

Elon Grad Recalls Spell Of Senior Oak Meetings

Proof that many of Elon's old grads hold fond memories of the Elon campus and campus landmarks is found in an article which appeared in the December issue of "Trains" magazine. The article which was entitled "Trains Do Make Music," recalls such Elon landmarks as the old Senior Oak.

The reminiscence piece was written by H. Reid, Class of '46, who was managing editor of the Maroon and Gold in 1944, and who married Virginia Ezell, of the Class of '47.

It was discovered and sent in to the Maroon and Gold by Gray Hackney, of Norfolk, Va., who is himself a former staff member for the Maroon and Gold. The portion concerning Elon follows:

"Trains make pretty music — nice romantic music — wherever their calling is heard. Thus it is at Elon College, where a plump old oak tree, twisted of trunk, grows in the middle of the campus. At night those who trade promises meet under the branches to share whispered faiths.

"The serenity of these trysts yields to only two sonorous agents, stalking the staid little campus after the sun slides behind orange-clay hills: Southern Railway trains piercing plumb through the middle of the school yard, and the college book shop from whose portals drift sounds of popular melodies of the moment, generated by eddying records in a harshly lighted plastic music machine.

"The mixture of mis-shapen oak, rumbling trains and gaudy juke box hardly combines for a tender element, which writers of heart stories would pounce upon eagerly. Despite this, Elon students find the situation highly conducive to matters of amour, for the percentage of Elonites marrying other Elonites is admirable indeed.

"Doubtless, some of the most valued memories of Elon alumni center around Senior Oak, and the dulcet whistling of pencil-boiled Ps2 Pacifics, chuffing intently toward Greensboro, accompanied by Artae Shaw's Gramercy Five's toutling of the swing classic, "Cross Your Heart."

"One scholar, so bound by the association of the jazz theme and the clatter of the Southern, inveigled the choir director to capture the phonology of it on the house-of-learning's recording machine, so that he might bring back at will the background night sounds of that evening when a bobby-soxed co-ed vowed she would be his.

"Times, of course, change. The Southern no longer engenders the same noises, and the college juke box reflects an altogether different musical taste. But Senior Oak remains, and as long as it does, the sounds of the night will have no trouble wedging into the pattern of remembered moments."

Choir Makes Sunday Trip; Sings On TV

The Elon Choir made a Sunday trip into eastern North Carolina last weekend, where it sang Handel's "Messiah" twice, first at Wake Chapel Congregational Christian Church at Fuquay Springs in the afternoon and at Liberty Congregational Christian Church near Henderson on Sunday night.

One other road appearance is scheduled for the Elon singers tonight, when the Choir is to sing portions of "The Messiah" in television appearance from Danville, Va. The TV appearance will be on a program that is directed by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, a former Elon faculty member. This program, as were Sunday presentations, will be directed by Prof. Laurence Hedgpeth.

The solo roles in the Sunday presentations of "The Messiah" were sung by students. Those soloists included Mary Sue Colclough, of Elon College, and Mary Ann Thomas, of Greensboro, sopranos; Retha Morris, of Burlington, and Laura Seamon, of Henderson, contraltos; Jerry Smyre, of Greensboro, and Donald McDaniel, of Fayetteville, tenors; and Lacy Fogleman, of Greensboro, bass.

WRA Girls Seek Referee Ratings

A number of girls, all members of the Women's Recreation Association, are working now in preparation for examinations for ratings and girls' basketball officials. The preparatory work is being done under the direction of Miss Louise Moseley, director of girls' physical education.

Both written and practical examinations will be given at Woman's College in January, and candidates must earn a grade of 85 per cent or better to receive a rating. Among the girls interested are Evelyn Fritts, Louise McLeod, Frances Knight, Kathryn Lambert, Carolyn Abernathy, Joyce Perry, Onita Frye and Katrina Frye.

LEGISLATURE

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SENIOR CLASS — Joe Widdifield.

JUNIOR CLASS — Terry Emerson.

SOPHOMORE CLASS — Fred Prior.

FRESHMAN CLASS — Rick Barbee.

The secretary has no record of and listed no member from North Dorm, Vets' Apartments or Carlton House.

HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS MODEL THEIR DRESSES



Five students of the Home Ec Department are pictured above, modelling dresses in a style show that was staged recently by the students in classes on clothing. The students, who made their dresses under the direction of Mrs. Mary P. Shockey, pictured left to right, include Doris Gaddis, of Asheboro; Margaret Patillo, of Burlington; Gladys Sartin, of Burlington; Shirley Strange, of Burlington; and Anita Cleapor, of Burlington.

Faculty Sets Committees For Chapel

Acting under a plan mapped by the faculty committee on chapel programs, the entire faculty is co-operating this year in an effort to provide more varied and more interesting chapel programs for the Wednesday and Friday morning assemblies.

The plan, which was actually placed into practice the first of November, calls for two faculty members to be assigned for each week of the year, serving as a committee to arrange for exercises of programs for that week. Reports from both faculty and students indicate that the plan has been functioning smoothly since it was begun.

Faculty members who have already had their turn in the weeks of November and early December include President Smith and Dr. Corriere, Dr. Cheek and Dr. Reynolds, Prof. Moore and Miss Nelms, Prof. Reddish and Prof. Owens, Mrs. McDonald and Miss Gore.

The arrangements for this week, final one before Christmas holidays, are in charge of Prof. Sweat and Prof. Hedgpeth, and they will climax the week with the annual Christmas musical program on Friday morning.

The faculty pairs, listed by weeks, for the remainder of the year are Dr. Haff and Prof. Fox, January 5th and 7th; Prof. Cox and Prof. Bass, January 12th and 14th; Miss Newman and Prof. Hook, January 19th and 21st; Prof. Boy, and Prof. Reece, January 26th and 28th; Dr. Sloan and Mrs. Howell, February 2nd and 4th; Dr. Danglely and Mrs. Shockey, February 9th and 11th; Miss Walker and Miss Zink, February 16th and 18th; Prof. Latham and Mrs. Sloan, February 23rd and 25th.

Prof. Colley and Coach Varney, March 16th and 18th; Coach Mathis and Prof. Byrd, March 23rd and 25th; Prof. Barney and Dr. Avizonis, March 30th and April 1st; Miss Moseley and Prof. West, April 6th and 8th; Dr. Cunningham and Mrs. Johnson, April 13th and 15th; Mrs. Haff and Prof. Sox, April 20th and 22nd; and Mrs. Boyd and Dr. Brannock, April 27th and 29th. Additional assignments will be announced for the month of May.

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Larry Gaither, who was a member of the varsity cage squad for four years prior to his graduation in 1952, is back in school this quarter after completing his armed service. He is completing work to broaden his teaching certificate.

Physical Ed Development

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It was in this gymnasium that the 1914 basketball squad was winner of the State Collegiate Championship, an outstanding event for the year 1913-14, and a feather in the year's cap for the first year of play in the new gymnasium.

The Young Ladies' Gymnasium was located in the annex of West Dormitory on the second floor in a room 40 by 50 feet in size. This portion, which was destroyed by fire early in 1942, was fitted up with the latest gymnastic appliances.

Basketball, volleyball, and other indoor games for young ladies were engaged in, and there the young ladies had their daily physical culture exercises.

The athletic field at this time was a convenient four-acres located on East College Street. It consisted of baseball ground, also a number of tennis courts both for young ladies and young men at various places on the campus.

The Alumni Fund, initiated in 1913 to pay for the Alumni Building, was completed by the generous response of the Class of 1917. In the latter year the nation was plunged into World War I, which curtailed campus activities for almost two years. This created a

Vets' Club Is Formed On Campus

Newest organization on the Elon campus is the Vets' Club, composed of veterans of World War II and the Korean War, which has for its avowed purpose of helping both the veterans and the college.

Officers of the group are Robert Harris, president; Joe Wiggins, vice-president; Joe Harris, secretary-treasurer and publicity director; Ed Clapp and John Stockard, business managers; Bill Walker, intramural representative; and Larry Barnes, sergeant-at-arms.

Other members in addition to the officers are J. C. Miles, Kenneth Crumpton, E. J. Waters, D. C. Blake, Gurney Baines, W. R. Somers, E. W. Ellington, Albert Cale, David Newman, Cass Arenas, Claudy Fowler, Wrenn Sharpe, Bill Hanford, Kenny Butler and Ralph Gilbert.

slight break in the sports and physical education program, which was renewed with vigor after the war.

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Graduation Honor Plan Is Approved

Outstanding members of the senior class of 1955 will be graduated "With Honors" at the annual commencement next May, according to a plan made public this week by Dr. J. Earl Danieley, dean of the college.

Many colleges designate graduates who have outstanding scholastic records, and the Elon faculty has recently approved such a plan for use here.

The plan, which provides for three levels of honor awards, provides for leading members of the class to be chosen after compilation of the number of quality points each student has earned during his or her four years.

Those having an average of 2.90 quality points per quarter hour will be graduated with "Highest Honors" (Summa Cum Laude), those with an average of 2.75 quality points per quarter hour will receive "High Honors" (Magna Cum Laude), and those with an average of 2.50 quality points per quarter hour will receive "Honors" (Cum Laude).

The averages will be determined by taking the total quality points and dividing it by the number of quarter hours credit. Since an "A" grade earns three quality points per quarter hour, and a "B" grade earns two quality points per quarter hour, it may be readily seen that an average half-way between "A" and "B" would be necessary for "Honors," with higher averages for the higher awards.

LIBRARY NOTES

The notes for this week call student and faculty attention to number of books in the field of religion, all being related either closely or remotely to the Bible, including a few fiction works.

Since the list is rather lengthy it will be possible only to mention the titles and authors of the books, but with the listing goes the hope that readers will have their interest or curiosity aroused to the extent of visiting the library for further information concerning some of the books.

Among the books are "The Truth and Logic," by Ayer; "Approach to the Philosophy of Religion," by Bronstein; "Lynn Abbott," by Brown; "Language and Myth," by Cassirer; "An Elementary Ethics," by Castell; "The Shock of Existence," by Creegan; "Aesthetics and Language," by Elton; "A Fable," by Faulkner; "Hellenistic Religions," by Grant; "Language in Action," by Hayakawa; "Reason in History," by Hegel; "The Transformation of the Scientific World View," by Heim; "Leibniz Selections," by Leibniz; "Man and Christ," by Reid; "The Universe of Meaning," by Reiss; "Destiny and Motivation in Language," by Robjack; "Analysis of Matter," by Russell; "Logic for Living," by Williams; "Revelation and Religion," by Farmer; "Christian Faith and Higher Education," by Ferre; and "Otherworldliness of the New Testament," by Wilder.

Three former members of Iota Tau Kappa fraternity, Ben Kenall, Husky Hall and Lynn Cashner are now serving in Korea. Stationed at different points, it is rumored that they may arrange an ITK reunion before long.

ATTENTION, GIRLS!

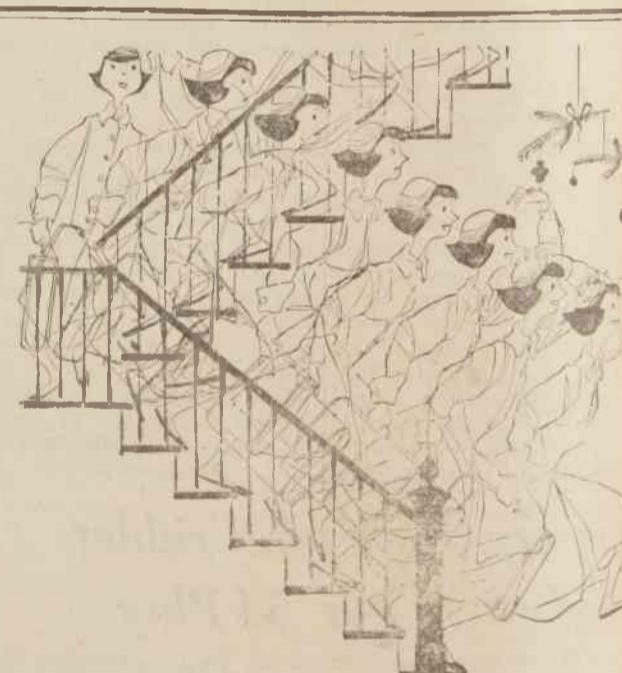
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