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QUARTER ENDS NEXT WEEK

With only a few days left in the Winter quarter, we look back and wonder where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday that we fought our way through the registration lines and the book line back there in November and December. NOW IT IS TIME TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.

The work that was assigned the first week of the Quarter is now due. But as many of us do, the work was put off to some other time, and many class cuts have been taken. Now the midnight oil is being consumed in an effort to do the quarter's work in two or three days and nights.

For the freshmen and the transfer students the ending of the quarter means that they are fast becoming a part of Elon as some of their newness wears off. They have learned their way around the campus, as well as what the instructors require of them in class. The newcomers to the campus are now acquainted with the age old traditions of the campus. —GBT.

EXAM TIME

A strange atmosphere pervades the campus during these days just before exams. There is a frightened expression in the eyes of many students who have done little studying throughout the quarter and who suddenly are confronted with the necessity of accumulating a quarter's knowledge in a few days.

There are many ways and places to study for exams, but Rule One might be cited as "Don't get panicky." Devise a system. Study for a few hours, then take a break and go study some more. You'll find you can absorb more if you'll rest once in a while.

Some students may prefer to study in their rooms, hidden behind a stack of books and with a "Busy" sign on the door. Others seek quiet in the library, particularly when there is noise in the dorms. Music students seemingly do not have to have quiet, and many of them are found studying in Whitley, amidst the din of practice pianos.

One suggestion to all is — though you do not wish or need to study yourself — at least keep quiet so others can prepare for exams. —(Reprinted from the Maroon and Gold, February 24, 1954).

DR. MILLS — WE THANK YOU

Dr. Elden H. Mills, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in West Hartford, Conn., conducted services last week during Elon's annual Religious Emphasis Week, which proved to be both interesting and inspiring.

The series of services were held under the auspices of the Student Christian Association, with Dr. Mills holding services from February 12th, through February 15th, including services in both day and night meetings, along with informal meetings with students who wish to discuss their problems with the minister.

Purposes of these services and meetings were "to stir up all stagnant thoughts on our faith, to understand that Christianity is a matter of experience, not a divisive theology, and to discover that our only real creed is the life that we live, that a profession of faith is a life-long process."

Students, faculty members and the administration of the Elon family extend to Dr. Mills a hearty thanks for his services here, each is looking forward to his return to our campus. —G.B.T.



Sounding Off

By LARRY BARNES

The seasonal rush is on. More and more students are spending more and more time in Carlton Library. One can find sinister-looking groups of scholars huddled together discussing the approaching crisis. They whisper from the corners of their closed lips. Everything is hush-hush. Themes, research papers, book reports, and the like are being scribbled hurriedly in an effort to meet the Winter Quarter's deadline. Within a week examinations will rear their ugly heads at us. Yes, the seasonal rush is on.

Here are a few tips on passing a course with the minimum effort. This technique is not guaranteed. It is only recommended. (Not too strongly, however.)

1. Sit on the second row. It is too obvious if you sit on the front row.

2. Laugh at all of the professor's jokes (even if you've heard them before). There is an art to laughing at old jokes and it should be considered a prerequisite to college courses.

A. Pretend not to understand the joke at first.

B. Look thoughtful for a moment or so.
C. Break into a healthy chuckle. Follow this by a loud guffaw and conclude with a maniacal crescendo of Hi-Hi-Hi's. It might be wise to travel over to Dix Hill and study that college's methods of authentic maniacal laughter.

3. Nod vigorously in approval as a professor lectures. It is desirable if you have a very long neck. This gives the aura of emphatic effect. (Study a duck when it is drinking water.)

4. Pick out some trivial or little known fact in a professor's course. Ask about it. This shows him that you learn (in addition to the required data of the subject) the most minute and insignificant phases of the course.

5. Admire his children (NEVER his wife).

6. If you must sleep, do so slyly. Use paper eyes that can be glued to closed eye lids, giving a semblance of wakefulness.

The Return Of A Native

After an absence of three years, a native returns to the campus of Elon. This native is the college's "annual" literary magazine, THE COLONADES. Probably the majority of students here have never seen this publication. It was last printed in the spring of 1953. Not only does this instrument of creative writing provide material for the students' entertainment, but it brings about more active creativity on the part of students. THE COLONADES will be written and edited entirely by Elon students under the able surveillance of Professor John Fostr West. In the past, this periodical has consisted of college humor, cartoons, serious efforts in short story writing, and poetry. This periodical will come out during the Spring Quarter. It will probably be given out to Elonians with the college annual, PHIPSICLI.

Poetry is direly needed for the magazine. Any Elon student who has a flair for this type of expression is asked to turn it in to Professor West.

Yo Ho Ho And A Bottle Of Tums

A Pirate frigate sank on the shores of the river Haw February 11th. It had come here to massacre a band of Christians who had settled nearby. Instead, its crew was made to walk the plank. They will be back — at Lexington, along with some Bulldogs, some Bears, Panthers and what the like.

The North State's annual basketball tourney will take place this weekend, and as you well may know, the Fightin' Christians are entered in the fray. Now is the time for all of you good Christian students to prepare for attending the tourney. As was shown in our game with East Carolina, school spirit affects school athletics. It appears that school spirit is on the rise at Elon. Every one is to be commended for the vigorous display of rooting at the February 11th contest. It would be nice for Elon if a large crowd of students would make an exodus for Lexington. Carry some of that school spirit that you had for the meeting with East Carolina. Not only will this enthusiasm impress the basketball squad, it will serve notice to the other visiting teams that Elon is there, not only in body, but also in spirit. Begin to round up your rides now! The journey is only 60 miles or so. East Carolina and Atlantic Christian are three or four times that far away and they (and their excellent student bodies) will be there. Will you? The Mathis-men stand an excellent chance of "going all the way in the tournament. As we have seen, this college has one of its best basketball teams in recent years. We can't let them down.

KOREAN STUDENT FINDS HAPPINESS IN MUSIC



Chang Gill Kim, one of the group of Korean students now enrolled at Elon, is pictured above in a moment of relaxation with his violin. His accompanist at the piano is Miss Elizabeth Nelms, member of the Elon music faculty. The Korean youth tells in interesting manner in the article below of the struggles and development of his native Korea. While the article has been edited, it preserves so far as possible the narrative manner of its Korean author.

Korean Youth Tells Of Struggles And Development Of His Homeland

By CHANG GILL KIM

Chang Gill Kim is here for his higher studies in business administration. He has already had three years in colleges in his own country, but before coming to the United States he had always had a deep desire to cross the ocean and to see the United States, from which his people had great help in many ways.

He came to know much about the United States during the Korean War, and all his dreams and desires became a reality on September 12, 1955, when he landed by plane at Los Angeles on the first part of his journey to Elon. He is sponsored here by his brother.

His father was a farmer for a long period, but he is now retired. His family moved from the southern-most part of Korea to Seoul, the Korean capital, just three months before the Korean War broke out. His elder brother was engaged in export and import trade at Seoul.

Communist Invasion

When the communists moved down to Seoul, the home of the Kim family was captured, and all their possessions were taken away. His mother died shortly after the communist attack, death being due to worries she had in those days. C. G. Kim himself had a slight injury as a token of communist aggression.

The family itself was separated, but after such separation for three years they all came together again and settled into a new home in Seoul. He can remember with tears in his eyes those situations which killed his mother, scattered all the family and burned the home. Similar fates happened to many people in Korea, and the United States is remembered with tears of gratitude for all the help rendered.

For the past ten years Korea has been the focal point of the basic conflict between free nations of the world and international communism. The resulting war in Korea brought tragic consequences to millions of people, not only in Korea itself but to families in nations far removed from the actual scene of conflict. Yet, in spite of the fact that news about Korea has been daily and prominently featured in the world press, the customs, traditions and long history of the Korean people are relatively unknown.

Korean Culture

Any real understanding of the history and culture of the Korean people must be based upon some knowledge of the geography of the Korean peninsula, which fostered the development of the uniquely homogenous character of the Korean people. The same geographical conditions

which encouraged the development of the Korean people as a single ethnic group, also kept them in constant touch with other civilizations on the mainland of Asia and in Japan.

Indeed, it was through the Korean peninsula that the successive waves of cultural advancement moved from Asia to Japan and Melanesia, each wave marked and notably influenced by characteristic Korean contributions.

Of particular importance is the fact that, while the influence of Korean culture has been great, its spread was by peaceful means. Not once during four thousand years of its history has Korea ever attempted to conquer its neighbors, although Korea has again been engaged in valiant struggles to fight off invasions by her more war-like neighbors.

Early Migrations

From mankind's most ancient times many different groups of primitive tribes moved eastward in Asia. Among them were some peoples, like the Kun-lun and the Han Chinese, who headed southward on their way. Others, including the Tungurs, turned to the north. The Tungurs were not a single and distinct people but comprised a group of diverse tribes. One of them was the Puyo, which settled in the Sungre valley of Parhai (Manchuria) and formed an agricultural community.

Some 2,000 years after their ancestors first set foot on the Korean peninsula, the Korean people had become a single united nation. After Silla unification, the remaining foreign influences were completely supplanted by the development of the Korean national culture.

Fundamentally, the Koreans have been a simple, optimistic and ingenious people. In the early days they believed that the Sun was the heavenly Lord whence their forefathers came and that high mountains connected Heaven with mankind. In the field of material civilization, the creativeness of the Korean people was manifest in early days.

Alphabet Develops

Situated as Korea is, she could not but influence and be influenced by the main currents of cultural movements in East Asia. Hangul has a system whereby sounds can be expressed and combinations of letters be made in a completely scientific way. It is the most recent of the world's alphabets and also the most complete system of phonetic letters ever perfected by mankind.

In forming the Korean alphabet, King Se-Jong had the valued assistance of many distinguished scholars. With them he studied the principles of phonetics and en-

gaged in extensive research into domestic and foreign literature. Finally in 1446, after many years of hard work, the King was able to announce completion of the task.

During the later part of the Yi dynasty, the Koreans reached one of the highest peaks of literary accomplishment. Catholic books were imported into Korea in the seventeenth century through China or by westerners whose ships were wrecked on Korean coast. However, it was in the early days of the eighteenth century that the Koreans began to have religious belief in Catholic teachings.

The Catholics were subsequently persecuted by Confucian rulers, and many died martyrs in 1791, 1839 and 1866, when the greatest persecution took place. It was then that French missionaries were killed, together with a number of Korean converts. This turmoil was the result of the onrushing tides of western civilization, which began to break the dyke of the fateful Nineteenth Century.

Japanese Occupation

Korea was unwillingly involved in a series of international entanglements, and subsequent occupation by Japan for thirty-five years brought untold hardship to its people. The ordeal of the Koreans was a repercussion of Occidental imperialistic expansion, which sent the whole of Asia into chaos during the last two centuries. The first Occidental cited in Korean records as having set foot on Korean soil was a man named Marii, evidently from some South Pacific island.

The long Japanese occupation came to an end, and Korea was liberated on August 15, 1945, when the Japanese surrender ended World War II. This liberation was based upon international commitments contained in a joint declaration by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chang Kai-Shek at Cairo on December 1, 1953. In this statement they said, "The afore-said three great powers, mindful of the enslavement of the people of Korea, are determined that in due course Korea shall be free and independent."

Then, at dawn on June 25, 1950, the North Korean Communist forces launched an armed aggression across the 38th parallel against the Republic of Korea. On that same day the United Nations Security Council met and by resolution declared that the attack by North Korea forces constituted a breach of the peace. Two days later the Council met again and heard from the U. N. Commission on Korea that the situation in the peninsula showed possibilities of rapid deterioration.

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By GARY THOMPSON



Things an editor should know when he opens his morning mail—Mr. Gary Thompson, Editor-in-Chief Maroon and Gold
Elon College, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Thompson,

Before I start gnawing on my bone of contention (or at least nibbling), I'd like to congratulate you and your staff on the fine appearance of the M&G. You're doing a good job with the paper.

Now — down to business. In reading through your issue of January 26, I skipped through a bit of doggerel at the top of your column. Sounds familiar, says I. A second time through and I was sure it was familiar. It was mine, mine—all mine!

If you will check the Maroon and Gold file copy for February 22, 1950 — VOL. 29, NO. 10 — you will find this same scrap of verse under the title "Early A. M. Serenade". Fact is, you'll find it occupying exactly the same spot as in your issue.

Ex-M&G editors have long memories. You take a calculated risk when you keep them on the mailing list. Don't take this one off, however.

Reading those lines in your issue was like hearing an echo from the days when I toiled in Elon's editorial vineyards. No harm done — and it gave me an opportunity to write my very first letter to an editor.

I would appreciate it if you would convey my respects to Luther Byrd. He's a grand fellow — one from whom you can learn a lot.

Cordially,
Bob Wright, '51

Ed. Note — Maybe ye ole' Nunc's face should be red but it's not. I gave credit to whom I thought it was due and, of course, very applicable. If you were the original author, this scribbler is indeed sorry. It is certainly refreshing to hear from old Elon alumni, especially past editors. Glad to have you on the mailing list. I didn't realize the Maroon and Gold was so widely read and so widely traveled.

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Here is another letter of a different hue—
Dear Gary,

Thanks for your good editorials and articles in the recent Maroon and Gold. I think I'll clip several of them, particularly "Regeneration and Education" and "Marks of Education".

Also I am grateful that you listed McCants, Paul Westerfeld, and Bill Fredrick as giving blood for Miss Ann Watson of our Community Church. Lawrence Gregg and Lynn Newcomb also gave blood. A man living in the community also provided a pint. I am particularly grateful to these fellows for the hospital wanted only a certain type of blood and that made it harder to secure enough blood for the need.

Lent begins Feb. 15 and the S. C. A. is hoping to have enough daily devotions for dormitory rooms. These should be here this week and should be placed in the rooms as soon as they arrive. We hope some of the students will at least use them in the quiet of the room.

Sincerely,
W. J. Andes

Ed. Note — Thanks for the newsy letter. It is always gladdening to receive letters of this type.

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Loise Parker, nee Bemis, is expecting a little bundle from heaven come the end of the summer . . . Joe Parker and Charlie Schrader back on campus for the Alumni Bid Night ceremonies . . . Professor John West is losing all of his hair because the stork is late in arriving at his home . . . Did you notice at the E. C. C. game how their coach and players gave a hard time to the officials calling a "close game"? Seems they are not used to such strict officiating at Greenville . . . Let's take to the Lexington tournament with us our band, our colors, our cheerleaders, and our spirits. Don't forget the team, too! . . . Students can now sign up for their rooms in the new dorms . . . The recent Valentine Dance was a rip-roaring success . . . Professor Wooten could have another hit on his hands in "Dial M For Murder" . . . Nick Theos, the Golden Greek, to enter Grad school at the U. of South Carolina in September. Wonder what he thought of the Graduate Record Exam . . . Things are back to normal after the big week of initiations . . . A short time ago a Professor of Greek at Wake Forest, (a scholar in his own right), read a translation of Dr. Wm. Brown's "Sermon on the Mount" which was transformed from Greek into English and remarked, "This man (Dr. Brown) should be marked among the world's greatest Greek Scholars" . . . The Quidnunc goes along with this.