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HOMECOMING SENTIMENTS

With Elon College all set to stage its annual Homecoming celebration this weekend and with gala plans underway to entertain the returning alumni, the Maroon and Gold has asked the alumni secretary, Mrs. Scott Boyd, along with a number of the college's student leaders, to express their own views of this yearly event. Those views, hopes and predictions are presented in the following quoted statements:

"My hopes for Homecoming, 1955. Good weather, continued excellent work by the student Homecoming committee; a fine spirit of participation by all the students, the faculty, the alumni and friends of the college; the best dance in history; colorful and original housing decorations; a parade far superior to that staged by E.C.C.; and a rousing pep rally and picnic supper; all to be climaxed by a football win over the Catamounts of Cullowhee!"

Mrs. Scott Boyd
Alumni Secretary

"As president of the Student Body of Elon College, my prime interest is to see more and bigger activities on our campus. This is applied to Homecoming too. I would personally like to see the different organizations on the campus get some collective interest aroused and really work together to make this the very best Homecoming ever. Remember, the weekend will be only as good as YOU make it."

Furman Moseley,
President of Student Body

"Observing such a large expenditure of those ingredients that are necessary for a successful Homecoming Celebration, I believe that I can safely predict that this year's festivities will be the biggest and best that this college has ever known. In my opinion, these festivities will mark the beginning of a definite increase in what may be called the Elonion spirit. I see this festival as a time in which the student body will by its support of the activities offered make the observance itself a view of our Elon that we can be proud to put on public display."

Jerry Dee Moize,
Vice-President of Student Body

"We should pause for a moment and realize just what 'Homecoming' means to our alumni. They look forward each year to returning to their Alma Mater. I believe each and every one of us students should work to make this year's Homecoming program one of the best ever. This will take our effort and our effort alone to make it possible. Let's show the old grads that, although they are gone, they are not forgotten."

Larry Barnes,
Chairman, Honor Council

"If the cooperation and the enthusiasm shown by the student committees over the approaching Homecoming weekend is an indication of the success of the weekend itself, it will be long remembered as one of the best. But keep in mind that this is not a weekend for committees only. They must have the cooperation and enthusiasm of all the students. Have you done your part?"

Sis Beckwith,
Co-Chairman, Dance Committee

And, in presenting these sentiments concerning Homecoming, here's editorial thanks to each of the writers for their contributed comments.—GBT



the quidnunc

By GARY THOMPSON

Welcome, Alumni, to the 1955 edition of Homecoming! As many of you return to the Elon campus this weekend, you will find new structures being erected, new faces in the Colonnades and along the campus walks, and the birth of a new school spirit. You will also find that the students are still just as friendly as in by-gone days. The Quidnunc wants you to know that we are all glad to have you back, and we hope that the 1955 Homecoming observance will reign in your mind as the "best yet."

Chit Chat

Jota Tau Kappa's Alton Myers to take that fatal step on December 17th. Sincerely wish you the best, A.R. . . . Jim Calhoun really displayed school spirit at our home game against the Indians of Newberry. If we had more Paul Whitmans like "The Hoon," there would be no question of and about the Elonites' school spirit. The only catch is they may bring the stadium down with loud guffaws . . . Gary Sears, '54 Elon grad, to be married on October 29th. He is to hitch up with Miss Audrey Gumm, of Portsmouth, Va. Here's best of wishes, but it's too bad that the nuptials will keep Gary from getting back for Homecoming . . . South Dorm and The Club House are seeking a telephone as bad as the Carlton House is hoping for a Coke machine. How 'bout it? . . . Mrs. McDonald would like to know what happened to her door-mat. Whoooo done it? We might suggest that The Phantom be contacted . . . The Elon Players are seeking new members for their organization . . . The Phi Psi Cli staff is also on the prowl, seeking suitable snapshots for the college annual. If any student has usable photos, please get in touch with coeditors Lois Scott and Marie Weldon . . . Gayly hued ribbons, symbolizing the colors of the fraternities and sororities, were worn all last week. They seemed to add something extra to the campus . . . The complaints have been voiced loudly and frequently this fall by the fraternities and sororities that non-members have been occupying space in the frat and soror rooms. This reporter has been asked to state that only members of the various Greek-letter groups and their invited guests are allowed in these rooms. This said that drastic action may have to be taken if the warning is not complied with. Some of the Greek groups have had signs prepared and placed on their doors.

Preacher Speaks

Gary B. Thompson
Editor, Maroon and Gold
Dear Gary:
It was good to have so many students, along with others of our community, in our Elon College Community Church this past Sunday. We appreciate the fraternities and the sororities coming to worship with us.
As minister of the church, may I take this opportunity to extend to each student and member of the college community a hearty invitation and welcome to our services of worship held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Whitley Auditorium on the campus.
The college choir leads us in the music, and the choir members bring for us the finest music possible in anthems and other special arrangements. The services are arranged with a desire to bring everyone into the fellowship of God. Here in this service will be opportunity for your acquaintanceship with many members of our community.
The special student class of the Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Society Hall. This is for all college students. Evening Vespers are held under auspices of the Student Christian Association at 5 o'clock each Sunday afternoon in the Parish House at the northwest corner of the campus.
Worship with your fellow men, and you will enjoy living with them.
Sincerely,
W. J. Andes, Minister

Paraphernalia

The intramural football program seems well underway . . . ITK or the Day Students appear to have the best aggregations thus far . . . The games offer a wholesome activity for those who participate, and there's quite a bit of excitement offered for any who care to spectate . . . The Elon Band has shown up well at the home football contests during the early season . . . Add Another Homecoming Note: Elon students will be admitted to the Homecoming Dance on Friday evening upon the presentation of their student activity cards. Guests will be expected to pay \$1.50 . . . This said that Yogi Frederick may accept a job with the government come November. . . . And now in closing, have yourself a darn good time at Homecoming.

JUST ANOTHER ZANY MOMENT IN ELON PLAYER SHOW



It's just another of the many zany moments in the Elon Player production of "Out of the Fry- ing Pan," the Broadway comedy that is to be presented in Mooney Auditorium for five nights from November 8th through 12th. It's a snapshot of Roger Rush, center, in the role of George, acting like a lunatic to convince the parents of a girl friend that the lodging house occupied by a group of theatre-loving youngsters is really quite a decent place to live. Leslie Johnston, as Tony, and Chuck Oakley, as Norman, restrain their loony friend, making like "keepers" from a supposed asylum. The three-act comedy is filled from curtain to curtain with just such mirth-provoking instances.

After Touring European Nations . . . Religion Prof Writes Of Impressions

By DR. W. W. SLOAN

Sixty addresses in New Zealand and Australia a year ago led to an invitation for Mrs. Sloan and me to speak to church and school groups in the British Isles this past summer. This, in turn, led to some speaking through translators in Holland, Germany and Switzerland and to an invitation to do the same thing next summer in southern India.

In 1954 we flew around the world using forty-four planes. For a number of years we had traveled by planes almost exclusively. We had not used ships since a trip around the world in 1937-38. We felt it would be good to go by ship again. Therefore this time we went to England on the Queen Mary and returned from France on the Queen Elizabeth.

I had been in the British Isles seven times before, but did not feel that I knew the British people. This time we got acquainted, for we were guests in a number of homes. This was also true on the European continent. In England we found the people have become much more like Americans in speech and customs.

From London we flew to the Republic of Ireland. A few days later we went by train to Northern Ireland, where we both gave several addresses. We then flew back to London, and a day later went to Birmingham to spend nine days in a training conference for younger ministers. I think we learned more from those fellows and from the girls of the college were we met than they did from us.

Our next conference was that of the Student Christian Movement in Scotland. This is held every three years. After some speaking and sight-seeing in southern Scotland, we went to a similar annual conference at Swan- nock in England.

These English university and college students greatly interested us. They work a lot harder than Elon students. Every school requires a reading knowledge of Latin, and many of them require French and German. A stiff entrance examination must be passed. At the end of the first year, from a third to a half of the pupils fail the next examination and are permanently barred from school.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dr. W. W. Sloan, another guest writer for the Maroon and Gold, tells this week of interesting experiences enjoyed by him and Mrs. Sloan during a visit to England and other European countries during the past summer vacation. He writes in interesting manner of present-day trends in education and religion in many of the nations which they visited.

penses for out-of-town games.

Religion In The Schools

Religion is taught in all schools from what we call the first to the twelfth grades. The data we teach in Religion 11 and 12 are taken for granted in England by the time students reach college. Religious teaching is to a large degree confined to schools as few pupils are connected with churches.

Possibly that is why the religion of those we met at these student conferences does not seem very practical. In Scotland the entire emphasis was upon glorifying God. Paul is the great hero. Questions were constantly asked as to what Paul taught about this or that. When I suggested that I was more concerned with what Jesus taught I was told we do not know what he taught, that everything Jesus is credited with saying may have been the ideas of the gospel writers.

In England the emphasis was a little different. There the events and teachings of the Bible were generally considered to be symbols or allegories of something else. Prayer plays quite a place in the life of students, but is almost exclusively formal, ritual praying—saying prayers.

Church Attendance Low

Until the last war the chief church services were in the evening, but evening gatherings were forbidden from 1939 to 1945. As a consequence church attendance became very meager and has not been extensively revived. I preached in a London church that seats 1800 people. Some years ago hundreds were turned away every Sunday evening. My preaching there was highly advertised in advance and the church officers were well pleased with the congregation, but there were less than two hundred present. It is because the government has realized the importance of religion that it now requires religion to be taught in every school below college level. If the church fails to teach religion the government will do it.

We also spent a few days at an international student work-camp at Sheffield. Young people from

fourteen nations were making over a bombed-out church building to be used as a social center. We had done a lot of baggage carrying in getting to the camp. When we arrived we were told that was the day for an eight-mile hike through moors and over a mountain. By the time we got back we really knew what bogs and moors are. This work camp where young people from many nations got to know one another is one of the encouraging things we found this summer.

We attended a part of the Baptist World Congress in London and saw there a more vigorous religion than elsewhere in the British Isles. However we were more encouraged when we attended the centennial meeting of the world alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s in Paris. In America the "Y" is sometimes accused of having forgotten the "C" in its name. This is not true of the world organization. An active, practical, progressive allegiance to Christ was prominent in every phase of the program.

Emphasis On Youth

Another encouraging emphasis at Paris was that upon youth. The last two presidents of the world "Y" has been old men—the last one was ninety. The new world president is thirty-seven years old.

A third encouraging emphasis was the activity of the "Y" in Asia and Africa. There were large numbers of delegates from both continents. They took part in the entire program, not as younger brothers, but as equals. The new president, a young economist who has already served his nation as an ambassador, is an African, Charles D. Sherman of Liberia.

At Geneva we visited the headquarters of the World Council of Churches and had tea with some of the top people. The report of what the Council is accomplishing indicates real progress across national lines.

Another encouraging experience was to find the Iron Curtain bars let down a bit. Six years ago we were behind the Curtain an hour and ten minutes, but every window and door of our train was completely blacked out and a guard watched each door. This time we flew over Communist Germany from Hanover to Berlin and back to Nuremberg. We were in the Russian sector of Berlin twice and were stopped by no one. I definitely do not want to live there, but the situation is easing up a bit.

An Atoms Meet

We attended the Atoms for Peace conference and exhibits at Geneva. The Russian exhibits seemed to draw the largest crowds. (Continued On Page Four)

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to
person
By CHARLIE OATES

Homecoming . . . It's the most talked about thing on the campus at this time, but why not? It is the biggest thing of the entire fall quarter, and there are so many things planned to make it a time of excitement for both the students and the returning grads.

We haven't exactly been "on the inside" of the plans for this coming weekend, but the things that fall upon our ears from here and there indicate that this 1955 Homecoming will absolutely be the "biggest and best one ever," and that'll really be something.

How well we remember that gala weekend of a year ago, with the big dance on Friday night, the campus decorations and the parade on Saturday, and then to top it all off in great style was the overwhelming 36 to 12 victory over the Catawba Indians.

It seems to me that—as well as I can remember—the sports writers were picking Catawba to win that game, but the Christians rose to one of the high points of their 1954 season just to give the alumni a treat for Homecoming.

We've got Western Carolina coming down from the hills this weekend to furnish the opposition for our Christians in the 1955 Homecoming feature, and all of us remember that terrific battle with the Catamounts at Cullowhee last year, a battle which ended in a 20-20 tie.

Not in many moons have Elon fans been treated to such a comeback as the Christians made that night, for they were down by three touchdowns and a 20 to 0 count at half-time, and then Coach Varney fed his boys a dose of dynamite and rolled for three big scores in the final half to deadlock the game.

One of the finest things about the annual Homecoming Day observance — we should call it Homecoming Weekend — is the boost it seems to give to the school spirit. So far this year the school spirit has appeared to be excellent, much better than in recent years, but the forthcoming festivities this weekend should boost it still higher.

The big parade through Burlington, the pep rally, the crowds of "homecomers" on the campus, the gayly be-decked dormitories make it all something sort of special, and to pick up that last year's tie score and make over into a victory is all we'll need to cap it all.

There seems to be more than usual interest in the parade this fall, and it seems likely that there will be more than the usual number of floats. We always have plenty of convertibles and pretty girls, but floats have sometimes been noticeable by their absence.

There's quite an attractive prize all ready for the group which prepares the winning float, and the day students will be working hard to keep the championship they won last fall, but there are rumors from "lassie land" over in West Dorm that the girls may bid high with their creation.

The theme for the Homecoming Ball on Friday night is "Gay Nineties," and such a theme offers many and varied possibilities for decorations. The decoration committee has kept pretty mum about the exact scheme of decoration, but it's a sure thing that Alumni Memorial Gym should be a thing of beauty when the music starts going round and round.

Not the least attraction for the Ball will be the intermission program, which is to feature the coronation of Queen Barbara Carden and the presentation of the usual bevy of beauties and beasts that compose her court. It's really quite impressive, and here's hoping the public address is working just right so we can get the names of each and every sponsor. Wonder if the announcer could slip in a telephone number here and there.

And now to shift from the sublime to a much less pleasant thought. So many people have mentioned it to me that I feel impelled to mention the wretched condition of that road—it could hardly be called a street—that stretches along the southern edge of the campus. The pot-holes and the dust make it a miserable experience to drive or ride along it, and yet there are so many students who have no choice except to park beside it. One just wonders when a road scraper was last used there. A good scraping would do no good for the dust, but it might remedy the potholes which threaten to swallow up a car now and then. If your best friend is missing one of these days, you might look in the yawning depths of one of those holes.