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UP-COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

This should be a big year at Elon and an even bigger one on the national and international news fronts. If the past month or so gives any sort of indication, the month of November will be crammed with happenings of importance.

By now the national presidential campaign is in full swing, although election fever is noticeably absent. It is early, yet the '52 fervor appears to be lacking. The campaign buttons seen thus far are few.

In spite of Republican unity there seems to be little spirit within the party as a whole. They seem to cast a smug complacency whereas the Democratic Party is much more lively. Adlai Stevenson is being rather general in his political speeches and waging a Trumanistic mode of war with a semi-cultural coating. The Democrats, however, are finding it a hard task to combat the fact that the nation is wallowing in an era of prosperity.

On October 31, the Elon campus will respond to the ring of student oratory as the case for the Republican and Democratic parties is presented in the Wednesday chapel assembly. Student speakers from the class currently being taught in the History of American Political Parties by Dr. H. H. Cunningham will be on the platform. Jerry Loy will speak on the behalf of the G. O. P. and Jerry Moize will orate for the Democrats.

Dr. Cunningham will serve as moderator of the program which will consist of speeches delivered in support of each of the parties. These will be followed by short rebuttals. On the following day an election for the United States Presidency and Vice-Presidency will be held. The ballots to be used are an exact facsimile of the official ballot to be cast in this state on November 6th.

The assembly program and the election is sponsored by the class in the History of American Political Parties and is spearheaded by the local chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national Social Science honorary fraternity. The purpose of this program and the election that follows is to arouse interest in the national political scene. Flamboyant posters will be placed at vital spots on the campus.

You, as Elon students and American voters, are urged to take an active and interested part in the up-coming presidential elections. You are the potential leaders upon whom this country must rely on in the future. Vote November 6th! . . . LEB

NEW DINING HALL PROCEDURE

The Student Council of Elon has just put into effect a plan to eliminate the horserace during dining hours for dormitory students. In order for this plan to work it must be supported by the student body en masse.

The plan was put into effect in order to alleviate the strained conditions around McEwen Dining Hall. Much student criticism has been overheard in the past three weeks concerning the situation. Now is the chance that something can be done. Below are listed several changes in the former system (?).

Lunch — To start serving at 12:15 instead of 12:30. Allowing those students who work or have afternoon labs to eat with the athletic teams.

Dinner — Everyone eats by classes. Colored cards to be issued to the various classes. Seniors eat first, Juniors second, etc.

The rest is up to the student body entirely. If the majority of students desire it, the plan will operate sufficiently well. —LEB.



Sounding Off

By LARRY BARNES

Loose Bits

Last year's football captain Homer Hobbard and spouse, Sylvia, took in the Christian-Apprentice pigskin contest. Homer left for the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia Monday last . . . Betsy Watson, Margorie Englebright, Whit Bradham, and Woody Brown spent the summer carpooling at a Hot Shoppe in the nation's capitol . . . Vets Club just about organized. If you haven't joined do so now. You'll be benefitting yourself . . . New dining hall plan will function properly only if you, the students, wish it . . . Bid Night has been set back until November the 10th. That's the night of the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne soiree . . . Quick Henry, the Flit! Here comes that Square looking for a cigarette . . . Frank Jackson reported to be headed for an appearance on that top TV show, "I've Got A Secret". Seems like he let someone in on that little deal and 'tis no secret any more . . . Attention Juniors and Seniors! If you haven't placed your order for class rings, you may do so by contacting Don Johnson, Senior class prexy . . . Frats, sororities, dorms, and campus organizations—it's time to get those Homecoming sponsors elected . . . Let's make this one of the best Homecomings ever . . . Jane "88" Davis is now tipping the threshold of a lusty 89 lbs. See Chuck Oakley's column for further details . . . '56 alumnus Phil Carter now working in the fair city of Greensboro . . . Fleur-de-lis to the hard-working yellers of the Fighting Christian cheerleading squad. Give them your utmost support . . . Evelyn Fritts, Cleve Gayle, Jean Cannady, and Sylvia O'Connell appeared in a fashion show recently put on by Kings in Burling of femme salon fame . . . The Christian seen running around at the football fray Saturday night was Alpha Pi Delta's Bob Blanchard. Good work, Bob. Ditto, Pirate with the Beak . . . Very successful pep rally and dance Friday night. Let's keep up the good attendance . . . Sigma Mu Sigma has set a fine example for all fraternities and sororities to follow. They donated their time and money to put up those lights leading up to the Alamacance Building . . . Won't be long now until the parlor in West dorm will be ready. Be patient, steadies . . . Sorry to hear about Andy Morgan's home burning down . . . Understand one of the grills across the way is going to start serving pizza pies . . . Seen this summer at the American National Red Cross aquatic school at Brevard were Sigma Mu's Bob Orr and Sigma Phi Beta's Charles Foster . . . Hedonist (Comrade) Jerry Moize thinking about organizing a Philosophy Club.

More Of The Same

Virginia and Carolina Halls are due to receive telephones in the very near future. . . Television sets are being considered for these two dorms too . . . Quick Henry, the Flit! Here comes "Brawther" Arthur looking for ends on that cigaroot . . . Constitution of Elon may come up for revision this school year . . . What happened to last year's Phantom? . . . Here are a few of the campus dorm phone numbers.

Carlton House	9831
Ladies' Hall	9851
North Dorm	9271
East Dorm	9881
Student Union	9401

Correction Dept. — Under threat of suit, I will have to retract Wayne Taylor's name as the white leviathan of "Moby Dick" . . . Reader's Digest is offering \$41,000 in cash and scholarships as prizes in an October contest open only to college students and faculty members in the United States . . . Ran through an interesting article in an issue of RPI's Proscript recently. It dealt with the changing of the mandatory freshman theme list in English classes. Instead of the usual "HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION", "AN INTERESTING PLACE I VISITED LAST SUMMER", or (and I quote "shudder") "MY HAPPIEST DAY THIS SUMMER", the writer was desirous of substituting the more modern titles, "HOW TO SPONGE OFF YOUR PARENTS FOR A SUMMER", "HOW I RAMMED MY MOTORCYCLE THROUGH A POLICE ROADBLOCK", or "WHY I STEPPED ON ELVIS PRESLEY'S BLUE SUEDE SHOES COMING OUT OF HEARTBREAK HOTEL CRYING HOUND-DOG" . . . Delta Upsilon Kappa's Francis Knight and Kappa si Nu's John Carver were married in Sanford over the weekend . . .

That about covers the campus beat of Elo for this issue. Will be back with more of the yellow journalism in two weeks.

Of Days And Years Long Gone . . . When Elon Football Was Beginning

By JAMES WAGGONER

Over the past half century, hundreds of events have been recorded in the annals of Elon College, and none have attracted greater attention than the exploits of Elon's gridiron warriors who have carried the colors of the college into pigskin competition with other institutions of learning.

There is no better starting point for a recounting of Elon College football than that 1909 season, when football made its first appearance on a competitive basis. The memories of students of that era indicate that the young men of Elon may have been booting the pigskin and playing football on an informal basis prior to that time, but the autumn of 1909 was the first time for an Elon team to take the field against outside competition.

Dr. Leon Edgar Smith, president of the college, was a member of that first Elon football squad, and he recalls that among members of that team were M. W. McPherson and Russell Campbell, ends; Joe Pointer and Joe P. Farmer, tackles; Grady Foushee and Sipe Fleming, guards; Ben Joe Earp, center; W. W. "Bill" Elder and Henry Fleming, halfbacks; J. W. Barney, fullback; and "Red" Rowe, coach and quarterback. The late C. C. Fonville, a former Burlington businessman, was manager of that first team. Henry Fleming, an Alamacance native, now deceased, was captain of that team.

Prof. J. W. Barney, long-time member of the Elon faculty, says that the first game was played on the present lawn in front of West Dormitory and to the south of the new McEwen Memorial Dining Hall. Elon lost her opener to Greensboro High School, 60 to 0, and the Christians were defeated by a 12-5 score by the Bingham Military Academy at Mebane. Elon took the third contest from the Reidsville Seminary, 22 to 5, with "Red" Rowe directing traffic at quarterback and Barney scoring one touchdown.

The Christians won the next two, 6 to 0 and 16 to 11, from the Durham YMCA and the Bingham Military Academy respectively. These two games were played at Harden Park in Burlington, in the vicinity of the present Calvary Baptist Church, and more commonly known as the old Burlington Fair Ground. Prof. Barney recalls that touchdowns counted only five points then.

Football came to an abrupt ending at Elon College during this 1909 season, not only because the game had been tagged "brutal," but due to the fact that the faculty felt that the squad members were missing too many classes. That last contest was played against the wishes of the faculty, thus resulting in football being abolished at Elon completely for the next ten years. That 1909 season, however, had ignited a spark which has since given Elon a long and successful football history.

1919 Football Revival

After the close of World War I football made a comeback at Elon College after a drying-up period of ten years. The revival of football had been one of the fondest dreams of Elon athletes for a number of years. The reorganization of a varsity squad with full equipment set the stage for some great moments and some little ones, some happy events and some sad ones. They all have gone together to make up the interest, enthusiasm, and drama of the fall sport on the Christian campus.

On the football scene in 1919 arrived some of Elon's all-time performers, including such players as L. J. "Hap" Perry, E. S. "Johnnie" Johnson, and John E. Smith. Coached by the late C. C. "Jack" Johnson, husband of Mrs. Oma Johnson, the Fighting Christians won one game and lost two that first year.

At the start of the year, Elon met and defeated the Lexington Athletic Association 7 to 0 at Comer Field, now the Elon baseball field. Lynchburg College won over the Elon eleven 23 to 6, and Guilford College edged the Christians 7 to 0.

FIRST CHAPTER

James Waggoner, twice editor of the Maroon and Gold, did much work in the history of basketball, baseball and physical education in his student days and wrote histories of each sport and activity. He never found time as an under-graduate to do the story of Elon football, so this year, as an alumni contributor while teaching and residing in the college community, he is winding up the task which he started and is recording the story of Elon football for present and future Elonites. This is the first installment of the story of Fighting Christians on the gridiron.

Members of that 1919 team were L. M. Cannon, squad captain; Hap Perry, "Johnnie" Johnson, Dick Odom, Wade Marlette, Bill Stoner, John Smith, Bill Pennington, Harvey White, L. H. Fogleman, Lonnie Sides, W. H. Livesay, Grady Brown, Park, Crockett, Catter, and Reavis.

Coach Johnson left at this time to do graduate work at Yale and later to coach at the University of Colorado until his career was cut short by death.

Corboy Regime Begins

Frank B. Corboy assumed the coaching reins for the 1920 season, and he directed the team to three victories in its scheduled seven games. Although exact scores are not available, the Christians won over the Lexington Athletic Association, Chapel Hill and Atlantic Christian College, while they lost to Furman, Wake Forest, Trinity (now Duke) and Guilford. The score of that last contest against the Quakers was a close 7 to 3 loss.

L. J. "Hap" Perry, Wade Marlette, B. B. Johnson, Dick Odom, Harry White, Fred Garvey, Joe Newman, L. M. Cannon, George Underwood, Bill Stoner, E. S. "Johnnie" Johnson, John E. Smith, and Hal Clark were among the starters on that first Corboy eleven.

By far, the outstanding event of the 1921 season was the game with Trinity College, now Duke University. The Fighting Christians had journeyed to Durham with

EARLY GRID COACH



COACH C. C. JOHNSON

Coach Clyde Carney Johnson, better known to his friends and co-workers as Jack Johnson, was Elon's first coach of football. A former Elon sports star of the days before World War I, he remained at Elon as assistant coach and later as the college's first director of physical education. In that capacity he was head coach of the Elon football team of 1919. He later did graduate work at Harvard, Columbia, Yale and Notre Dame and then went to the University of Colorado as head coach of baseball and assistant coach of basketball and football. He was taken by death while coaching at Colorado. His wife, Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, also an Elon graduate, returned some years after his death to the Elon campus and has continued to serve the college as librarian until this time.

under the oaks

With
CHUCK OAKLEY



Here we are with the nip of October in the air . . . a wonderful time of year which offers the year's most vivid colors.

Here at Elon the huge oaks are beginning to burst into a brilliant gold, orange and red.

The weather is demanding a change in clothing as campus students dig out the latest flannels styled in the authentic League manner.

As the World Series ends in an exciting climax, football dominates the conversation of the ever-faithful spectators, and here at Elon the Fighting Christians are living up to the expectations of their supporters. The gratifying thing about this is the support of the student body in the stands with the competitive drive shown by the entire football squad and the spirit shown in the stands. This combination in itself will prove a noticeable challenge to any opposition.

The appearance of the Elon College Band at halftime is truly fine entertainment that we will be looking forward to at all home games.

A new organization had been formed, membership of which is composed entirely of veterans. All veterans are urged to gain membership into this organization. We will be under the capable leadership of Joe Steelman, the newly-elected prexy.

Practice teaching has taken some familiar faces from our campus. They are Shirley Presnell, Betsy Watson, Wilma Morgan, Paula Loy, Al Hassell, and Bill Watson. To these expectant graduates goes my sincerest good luck in their chosen endeavors.

Anonymous

In the bedlam of hysteria at a recent football game, one Stump was seen in an embarrassing situation searching for his upper most prize possessions . . . TEETH, K. R., a member of the football team, was seen going into the Library to BORROW SOME INK.

On January 1, 1957, June Driver will take the solemn vows of matrimony. Congratulations, June!

"88" is no longer . . . she now weighs 89! Due to the generosity of a potato server in the dining hall . . . will she attempt 90?

Sal Scordo, the New York flash, is keeping the Carlton House supplied with his tales of the big city.

Frances Knight and John Carver were married this past weekend in Sanford.

Becky Murdock will take the Big Step around December 26.

Harold Long recently slipped a sparkler on the third finger of his favorite girl. No date has been set, I hear.

Gary Dean has finally found himself a mate and took advantage of it. He was married this past weekend. Good luck, Deany.

Dig the "crazy" music our president is playing over Cornbread Matinee.

On The Brighter Side

He was cooing,
She was chewing,
'Mid the dazzling of bright lights;
'Twas distressing
No caressing—
The crowd is too big on such nights.

No second missing
With hugging, kissing,
Their loss was made up in the dark,
The Gods had mercy
With poor Percy—
The lights died out and left no sparks.

Alas! their kissing,
By electric hissing,
Was suddenly turned into glum—
Like clouds in thunder,
They broke asunder,
Tied by a string of chewing gum.
Here sat impatiently two folks,
Stringing chewing gum Under the Oaks.

CLIPPED FILL-INS

Teacher — "When I say 'I have went' what is wrong with that sentence?"
Johnny — "It's wrong; you ain't went yet."

Elon Professor — "And now, Mr. Johnson, what do you know about French syntax?"
Male Student — "I didn't know they had to pay for it."

Professor — "Think carefully, and state the number of tons of copper exported from the United States in any given year."
Student (thinking carefully) — "The year 1492 — none."

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