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### MORE THAN THANKSGIVING

Seldom if ever has our nation's colleges had more abundant reason than it has this month for public acknowledgement and thanks to God for great blessings. Mercifully, after a year in which international diplomacy has often been tense and difficult, we are still at peace. Throughout the land there is abundance. There are ominous clouds, but for another year we have been marvelously kept, and our needs have been bountifully met.

Yet in prosperity a college like ours is in a very real sense more perilously situated than in adversity. Colleges as well as individuals can be "luke warm" before God. And they, like individuals, can say: "I am rich and increased with good and have need of nothing," not knowing that they are wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Only God knows how abjectly poor we are as a college family today in righteousness and faith and love for our brother students and spiritual vision. Thanksgiving this year should be not only an occasion for giving thanks to God, but a time of earnest intercession for our college, which is so utterly needy in the things that matter most. —GBT

### PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

How would you like to be in on a presidential conference? The kind where important far-reaching discussions are held which set the stage for the kind of America we'll have tomorrow?

You can call your own presidential conference today, and while the nation's chief executive will not be able to be with you in person, you'll be taking part in a series of conferences on the very topic he has chosen for wide discussion during 1955—Education.

Just look at these facts:

Today the largest enrollment in our public schools' history is squeezing into overcrowded, understaffed schools. We're short 124,480 qualified elementary teachers and 370,000 classrooms. On top of this, the next ten years will bring twelve million more children to the schools, straining the facilities further.

Do these facts startle you? They do President Eisenhower. So much so that he called this year on each Governor to hold a state-wide conference on education on November 28 to December 1. The White House Conference on Education will look at the problem from the national angle.

This means that the states and the federal government will be trying to find out how they can help the schools. But we can say the real decisions must be made on the level of today's colleges. Facts show that less than 10 per cent of College students are preparing themselves for the teaching occupation. THE COLLEGE STUDENT MUST AWAKE TO THE FACTS THAT ARE FACING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A STRONG AMERICA IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS SCHOOLS.

This is why colleges are joining President Eisenhower in calling conferences on education. The National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, a non-profit organization which has long urged communities as well as colleges to wake up to their schools' dilemma, has joined hands with the National School Boards Association in promoting a conference on education in every college and community.

A conference on education in every community would be a big step toward Better Schools we must provide for today's and tomorrow's school children.

And there is no time like the present to sit down and talk schools.—GBT



## the quidnunc

By GARY THOMPSON

### THE 23RD QUALM

Elon is my master; I shall not rest;  
It maketh me to lie down in cold dorms.  
It leadeth me through chill rains.  
It consumeth my time; it leadeth me  
in the paths of scholarship, for  
its name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
Valley of the Office of the Dean,  
I will hold no hope; his  
rules and his staff,  
They confound me.

They prepareth an exam before me  
In the presence of mine enemies;  
They adorneth my papers with red;  
My grades runneth lower.

Surely homework and misery should  
follow me all the days of my life,  
I shall dwell in the hall of  
Elon forever.

NOTE: With exams beginning Monday, the above literary effort seems quite appropriate. Incidentally, please take it as a bit of humor, for it isn't intended to be sacrilegious.

It's a sad state of affairs in our dining hall, for we have people on our campus who think the other students owe them something. I am speaking primarily of the practice of breaking chow line. Those students seem to think they are so very important. This scribe thinks that the proper authorities should look into this matter and act accordingly. Everyone talks about the breaking and cutting in line, but NO ONE ever does anything about it.

While we are on the dining hall subject, I think that our breakfast time is too short. We all pay for our meals and should have time to eat them. Fifteen minutes is way out of line with a proper and feasible allotted time. Why don't they just chop it down to ten or even five minutes; Or better yet, don't even have breakfast. This would suit some of us, for we do not have enough time as it is to make the morning meal. In conclusion, I've received numerous complaints about this sad condition. Our students are just not satisfied with such a short breakfast period.

### OUR THANKSGIVING

Without thoughtfulness and remembrance of mercies, there will be, there can be, no true thankfulness. God's complaint ever has been, "My people doth not consider." And without that sense of obligation which inspires thanksgiving, there can be no spirit of obedience to God. Therefore we find, both in the Old and in the New Testament, that thoughtful remembrance of mercies is enjoined by God, and provision made for its expression.

In our personal, individual thanksgiving we confess God—we acknowledge Him as the supreme object of love and service, the source of all the blessings of life.

In our family thanksgiving we acknowledge Him as the Head of the household, the great Father, the Author and Builder of the family, who "hath set the solitary in families," and on whom the happiness and prosperity of the home depend.

In our national thanksgiving we recognize and acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler of nations, and the Author and Giver of every good gift—the God of the rain, the dew, the snow, the wind—the God of the harvest, who "giveth food to the hungry," and "whose tender mercies are over all His works."

In all our thanksgiving our God stands supreme, above and beyond all gifts, graces and blessings, as the one object of adoration, love, service and praise.

—The Evangelical

Prof. Tom Fox has accepted a position in the nation's capital, and he is to check out from the Elon campus on November 23rd. We are sincerely sorry to see him leave. Seems as if we could have a truly enthusiastic pep rally for our final game of the season. Carlton House's Art Pitts scheduled to take flying lessons. Hope that he doesn't fly so low that he buzzes the campus. Saddle up! Exams are near. South Dorm has ponies for sale. A bit of camaraderie. Another gem of witticism on your candidate and mine. "Comrade" Jerry Moize. It seems that the "Commie" was trying to get out of a tightly parked car, and he was having trouble squeezing his narrow frame through the narrow space. Moize was asked by a passing person, "What's holding you back?" The Veep artfully replied, "The books."

Concluding memo to my roommate, "Put two hot dogs in the bucket." Smile.

## CAMPUS LEADERS IN NATIONAL HONOR GROUP



The fourteen campus leaders named from Elon College for places in the 1955-56 edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities" are pictured above. The girls, left to right, Shirley Cox, of Elon College; Meryle Mauldin, of Winston-Salem; Nannette Matchan, of Charleston, S. C.; and Margaret Johnston, of Tryon. The boys, also left to right, are Nick Theos, of Charleston, S. C.; Pat Chandler, of Fayetteville; Homer Hobgood, of Oxford; Terry Emerson, of Lewes Beach, Del.; Jerry Moize, of Gibsonville; Billy Ginn, of Charleston, S. C.; and Furman Moseley, of Columbia, S. C.

### With Varied Student Careers...

## Fourteen Are Named In 'Who's Who'

The fourteen Elon students named for places in collegiate "Who's Who" this year have had interesting and varied careers on the Elon campus. All have been excellent students and have been active in many student programs and organizations. Sketches of each are given below in tabulated form, listing first their present home town, followed by lists of activities and honors, with fraternity or sorority listed last. Figures, if given, indicate the year of such activity or honor.

**PAT CHANDLER**, Fayetteville, N. C.: Vice-President, Sophomore Class; 2; President Student Council; 3, 4; Varsity Football; 1; Student Manager, All Sports; 2, 3, 4; Ministerial Association 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Treasurer 4; Student Christian Association Loan Fund 2; President North Dorm 2; President Inter-Dorm Council 2; Commencement Marshal 3.

**SHIRLEY COX**, Elon College, N. C.: Secretary-Treasurer Student Government 3; Secretary Student Council 4; Orientation Committee 4; Day Student Organization 1, 2; May Court 3; Elon Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Majorette 2, 3; Tau Zeta Phi Sorority.

**TERRY EMERSON**, Lewes Beach, Del.: Junior Class Legislator 3; Senior Class Legislator 4;

Secretary, Student Legislature 2; 3; Parliamentarian, Student Legislature 4; Student-Faculty Relations Committee of Legislature 3; 4; Assistant Editor Phi Psi Cli 2; French Club 1, 2, 3; Varsity Debater 1, 4; Philosophy Club 2; N. C. Student Legislature 1, 4; Student Marshal 3; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Fraternity, Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity.

**BILLY GINN**, Mount Pleasant, S. C.: Orientation Committee 4; Intramural Basketball, Football, Volley Ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Elon Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian for Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Soloist 3; Touring Choir 1, 2; Elon Band 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1; Student Christian Association 1, 4; Treasurer 1; Co-Chairman Religious Life Commission 4; May Court 3; Homecoming Court 3, 4; Music Department Assistant 1, 2, 3, 4; Kappa Psi Nu Fraternity.

**HOMER HOBGOOD**, Oxford, N. C.: Student Council 3; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; All-Conference 3; All-State 3; Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference 3; "E" Men's Club 2, 3, 4; Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity.

**MARGARET JOHNSTON**, Tryon, N. C.: Women's Inter-Dorm Council 2, 3, 4; President 4; Dorm President 4; Phi Psi Cli Staff 1, 2; Student Christian Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; Vice-Pres-

ident 3; Ministerial Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club, 1, 2; Women's Athletic Association 1; Commencement Marshal 3.

**NANNEETTE MATCHAN**, Charleston, S. C.: Student Legislature 4; Inter-Dorm Council 2; Phi Psi Cli Staff 2; Intramural Volley Ball Champions 3; Elon Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Majorette 2; Elon Players 2, 3, 4; Orientation Chairman 4; Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Sorority; Delta Upsilon Kappa Sorority.

**MERYLE MAULDIN**, Winston-Salem, N. C.: Student Legislature 2; Honor Council 3; Student Council 4; Feature Editor Phi Psi Cli 4; Elon Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Elon Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Elon Players 3; Ministerial Association 3, 4; Student Christian Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Christian Association 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Beta Omicron Beta Sorority.

**JERRY MOIZE**, Gibsonville, N. C.: Vice-President Student Government 3; President Student Legislature 3; N. C. Student Legislature 3; French Club 1, 2, 3.

**FURMAN MOSELEY**, Columbia, S. C.: President of Student Government 4; Student Legislature 3; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; "E" Men's Club 3, 4; Chief Commencement Marshal 3; Kappa Psi Nu Fraternity.

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## person to person



By CHARLIE OATES

Happy days are here again, and let me say here and now that Thanksgiving is one of the holidays that mean something special to students in college. When we think about Thanksgiving, we are aware of several things to look forward to and only a few things to dread, such as final exams.

The best part of it is that as soon as exams are over, we are officially into our Thanksgiving holidays. That means we are out of school for one weekend and two days besides. Some lucky people are finishing exams early and getting off for three days.

These few days that we get at this time of year always seem to come when we need them most. With all the activities that occur in the fall quarter, along with the curricular work it takes to get "readjusted," it is no wonder that it is impossible to just "take it easy."

Now, instead of looking backward, we can think of the wonderful season we expect for our basketball team. There are so many veteran cage men on the squad, that we can see only a successful campaign.

Since we are looking forward to and wish to enjoy our Thanksgiving holidays, it is quite easy at this particular time to get peeved and fussy when we are being forced into something that we don't want at this particular time. We have often felt this way after Thanksgiving, but it has hit us even earlier this year than it usually does.

What we are referring to at this particular time is the ill-timed Christmas promotions that started even earlier than usual this year, and we want to lodge here and now our protest against the "dollar-hogs," who are trying to rob us of our Thanksgiving in order to extend the Yule season shopping spree and thus garner a few more dollars for their yawning pockets.

When we start seeing these "Shop Early" signs and hearing those catchy slogans that tell us how to avoid the rush, whether we realize it or not, we are having ideas shoved at us, and we realize more than ever the commercialized groups have come to define Christmas in nothing more divine than dollars and cents. So many of our merchants today are rushing the season, fearing that delay may enable the competitors to get ahead of them.

As I said, it is worse than ever this year. Almost two weeks before Thanksgiving, Christmas music could be heard on the radio, and it is actually reported that certain church chimes in one North Carolina community were sending out the tones of a Christmas carol on the night air more than two weeks before Thanksgiving for a church festival and holiday that was more than six weeks in the future at the time.

We have heard much criticism of the greediness that forces Christmas and Christmas shopping into focus by the day following Thanksgiving, but it is entirely too much to digest when even the churches start pealing forth Christmas carols full six weeks in advance. It has been more or less a tradition that Yule season music should be reserved until after the Turkey Day feasts, but traditions are taking it on the nose this year.

Not even old Scrooge, symbol of greed in the famous Dicken's "Christmas Carol," could have stretched his reach for shopping dollars full six weeks ahead, and it would seem that merchants would be ashamed to put up "Merry Christmas" signs and the familiar red and green lights before the Ides of November.

How many times have we heard clerks in the shops and stores mutter on Christmas Eve that they were so tired they had long since lost the spirit of Christmas, and the same is true of many of the shoppers, who have battled through the crowds, but I fully expect to hear the same clerks this year declare that they are so tired of Yuletide shoppers that they are physically unable to be thankful on Thanksgiving Day. Or, perhaps it may be just one more thing for which they can be thankful, that Thanksgiving has brought a much-needed surcease from Yule-season toil.

Certainly, as holidays become more and more commercialized, they lose more and more of their true meaning. Let us then forget Christmas for a few more days and turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving and what it really means. Let us be thankful for what we possess and the good fortunes that have befallen us. Let us realize that Thanksgiving is one link of celebration connecting our faith in our country and our faith in our religion.

## For These Things

By PAT TERRILL



During this season of the year the thoughts which arise in the minds of most people are those of the traditional stuffed turkey with all the trimmings, which is the customary menu of the day, along with thoughts of the meaning of this holiday in relation to our national heritage.

Enough can never be said about the former to the typical American boy, whose stomach knows no certain depth. His supreme desire is to flee home from school or college at the end of this first quarter in order to consume that holiday feast that has been prepared by Mom's loving hands.

Enough will never be said about the heritage handed down to us by our forefathers, but there seems to be one phase of Thanksgiving our lives are keyed to a lively, almost reckless pace, we should pause from our tasks long enough to observe the beauty around us, Is it really the touch of glisten-

ing dew upon the scarlet and orange world of the autumn that causes the sky to appear just a shade deeper than usual, or could it be that we long to discard our responsibilities into a whirlwind of leaves and become children again, free to tramp carefree through the crunchy, crackling world of nothingness; We may outgrow our rights to flee from care, but the right to dream for a moment in the fairyland of nature is ours forever.

The silent beauty of falling snow, the hearty laughter of children at play, the gurgling of a tiny stream as it wins a path through beds of stones on its long trip to the sea, the lump in your throat and the feeling of tranquility which comes when someone you love smiles or touches your hand—all these are incidents of life which mean so much.

Some men are thankful for the holiday feast, others are thankful for our Pilgrim fathers, but I am thankful for these things. What gives one this feeling of security and being loved? Some men call it fate; I call it God.