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### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Once more the Yuletide season is upon us. Even if we did not know it by the signs in the store windows and by the brightly lighted street decorations of our neighboring towns and cities, we would know it by the spirit of joy and anticipation which glows in the hearts and faces of our friends here at Elon.

It is barely one more week until the students and faculty of the college will be turning their faces in many directions, heading home for the mid-winter vacation that always seems the most joyous of all the year.

If only this Yule spirit could emanate from this Christmas season through all the year, with its spirit of generous giving, would it not make of this world a wonderful place in which to live.

In keeping with the season spirit, let us wish for each of you that your Yuletide may glow brightly with good cheer, that every heart may be lighter, every friendship may be warmer and every hour may be richer in happiness and contentment.

### PARKING ON CAMPUS

The question of automobile parking on the campus continues to be a problem and a sore spot in the life of Elon College students, faculty and staff personnel, and that fact is true to a great extent because a few persons continue to ignore the regulations which have been set up to control the parking problem.

At the beginning of the year a complete set of parking regulations were set up, and parking spaces were set aside for the use of various groups. In most cases the areas were marked into single car spaces, the better to guide the driver in their observance. Also, the college provided stickers of various types and set up machinery to provide each car owner or operator with a suitable sticker.

The great majority of the people involved have attempted to observe the rules, but there are two groups which have continued to be "mud in the eye" for the entire situation. Those two groups are the drivers who have violated the parking rules repeatedly by placing their cars in forbidden areas time and again and the ones who have failed to place a sticker upon their cars as prescribed by rule.

These groups have seemingly taken the attitude that members of the parking committee and even the rules themselves are persecuting the car owners. This is not true, for one member of the parking committee commented this week that the entire program is operated with a view to making Elon a better place in which to work and study.

Human experience through the centuries has proven that some sort of rules or laws are necessary if people are to live together without friction and trouble, and these campus parking rules are just as necessary to smooth and amicable campus life. As such, they deserve the full cooperation of all persons and all groups.—CONTRIBUTED.



## under the oaks

With  
CHUCK OAKLEY

CONGRATULATIONS to the football team, the North State Conference champions of the 1957 season! No matter what was decided at the Conference meeting, students of old Elo' were convinced in their own minds that night when Elon walked and Lenoir Rhyne crawled off that field up at Hickory.

CONGRATULATIONS, too, to Bob Stauffenberg, the most outstanding player of the season, and to Tony Carcaterra, who made the All-State team along with Bob. The whole team deserves whole-hearted praise, as does Coach Sid Varney, the "Coach of the Year."

Basketball takes over, and here at Elon the quintet is showing good talent despite the fact that it got away to a losing start in the opening game. Students believe that with such newcomers as Rob Bell, Eddie Burke, and C. G. Hall in there with last year's Frank DeRita, Gil Watts, Larry Bulla and Buddy Way, something is bound to be achieved.

School spirit was not exactly what it should have been at the first basketball game last week. It takes many hours of stiff practice for the players, and those guys even game up their holidays to get ready for the early games. The least we can do is to show appreciation of their efforts and achievements.

The Elon Players' second major production of the year is scheduled for this week. "All My Sons," a dramatic masterpiece by Arthur Miller (Marilyn Monroe's husband) will be presented for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 8:30 o'clock, and it doesn't cost a cent for students. All they need is their student activity cards, since a certain portion of the student activity fees are allocated to dramatics. So, students have really paid for their admission and should take advantage of it.

Elon and the Maroon and Gold is represented in the North State Conference newspaper contest, with the first meeting of the Conference newsmen held at Catawba last Saturday. An award will be given the best paper at the new meeting. No award was offered last year, but Elon received high honors.

The Elon College Choir is making preparations for its touring season, and there is talk that one trip this year may be a southern one, maybe to Miami.

### Chit-Chat

Understand Ed Juratic is coming Christmas. Wonder what the interest is? . . . Patti Michaud and Dixie Edwards painted the Capital City over the holidays. Wonder why Patti journeyed home alone on Saturday night? Bob Rickover looks a bit happier. Maybe he likes scouting for "Doc" . . . What girl from Elon has taken an interest in Appalachian? Ask June C . . . Woodrow Brown now looks complete. His side-kick, Maxie Garrett, is back. Welcome! . . . By the way, Woodrow, did that Band-Aid across your nose help you get a date? . . . Did Glenn Varney get lost during Thanksgiving? Seen in Townsville and not in Durham . . . Jane Davis and Marjorie Putman really hit New York. Is there anything left? . . . Has everyone seen Louann's new watch? Mighty nice . . . Maybe she would wear a magnifying glass over her rock. One young man is having a hard time seeing it . . . "Rocks, rocks, rocks!" says Linda Simpson in Geology Lab, but she likes the one on her finger much better . . . Peggy Zimmerman spent the holidays in Charlotte. Must be serious . . . What happened to June Jackson's secret love? I'm sure he'll be back . . . The trio, John S., Lacy S. and Zac W., seem to be doing O. K. at W. C. . . . This boy John is really snowed . . . Fraternity pins seem to come and go at Elon. Maybe the girls just can't make up their minds . . . Arthur Pitts, Jack Kennedy and Hank Carmines did CAROLINA HALL A FAVOR recently . . . They moved out . . . Leigh Wills and Frank Robertson are running a race to see who will be the Yul Brynner of Elon College . . . Bookstore situation is improved, but it could still be better . . . Billie Faye Barrett never sits in a car at a Drive-In movie. Ask her where she sits . . . The "mouse" is back on the campus . . . Bill Branch and Jimmie Fentress are on a diet. It consists of orange juice and . . . Gordon Yancey will play the title role in 20th Century Fox's re-release of "Moby Dick." . . . Who's the new day student bombshell? Can anyone of the twenty guys at the Elon-Belmont Abbey game tell me? . . . Red is getting to be a popular color around the campus (especially hair) . . . Now, back to my cubby-hole for two weeks.

## On Physics Department Tour . .

# One Wonders What Is To Be Found

By JO McQUADE

Each fortnight the M & G assignments come out. Mine reads "Write a feature on all the things of interest you find on the ground floor of the Artelia Roney Duke Memorial Science Building."

The . . . ? Oh, the science building. Several seconds later, I have entered the door that is the "South Entrance" and, notebook and pencil in hand, I start down the hall.

Big cables, little needles, motors, pulleys, barometers, hooks, plus countless other metal monsters glare at me from either side. And all is quiet . . . creepy quiet.

I pass two empty class rooms, then one door that says "Generators" and another, the "Electricity" room. Then, Eureka! Life. The plaque on the door says "professor," but he looks pretty human so I venture in.

"Do you know anything about this building?" That was my query. "Well, not much," he replied with a grin. However, he DID design the first floor of it and has been professor of physics here since 1922.

He is Professor Alonzo Lohr Hook, and a subsequent glance into the college catalogue shows he joined the faculty in 1914, he is also Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, Director of the Placement Bureau, and for thirty-four years was Academic Dean; also that he got his A. B. and M. A. Degrees from Elon, his M. S. at Cornell University, and then did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chicago and Duke University.

### And The War Started

He's married—"Very much so", he says—to the former Jessie Irene Dawson of Elon. They were wed in 1914, the year of the First World War. "That's when it started," he said.

"No joke. During our honeymoon, we were getting off the train at Union Station in Washington, and a paper boy met us with 'War is declared!'"

Professor Hook is the father of four—all girls, each of whom is an Elon graduate—and grandfather of twelve—two girls and ten boys.

Here is the roundup:

The eldest, Sara Virginia, grad-



IT SEEMS TO ME: There is a great difference between the words "fighting" and "benevolent". Webster defines them in real definition as follows: Fighting is a violent struggle for victory; attempting to subdue, or defeat an enemy in a contest. One the other hand, Mr. Webster defines benevolent as disposed to do good, to promote happiness and prosperity among others.

A little over a week ago a proud group of boys and coaching staff stepped back humbly to watch another only step up and be crowned the North State Conference Champions for the third year in succession.

The irony of the whole coronation is that only a few weeks ago the once-proud group smashed the newly-crowned champions in a football game, in which they had everything to lose and nothing to gain it seems. What laurels do we have now? Can it be that one is greater in defeat than in victory.

SQUARE CUTS: Would it be appropriate to write an obituary column for this quarter's first issue or not? There are so many familiar faces gone. I guess not so we won't . . . Mike E. is giving it another try this quarter. Sure hope he succeeds this time . . . Woody Brown has got a new

### KNOW THY ELON

It was one of the great philosophers who said, "Know Thyself," and it is quite appropriate to paraphrase him and say, "Know Thy Elon." It is also true that there are many students who never find all the wonders that exist within the walls of various Elon departments.

With a view to correcting that condition and informing Elonites of some things that many never see, the Maroon and Gold is sending one of its operatives on tour of various Elon departments. First of all is this tour of the physics department, within which many wonders are to be found.

uated with a B. A. in English and Dramatics, and is now Mrs. H. W. Burton of Atlanta, Georgia. Her husband is a Doctor of Internal Medicine and they have two boys and two girls.

Next was "supposed to be Alonzo Hook Jr." but fate would have it Jessie Irene (Jr.). She got her B. A. in English with a minor in Phys. Ed. and is now married to Dr. M. C. Covington of Sanford. They have four boys.

Mary Jeanne, third of the Hook girls, graduated with a B. A. in English and Music (Voice). She and her husband, Dr. D. B. Harrell Jr., are the parents of three boys and live in Concord.

Last is Doris Patricia, who broke the pattern by majoring in Business Administration and was Secretary to the Secretary of State for four years. She and her husband, E. J. Neal Jr., live in Raleigh and have one boy.

"So much for that," Professor Hook concludes, and, rising, offers me a free tour of the department he designed.

### The Tour Begins

We start in the hall. To one side sits something that looks like an oversized outboard motor. But it isn't. Under the detachable metal top, it's a non-magnetic, directional compass found on ships. If it tilts one way, you're going that way and if it tilts the other way, you're going that way. And if it tilts both ways, you're seasick.

Nearby is a stack of gadgets and instruments that Prof. Hook tells me is surplus equipment. On top there's what resembles a four-dimensional sun-dial with A1, N1, A2, and N2 on respective pointers. Actually it's a transmitter used in aviation, I learn, and if I've ever seen an air map, I should know about the A's and N's. I haven't.

Under a table some feet away, I see a black, grimy-looking thing which is nothing but "a motor to operate a generator."

Next item is a mounted motor—complete with crank—of a Model T. It works, too. And on the other side there's an iron-lung type of whatcha-ma-callit that turns out to be a super-charger for a B-29. "This", explains Prof. Hook, "is what enables jets to fly higher than regular planes. You know, of course, that the air gets thinner as you go higher. So this super-charger takes the air into here and then it . . ." "Oh, I see." (I do?)

A little further on, I bump into a long wooden box-uv-a-thing, resting on top of a sturdy metal stand. My guide says this is the remains of a reflecting telescope which his classes built some years back. (Maybe they could reconstruct it and use it to sight the satellite America will go ahead and launch after John Public is scared out of more taxes.)

Close to the telescope is a table, decked with wires and cables and meters, etc. These make up a testing board for motor-generator sets.

### There's Even A Still

Now here's something we don't tell EVERYBODY about," Prof. Hook calls. "But since you're from West Virginia and I'm from West Virginia—" "You're from West Virginia?" "Yes, Hampshire County. One of a family of eight. I remember—nah, now as I was saying, something we don't tell just everybody is that we have a 'still' here."

So that's how West Virginia's reputation is perpetuated, I think as the professor drags out a black cylindrical-shaped object—which isn't a good old mountain "still" after all but only a distilling unit for modern day Ancient Mariners.

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## on the campus

JOHN BIGGERSTAFF

It's welcome back to the campus after what I hope was a happy and safe Thanksgiving season, and almost before we get that said we find ourselves wishing ahead to a bright and merry Christmas vacation. One can hardly get settled and started on this new Winter Quarter before that other holiday looms just ahead.

### Off To A Good Start

It is great to sleep late and make it to class just in time to finish that snooze while the professor calls the roll, but nutritionists say that you wouldn't think of driving a car without fuel and neither can the body run without a good breakfast. In a report just released it states that ten years of research have shown that irritability, headaches and tiredness all indicate that the sugar level has dropped because of not eating for several hours.

In the cases studied, whether the subject was 12 or 83 years old, tests proved that he or she showed decidedly more physical and mental alertness, speed and endurance after a good breakfast than when he or she had none at all.

Poor breakfast habits indicate that this causes many accidents. So, you see it doesn't matter whether you're on the athletic field, on the stage or sitting at a desk, a good breakfast is a good start for a good day. So eat hearty tomorrow morning.

### Man And Messages

Man has had two gifts that have wrought much good. The first was that humans alone of all creatures, could reach their friends through the paths of speech. Also human hands, instead of paw or claw, had fingers which could be trained to draw pictures of things seen, and from that derived our alphabet. Speech and writing, one must allow, makes the way of life that we all know now.

Moment by moment, night or day, words and messages speed away by wire or rail or by plane and over radio, T. V. and telephone, news, fiction, sermons, guesses and gossip, science and fact. In a sad, glad, triumphant way they crowd the cables and leap through space. May the truth over the false transcend, bring us peace and wisdom in the end.

### Unguarded Moments

Doris, how is your old Grandad these days? Or is he already out of commission? Price of eggs in China? Well, they're going sky high—one way or the other!

If you spot a tall, lanky, pleasant looking chap wandering through the halls looking rather lonesome show your best smile and introduce yourself. He's Floyd Parker from Oxford, and a transfer from Carolina. Get busy, Girls!

If you've passed a cute red head walking around the campus and don't know her name . . . Well, here's a hint: Sylvia Sims, transfer from Wake Forest, lives in Winston-Salem but is currently residing in Room 304, Virginia Hall. For more details contact her roommate, Sarah Barringer.

Residents of Garrison's Grill have become fond of dedicating records like "April Love" to the smallest member in Virginia Hall.

Rumor has it that a rather large percentage of Elon "men" have been spending a lot of time in Greensboro with certain students from G. C.

To the interested party . . . there isn't any information to be found in Richmond, so this writer would strongly advise that you waste not your time, energy, or money.

Since when are two roommates "married to two football players. Any two players will do, since they get in games cheaper that way.

I hear that Eastern Airlines has been re-routed through Asheboro. Any comment, Gaddis?

A certain Freshman Girl has stars in her eyes over a certain sophomore boy? Know what I mean S. M.? He'd be wise to look into the matter!

Boots Kidd is running the "Cheeseburger" Kid a close second. With two bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, a hamburger, and two cups of coffee. Her roommate wouldn't let her have anything more to eat. Wasn't that naughty of D?

### From The Files

If T.V. strains the eyes, my guess is The blame is on the V-neck dresses. Christmas cheer can bring dyslexia. Best beware of the morning after.

### Thought For Today

The band of society consists of reason and speech.—CICERO.

## Around With Square

By WALTER EDMONDS

expression. "Winston - Salem girls look good like a female should," he just seems to mellow with age . . . Have you ever heard of anyone painting a floor with cold water paint, and then getting perturbed when it came up from a scrubbing. Buddy Smith did. Brilliant!!! Arthur (I've-got-a-secret) Pitts has resigned his presidency of Carolina Hall . . . The grapevine has it that Carolina Hall Room 205 is in for another "Heartbreak Hotel" season . . . Note to the faculty: Sarah Barringer has been holding hands. Naughty girl!!! Maybe she's trying for another cheeseburger or two . . . Margie Putman has finally made some secret plans up North . . . Gregg has moved once again, to East Dorm this time . . .

VIGNETTE: Bob Stauffenberg, Elon's All American candidate has received numerous plaudits from surrounding sports scribes and coaches. He takes a second place to none and that means not even to the heralded "Rocking Rocket." He is Desire and Stamina with capital letters. He will go down in annals of Elon's gridiron history as one of the greatest. He truly deserves a tip of the "old chapeau" . . .

MEMORANDUM: . . . Elon College would have had a banner year for the 1957 year if it had not been for the decision made at High Point. The basketballers of Coach Doc Mathis won the Carolina small college championship. The baseballers of Coach Sanford won the North

State Conference Championship and Elon's Fighting Christians football squad staked a solid claim to the football supremacy.

WHIMSY SIDE: Woody Woodhouse did not go home one weekend . . . Bobby Orr plans a visit to Tidewater in the near future . . . Many Virginians were glad to see the Cavaliers fleece the cotton from the ears of the Tarheels. Just goes to show you miracles never seem to cease . . . Bucky Fleming, the sunshine of the dancing world, has accomplished the three r's, which are reading, riting, and the road to Carolina since he has been at Elon.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: It would be such a pleasant gesture if a little heat could be administered into Alamance Classrooms. Elon College's "kitty" is not hurting that bad. People are only asking for their money's worth, and it is only natural . . . "The Dugout" formerly Pedro's is being operated by Jack McKeon and cohort. Friendly place for hot baseball debate. Pizza is of the best quality, too. Pay 'em a visit real soon . . . Leigh Wills has been appointed president of Carolina Hall . . . What's Turner Winston hanging around the Southern Grill for . . . Pittsburg Piraterie organization was bolstered recently upon the signing of Buddy Montgomery, former Elon outfielder . . .

FINIS: I've got to close hurriedly tonight. Wyatt Earp is on T. V. . . . Bye For Now!