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LIBERALISM DEFEATED

In the current era of international politics, there has been a widespread tendency towards liberalism—a tendency curbed in Great Britain by the return of Winston Churchill's Conservatives to power and in the United States by the overthrow of Trumanism and the establishment of considered republicanism.

A similar return towards sound student political policy has recently been witnessed on this campus. Not one of us oppose liberalism as it may serve constructively to build stable progress; liberalism is vitally opposed, however, when it is used as a shield for unconscientious, dangerous and unwarranted revolutionary steps.

Elon College must not fall into a "rut" of extreme conservatism, but she is not in a position to foster liberal attitudes which break with tradition or safety.

What must be achieved both in the nation and here on our campus is a right path of studied conservatism on which may be built a fundamental Christian attitude—Christian in character but not Christian propagandistically.

Let the students of this college strive for new unity, not based upon sectionalism, but let sectional representatives ever realize that a college campus is not the place for civil misunderstandings.

Indeed, this is a period of trial for the small church-related school. It is a time when understanding of native conceptions is essential if not completely necessary. Foreign elements may sometimes be subversive and most often proclaim unproved doctrines hidden in their annals of so-called liberalism.

Is the American system at stake? Is republicanism which guarantees the minority a voice about to be replaced by a dictatorial anarchy, fostered from without? Not if sound progress remains our goal—a progress respective of liberality as it may affect a continuation of fundamental republican system, but in addition a progress ever cognizant of conservative stability.

Let each of us recognize his part in determining the future of our nation, our way of life, and yes, even our school. If we stand firmly upon the pillar of sound progressive experience, then we, too, may proudly and fearlessly sing with Long-fellow:

Thou too, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity, with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!

cash on the spot

By LYNN CASHION



EDITOR'S NOTE: Tom Targett is guest columnist for "Cash On The Spot" in this issue.

PIECE MEAL — Jimmy Rhodes won a \$1,500 grant to Ohio U. Bill Blackstone won an \$850 grant from the Philosophy Department at Duke. David Crowle has won a \$300 scholarship to Winston-Salem Seminary. Page Painter won a like amount to Hartford Seminary. The set for the next Players' show is to be unique. Graham Heath says it will be the first for the Elon stage. It's the season for the frat and sorority houses. Joann Newman's engagement to Bob Tucker, of Burlington, has been announced. Jackie Smith and Ted Hackney, '52, were married two weeks ago. Spring has hit Elon. Spring some faculty and students bailing their hooks. Spring Quarter half over. Quarterly invitations for visits have been extended by the Dean. Student-Faculty Committee thinking of making North Dorm a Freshman Dorm next year. Hail the Class of 1958. Most used pieces of equipment at Elon are the ping pong tables in the SU. Music major concerts underway. Worth attending. Negley, Chairman of Duke Philosophy Dept., to be on campus. Heard that a boys' softball team is ready to challenge a team from West. Dogwoods along the walk from the P.O. are in full bloom. Wish we had a few more. Chairmanship of the Freshman Orientation Committee announcement due. Need of: One "Pick-up Trash Joe" to trail behind "Throw the Trash on Campus Joe." Know who can qualify? Needed by the Student-Faculty Committee: one linguist. Requirement: be able to write twelve languages. What is that Committee up to now? Only 40 per cent of the student body voted in the primaries. "Blast Heart" to be last production of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith as director of Elon Players. It's Elon's sixty-third commencement program this year. Tentative courses for summer school have been announced by the Dean. Joe Harvey won the Greensboro YMCA ping pong tournament. Library has some of the best sellers in fiction. Good Saturday afternoon reading. Walter O'Berry, Student Government secretary-treasurer, says the Student Government is working "in the black." Oscar Holland soon to become papa. Home Ec. Department fixing up the Student Government office. It'll be the best in the North State. Hope we win the Messick Sportsmanship Trophy. Sigma Phi to give suggestion box. Which Student-Faculty listed as a suggestion. From a good source, a bill to be introduced in the Student Legislature saying male students will have to wear shorts during Summer School's Saturday afternoon classes. Have you seen an Elon baseball game yet? Vespers services each Monday and Wednesday evening. Colonnades to be published soon. Year books are under way. Date for distribution to be announced. Congratulations are in order to the newly elected officers. One Bromo Seltzer for each one, please! Susan Fuchs engaged to "Shorty" Jernegan, brother of Ginny Jernegan. Stop in and see the birthday present which the students gave to Judy Burns in her office. Worth it. Theme of May Day: Snow White. Snow White is Golda Brady. Wonder who Prince Charming could be? Matt Currin's column on Dimensional movies is his best of the year. Wonder who was chosen "Miss Elon" by Kay Kizer. Thoughts about a trophy case are being heard about the campus. Eleanor Stewart to wed Bobby Gentry in June. Rumor has it Painter and Cashion to seek political exile at Myrtle Beach in Democratic South Carolina after inauguration. Laverne Brady off to France this summer. Phelps brothers to work in Yellowstone National Park this summer. Combining work and pleasure. Prof. Cunningham and Carl Woods lost tennis match to Blackstone and Painter, 6-4. Remember and let's clean up Elon for May Day. Jeter Wilkins and Ann Matkin's wedding coming up this summer. Tim Holt back on campus, all natty and neat in his staff sergeant's uniform.

ELON COLLEGE MAY COURT FOR 1952



The Elon May Queen of 1952 is shown above with members of her court. That May Court in that early observation, as shown left to right in the picture, included the following: BACK ROW ON STAGE—Dorothy Bowden, Maid-of-Honor, now Mrs. W. L. Shoffner, of Burlington; Mary Elizabeth Rogers, May Queen, now Mrs. Paul Cobb, of Burlington; and Jennie Frances Walters, Maid-of-Honor, now Mrs. J. K. Snyder, of Winston-Salem. MIDDLE ROW (Slight Back of Main Front Row)—Lottie Jones, May Court Page, now Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr., of Elon College; Rebecca Constable (wearing hat), now Mrs. Thomas M. Leel of Elkton, Md.; and Naomi Steed, May Court Page, who lost her life as a nurse in World War II. STANDING (In Main Front Row) — Evelyn Richardson, now Mrs. H. H. Samett, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Frances Chandler, now Mrs. Cecil Wilkins, of Virginia, Va.; Margaret Chandler, now Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw, of Burlington; Mary Sue Rawls, now Mrs. J. E. Parker, of Suffolk, Va.; Frances Baynes, now Mrs. James E. Hall, of Burlington; Anna Virginia Britt, now Mrs. E. A. Warfield, of Alexandria, Va.; Dorothy Marlow, now Mrs. H. D. Ramsaur, of Charlotte; Miss Jeannette Neiderlander, 1932 member of Elon Music Faculty, who staged the May Day pageant; Margaret Boland, now a secretary in Burlington; Louise Thompson, now Mrs. Paul D. Smith, of Greensboro; Lucy Caddell, now Mrs. K. K. Hughes, of Elon College; Edith Bowden, now a secretary in Burlington; Marietta Moore, of Chuckyattuck, Va.; and Peggy Sechrist, of Thomasville. The small children standing in front of the May Court attendants, also left to right, are Charles McCarn and Jewell McCarn, whose father was then an Elon student; Rhodes Moffitt, Jr., and Peggy Moffitt, grandchildren of Dr. E. L. Moffitt, former Elon president; and Patricia Hook, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Hook. The two smallest girls in the ruffled dresses are (left to right) Jean Miller, of Burlington, and Lala Wilkins, now Mrs. Lala Frazier, of Liberty. The other three children behind the two last named are unidentified.

May Day Rulers Of Days Gone By

Observance of May Day as Elon College students know it today is a comparatively recent thing in the long history of the college, for the annual May Day pageant has been staged in less than one-third of the sixty-three years since Elon opened its doors.

Extensive research through Elon records and questioning many former students revealed that the first May Day observance was held in 1921, but dancing of any type was strictly taboo on the Elon campus of that day, and so many hands were thrown aloft in holy horror at the sight of girls dancing about the May Pole that no other spring festival was attempted for ten years.

Ruling over that 1921 pageant as Elon's first May Queen was Essie Mae Truitt, sister of Dr. John Truitt, who is now Mrs. Esie Truitt Simpson, a member of the faculty at Stokesdale High School. The maid-of-honor was Miss Lucy Eldridge, now associated in New York with the Youth Division of the Missionary Education Movement. That first pageant was staged on the campus in front of West Dormitory under the direction of Miss Ruth Hawk at that time a teacher of voice and expression at Elon.

Pageants Start Anew

The next May Day observance came in 1931 under the direction of Miss Jeannette Neiderlander, also a teacher of voice and expression here. She directed May Day pageants for two years in 1931 and 1932, but they were followed by another break of three years before the observance was resumed in 1936. That spring pageant in 1936 became the first of a continuous practice, which has continued May Day festivals each year until the present.

Ruling as May Queen in 1931 was Johnnie Sharpe, of Elon College, now Mrs. J. Hinton Rountree, of Greensboro, and among the members of her court were Ann Rawls, now Mrs. Joseph B. Newman, of Burlington, and Sue Watts, now Mrs. George Colclough, of Elon College. They recall that the 1931 May Day was marked by unseasonable cold, which caused much discomfort to the girls in their evening dresses.

The 1932 May Day was ruled over by Mary Elizabeth Rogers, now Mrs. Paul E. Cobb, of Burlington. She and her entire court are pictured elsewhere in this issue. Her chief attendants were Dorothy Bowden, now Mrs. W. L. Shoffner,

of Burlington, and Jennie Frances Walters, now Mrs. J. K. Snyder, of Winston-Salem. There were no male students in any of these earliest May Day pageants.

A King Takes Part

A May King was introduced into the scheme of May Court when continuous annual observance was begun in 1936. Rulers that year were Esther Cole, now Mrs. John R. Kernodle, of Burlington, as May Queen, with William W. Kimball, of Manson, as the first May King. Maid-of-Honor was Heler Barney, daughter of Prof. J. W. Barney. She is now Mrs. E. L. Smith, of Elon College.

Blanche Wagoner, of Brown Summit, now Mrs. C. H. Shoffner of Burlington, was the May Queen in 1937, and ruling with her as May King was Leon Newman, of Vaygina, Va., now a resident of Spokane, Wash.

The 1938 May Court was ruled over by Nell Loy, of Alamance, as May Queen. She is now Mrs. Jasper W. Clapp, of Alamance. The king that year was LeGrande Moody, now a Methodist minister in Ware Shoals, S. C. Chief attendant to the Queen was Margaret Eard, now Mrs. Kelsey E. Friend, of Pikeville, Ky.

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A Line O' Type Or Two

By PATSY MELTON



THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF INNOCENCE

A young man got up before a small gathering of average people. He made a speech, it was a beautiful speech, well-delivered and well-prepared. The young man had a great effect on his audience because he was full of himself and his topic. He had a great command of his words. He knew how to express himself in such a subtle hypnotic way that the people could not help but listen and believe, if they allowed themselves to fall under his spell.

"Here is a good man," some of the innocent, easily-led listeners said. "The things he talks about are morally right and the only decent thing to do."

These people began to work slowly, beautifully, in the young man's own subtle way. They heard

the beauty of their own words and did not think of the consequences of their actions. Was the world ready for their proposals of reorganization?

There was opposition to their ideals, but they strove valiantly, deceitfully on, employing any method at their disposal, disregarding all law and order.

The faction opposing the do-gooders began to fight with zest. One small outbreak led to another, and more and more people began to take sides in the issue. Soon the fight had spread far from the boundaries of the original group. Before very long the entire country was involved, then the world.

Hitler had accomplished that part of his long-desired dream. He had succeeded in pitting brother against brother, nation against nation, race against race. It could happen here!

Others have, so, I think I'll fluster too.

The linotype is a machine for producing printing type. Its name comes from its product, a solid bar of raised letters in a line—line of type. The operator sits before a keyboard which contains ninety keys. He touches a key, which releases a brass mold from the metal case at the top of the machine. The mold, or matrix, is carried by a moving belt to its proper place in line. Spaces between words are formed by wedge-shaped spacebands, which are automatically inserted when the operator presses a key. When the operator has composed a line of matrices they are transferred to the casting mechanism, where molten metal is forced into the faces of the matrices. The metal hardens into a slug with raised letters formed on its face. The linotype then slides the line into a galley.

Interesting? About as much so as a few other song and dance routines I've heard or rather, been exposed to hear, lately. Ah, well!



the moving finger writes

By MATT CURRIN

Elon College is owned by the Southern Convention of the Congregational-Christian Church. It is not operated by the Southern Convention, rather it is run by a Board of Trustees and the President of the College.

Who supports Elon? The answer from studying the records is only too clear. The Southern Convention does not give Elon enough per year for our college to operate successfully for four weeks. The Northern wing of the Congregational Church doesn't give Elon enough for them to operate successfully for one week.

Who then gives Elon her money? The answer, again from the records, is most clear. It comes directly or indirectly from Alamance County.

Elon College is a southern school. It is owned by the Southern Convention and is located in the heart of the South. The majority of her students hail from the surrounding territory, and reports from alumni show that they are the ones who support the college most actively when the class days are over.

Elon is now struggling for her very existence. All around her schools are growing by tremendous leaps and bounds. The University of North Carolina is spending millions on buildings and staff. Woman's college in Greensboro has just opened a fabulous new Student Center, complete with colored lights and sunken pools.

Davidson has just completed new dormitories. Duke has built a new Graduate Center and other buildings. Lenoir Rhyne is in the midst of a large building program, and so is Catawba.

Wake Forest has over \$75,000,000 and is in the process of moving to the magnificent Reynolds Estate in Winston. All over the nation powerful State Universities and large colleges are snuffing out the historic denominational schools, which are the real hope of our future. The small college must survive.

The struggle reminds us of the last days of Rome. Rome fell, you remember, not because her leaders wanted her to, but because of rot and decay within. She became divided and, while her leaders strove for survival, her citizens fought each other and brought down their Empire on their own heads. She became split at the most crucial time in her history, and when outside might hit her tottering walls she was not ready for them.

Dr. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, declared recently in Greensboro that in order for the denominational schools to survive they must have a united front at home. He was speaking about faculty as well as students. This is our job—to support our alma mater in her time of struggle and not leave it like rats fleeing a sinking ship. Our president is working harder now than ever for Elon. He told a group of us last week that he is now working harder for Elon than ever before. We must back him and our Trustees. The least we can do is cooperate with them.

No one, neither students nor faculty, is forced to stay at Elon. We are free to do as we please. If Elon does not provide what a person wants, then they can leave Elon. No one is forced to stay here.

There are always those who hide behind the cloak of idealistic philosophy, and who use the sacred name of religion as a shield for ulterior motives designed to destroy the set order of things. This kind of thing at Elon's crucial hour could well destroy what the late Dr. William S. Long dreamed of when he founded Elon in 1888. Dr. Long was a native of Alamance County.

To whom does Elon turn for help each year?—Alamance. Who has kept her doors open since 1889?—Alamance. Who sends more students than any other group or section?—Alamance. Whose name is on the main building at the heart of the campus?—Alamance. To whom did Elon turn in 1931 when the college's future was in the balance?—Alamance. More Elon alumni live in Alamance than in any other section. Alamance is the heart of Elon College. Without her Elon would fold up.

Elon College has served the Southern Convention and the young men and women of this section well since her doors were first opened. We all owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

No college can last unless it puts scholarship first. For that reason Elon was conceived and planned. She has followed that course all through her history, and she must continue in the future. Only through us can she live. And live she must.

We are proud of Elon's past, her present is good, and the future is in our hands. We can sing her death knell or her victor's song.