

## Maroon And Gold

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### STOP AND THINK

At most colleges, weekends are known as the time of the exodus. At Elon practically everyone deserts the campus when classes end Friday and migrates toward Virginia and the two Carolinas. The cares that infest the day to day existence of a student are forgotten during a few brief moments of excitement around home. For lots or long drawn-out classes—at least an interlude, there are no books, instructional Monday morning.

But stop and think for a moment. What if you had to spend your weekend away from Elon lying in a hospital bed, staring blankly at the ceiling, wondering how you got there and when the pain was going to stop? What if those two grisly words "highway accident" entered your life?

Don't scoff. It happens to hundreds of people just like you every day. That next be the beginning of a lifetime of agony beach trip could be your last, or it could and regrets.

You are behind the wheel of your car. Visualize the following scene:

breezing toward a weekend of laughter and gaiety at a nearby town. You and your carefree companions are in a hurry; a weekend is such a short time.

You come up behind a ponderous, slow-moving truck. Pull over buddy, you say to yourself. You grow impatient. Ah, there's a bit of daylight ahead. Probably nothing coming over that hill. I think I'll take a chance.

So you pull around the truck to pass. As you draw abreast and top the crest of the hill, a speeding bus looms directly in front of you. Your foot slams the break pedal in an empty gesture of defiance. But you know it is too late. TOO LATE!—CKO

### CIGARETTES

In the past few months, as a result of continued laboratory tests and the continued study of hospital records and other records bearing on the subject, high medical authorities have repeated previous statements that cigarette smoking increases the liability to lung cancer.

I understand that, despite the piling up of evidence of the injurious effect of smoking, there has been a big increase in the sales of cigarettes. Does this mean that cigarette smokers do not believe what the high medical authorities say? Not at all.

It means simply that everybody who goes on smoking does so because he is willing to take the chance that it will be some other smoker, not himself who is smitten by the dread disease—just as millions of automobile drivers speed recklessly every day despite what they hear and read of the deaths and injuries caused by speeding. Of course the speeder knows there are going to be fatal accidents in great number, but he counts on their happening to other people, not himself.

There are modifications and limitations in the statements from the medical authorities. They make a distinction between smoking that is "excessive" and smoking that is not. Except in extreme cases, in which the evidence cannot be disputed, it is difficult to say where to draw the line.—CKO

## under the oaks

With  
CHUCK OAKLEY

Nature is offering the year's most vivid colors as the huge oaks on campus begin to drop their brilliant colors of gold, orange and red. Autumn is in the air! Football is in full swing! Nothing is more evident as the high-spirited Christians display their talents for a North State Conference title. The Maroon and Gold gridders are doing a fine job on the pigskin field and the least we can do is to give such a team the support it deserves.

Homecoming is near, and what a big week-end at Elon! The parade, the game and the dance usually make it an exciting week-end and one for which it is worth staying on campus.

At last, we are getting paved roads around the campus, which means less mud and less car-washing... How about some paved parking lots???

CONGRATULATIONS to the Elon Players for the excellent production of THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. Many students have declared it the best full length production presented during their stay at Elon. The Elon Players also provide entertainment for the public each Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Attention veterans! Now is the time to join the Vet's club. It may benefit you. Its primary function is to support social functions, participate in the college activities, to stimulate in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of college life, and to benefit all veterans in any way possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to the founder of the card system in the dining hall... It keeps the line as it should be. There should be some system worked out for those who have to eat early.

### Chit-Chat

October 14th was an important date. Not only was it President Eisenhower's birthday, but also that of such Elon personalities as Professor Epperson, Ann Minter, Sarah Shelton and Ginger Johnson... Jim Short has invented a new game and has a very attractive opponent to play it with in Science Survey. For the length of time put on it must be a crossword puzzle of some sort... I wonder if people like Wayne Taylor and Arthur Pitts get their feet wet when they take a shower...

When "Square" Edmonds was asked by a professor why he was late for class, he replied simply, "Class started before I got here." FLASH: Ann Minter is the Kim Novak of the Elon Players... Ken Price, Freshman from Danville, Va., is tutoring upperclassmen in subjects he hasn't taken. He only has an A-plus average in Chemistry... Bob Rickover was caught in a daze at a Kappa Phi-Tau Zeta Party—when asked why he wasn't dancing he incredulously replied, "They are all so good looking, I can't decide which one to dance with"... I understand the Biggerstaff boys ordered several hundred of their annual pictures with their autograph stamped on. Must be nice to be so popular...

Harold Harris, Lester Brewer, Leigh Wills and Turner Winston are better known as the Warehouse Four... Jerry Creech, known to women as the "leech", is drooling over a comely young Miss from Wisconsin... The law of average will provide Dick Gulte with a date if he keeps trying... Johnny Meadows and Bill Walker have parts in "Oklahoma", which is to be given at W. C. in the near future...

I would like to know how a student can be marked tardy when he leaves after half of the class is over. According to Webster it means late arrival... The old College spirit seems to be dying out... it seems that we are going to have to offer scholarships to the cheering section...

CONGRATULATIONS to the band for their fine entertainment at half-time at the football games... Anyone desiring a date near Suffolk, Va., contact David Runnells, snow-knowing of the Freshmen class.

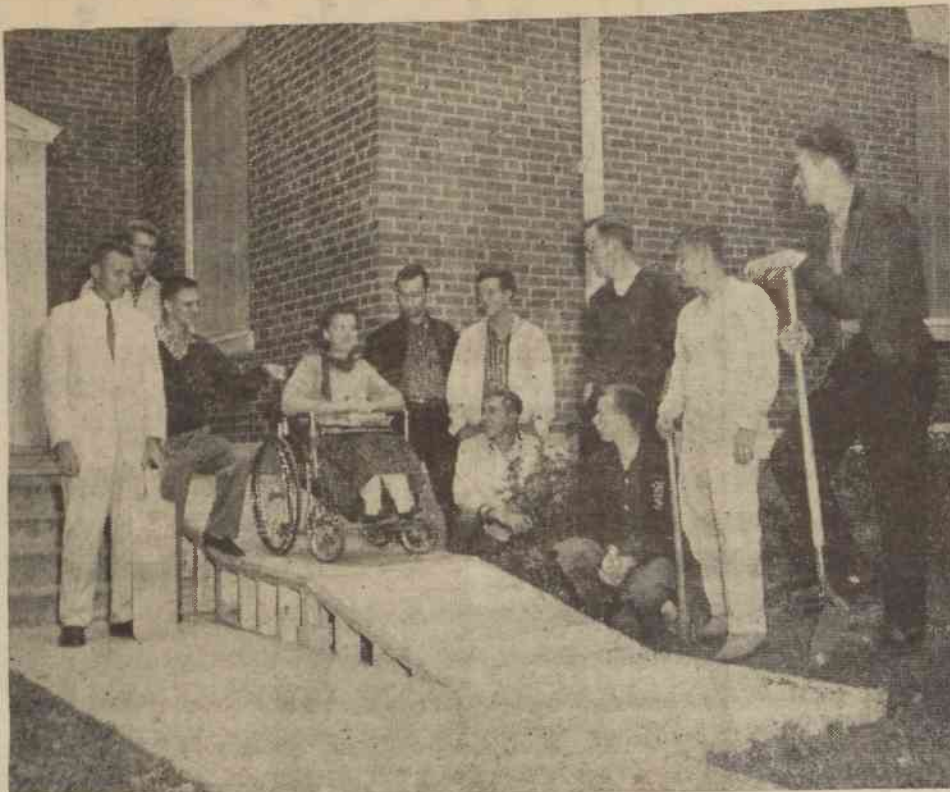
### Chuck's Chuckles

Have you heard about the guy who was so generous with his girl he finally had to marry her for HIS money... A friend reports that during a recent drive down to Miami Beach he spotted a sign near a real estate development that read: Get lots while you're young...

At the hearing, the judge questioned the prisoner. "Ever been in trouble before?" "All I did was rob my kid brother's bank." "May it please the court," interrupted the prosecuting attorney, "The defendant's younger brother is cashier of the First National Bank."

The beautiful brunette was applying for a job as a secretary. Her prospective boss asked how she spelled "Mississippi." She frowned a moment, then asked, "The river or the state?" but got the job anyway.

## NEW RAMPS MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR FRESHMAN GIRL



A living proof of Elon's hospitable and friendly attitude toward all its students may be seen in the above picture of Eileen Rash, of Newport News, Va., a victim of the dread disease of polio, who is determined to live a normal life in spite of the fact that she is forced to navigate about the Elon campus in a wheel chair. She is pictured while trying out one of the ramps that were built at both her dormitory and at Alamance Building to facilitate her movements to and from classes. Shown with her are members of the Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity, a group which volunteered to assist Eileen in meeting her schedule. The members of the fraternity built the ramps for her use. The Sigma Mu Sigma group with her, left to right, includes Clifton Duke, of Suffolk, Va.; Douglass Scott, of Durham; Stuart Fyke, of Burlington; Jim Compton, of Cedar Grove; Ronnie Bergman, of Uncasville, Conn.; Charlie Howell, of Henderson; Grady Radford, of Draper; Linwood Hurd, of New Britain, Conn.; Mackie McLaughlin, of Burlington; and Carl Burke, of Burlington.

## Thanks To Elon Hospitality...

## Polio Offers No Educational Barrier

By ANN JOYCE

When contemplating a college career most high school students are faced with some problem. For some it is a lack of money. Others have failed to realize before their senior year that they want to attend college and have obtained a scholastic background which may hinder them in college work.

Eileen Rash, one of Elon College's best known students, was faced with a rather uncommon problem as she thought about college. The pretty blue-eyed freshman from Newport News, Va. has had polio. Since she was six years old she has been on crutches, has worn a brace or has been in a wheel chair.

At her home the kitchen sink, cabinets and range are on a level that she can reach. Ramps are included among the furnishings of the home. She is used to housework and says she can even wax floors.

In high school she was a member of the band and missed only one game during her stay there. When she began thinking about

the new and different surroundings of college, Eileen says she got "butterflies," but college was an opportunity she had always wanted, and she was quite happy when she received her letter of acceptance to Elon College.

Probably Eileen's largest worry was that she might be considered an "invalid" in the new school. It is a word that she detests and she does not think she is an invalid because she does not feel like one. She loathes people who feel sorry for her. Someone remarked to her once that they felt sorry for her. Eileen quickly replied, "I feel sorry for you too."

She feels that the slower than average pace at which she travels enables her to see more and get more out of life than the average person does.

After having lived on the Elon campus for more than a month, Eileen says, "I realize that I need not have had those butterflies because everyone here seems to have accepted me as my old friends did. It makes me very happy because I am liked for myself and

for no other reason." When Eileen came to Elon College, various members of Sigma Mu Sigma fraternity saw that she got in and out of the buildings and looked after her in general. For her exclusive use ramps have been erected to the side of the regular steps which she uses on campus. The college has arranged for all of her classes to meet on first floor and her dormitory room is on the first floor. She thinks the college has gone far beyond the call of duty to make her almost complete independence on campus possible.

Her warm smile, her sense of humor, her willingness to always help with everything and her lack of self-consciousness have won many friends on campus for the 17-year-old Virginian.

There are quite a few boys at Elon showing an interest in Eileen, but not romantically, due to the diamond solitaire she wears on her left hand. She has become one of the most popular "dating counselors" on campus for boys (Continued on Page Four)

## on the campus

JOHN BIGGERSTAFF



### That Big Day

A heart warming welcome and a sturdy handshake is extended to old grads, friends, and those interested in Elon. Let's make them feel at home and show them around campus. Taking them into our friendship circle and prove to them we're proud of their Alma-Mater, certainly will express the old Christian Spirit.

Festivity, fun, singing, lovely girls, convertibles, decorations, gaiety, flowers and splendor, marks—not Mardi Gras—but Elon's homecoming. At 12:30 Saturday afternoon, November 2, a gigantic parade travels to the Williams Stadium for the kickoff of the Elon-Western Carolina game. As a glorious climax to this day of memories will be hours of dancing to the music of Chuck Cabot, of Cal. and meeting friends of yesterday years.

### Where To Look

Many of our organizations have really made progress this year. Just a quick preview will enable the student to become more acquainted with them, so by checking the Student Handbook one will become enlightened greatly, and it does prove interesting reading, especially the rules and regulations governing Virginia and West Dorns.

OH! THOSE UNGUARDED MOMENTS! S. S., B.S., and T. A. have been going to Greensboro College quite frequently. Wonder why?

"98" has been seen in the halls with a certain Junior — Could it be P. W.? Latest News Release — B. B. is having open season. Girls here is your chance.

Bobby Faulkner — when are you going to give those Elon freshmen a break?

Bob Kinner and Walter Scott certainly seemed to enjoy dances at E.C.C. Any comment?

Peggy Zimmerman — who is this Kappa Psi Alumni that is attending homecoming with you?

"Now You All," to quote Louann in Journalism.

Betty Earp had a pin from a pre-law student at Carolina, now just who could that be?

### New Rules

There has been some disagreement as to ample parking area around the men's dorm. With the building of the New Dorm, the construction equipment, and debris makes parking a problem for the cars in the (1601-1715) groups. Perhaps those responsible could check into the situation and find some solution. I'm sure those included would greatly appreciate it.

Poem cited here could be the thoughts that prevail in the minds of those young ladies in West Dorm just prior to the appearance of that blind date.

### POEM

#### The Blind Date

BEFORE:

"My heart skips a beat when I start to think

Of the evening ahead, and my courage does sink.

What will we talk about? What is in Why did I agree? Oh, what am I in for? store?

Will he be handsome? Will he be cute? Probably not, but who gives a hoot?

As long as he's nice, as long as he's sweet, These things do count to make a date neat.

Oh, there goes the bell; it must be my date.

Is my hair in place? My lipstick on straight?

Watch out for the steps; now don't take a fall.

Oh gee! how I hope that he will be tall. AFTER:

Now I am at home. Boy! What a date! My fears and my worries just didn't rate.

Yes, he was a dream, as you might suppose...

Just look at me now! The shine on my nose!

He was dark and handsome, and really sweet.

Best of all he was tall, all of six feet! His manners were superb, a gentleman at heart.

His clothes were collegiate, you bet he looked smart!

Will he call? That's the thought on my mind.

I hope that "yes" is the answer I'll find. Tomorrow, or next week, it may be never.

But I hope tonight's memories will last forever."

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A whole lot of smiles... And few frowns makes you Room-mate's mate a much more Pleasant person to live with.

Till Then, Watch Out for the FLU BUG

## Around With Square

By WALTER EDMONDS



Elon College has launched her version of a 1957 missile, which rests like a satellite on top of the North State Conference giving out its steady signals of BEAT 'EM... BEAT 'EM... BEAT 'EM... The Christians are more or less offering a challenge to tradition, the tradition being the supremacy of the Le-nor Rhyne Bears for the past two years. Coach Sid Varney has molded a fired-up aggregation of desires... This could be the year for the Christians to hang out the NO VACANCY sign on top spot of the conference for all friends and foes...

CAMPUS CUFF NOTES... Bid week was successful as usual for all fraternities and sororities... Jackie Williamson has finally achieved a superlative, this being her first since she was MISS TOWNSVILLE... Bud Smith kept his annual record intact by dropping French

for the second consecutive year... David Runnells carried his TWO FRIENDS to Suffolk for a weekend visit... Sara Barringer paid visit to Arlington last weekend, and did a little research on Andrews Air Force aerobatics... Charley Haywood is currently "burning the candles at both ends." Which gives the better light, Charley?

Bill Walker asked me for a cigarette the other night; that takes "gall"... Woody Brown has a new approach these days to all young ladies on campus, that being, "Want to pick a winner"... EDITOR'S NOTE... "I saw the heavyweight in Washington, D. C. this weekend, she goes under the name of Beatrice," she is a real ton of fun, Woodrow... Our "STAUFF" seems to have his work cut out for him this year, as far as grid-iron laurels are concerned, but knowing him the task is a one of minimum...

Delta U held a party recently with their brothers... Woody Woodhouse visited the U. Va. campus for the Virginia-Clemson tussle... Ma-

xie Garrett is back to the classic shades of the Elon Campus... "Chick" Leitch is football manager for a service team... Joyce Perry is teaching in Dunn.

Editor would like for a suggestion on speeding up chow hall progress, there are more students this year, but we are given less time to eat our meals... Any ideas will be greatly accepted. Just see John Darvish... Tidewater suffered its first intramural defeat in tag football the other week... J. B. Vaughn, pound for pound the best tackle in the state, is having a banner year in football and Greek...

Patience is rewarding, Carolina Hall has a new phone... Ladson Cabbage suffered a leg injury in the Appalachian game, and here's hoping for a speedy recovery... Jack Rickard and Mr. Garrison are crying the blues, the infallible Yankees lost... "Boo Boo" is president of "E" MEN'S CLUB, that's the Sociology "E" MEN'S CLUB...

The town of Elon College is paving all the adjoining roads (Continued on Page Four)