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A NEW ELON—NOW OR NEVER

Hats off to the Student Body of Elon College, the football team, and Student Entertainment Committee for one of the most successful and enjoyable Elon Homecomings in quite a long time. I feel certain that the alumni, guests, and friends of Elon were very, very proud of their alma mater.

If we could only always have the pep and spirit at all our football games that was evident Saturday afternoon and night, we could go a long way. But all good things must come to an end, and it was too bad that our Homecoming had to end in catastrophe.

The catastrophe occurred in the closing minutes of that dynamic, exciting, and highly successful football game. As Fred Biangardi plunged over the goal line to send the "Fighting Christians" well in the lead, flames were eating their way through the kitchen of our college dining hall.

Now that the fire is over, and, through some miracle, it was confined to the kitchen, we should all stop for a minute and think of what COULD have happened. Suppose the fire had been in one of the dormitories and had broken out in the wee hours of the morning while all were asleep. A fire in one of our larger dorms might be catastrophic.

What I have been leading up to is this: The Board of Trustees of the college met in a special call meeting Monday afternoon of last week and authorized Dr. Smith to secure plans to make a long term loan to enable the college to build a new dining hall and eventually (how long that is one can only guess) a new dorm or two. I realize that the job of securing funds is quite a procedure, but other schools do it, and so can Elon. WE NEED MONEY, AND WE NEED NEW BUILDINGS.

Not only do we need these new buildings, but without them it is impossible for Elon to compete with other educational institutions in the state and nation.

All of us realize that Elon College has one of the best faculties that could be found in any school large or small. We are all prepared well at Elon. We also have the best student body in North Carolina. But how long can we have both, or either, without proper buildings. I realize that all of the building that is needed cannot be done in a matter of months. But I also realize that it has been YEARS since a dorm was constructed on the campus of Elon College. School spirit, enrollment, and campus life would skyrocket if accommodations were better. And better they must be!

Probably the easiest thing a person can do is criticize. However, I am sure that the Student Body of Elon College will back me in these assertions. New buildings are the only answer to a "better Elon." The time has come, we must act. We must dedicate ourselves to the task of cooperating with any form of campaign or support that we can give the Administration or Trustees in this matter. We need the new buildings, and I am glad that the Board of Trustees finally realized this.

—M. C.



cash on the spot

By LYNN CASHION

HERE'S OL' CASH ON THE SPOT!

Now, let's take that little word "spot" and turn it just exactly around. The same letters then spell "TOPS," and that's exactly the word I want to use in reminding you that the Elon Players' first production of the year is really going to be "tops." I want to remind the students and faculty, too, to get their season tickets for those Player productions. You will save money by doing so, as there will be four performances this year instead of three, and all for the same price on the season tickets.

Some of the students are forgetting that there are waste cans in the Student Union, all of which leads to a plea that we keep the campus and buildings clean.

The Elon band did a fine job at the Homecoming game, but it is still far from what the school needs. We want a band that will be able to appear at all the games and "steal" the show at half-time. If the students will work with Professor Westmoreland and Jimmy Rhodes, we will have just that.

Have you noticed the big guy with the small car and the little guy with the big car? To call names, I mean Ed Engles and his Morris Minor and, at the other extreme Matt Currin and his new Chevrolet.

I hope that all students saw "I Was a Communist For the FBI." It made one appreciate his country and proud to be attending a denominational school.

Oak Lodge and Carlton House look like entirely new places with their grassy front yards.

It appears that the cheerleaders' request for cooperation aroused the old school spirit for the Homecoming game, and the final score speaks results. Let's keep it up, gang!

Reports that I hear indicate that Elon is on the verge of a long-needed expansion program. In fact, Andy Meredith has already remodelled his room in East.

Roger Wilson certainly added to the Homecoming parade with his enactment of the "Fighting Christian." It would be fine to have the "Christian" at all games to assist the cheer leaders.

And now I give a rare definition of the American College Girl. The definition is from President Dale Gramley, of Salem College, who concluded his opening address at Salem this year with the following description:

"Between the gawkiness of early adolescence and the dignity of full womanhood, we find a delightful creature called the College Girl. She comes in assorted sizes, weights and ages, but all College Girls seem to have the same creed: To enjoy and profit from every second of every minute of every hour of the day; to delay doing classroom assignments and term papers; to anticipate mail and forthcoming weekends; to engage in bull sessions.

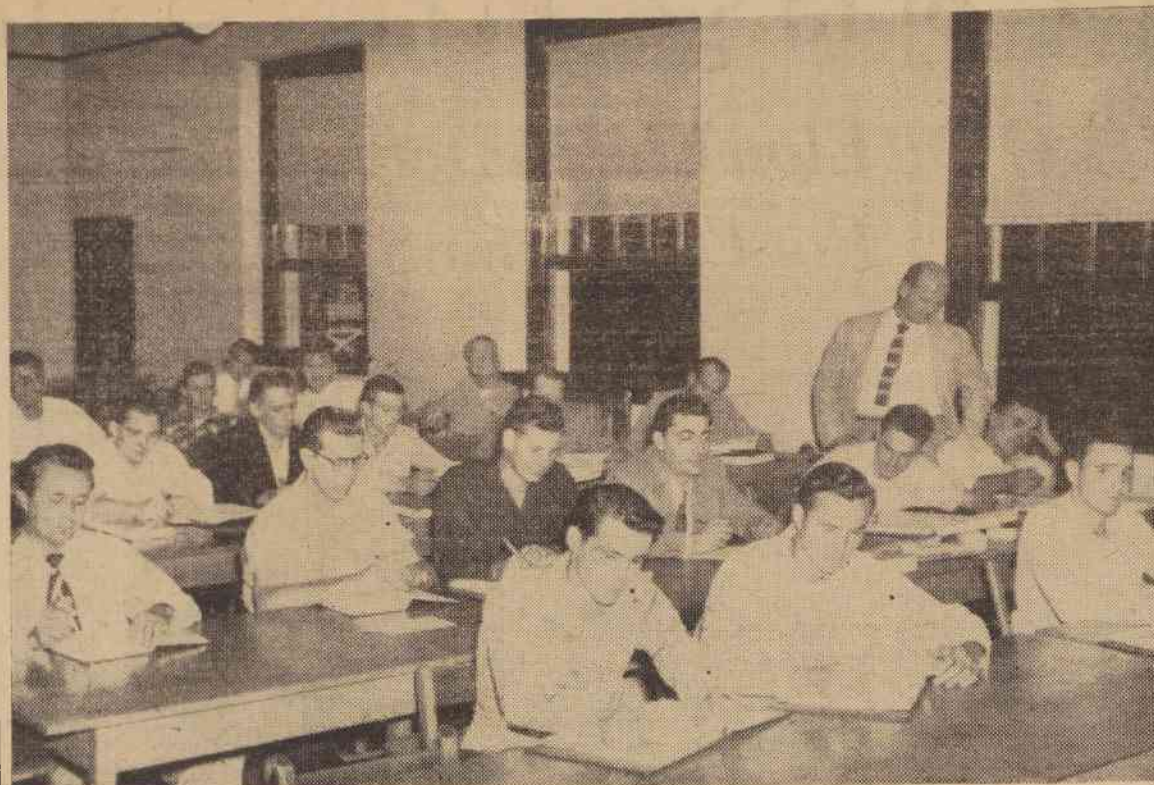
"College Girls are found everywhere on the campus, and sometimes off—on the floor, on tables, under tables, up and down the steps, piling books here and there, walking on the grass and parked in automobiles.

"Mothers love them; younger brothers tolerate them; other girls envy them; College boys glorify them; Heaven protects them; and the faculty is divided on the matter.

"A College Girl is Truth with polish on its fingernails, Beauty adulterated only by blue jeans, Wisdom with a scarf around its head, and Hope-For-The-Future once a fraternity pin appears.

"A College Girl is a composite—she has the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the irresponsibility of an overnight guest, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the gullibility of a yokel, the enthusiasm of an evangelist, the fault-finding of a taxpayer, the friendliness of a salesman and the ingenuity of an inventor."

VETERANS' GROUP IN SPECIAL NIGHT CLASS



Shown above is the group of veterans from this area who are now attending a special series of night classes, which carry full college credit and which enable the veterans to keep their regular jobs and still secure training under the G. I. Bill. The picture portrays the class in Personnel Management, which is being taught by Prof. Cecil C. McGee. McGee is shown standing near the window.

Elon Broadens Her Program.....

Ever broadening its program of service to both young and old, Elon College is stressing more than ever this fall its courses for adults and is, at the same time, working out with the Western Electric Company a new plan that involves cooperation between industry and higher education.

The night classes for adults are not new to Elon, although the program has been expanded this year to include a special series of evening classes for veterans, who might otherwise have lost their G.I. benefits. There is also the usual fall series of adult classes for teachers and others who need special types of training.

The cooperative plan between Elon and the Western Electric Company falls into two phases, one of which involves an educational opportunity for regular students who need financial assistance and the other a special series of training courses for certain Western Electric employees.

Regular Adult Classes

The regular program of adult classes this fall is once more in operation under the direction of Dr. W. W. Sloan, who is chairman of the faculty committee on adult education. He stated this week that there are seven different courses underway at this time, with a total enrollment of more than fifty students.

These seven courses, which are open to any adult not now attending college, regardless of previous educational training, can be taken with or without credit, and no exams are required if the student does not wish credit. They may, however, carry credit either in college hours or for renewal of teacher certificates. Regular exams are given at the conclusion of the courses to those who do need either college or certification credits.

The courses being offered under this plan include American Literature, by Dr. James Howell; Shorthand, by Prof. Thomas R. Fox; The Old Testament, by Dr. W. W. Sloan; A course in Education, by Prof. J. C. Colley; Interior Decoration, by Miss Louise Ramsey; American Geography, by Dr. Richard M. Huff; and Intermediate French, by Mrs. Pearl McDonald. These courses meet once each week for twelve weeks.

Classes For Veterans

The veterans' classes this fall are a continuation of a plan that was inaugurated last summer, when a number of veterans were interested in securing training before the expiration of their G. I. benefits on July 25th, but many were unable to drop their jobs and enter as regular college students.

The veterans' group, which now

includes about twenty-five men, is taking two courses, which carry regular college credit. The classes meet at night here on the Elon campus and last throughout the quarter, enabling the G. I. group to carry on their regular jobs in daytime.

The two courses being offered to the veterans at this time include Personnel Management, which is taught by Prof. Cecil C. McGee; and a course in Speech, which is being taught by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith.

Western Electric Plan

The new cooperation between industry and education, as exemplified in a plan started by Elon and the Western Electric company, first appeared in a project to provide self-help jobs for a large number of boys and young men, who would otherwise have been unable to finance a college education.

Under this plan there are now twenty-five or more regular Elon students working a full second shift at the Western Electric plant, and the Western Electric management is much interested in the scholastic work of these boys, along with the type of work they do at the plant. It has been pointed out that the industrial officials have stated that the college studies must come first.

These boys, about two-thirds of whom are dormitory students, attend their classes on regular

schedule and then report for their jobs about 4:30 in the afternoon, working until about 1:30 o'clock each night. There have been instances where students have worked full shifts in various mills before, but this is the first time that any concern has worked out a full-scale project with the college to provide educational opportunity.

Supervisor Courses

There is also another phase to this cooperation between Elon and the Western Electric, for plans were underway to initiate this week a special series of night training classes here at Elon for a group of about 120 Western Electric supervisors. Under the plan, the supervisors would be divided into six groups and would attend a special series of classes to last from now until mid-winter, a period of about four months. Some of these classes would be taught by Western Electric personnel, others by Dr. D. J. Bowden and Prof. John H. Brashears.

In discussing the program now in operation with the Western Electric corporation, the college administrative officials expressed the hope that similar projects may be possible in the not-too-distant future with other industrial concerns in this area of North Carolina, since such a plan offers possibility of benefits to the company, to the college itself and to the individual students.



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"We do a horse act"

of cabbages and kings

By ED ENGLÉS



Ran across an interesting statement in a psychology textbook the other day, concerning personal conduct. The book says that there is a type of conduct proper for a church service that is not proper for, say, a stadium, and vice versa, then goes on to prove it.

It is painfully apparent that this author has never had the dubious privilege of attending a chapel service at Elon College, noting the conduct of the student body, nor has he ever observed President Smith praying for victory at a football game or he would not be given to such a rash statement.

Thanks to most of the students and faculty for the favorable reception given to last issue's item on hazing. Frankly, I was surprised that so many agreed that the nonsense should be abolished.

One more thing I am agin . . . then perhaps I'll quit for a while. Let's look into this business of having your preacher or priest sign an affidavit stating that you have attended some sort of church service on Sunday. It is this boy's considered opinion that the idea is, at best, slightly rancid, and that it just creates another of those sticky situations without solving a problem or serving any valid purpose.

The administration wants the students to go to church on Sundays. Not being narrow about it, it doesn't particularly care what church, but it does insist on attendance at some church, somewhere. There was a time, not too long ago, when students could sign a slip on Monday morning stating that they had gone to church. This was under the honor system. But, peculiarly enough, honor and religion did not seem to mix too well, for the whole thing was a scream, really, and everybody knew it.

For everyone that honestly went to church and signed the slip, and there were some like that, there were probably two or three people who casually violated their oath of honor and signed a slip without having gone to church. The peculiar thing is that these people observe the rules of the honor system in other respects, and that the system, consistently proving itself to be reasonably successful in this, our Christian institution, choked, gasped, died horribly, and fell to earth with a dull thud in this particular case.

Consequently, the administration reluctantly enforced the present mild tyranny, with the effects being a strong resentment on the part of the students, even those who do not fall under the rule.

No one I have talked to seems to think the rule is a good one. But apparently SOMEONE does, and until that someone decides that an enforced, outward show of devotion is a sickly substitute for the real thing, all the poor heathens will have to spend their Sunday mornings in church.

I am thinking of starting up a lottery, which will, in exchange for a nominal fee, entitle one to take a guess at the exact day, hour and minute when some enterprising young individual finds a fool-proof way to beat the rap and stay in bed on Sunday morning. He who guesses best wins the jackpot, minus, of course, my ten percent.

Before I leave, let me relate the tragic-comedy of the year . . . the huge sign encountered upon entering Elon from the east that wryly exclaims, "AROUND HERE IT'S BALLANTINE'S ALE."

And that's that for today.