!

Elon College, April 1 — The War is over! President Smith and Secretary of State Darden, acting to halt the fast-moving hostilities, announced at a special chapel service at 10:15 this morning that an armistice had been concluded with President Chef, of Low Point.

In commenting upon the brief war and the decision to end it all, the Elon officials commented, "We decided after losing the new gym that we had better sue for peace while we still had the historic old sports arena in North left in our possession."

The roving reporter, seeking to get the popular reaction to the sudden peace, got an almost unanimous answer from those who passed through the rotunda of Alamance. The general comment was, "Oh, well, a Gym for a Jim is a fair swap after all!"

were members of a raiding party from Behind the Purple Curtain.

The camera expert ducked low in the water to hide from the intruders and watched with fascinated eyes as a blinding flash of bluish light enveloped the gymnasium. When he was able to see again, he was astonished to see the building shrinking in size until it was hardly more than ten feet in width and twenty feet in length. It was then hoisted, by

means of a huge crane, upon the truck, and the raiders boarded their vehicle and rolled back up the highway in the direction from whence they had come.

The roving photographer seized his camera and, without waiting to read his light meter, nor pausing to requisition a flash bulb from the business office, caught a candid shot of the disappearing truck. Donning his roller skates, Moore sprinted madly after the truck, hoping for a loser shot, but he failed in that aim. He branded it sheer luck that the first shot was clear enough to prove his version of the gymnasium's fate.

General Alonzo Hook, who gained quite a reputation in the scientific world prior to the outbreak of hostilities, crash landed his Stinson Cub in front of the power plant at this time and advanced with an explanation of the photographer's almost unbelievable story.

General Hook stated that the seizure of the gymnasium was probably part of the recent scientific discoveries that had been hinted from behind the Purple Curtain. He stated that "by a process of increasing the intermolecular attraction, the raiders were able to reduce the size of the gymnasium to the point where it could be moved." He added that they would probably make use of one of the new cosmic rays upon their arrival home and that the cosmic rays "would enable the molecules to resume their original size."

Then, referring to the recent disappearance and rescue of General Jim Mallory, he said, "They couldn't get our Jim, so now they have gotten our gym."

## RESCUE LEADER



Admiral J. L. Pierce, commander of all Elon naval forces in the "Hot War of 1950," personally led Task Force 16 on a successful mission to rescue General Jim Mallory from the Low Point "dog house. The expedition, which was one of the most successful in the history of Elon naval warfare, introduced for the first time the use of "jet" propelled weapons in this area. Members of the force were received home with a roaring welcome. (For complete account of the exploit see Gabriel Colder's story on this page.)

## Elon Professors Going To Russia

Dr. Richard Haff and Prof. Paul Reddish, eminent Elon College scientists, announced today that they have received an invitation to attend the International Scientific Symposium to be held in Moscow, Russia, on April 31, 1950. The invitation came as a result of their experiments on Sylvester, their pet frog.

Syl, as he is called in the lab, is most extraordinary. After an operation to cross the optic and auditory nerves, he is able to see thunder and hear lightning, and the Elon scientists argue that they can do the same for man, enabling him to see over the telephone without benefit of television.