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NEWSPAPER POLICY

There has been dispute on the campus concerning the content of the Maroon and Gold, chiefly concerning the content of signed columns, and that renders necessary the clarification of the editorial policy of the paper.

The first point that needs clearing for the benefit of the readers is that the contents of a signed column reflect the opinion of the writer of that column alone, and they do not necessarily reflect the policy of the paper itself nor the opinions of other members of the staff.

Quite often there may be disagreement on the part of staff members with the contents of an editorial itself, but, in general the paper stands behind unsigned editorials and welcomes the criticism. However, criticism of signed columns should be directed at the writer of the column and not to other members of the staff.

There have been a few instances, too, when students charged favoritism in the amount of space given to certain organizations on the campus. The Elon Players, for example, are said to get more publicity than other groups. If such is true, then it is more the fault of the overlooked groups than of the paper itself, for there are numbers of organizations on the campus that never report any of their activities.

Several of the staff members happen to be active with the Players and thus know what that group is doing. The paper will welcome staff members from other student organizations, the request has repeatedly been made that various groups name someone as reporter and turn in reports of events within their organization.

That request is repeated right now. If there be anyone who feels that his or her group has been slighted, they should apply right now for a place on the staff and take care of the deficiency once and for all. Until they do this, the present staff will continue to cover all campus activities to the best of its ability, but readers are asked to remember that stories cannot be written when activities are kept under cover.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit is the backbone of all schools, and, when one speaks of school spirit, he is referring usually to student spirit. School spirit is that which breathes life into the various activities on the campus. What, for instance, would a ball game be like if there were no school spirit? The answer would show up in the poor morale of the players.

School spirit tends to draw the students to a central goal, that goal being to make



farmer in the dell

By
HARRY FARMER

I was overjoyed to find that the Underground Press was stirred into action as a result of my feeble efforts. Needless to say, I was a little disappointed in the grammar they used. Perhaps that's why they didn't sign it. If it's true that the co-authors of that thing are Vets, then I can only say that it is the best argument I've seen against the G. I. Bill.

I would like to point out that no member of the staff of this paper is responsible for what I put out. These are my views and not necessarily shared by other members of the staff. Therefore, if someone doesn't like something that I write, I would appreciate it if they would direct all kicks to me and not to the other writers or staff members. I give the Underground Press two points for THAT anyway.

The worst possible predicament in which to be is that one in which you are too lazy to make an effort and too honest to cheat.

We saw in the daily paper that the University of North Carolina had made history as the first University in the South to admit a Negro without a court battle. Even so, we wonder if it isn't just one jump ahead of the law.

We have it on good report that one of our erstwhile students, Jerry Allen by name, is going to appear in the "Lost Colony" pageant at Manteo this summer. It is said that he will play the role of Chief Manteo.

Speaking of parallelisms, we heard a fellow compare the people singing on the decks of the sinking Titanic with the English singing "There'll Always Be An England."

"Why did you kiss me?" she asked, smiling demurely.
"Well," he said, "Frankly, now that I've done it, I don't know either."
"How dare you insult me?" she shrieked.
"After kissing you, it was easy," he replied calmly.

"Pass 'Strucky Likes' out among your friends," the announcer said, "and watch your friends pass out among you."

LAWS: The Arabs have a law which could be used to great advantage in our country. It provides that "a man may marry only as many women as it takes to support him."

Too bad the Plantation Supper Club burned. Now there isn't any place we can wish we had money enough to spend our evenings AT.

the school and the student body a type of which the students and the administration can be proud. This is the underlying basis for the alumni association of any college, and it serves as both a check and support for the school administration and the scholastic standards.

Every school should have an organization to foster this vital characteristic of college life, and that organization is student government. When a college has some form of student government, each student should—and usually does—take every opportunity to make that government better. This is the real goal of every election.

However, what happens when the election is over? Are those who were elected performing their duties properly? That is where the duty of the individual student appears, for many students neglect to check on the manner in which their elected representatives discharge the duties of the various offices. Such checking on the part of the students will mean better government and, in turn, better school spirit.

Grinding Out News Of The Campus The Old Press Rolls On And On

By J. B. PICKARD

How much do you know about the history of your school paper? How old is the publication? Who are the people who have worked to make it into the publication that you read today? Statistics? Figures? Names? Follow me, sweet reader, for the real low-down on some of these historic facts.

How old is the publication? That one is easy, of course. You could figure that one out for yourself by merely checking the volume number on the front page. That's right, dearie, the Maroon and Gold is now thirty years old.

Now, however, before delving further back into the historic past, would you care to get a look behind the scenes and see the people who strive to get out each issue for our devoted followers and avid readers?

The Present Staff

First of all (and he made me put his name first) is our Editor-in-Chief, one Edward Engles. This youngster works with the fervor of Hercules in the Aegean stables, writing editorials that no one else reads and grinding out a column that he writes for the sole purpose of airing his personal gripes.

Next in rank is one Lynn Cashion, who is just as rank as anyone I have ever known. He is listed as Associate Editor, a fancy term to make him feel good on Saturday while he sweeps out the press-room.

From there we go down to the Music Editor, the Feature Editor (a great guy, he), the Sports Editor with his assistants, the Business Board, the Art Staff, and next, the reporters.

There is also one Faculty Advisor, a work horse named Luther Byrd, who aids in about seven hundred ways in publishing the paper.

We are also cursed and afflicted with one other columnist, a rabble-rouser named Harry Farmer. This takes care of today's staff, but what of those who set the standards in past years, the standards that we have to go by?

The Olden Days

Our files of the Maroon and

Gold in the office extend back as far as 1925, although there is available only a few issues for some of the years, and it was necessary, therefore, to check the records in the ancient editions of the Phi Psi Chi and to talk with those who can remember the Elon of three decades ago in order to get the real low-down on those early years.

The very first issue of the Maroon and Gold appeared in January, 1920, and the first editor was Percy Elliott Lindley, now Dean and Professor of Religion at High Point College, where he is better known as Dr. P. E. Lindley. After going on for graduate duty, he used the literary abilities first used in the columns of the Maroon and Gold in writing a couple of books, both on religious topics. Associated with Editor Lindley in creating the new publication on the Elon campus was Claude M. Cannon, now with the American diplomatic service in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa; L. M. Cannon, now an accountant in Charlotte; H. W. Johnson, now a business man in Fuquay Springs; and Lonnie Bryan Ezzell, now a Professor of Education at the University of Texas.

The Faculty Advisors

The earliest recorded faculty advisor was Prof. W. J. Cotten in 1925, and he was succeeded for a number of years by Prof. J. W. Barney, still a member of the faculty of Elon's Department of English. He was succeeded in the 1930's by Dr. Fletcher Collins, and he in turn was followed by Dr. Charles R. McClure. Prof. R. L. Dunlap assumed the duties in 1947-48, with Prof. Hoyle S. Bruton directing the paper in 1948-49, to be followed by the present faculty advisor.

The Maroon and Gold was issued weekly in the 1920's, but it was of tabloid and carried a great volume of advertising. Then, as now, the paper carried only news of the local campus happenings and did not try to compete with the daily papers for news stories. The paper has always carried more pictures than the average college publication.

The girls have taken over the post of editor-in-chief only twice

in the history of the Maroon and Gold. During the school year of 1943-44 Faye Thomas was editor, and Mary Ellen McCants guided the paper during the 1944-45 session. The men regained control of the publication in 1945 and have managed to keep it ever since.

Printed On Campus

There are other things that you may not know, or have forgotten, about your college newspaper. It is the only student paper in North Carolina that is printed on campus, and the antique press that grinds out the news is one of the oldest models ever produced by R. Hoe and Company, a flat-bed model that is estimated to be more than one hundred years old. Still, under the coaxing and petting care of operators like Jack Steele and Ed Engles, it is able to produce three-color jobs like our Christmas issues of the past two years.

It is a matter of pride that the Maroon and Gold just last week won its third straight state championship in the bi-weekly class, an award given annually at the meeting of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, and Ed Engles won first place in the state for the best column with his "Of Cabbages and Kings."

Plenty of Work

The average student doesn't realize just how much work there is in putting out a newspaper. We who just happen to drift into the office to look around are always amazed at the way we are drafted and sent to work in this journalistic salt mine. One fellow dropped in to bum a cigarette and was made editor, and the poor fool hasn't had time for anything else since.

The only outside assistance we ever use is that of our genial linotype operator, one Grady Frick, who by grace of long experience is able to croon and pet our antique linotype into behaving somewhat like Mergenthaler meant for it to do. Otherwise, it is the task of staff to gather material, write it up, rewrite it, work out the original dummy mark-up and all the thousand and one things that must be done before the printed page is seen by the students.

of cabbages and kings

By ED ENGLÉS



Below is the greater part of a letter received by J. D. Hardy from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Read it. It is self-explanatory.

My dear Mr. Hardy:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication signed also by Mr. John Hanna and Mr. Yono Mork, regarding present ownership of the Moon and asserting your joint claim to the satellite in the absence of another claimant . . .

The jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and its Bureau of Land Management is confined, in general, to the public lands of the United States, and does not extend to areas which have not been designated. If the land on the Moon should at any time be officially proclaimed to constitute public land of the United States as a result of foreignly obtained through exploration or other means, arrangements doubtless will be made at that time for the administration of the Federal public land statutes in the areas by the Bureau of Land Management. Until such definite arrangements have been officially established, however, this Bureau has no authority to receive applications for land on the Moon and therefore cannot accept your letter as an official application for such land at this time. . . .

Meantime, however, your attention is invited to the fact that if the present provisions of the Homestead Law remain in effect whenever land areas on the Moon are declared to constitute public domain of the United States, a prospective homestead entryman must present with his application an affidavit that he has personally examined the land sought and is familiar with its characteristics.

In view of the long accepted fact that the Moon is conducive to the fostering of romance and from time immemorial has been considered indispensable to lovers, it is probable that, should it become a part of the public domain of the United States, steps will be taken to preserve it intact in order that it may be put to use for which it is best suited.

Very truly yours
(For the Director)
Norma Hazeltine,
Information Officer.

Now, Norma, you may be ninety years old and have warts on your nose, but, if you would consider bigamy, I would love to have you for one of my wives, just because of that letter. I don't care if you never do another thing in the world.

The Colonnades will appear (yes, it will) next week sometime, barring bad breaks. Let it be known here and now that this is probably the best issue ever published; so make sure you don't miss getting your copy. Mr. West will be happy to reserve copies for anyone that sees him in time.

Warning to all concerned: When in the print shop, stay away from the linotype machine. The thing has an evil mind, and it is definitely anti-social. The other day it squirted hot lead all over me, and then, after I had duly cursed it and started to work again, it laid a nifty trap for me. When I put my finger in to see if I could find out what it was up to, it descended with a gleeful whoop and great force, causing me to bleed considerably and get three stitches in my vfr45tgb finger. It is squatting balefully in the corner now, chuckling reminiscently, now and then humming a malicious little tune, lurking, watching, waiting, hoping, looking forward to the time when my finger gets well enough to try again.

And I will try again. No machine is going to make a sucker out of me—I got my pride. Only next time I will bring my great big hammer with me, and if it tries to bite me again, I'll smash its teeth in.

EDITORS OF PAST AND PRESENT

Following is a complete list, at least as complete as possible, of the editors who have directed publication of the Maroon and Gold through the three decades since its foundation in 1920:

- 1920—P. E. LINDLEY, now Dean and Professor of Religion at High Point College, High Point, N. C.
1921—L. B. EZZELL, now Professor of Education at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
1922—RALPH S. RAINEY, now Area Director, Division of War Veterans' Claims for Virginia, residing in Dillwyn, Va.
1923—LLOYD J. BRAY, now associated with Eastern Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.
1924—SYON M. LYNAM, now a Christian Minister in Freehold, N. Y.
1925—W. B. TERRELL, who became superintendent of Warren County Schools, Warrenton, N. C.
1926—HOWARD RICHARDSON, now in school work at Alexandria, Va.
1927—ATKIN B. JOHNSON, later principal of Dunn High School, Dunn, N. C.
1928—PAUL G. HOOK, a brother of Prof. A. L. Hook, is now superintendent of schools in Clifton Forge, Va.
1929—CLAUDE W. KIPKA, and CLYDE FOUSHEE (two editors during that year.) Kipka is now a business man in Mooresville, N. C., while Foushee is a Presbyterian minister in Memphis, Tenn.
1930—PAUL MAGEE, whose present address is unknown.
1931—JOHN HOWARD SMITH, now a minister and Professor of English at Arnold College, Milliford, Conn.
1932—EDITOR NOT RECORDED.
1933—RUFUS H. ABERNATHY, now teaching at Alexander Wilson High School, Graham, N. C.
1934—EDITOR NOT RECORDED.
1935—EDITOR NOT RECORDED.
1936—WILLIAM L. COOPER, now Coordinator of Diversified Occupation with Norfolk City Schools, Norfolk, Va.
1937—BEN R. LILLIEN, now an automobile dealer in Burlington, N. C.
1938—NO EDITOR, paper produced by a cooperative staff.
1939—THOMAS M. PERRY, now a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy and doing Public Relations work in Washington, D. C.
1940—WESLEY HOLLAND, whose present address is unknown.
1941—DONALD G. BORN, latest known address Everett, Pa.
1942—ROY H. MANSFIELD, whose present address is unknown.
1943—EDWIN WATTS, now with Sears-Roebuck Company in Greensboro, N. C.
1944—FAYE THOMAS, later connected with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Langley Field, Va.
1945—MARY ELLEN McCANTS, now Mrs. William Evans, a teacher in Anderson, S. C.
1946—THOMAS HORNER, who has since been doing graduate work at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.
1947—AL BURLINGAME.
1948—JOHN WATSON, who was still in school at Elon last year.
1949—TED PARKER, who entered sales work after graduation.
1950—ROBERT WRIGHT, member of the Senior Class of 1950 and president of Elon Student Body for this year.
1951—EDWARD ENGLÉS, now holding down the post.