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### "I WANT TO KNOW"

You may have received one of the "I Want To Know" sheets that have been circulated in connection with the Religious Emphasis observance scheduled for next week. Those responsible for this thought-provoking questionnaire are to be commended. Especially is this commendation due the college pastor, Rev. H. P. Bezarth, for his usual self-sacrificing toil in promoting an active program for the spiritual well-being of all of us at Elon.

It is our hope that each of us will take the fullest advantage of the opportunity to attend the meetings scheduled and to participate in the "bull sessions" that have been planned in connection with the services. Certainly such thought-provoking questions as the following should prove "good meat" for many excellent get-togethers.

- "What does it matter what a person believes if he behaves himself?"
- "Does it do any good to pray?"
- "If the Supreme Court rules segregation in the schools unconstitutional, what steps should be taken to change the pattern in the areas affected?"

It is to be remembered that no matter what the ability and qualifications of the discussion leaders, the success or failure of this endeavor depends directly on the interest and participation of all of us students.—T.T.

### STRIKE UP THE BAND

The members of the band deserve a note of special thanks. They gathered in back of Alamance before the Appalachian game to give the team a big send-off. They looked sharp, too, when they lined up across the field to greet the team with the Alma Mater when the players charged on the field, and for the first time in several years they put on a half-time show.

Any program of this nature takes time and hard work by each member of the band. They give of their time unselfishly so that we as spectators may get more into the spirit of the game.

Their school spirit was in evidence, but they realize their need for additional new members. Any of us who can toot a horn, beat a drum, or tinkle on a glockenspiel should go out for the band.—T.T.

### HOCUM

The situation has arisen that our super secret societies have resorted to "stealing pledges from one another by telling half-truths and make snide insinuations about the initiations of their fellow frats and sororities. Why, these organizations haven't even the spirit known as "Honor among thieves."

From this type of activity, pledges will think that frats and sororities aren't able to get members on their own merit. Or perhaps they will think that the treasury is so low that the groups will stoop to any means in getting new members.

But a keener observation is that those frats and sororities who blame others for stealing pledges are at fault. How would supposedly secret initiations get out unless their own members told others? The fault is not with the other frats and sororities but with themselves. They are the product of their own making.—T.T.

## jottings from here and there

By JAMES WAGONER



Few people will deny that much has been said of late about this thing called Education. One New York man says that he spent \$10,000 on his son's college education and only got a quarterback.

No one would take the pains to challenge H. C. Wilver when he relates that college-bred refers to something which requires a fearful amount of dough, is seldom self-raising, and usually proves to be nothing less than a four-year loaf.

Again we read the opinion of L. L. Hendren as he says, "An A. B. Degree from a college today simply means that you know the first two letters of the alphabet. Another has said that Modern education has greatly simplified the Three R's — from reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic to rah, rah, rah.

Our so-called Americanism treats the subject lightly by "shuddering in dread because we spend two and one-half billion for education while cheerfully spending two and one quarter billion for tobacco."

Now, do you observe what follows from the above lessons. We, as students, are put on the spot with the slander tossed to and fro by those seemingly "in the know."

The problem that presents itself is a challenge for us who call ourselves students. There is no other intelligible answer than for us to strive for those qualities that will give the critics constructive rather than destructive avenues for criticism. Certainly, more people fail because they do not know the requirements for being a good student than because they do not adequately possess the skills of their chosen field.

Aristotle says, "The roots of education are bitter, the fruits are sweet," and Emerson adds that the sun of wisdom is that the tibe is never lost that is devoted to work. An old saying throws light on the subject with this quotable quote—"It's not the number of hours you put in, it's what you put in the hours that counts."

Two choices are involved concerning the type of student you can become. If you want to belong to the class that is known primarily for faithfulness in performance of routine and promising security, then try this and it will fit you like a tailor-made suit:

- P—reparing all lessons, no bickering;
- A—ttending all classes, no skipping;
- S—leeping enough hours, no back-aching;
- S—tudying each moment, no time wasting.

On the other hand, if you want to belong in a class known for its carelessness and lack of perseverance, with the attendant penalty for failure, then you will become familiar with the following five "flunkies"

- F—requent going out in the evening,
- L—ittle wanderings in the glooming,
- U—nder the hammock swinging,
- N—eedless hikes to the country taking,
- K—eep the teacher always scolding.

This is your decision, and the choice is important. What happens to you the remainder of the school year is in your hands.

Each of us represents not only Elon College but Education in general. Everywhere we go, we are constantly tagged by those who qualify themselves as critics.

Therefore, for the sake of Education, if you belong in the "Flunkies" class, you can become a modern Frank Merriwell—stepping up to the plate in the last half of the ninth with the bases loaded, two men out and trailing by three runs—a pitch, a swing, a mighty Home Run. Or you can easily remain yourself—"Ole' Casey—one strike, two strikes, three strikes, you're out!

### EDIBLE ETHICS IN EDUCATION

"The best and most important part of every man's education is that which he gives himself."

"Part of a college education is learning that teams in other parts of the country also play pretty fair football."

"Education pays. Nearly all the great coaches are college graduates."

"The only B. A. that interests some college students stands for Batting Average."

"Still, if it weren't for football, how would anybody know that the colleges were open for business."

"It is a pity that so many men get a college training without getting an education."

"Many a youngster who gets out of college will soon be wishing he had got more out of it."

## VACATION HIGHLIGHTS FROM YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



Just a few of the highlights of a summer vacation in Yellowstone National Park are shown in the above snapshots, which were gathered from the collection taken by five Elon students who had summer jobs in the famous park in Wyoming. SNAPSHOT NUMBER ONE might well be captioned "Ready For The Road," for that is exactly what it illustrates, with four of the five vacationers all ready to roll. Ann Stoddard missed getting into this picture because she was manipulating the camera, which caught the likenesses of Roger Phelps, Meryle Mauldin, Bob Phelps and Doug Edwards. However, Ann monopolized SNAPSHOT NUMBER TWO, which caught her fraternizing with a bear—a dead bear. SNAPSHOT NUMBER THREE could be called "Trouble On The Road," although it looks like Doug Edwards was having most of the trouble, with a bit of advise from his fellow travellers as to the best way of fixing a tire. SNAPSHOT NUMBER FOUR simply shows some of the scenic beauty of Yellowstone, which greeted the eyes on every side. SNAPSHOT NUMBER FIVE caught another of Ann Stoddard's animal friends, an inquisitive bear; but SNAPSHOT NUMBER SIX caught Doug Edwards and Roger Phelps practicing a bit of "bear hug wrestling," and that white stuff the reader sees in the background was real snow, even though the picture was taken in June. SNAPSHOT NUMBER SEVEN may be taken as nothing more than a trademark of Yellowstone Park itself, for it portrays the Old Faithful geyser, which has come to be almost synonymous with the name of Yellowstone.

## 'Go West' . . . To Yellowstone

"Go West, young man, go West!" Such was the advice dished out by Horace Greeley some eighty years and more ago when "thar was gold in them thar Western hills." He didn't say anything about young women going West, but he'd probably include the weaker sex too, if he were living today.

He might as well, for the girls would go anyway. At least that's what a couple of Elon College girls did last summer, when Ann Stoddard and Meryle Mauldin were included in a group of five Elon students who spent most of their vacation seeking and finding fun and profit in beautiful Yellowstone National Park. It seems that Roger and Bob Phelps had previously held vacation jobs there, and they were going back again. It probably required little persuasion to talk Doug Edwards into going along, and then the girls caught the yen for wild and woolly Wyoming. The result was they found themselves early in June some two thousand and more miles from old-Elorado with at least a temporary summer home in Wyoming, where Uncle Sam promised bed and board and eighty bucks a month for cleaning cabins, waiting tables and playing host to the thousands of "dudes" (that's Wycmese for tourist) that yearn for Yellowstone in summer time. Or was it summer time? That calendar said it was, but the Elonites were inclined to argue with the calendar when they arrived to find plenty of snow and that the song-writer must have meant just the opposite when he wrote "June in January."

The natives proved quite friendly, and some of them proved all too friendly for Ann Stoddard, who glanced around to find a bear looking over her shoulder one morning when she pushed her linen cart up to a tourist cabin and knocked for admittance. Ann waited not to inquire of the bear's intentions. She took off around the cabin, and she avowed that it must have been a surprised "dude" who opened his cabin door to find Bie'r Bruir staring him in the face. Later, just to prove that she had not lost her nerve entirely, Ann decided she'd try a real bear hug—but . . . just to play it safe . . . she picked a dead bear for her fraternization venture.

Of course, all five saw Old Faithful, for no visit to Yellowstone would be complete without that, but not one found Old Faithful as pretty as that \$80 check at the end of the month.

## Communism Versus Religion

By OLEG PANOFF

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This interesting discussion of Communism and Religion is really first-hand data, for Oleg Panoff knows whereof he speaks. He came to Elon this fall from New York City, after having much of his earlier education in Shanghai and the Philippines. Note that he opens by citing a quotation from the Soviet Constitution.)

"Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda."—Article 124, U.S.S.R. Constitution.

How much religious liberty is there in Soviet Russia today? If you mean freedom to teach one's faith and to express it ethically in a meaningful social context, religious freedom does not exist.

This "freedom," like all the other civil liberties in a totalitarian state, is granted, not in principle but under the condition that it will not be used against the regime or party. It is an aggressive faith that rejects God and calls upon Man to stand alone, to use his own resources, especially technology and science, to create his own heaven on earth. Further-



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more, Communism has combined with an intense Russian nationalism and has become a demanding religion, which will tolerate no other gods before it.

In 1922 a Bolshevik pamphlet stated, "The teaching of religion to children before and during school age in churches and other ecclesiastical buildings, or in the houses of private individuals, is hereby forbidden . . ." This decree created wide criticism from different faiths and led to an extended persecution against the anti-revolutionary behavior of the clergy. Many bishops and priests were put to death, and Bibles and religious books were confiscated from schools and libraries. The "Atheist" and "Anti-Religion," both of them violently anti-religious in character, began their publication.

Then in 1943, after almost a quarter of a century of effort to exterminate the Church, it was then safe to try to use the cowed and shattered remainder as an instrument of national policy. By Stalin's permit, a Patriarch was elected. The Bible was being printed for the first time since the Revolution. At the same time, "Atheist" and "Anti-Religion" had to suspend publication due to a sudden paper shortage, and the Society of the Militant Godless was disbanded.

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## bullets in the bull's-eye

By TOM TARGETT



If you need a small loan see Pat Chandler, S.C.A. treasurer . . . Roger Phelps said that only two-thirds of the students had their pictures taken for the Phi Psi Club . . . Congratulation to "Ginney" Jernigen for winning the Homecoming Queen contest . . . Marvin Moss says he leans toward blondes, but the blondes push him away.

Phil Mann and Gary Sears will need helpers for decorating the gym for homecoming . . . Heard many favorable comments on the last issue's story on Billy Rakes . . . Prof. Byrd wrote it and did a masterful job . . . Just think, breaking in line hasn't been too flagrant this year . . . In the freshman orientation class the prof. asked a frosh girl what the higher things of life were . . . came the prompt reply, talk, handsome men . . . A host of old grads and students were at the Appalachian game . . . Frank Tingley, Lou Rochelli, Arnold Duncan . . . Andy Morgan was a hero for the day when he killed two copperheads on Roger Gibbs front lawn . . . The intramural program is really great this year . . . Don't forget to get out and support your dom's team . . . The Phi Psi Club would like to have snapshots for the yearbook . . . Turn them over to Roger Phelps in East Dorm . . . Wonder if East will take the prize again this year for the best decorated dorm for Homecoming . . . Odds have it that it will be West . . . Don't forget to buy your tickets for the homecoming dance . . . A fraternity went to the expense and bother of installing lights for the cupola . . . I wonder if they couldn't be turned on every night? . . . Education club has a drive on for new members . . . Their first step is to sponsor Barbara Carden in the Homecoming parade . . . The frosh really came through this year in their initiation . . . It's time now for the frats to begin . . . Basketball team began their workouts this week . . . The choir is working on their presentation of the MESSIAH.

Judy Ingram took part in the talent show sponsored by the Rec. Dept. of Burlington . . . George Chapman spent a few days in the hospital . . . Prof. J. Sweat to give the first faculty recital . . . Selected members of the choir to sing in the presentation of the Passion play . . . The square dance last Friday night was a barrel of fun for everyone . . . Curt Welborne is a proud papa of a new baby girl . . . Phil Mann went to a State Legislature meeting . . . Found out that Elon hasn't as many problems in the functioning of Student Legislature as other schools . . . Carolina receives \$80,000 for student government from their fees . . . Each student pays \$15 a year as compared with \$1.50 by each Elon student . . . If any students are interested in attending the Student Legislature meeting in Raleigh be sure to see Phil Mann . . . By the way, how is our treasury? . . . Remember to support Religious Emphasis Week.

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