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AN ELON TRIUMPH

The inauguration program for Dr. J. E. Danieley, which proved highly successful in its every aspect, may safely be recorded as a distinct triumph for Elon College and all concerned.

Perhaps never in all the history of the college has any event or series of events proven quite so successful nor satisfying. Through almost a full week the program continued, and there were always congratulatory remarks after each event.

From the faculty piano recital on Thursday night, through the inaugural ball on Friday, the various Sunday programs, the student convocation, the banquet, the final inauguration and then the inaugural luncheon, only one word can be adequately descriptive. That word is "Successful!"

Especially gratifying to everyone here at Elon was the presence of so many representatives from other institutions of learning, for nearly two score colleges and universities sent official delegates to represent them and to pay tribute to Elon College itself and to Elon's new president.

ELECTIONS UP-COMING

It is almost that time again when the students of Elon College will be trekking to the polls to name their student leaders for the coming year, and in these pre-election days is an excellent time to consider some of the things which have plagued student government on the Elon campus in the past.

A necessary precedent to any election is the nomination of candidates, and in those nominations in past years have arisen many of the problems which have handicapped Elon student government. In other words, too many nominations have been made without due thought and consideration.

It is true that efforts have been made within the past year or two to improve the nominating system, efforts to secure a more able slate of candidates, but in prior times there were too many nominations made in somewhat jesting manner. Then, in too many cases, ballots were cast without due thought.

As the 1958 campus elections draw near, each and every student should think and think seriously before proposing candidates and then think still further before voting. Too many students seek office for the honor the office entails rather than for the earnest desire to render service.

That condition underlying the problem encountered in the Student Legislature during the recent Fall Quarter, when more than one legislative meeting fell flat because of lack of a quorum. It was a case of legislative members who accepted their membership without realizing their responsibility to be present and represent their constituent groups at all meetings, or at least at the majority of the meetings.

It is very important that all students investigate the previous records of candidates who seek campus offices in the forthcoming elections, checking up to see whether the candidates were present and on the job when they were expected and needed in past offices before voting for those same candidates for another position.

Some weeks remain before the 1958 elections will be held, but the time will be at hand all too soon, and there is certainly not too much time for thought.—CONTRIBUTED.



under the oaks

With CHUCK OAKLEY

Inauguration Day

Inauguration Day! It was truly an impressive and historical event which came to a close last week when Dr. James Earl Danieley became officially the sixth president of our college. We, the students of Elon College, wish to you, Dr. Danieley, all the success possible to one who holds the post you have. Inauguration Day provided a memorable event for all concerned, especially for the generous and expert advice from numerous friends and colleagues from other colleges and universities.

Special congratulations are due to the committee which prepared the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium for its use as an auditorium for the occasion. In other words, its congratulations to the gymnasium decoration committee, and we also extend to one and all congratulations to other committees which helped to make the inauguration event a success, and it quite definitely was a success in that Elon presented her best foot forward to the press, radio and television and to the visitors from other institutions.

New Look

The Elon campus takes on a new look with the coming of parking lots between the dormitories. It was a considerable amount of improvement, and it definitely provides a more modern look for the Elon landscape.

And, if the campus is looking better, so is the baseball team. In fact, the Elon diamond squad looks better each day. Most of the lettermen are back, and I see no reason why we should not once more take high honors in the North State Conference. School spirit has been sadly lacking in all major sports this year, and perennially the students display less interest in baseball than in the other major sports. Such being the case, it's a time for improvement! Let's improve the spirit by giving to our baseballers the support they deserve. The track and tennis teams also show new talent this spring, so let's get out there and support our teams! How about it?

Chit-Chat

Horse-shoe pitching season came to a brief halt when the players were told to cease the sport immediately. They were tenaciously accused of tearing the terrace.

It is rumored that Frank Harrell has been known to table-hop in order to get a date. His friend, Lacy Slayton, fixed him up with a county "Miss" on one occasion. The question is who did Lacy end up with on the same occasion?

Zac Walker may be looking for a date for all the spring events. He decided not to get married because of a child-labor law.

Jack Kester was seen on the tennis courts yelling "Next," and then came along a high school junior who beat him.

Bill Davidson has given up his guitar for golf clubs. Kay Tyson will never have to worry about money, for she can always scrape it off and sell it to Max Factor.

I understand that some guys, when dating to a movie, park their cars back of the State Theatre and cut through an alley.

All because they're ashamed to walk down the street with what they have.

In producing a play, a leading actor or actress often falls for the other lead. Could this be said of Joe Medlock in "South of the Border"?

"Gator" will surely get a special award for wearing the best-shined shoes to Sunday Chow.

Winnie Ann Watson does not mind working in the dining hall so long as we have the present chief of waiters.

Ann Howard Minter has left us to prepare for the future, but she promises to come back for all "The Crucible" performances and all the Tau Zeta parties.

It is believed that Gordon Yancey swallowed the letters Z and Q in a Scrabble game to keep from losing.

for the very latest in men's wear you can just contact Reynolds Van Cleve.

Kenneth Price and Wayne Taylor have refused to sign a peace treaty. Ken insists that before the hostilities are all over, he will cut Mr. Taylor down to his size.

Larry Gregg's hobby is collecting pipes, and Frank Harrell insists that he is giving up smoking until after the track season.

And still he bums a pack a day.

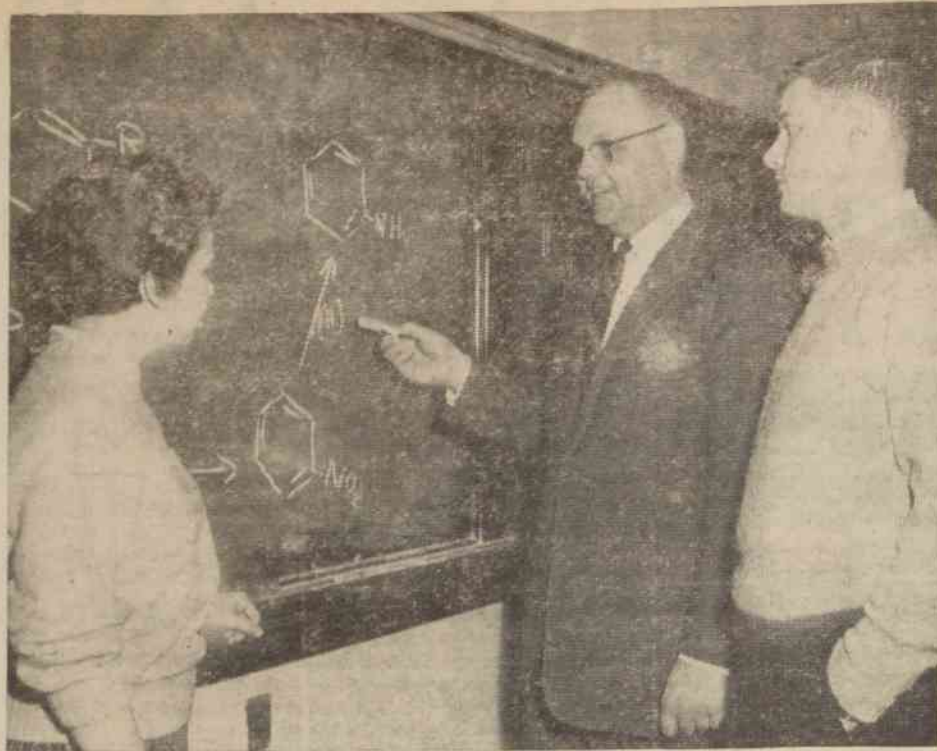
Ken Duddy has no trouble in finding ways to express his "Simplicity."

Dumb looking guy in the witness chair.

And his lawyer is saying to the jury: "Gentlemen, just look at this defendant. Does he look capable of pre-meditating?"

Hasta la vista!

PRESIDENT DANIELEY BACK IN CHEMISTRY CLASSROOM



In all the hustle and bustle of Inauguration Week ceremonies, Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon president, was still not too busy to return to the classroom for a whirl at his beloved chemistry. When Dr. Paul Cheek, Elon chemistry professor, was stricken ill, President Danieley immediately stepped in to pinch-hit for his colleague in daily 8 o'clock classes. He is pictured above with two of his chemistry students, Nancy Goforth, of Hendersonville, and Larry Nichols, of Burlington.

More Than Just Atmosphere . . .

Academic Garb Has Special Meaning

The sober dark gowns and brightly colored hoods worn by Elon College faculty members and other academic guests at the inauguration ceremonies for Dr. J. E. Danieley represent more than academic atmosphere for the occasion.

The various colors and linings of velvet and silk indicate just which members of the assemblage should be addressed as "Doctor" and which answer to the title of "Professor."

The student who knows his colleges can also distinguish from the mass of color displayed in the hoods and tassels, which colleges or universities each professor graduated from and with what area of learning each is associated.

Tradition has it that this code, as embodied in the various gowns

and regalia, reaches back into the Middle Ages, when the universities were under the control of the Church and most of the students were monks, priests or other churchmen.

The unheated college buildings of that day could not keep the chill from the shaved heads and the cold bodies of the monks, and it was found that gowns were necessary for bodily warmth and that the hoods served as insulation for the tonsured heads.

Added Colors

Colors were added in later years at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England, where the academic costume, as such, came into existence.

The British liked their colors mixed, and each university adopted or created its own special cos-

tume, with colors and styles peculiar to each one. Sometimes each university would have thirty or more different styles of robes.

The American system of gowns dates from the 1800's. In 1895 an intercollegiate commission met to form a code which would stabilize the mass of robe styles so that one might tell at a glance what each garment signified. The rules formulated by that commission are still in existence, except for a few minor changes made in 1932, and those rules govern the type of gown and hood worn by each faculty member and academic guest at the Elon inaugural gathering.

Some Worn Closed

The gown for the bachelor's degree is worn closed and is pri-

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Around With Square

By WALTER EDMONDS



There are two types of reporters in the field of journalism today, the extrovert is the leg-man (an outside reporter, one who walks about gathering the news), and the introvert is the rewrite, that is a reporter who gets news by telephone or radio from reporters out on assignment. I presume I would fall under the former, for I must tramp the classic shades of Elon and perceive the tid-bits of news and gossip and hope that somewhere in this jumble of readership someone maybe swayed to our side, ipso factor, the right side. I am possessed once again with the urge, the urge to light one lousy candle.

I could begin with a few fallacies about the school, but I am afraid they would not make print. Take for instance the columns which support the Chow Hall. They're hollow. My column is more solid. Take for example the water situation at times. Now that really gripes me. Think about it. You pay all that money to go to school, and what do you get? No water and hollow columns. The power of the pen can do many things but I hardly think it can alter matters. Only you, the student, can alter them. That is where the topic of my column comes into the picture. The topic of student government. Ah! Student government, what a wonderful asset to a college, but it can become a tool of discord

if not properly employed. It is your student government. A government by the students, of the students, and for the students is what we want, and ONLY this. If we cannot attain this type of government, then let's abolish it and turn things and problems over to the administration COMPLETELY!

BLAH: Well we have lost a few more dear friends through lackness of academic requirements. Ah! but Bucky is here, good ole soul, we couldn't do without him.

There seems to be a couple of controversial questions on campus. When do we get out for spring holidays? Well for those who are interested, the date is April 4, and no fooling—What happen to the flicks on week-ends. Promises, promises, nothing but promises—

PLAUDITS: Prof. Jonathan Sweet's recent concert in Whitely Auditorium was a little out of my comprehension, but for one to realize the marvelous value of Prof. Sweet's touch on keyboard is evident and masterful—

JUST JUNK: Gossip left me from this state of obscurity. Of course it takes the right know-how. One must know how to serve up gossip with the proper trimmings. Well that leaves me out once again. What these incidents at hand. What is the real reason for Janet Burge's rash? What causes Bev Bentley to change her mind like the tide? Chuck Oakley can find out these things, why can't I? Take the case of Bob Stauffenberg: you can set your watch by

him. I wonder if that "certain party" will see fit to his going to the beach during spring holidays. Come, come, Bob, I don't mean "Bubbles"—Take for instance the essence of humor is corn; the main part of corn is the kernel, the colonel stays a colonel if he is friendly with the general; the general remains a general if he's known in the Pentagon; a pentagon has five sides; a page has four sides; on some four-sided pages the writing runs out and a space-filler is needed; This is space-filler and I must readily admit it is corn—Now you see what it takes to make up journalism, one of the seven lively arts. So I heartily recommend, you to read "Under the Oaks" or "Campus Notes", if you want to escape this nonsense. You dear readers see that my favorite topics of print are vacationing. When I state this premise, I mean the likes of "Woody" Brown, Harry Faust, Buck Fleming, and Woody Woodhouse, have departed for a brief stay . . . Hurry home boys.

MEMOS: Buddy Way, I.T.K., recently signed a 1958 contract with the Milwaukee Braves. Buddy is due to report to the Braves training camp in Waycross, Ga., this week . . . Elon's AAU contenders suffered a first game elimination in the recent Carolina A.A.U. tournament at Asheville.

FINIS: It's that time once again. This is yours truly, better known in smaller circles as "Square", bidding you all a temporary fare thee well . . .

on the campus

JOHN BIGGERSTAFF



With the new Spring Quarter now well under way on our Elon campus, I have asked Dean Hereford and Dean Colley to express their views of student life and activities on the campus.

I offer you Dean Colley's comments, below, and will present Dean Hereford's expressions in the next issue of the Maroon and Gold. In presenting them, I would like to thank each of them for their response to my request. Dean Colley sends his comments

What Is A Student?

Every college student is—or ought to be—acquainted with Noah Webster's famous "New Collegiate Dictionary." It tells me that a student is "one who studies." The word student comes from the Latin verb "studeo," which means "I study," and the noun "studium" comes from the Latin noun "studium," which means "eagerness, interest, zeal," according to my little Latin grammar.

College professors have been known to state that some of their students did not know how to study. Some college students have been known to admit that they themselves did not know how to study, and no doubt there is a quantum of truth in many such statements.

It has been this writer's frank opinion for some years that many college students did not know "why" to study; or knowing why, they do not see cause for sufficient study. In their own ways many of these students know how to study, even though study is not too effective. The chief cause for failure by entirely too many students in college is that they do not know "how long" to study.

Success in any worthwhile enterprise comes from enthusiasm, zeal, application. One does not prepare an assignment of college calibre in history, French, German, mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry, English, or any other of the relatively difficult subjects in a period of passive, casual study that lasts thirty minutes. It takes two hours or more for each subject, and a student carrying three subjects ought to have at the very least six hours of preparation per day, while four subjects would entail eight hours of good, hard and faithful study.

In recent decades we have heard a great deal from the Progressive Movement in Education. One of the favorite slogans of the Progressives is "learning to do by doing." Accepting this slogan as sound and valid, we could safely say that one learns to read by reading; he learns to study by studying; he learns algebra by working algebra problems. His professors cannot learn for him, regardless of the high interest of some of their lectures.

This is the ideal time—if it is not already too late—for college students at Elon College to take stock of themselves—to ask themselves some very pertinent questions, such as "How many hours per day have I been studying? How many hours per day should I study this quarter? What kind of grades do I want on my permanent record here? How many hours have I been wasting my time in all these afternoon naps? How much time have I wasted with my automobile? How many hours do I waste for myself and others—if I'm in a dorm—by running radio and TV too late and too loud? How much time have I been wasting by visiting dorm mates? What caused some three dozen so-called students to flunk out of college last quarter? Did I contribute to or cause their failure?"

A little self-analysis never hurt anyone. Socrates was button-holing people on the streets of Athens twenty-four hundred years ago and telling them, "Know thyself." One of the British poets talked about leading life to "sovereign power," suggesting "self-reverence, self-knowledge and Self-control" as means of leadership.

Are you—each of you—willing to cut the percentage of failures at Elon College this quarter by studying long enough? Long and hard study may make you a BIG STUDENT: short and easy study may make you a little student. What do you plan for in life—BIG SUCCESS or little success? Your decision is being written on your permanent record in the Registrar's Office and the Dean's Office, quarter after quarter.