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CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Congratulations to the class of '55. College days will soon be over for you, and you will be making your bid for work in the various fields of your choice. Yours has been the privilege of receiving an education.

Some of you will step into positions with the closing of the school year, while others of you will continue immediately your educational endeavors in graduate school. The class of '55 can well be proud of itself for outstanding achievements during the past years and each member should carry on in the same spirit.

And so to the class of 1955, the staff of the Maroon and Gold extends best wishes to each graduate for a successful future.

"THIRTY"

For the thirty-fourth time a Maroon and Gold editor writes "30"—that is the newspaper lingo for "the end"—closing out another series of fifteen issues of the old campus newspaper, and another year of Elon's campus news will take its place on our reference shelf.

It will be a good feeling when we see this final issue roll from the press and know that there is at least three months ahead without the hurrying and scurrying hither and yon, pencil and note pad in hand, searching for the latest happenings in the realm of campus life.

It will be nice, too, to know that no longer must we burn the midnight power, sometimes into the wee small hours of the morning, and yet it is with somewhat a tinge of sadness that we will view the final issue of 1954-55 rolling forth. With all the work, there has been a great deal of pleasure, and we would not for anything have missed the opportunity that has been ours.

We have won no trophies or championships in the newspaper field this year, such as were brought home by several volumes of years gone by, but we like to feel that it was due to the fact that we had no opportunity to compete, for we believe that we have given ample coverage to the events that have transpired on the Elon campus.

Fate has dealt with us in kindly manner in providing many and varied things as a subject for our literary efforts, and it has been our good fortune to tell of many fine accomplishments by Elon students and faculty members and to record more than one progressive step for our college. We are proud indeed that it was our privilege to be with the Maroon and Gold in a year that saw plans mature for the three new buildings that are soon to rise on the campus. The erection of those two new dormitories and the new dining hall will mean much to the college and will mean for Elon an ever-broadening opportunity to serve.

Yes, it is with pride and pleasure, and with a sense of something accomplished, that we write "30" on this year's work and thus close out another volume of the Maroon and Gold.—WAGGONER



jottings from here and there

By JAMES WAGGONER

James Metcalfe writes "Portraits" for many newspapers throughout the nation, and I recall one entitled "Always a Subject," which will perhaps give me a lead for a concluding number of "Jottings From Here and There."

"What shall I write about today . . . And how precisely word it? . . . How often have I asked myself . . . Or from my readers heard it? . . . The world is filled with subjects and . . . they never will run out . . . Yet now and then I wonder what . . . There is to write about . . . Of course there is the changing tide . . . and that uncertain weather . . . And sometimes there are tragedies . . . That bind our hearts together . . . But then again the world is calm . . . And there is nothing new . . . And where is an message that . . . My pen can offer you? . . . The answer is a simple thing . . . With never any guessing . . . I merely turn my thoughts to God . . . And thank him for each blessing."

This is not only the final column for me, it is also my final issue as editor of the Maroon and Gold, and I want to extend to the incoming editor . . . whoever he may be . . . the very best of luck in his endeavor to bring you as complete coverage as possible of campus news. Perhaps I should offer him my sympathy also, for he will have just begun to fight when the reins are turned over to him. Publication work is not all a bed of roses, but it can be both an enjoyable and profitable experience.

I wish also to express my sincere gratitude to an understanding advisor and to a cooperative staff, with which I have worked during the past two years. It has been my privilege to work with two staffs, and I can truthfully say along with Emerson that "Every man I meet is in some way my superior; and in that I learn of him." Certainly it is possible to learn a great deal with this type of philosophy.

Lincoln has rightfully said; "You can please all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot please all the people all the time." It has not been our lot to try to please some of the people all the time nor to please all the people all the time, but we trust that our endeavors have pleased some of the people some of the time.

Although it was not my privilege to attend Elon College throughout the entire four years of my college career, I am happy that Fate decreed my transfer here two years ago, and as the time comes when I and my fellow seniors leave the Elon scene, I can reminisce of some of the things which I have seen and done while here. I have watched with pride some of the Elon accomplishments, and it has been my pleasure to record many of them with my pen . . . or should I say typewriter.

The athletic fortunes of Elon College this year have produced something to make Elon students proud. With the Fighting Christians taking second place in the Conference in football, shining brightly in basketball with a better than average record, and concluding their baseball endeavors in high gear, the athletes can well boast of their record. In the minor sports Elon won the North State track meet and defeated Wake Forest on the cinders, and golf and tennis flared the Maroon and Gold colors forth in fine style. To the varsity men I extend congratulations!

The Elon Player productions have proved to be excellent programs, and those who have missed each performance have lost out in the good entertainment provided upon the Elon stage. Considering that Professor Cox had had to work with practically new actors in each and every play, one can readily see that he has put forth much time and effort and has wrought well in making each play well worth the viewer's time. The Elon Choir, too, has given to me and to all students who took time to listen many a fine moment, and the singers and their directors deserve a hand.

And while I am passing out bouquets of flowers, I must not forget my enjoyment and appreciation for the opportunity I've had in working with the Alumni Office and with the Department of Physical Education. Working in those capacities has helped me to earn my way through college, and here's thanks to those who made it possible for me to have this work and thanks for the experience received and for the friendships formed while working at both jobs.

WILL RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES AT COMMENCEMENT



REV. LEE F. TUTTLE

Two eminent church leaders who will receive honorary degrees from Elon College at the graduation exercises on Monday morning, May 30th, are pictured here. Left is Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Charlotte, a graduate of Duke and Yale, who has held pastorates in a number of outstanding churches and has held numerous denominational posts. At the right is Dr. James M. Hess, of Claremont, Calif., a former educational missionary to India, who was a member of the Elon College faculty from 1952 to 1954, coming to the Elon campus after spending thirty-seven years in India. He spent the time in India teaching in the American College of the University of Madras. He is recognized as an outstanding authority on Shakespeare and is the author of a number of books on Shakespeare's works.



DR. JAMES M. HESS

With Fine Post-War Record . . .

Elon's Modern Baseball Ranks High

By JAMES WAGGONER

The 1946 season began the modern era in baseball history for Elon College, a post-war era that has seen the Fighting Christians chalk up an exciting record of 148 wins and 72 losses in total games, including a superb conference mark of 103 wins and only 29 losses up to the beginning of the 1955 season.

It was in that 1946 season that Elon resumed her quest for diamond honors for the first time since 1942. Coached by J. L. "Jet" Pierce, who had returned to the Elon campus from the Navy, the Christian nine took to the field on April 1, 1946, facing a strong Ohio University squad in the post-war opener, and Elon took a close 6 to 5 decision. Coach Pierce rounded his squad into fair shape and won seven out of fifteen scheduled games that spring.

Pitchers who saw mound duty that year were Bill Anderson, Jack Andrews, "Pep" Watkins, and James McSwain, while leading batters were Steve Walker, Johnny Clayton and W. C. Latta. Clayton had been a shortstop for Elon before the war, and Jack Andrews had a year's experience pitching with an outstanding Navy squad.

The Elon diamond squad of 1947 completed a better than average season with 14 wins and 10 losses under Coach Hap Perry. In North State competition Elon won 10 of 16 conference games claiming second place behind Catawba, '47 champs. Four of the six defeats handed the Christians were losses to Catawba. Steve Walker (.398),

THIRD CHAPTER

This is the third and final chapter of Elon's baseball history. It tells the story of Christian baseball glories won since World War II, bringing the account through to the close of 1954 season but not including the present 1955 campaign.

Johnny Clayton (.365), Bill Anderson (.347), Lou Savini (.312) had good seasons with the stick. Clayton, Ed Ellis, Ed Cross and Jack Andrews claimed All-Conference positions.

Mallory Becomes Coach

Jim Mallory took over the coaching reins of the Fighting Christians in the spring of 1948, posting an 18-7 season mark and a 9-4 conference record in his first season with the Elon nine. Again the Christians took the runner-up place in the conference with four men batting the 'ole horsehide over the magic .300 mark. They were Steve Walker (.383), Gene Caviness (.345), York (.345), and Ed Ellis (.302). Ed Ellis and Jack Andrews were named on the All-Conference squad for the second straight year, along with Steve Walker, batting leader of the Christian nine.

The Fighting Christians of 1949 had one of Elon's finest years on the diamond, with 20 victories against only five defeats in total games, winning fourteen of their fifteen conference contests. The championship was the first North

State title since intercollegiate athletics was resumed at Elon after the war.

Six Christians took positions on the All-Conference team. C. K. Siler, who took Christian batting honors with a mark of .415, along with a fine pitching record; third-sacker Ed Ellis (.402), and pitcher Jack Andrews were named to the all-star list for the third consecutive year, with second-baseman Steve Walker claiming a position for the second year. Others to make the honor squad were catcher Hank DiSimone and shortstop Nelvin Cooper.

Second Straight Title

The Fighting Christians maintained their feats of baseball magic during the spring of 1950, claiming their second consecutive North State title. It was Elon's best conference mark, with 15 wins and only one loss for a .938 percentage. Elon also had an excellent overall season, with 21 wins and seven losses. Freshman Charlie Cassell, who is back in school this spring and leading the Maroon and Gold nine, batted off 13 hits in 37 times at bat for a .351 average, but Shag Myers took the batting honors as a regular with a mark of .337, followed closely by Scott Quakenbush with .322. All-Conference positions were claimed by Quakenbush at third, Gene Stewart at first, and Archie Brigman in the outfield, along with Elon's "Big Three" pitchers, "Lefty" Taylor (5-1), C. K. Siler (4-1), and Hank Hamrick (3-2).

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By GARY THOMPSON

some some of the Elon College students. President Smith is reported to have received calls from the various cinema managers concerning the behavior of our pupils. Let's see if this condition can be erased . . . G. I. Walter Harding, ex-Elon, visited the campus recently . . . Grand Ole Opry made appearance in the Elon Gym the 13th of May . . . Commercials off for a beach party the 21st of May . . . Stork to visit Dean J. E. Danieley's house in July . . . The Phantom has struck the Carlton House . . . The North State tennis tournament held at the Elon courts recently . . . Larry Barnes, Luther Barnes, and Clyde Boswell to serve as ushers in Sylvia Eaton's wedding, scheduled for the 29th of May. Evelyn Fritts will be her maid-of-honor . . .

Sincerely,
"Comrade" Jerry DeeMoize
Speaker of the Legislature

ODDS AND ENDS

Because of the students poor response in paying their student body fees, no spring formal was possible this year. This is a sad state of affairs . . . Would like to express our thanks to Elon's linksmen. Their performance was vastly improved over last year's . . . Now is the time to apply for those summer jobs . . . It has been a pleasure to have been able to present my views through the medium of this newspaper. My thanks to the fillies in the commercial department who have assisted me with their typewriters. See y'all in the fall!

OPEN LETTER

Mr. Gary Thompson
The Maroon and Gold
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Dear Gary:

I was happy to receive your request to briefly review the possibilities of the success of the Student Legislature in the coming academic year. For the legislature, I see nothing but a bright future. In my opinion, never has a student legislature in this school had before it so many opportunities to

curley's campus chatter

By CHARLIE OATES



"What! Why it just cannot be that another college year is almost gone." Such was the remark of one of my colleagues when he faced the fact that less than ten days remain until the 1954-55 term will be stored in the moth balls, and yet he is the same one who was only recently complaining how the spring days were dragging by. That's always the way. Time seems to pass at snail's pace during the early part of the spring quarter, and they it simply flies near the end of the term. You who doubt my word, just try waiting as so many have until the final week to do many of the things you've planned.

It's true that almost no time at all remains until vacation starts, and it's trunk-packing time at old Elon. The first month or so of vacation will be wonderful, but then we'll awaken to the fact that re-entering school will not be half as bad as we had expected. There'll be the excitement of seeing all our old friends again, and there'll be a new series of events to remember. All of which reminds us that there are many things we would like to remember out of the year that's coming to a close, so let's while a few moments scanning the headlines that have appeared in the Maroon and Gold since last September.

In September, when the 1954-55 term began . . . Elon had a record-breaking enrollment of more than 900 students, and the college added six new faculty members . . . Twenty-six students had just graduated at the end of the 1954 session . . . In early October the College Book Store was hit by robbers . . . Bob Phelps was the new president of the Student Christian Association . . . The Christian gridders really shellacked East Carolina . . . Homecoming was the big event of the Fall Quarter, with a record attendance of old grads . . . The football team, after losing three of the first four games, patted Catawba by the largest score in history to give the homecoming alumni and students a thrill . . . There was also the crowning of Arlene Stafford as Homecoming Queen . . . And did you see her on TV? . . . Also at Homecoming, East Dorm won the decorations prize and the Day Student float topped them all . . . But there were other things happening too . . . Dr. Smith passed another milestone in his long term of service to the college . . . The gridders whipped Guilford for the first time in four years . . . and they then patted Lenoir Rhyne for the first time since World War II . . . And, glory of glories, there was that 14-6 upset of Davidson's not-so-wild Wildcats to conclude a fine grid campaign . . . The announcements funds were assured for two new dormitories and a new dining hall . . . Then came Fall Term examinations and a brief Thanksgiving holiday period . . . Three weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas . . . The basketball team off to a fine start, including an even break on a four-game invasion of Florida . . . But wait, did I recall the Elon Players' fine presentation of "Blithe Spirit" in the fall . . . And we must not miss that headline on the Choir's brilliant presentation of Handel's "Messiah," which highlighted the interval between Thanksgiving and Christmas . . . Prof. West had a poem, "To My Mortician" published . . . And twas announced that Prof. Moore would teach at Columbia this summer . . . An Elon graduate of 1949, Hugh Rankin, was chosen "Tar Heel of the Week" by the Raleigh News and Observer . . . Top event of the Winter Quarter was the annual "High School Day," which drew hundreds of high school seniors to the Elon campus . . . And the awarding of a total of \$6,000 in scholarships to winners in the "High School Day" scholarship contest . . . Meanwhile, the Elon basketballers were holding their place in the upper half of the Conference . . . Then, on to Lexington, where the Christians reached the semi-finals of the Conference tournament . . . Another Elon Player show, "An Enemy Of The People" this time . . . And exams again, followed by a never-to-be-forgotten spring holiday . . . Scattered at random throughout the year were dances and social events, sponsored sometimes by classes and sometimes by clubs . . . Spring Quarter opening, bringing with it a full calendar of spring sports . . . The baseball team rated the favorite to win the Conference crown and living up to its rep in winning all those early games . . . And a new interest in track on the Elon campus, much of it generated by the running feats of Horst Mevius . . . The annual May Day pageant, with Mary Sue Colclough as queen . . . The baseball team "robbed" by Fate . . . The track championship . . . And now, exams coming up, followed by graduation . . . Good-bye, good luck and good fishing!