

# Maroon And Gold

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### EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

The National Education Association issued some eye-opening figures aimed at one of America's national blind spots—paying for good schools.

It's a matter of values, rather than wealth, says the NEA. We have the money to pay for education, but we have to decide whether it's worth as much as new cars or late-model hi-fi's.

We put more of our tax money into education 25 and 50 years ago than we do today, according to the report. In 1902, education's share of all taxes was about 17 percent, and in 1932 it was 25 percent. Yet today, with the cost of education expected to double in the next 10 years, only 12 percent of our taxes go for the schools.

Right now, the federal government with its efficient, streamlined collection system brings in almost three out of every four tax dollars. Yet, despite the national implications of our brainpower race with other nations, it pays only four percent of the cost of public schools. Local and state governments pay 96 percent.

Looking over local and state tax structures, the NEA doubts their ability to handle the 10 percent increase in the cost of education over the next decade. Local and state debt has risen 182 percent since 1948. In addition, states are hampered by competitive tax exemptions and other devices used to attract industry.

Unless the federal government assumes a reasonable share of school costs, here's what the report says taxpayers have to look forward to:

A 50 to 90 percent increase in real estate in thousands of communities.

A two to four percent increase in sales taxes in some states.

An increase of 4 to 8 cents in cigarette taxes in several states.

An income tax jump of 2 to 5 percent in some states.

In terms of wealth, the leaflet asserts, America can afford better schools. It points to these statistics:

The value of all goods and services produced by the nation in one year is now \$440 billion. That's 70 percent over what it was in 1948.

Our national income is up 63 percent since 1948 and our personal incomes after taxes and our personal savings have increased drastically. Since 1948, according to the leaflet, we were able to afford \$110 billion for new and used cars, \$151 billion for alcoholic beverages, tobacco and cosmetics, and \$127 billion for recreation.

In the same period, we spent only \$78 billion for public elementary and secondary schools.—SELECTED.

### POINTED PHRASES

A conference is the confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

An installment plan is a system by means of which you can doll up on a dollar down.

A wife doesn't mind her husband's claim that he can read women like a book, so long as he does his reading at home.

The political pot is the place where old applesauce is warmed over.

The girl who would make a fine catch has to wait for some man to make a pitch.

It takes a raft of money to keep a family afloat nowadays.

Old politicians never die — they just run once too often.



around with square

by SQUARE EDMONDS

Nothing ventured, nothing gained is a proverbial expression which prevailed around this custom-saturated campus two weeks ago as the winter quarter climaxed. The much controversial, misunderstood academic ruling certainly took its toll. At this time I do not know whether I should express an eulogy or jump into the old, hollow circle and bellow "I told you so". I really shouldn't even mention it, for the ones the ruling applies to are all gone; so I'll let the above just serve as a reminder to those still here.

CHANGE: Trustees recently approved of the new semester proposal. The semester system begins in the fall of this year, and it will put a real damper on those "week-end warriors". You know the ones who have a touch of "suiteitis". The real question in mind is this: Will they still serve "those" bag lunches at the Sunday noon meal?

MAY DAY: With the coming of grass, we around Elon ready ourselves for such activities as afternoon baseball games, sunbaths acquired on the intramural field, chit-chatting on the dorm steps, and of course the spring dances. Bergman and Company have acquired the renowned band of "Pee Wee" Hunt for the annual May Day dance. (Who in heavens' name is he). There will be plenty of gripes when I suggest the wearing apparel should be strictly formal. One formal dance a year is not asking too much of the students.

MORE SUGGESTIONS: How about a new projector for the weekly movies in Whitley Chapel. The sound is something like that in the hey-day of Tom Edison. This is one of the two mediums we students around Elon enjoy, the other is, conversing with the coeds around West Dorm. It would be drastic if we lost either of them.

COME DANCE WITH ME: Would be nice to have the Champions back for another session here at Elon. Just a good way to break the monotonous trend, and have an evening of "Terpsichore".

NAMES: It's that time once again. The time to expose the "bafoons", who have entrenched themselves in the middle of the road screaming "Take me to your reader." This type of readership is a real pain in the neck, but it is so popular with the students I must keep them happy. I could pick one of the trio I've selected this issue at random, but to be only fair let's keep it alphabetical.

JOE E. LEWIS: This guy is strictly objective to humanity. You know the type, a "Can you top this" kind. No matter where you've been or what you've done, he's the guy who discovered the place and laid the foundation. The Maroon and Gold has joined the benevolent society and has tried to use the college publication as a means to make him popular.

DA... MANGRUM: This is the fellow, who tried to drop kick East Dorm out into Highway 100 last year. A real attention-seeker, who is currently out for baseball. The only known pitcher in organized baseball, who throws ground balls from the mound.

DON SZYDLIK: Last but far from being least this specimen is one of much general controversy. The questionable issue is, "Is he lazy or just plain tired?" It is a known fact, that he is the only living person, who can stumble over a pattern in a rug. He is always the life of any party, along with Dale Barnwell of course. Ed's Note: If you know what I mean.

CROWDED: Since this is a newspaper of togetherness, I think it fitting and only proper to mention that togetherness can get out of hand, especially in the stairways of Alamaance Building. I understand that this the place where particular people congregate and "throw the ball", but congestion is sometimes overbearing. Why couldn't one of the many committees around this place install a ONE WAY system for the overcrowded stairways. It's very simple plan. Have arrows pointing UP one flight of stairs and DOWN the other. Nuff Said!

PARTING SHOT: It is time for me to climb back to my perch in my little white, ivory tower and say good riddance to some more bad rubbish.

### RANDOM THOUGHTS

A show-off is always shown-up in a show-down.

### Evolution

First he was a tad-pole. Beginning to begin. Then he was a frog. With his tall tucked in. Next he was a monkey in a bamboo tree. Now he's a student, Seeking a degree.

## Relating To Church History

# Historical Collection Is Interesting

One of the most interesting places on the Elon College campus is the Church History Room on the second floor of the college library, in which are stored many important historical writings and relics of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. An interesting feature on the room was written recently by Glenn Keever, Burlington newspaper writer, and much of that article is presented here.

A major project of the Historical Society of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, the room already contains many priceless items of Christian Church history. The Historical Society was organized in 1956 in a meeting at Union Ridge Congregational Christian Church while the Southern Convention was celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Elon College offered the use of a room in the college library to be set aside as a Church History Room. The process of collecting and bringing together historical items about the church began immediately.

Many items already were on hand at the college in various rooms, but they had never been brought together. Other items were in the hands of individual churches and members.

Mrs. W. W. Sellers of Burlington was named the first president of the Historical Society, and Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, librarian at Elon College since 1928, was appointed curator of the Church History Room.

Since the room was established hundreds of historical items and relics have been deposited there. The room is fast becoming a major center of Christian Church History.

Among the collection at Elon College are the writings of James O'Kelly, who in 1792 succeeded from the Methodist Church and became a leader in the formation of the Christian Church.

One book in the room of particular interest to local residents is the diary of Joseph Thomas, an Alamance County resident who was known as the "White Pilgrim" because he always wore garments of pure white while touring church circuits in a dozen states.

In the room is an original copy of the "Herald of Gospel Liberty," founded in Portsmouth, N. H. in 1808, the "first religious journal printed in America."

Also there is the first issue of the "Christian Sun," the religious weekly of the Southern Convention of the church.

The room contains a photograph of Antioch College, founded in 1852 in Yellow Springs, Ohio, by Horace Mann. This was one of the first colleges in America to admit women and men on equal footing for degrees.

The early records of Old Providence Church, from which Elon College traces its history, are included in the collection in the Church History Room. The bell that was in the old Graham Institute, which began in 1852, is included in the collection.

Also on hand is the bell that was salvaged when Elon College burned in 1923. Handwritten journals by Rev. Christy Sine and other pioneer ministers of the church are included in the collection.

Many of the personal possessions of Rev. J. W. (Uncle) Wellons are on display in the room. Rev. Wellons lived to be 101 years old and made his home in an Elon College dorm. He preached a sermon on his 100th birthday.

Many of the minutes of the Christian Church general meetings since 1800 are in the room and a complete collection of minutes of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Church since 1856.

In the room are the saddlebags Rev. Christy Sine of Virginia used in his travels as a circuit minister as well as his personal journal, yellow with age but still easily readable.

Many records are on hand of individual churches dating as far back as the early 1800's and many records of the church during the Civil War are available.

In short, the small room at Elon College is fast becoming a center of Congregational Christian Church history, one of which all members of the church can be proud.

The reason for the history room was summed up by Major W. E. MacClenny of Suffolk, Va., historian of the Southern Convention from 1922 to 1946, when he said:

"No people, church nor nation has ever grown great until it had a history familiar to its people to which the rising generations could be pointed for inspiration. We, as a church, have been very slow to recognize this truth and for this reason we have greatly neglected our church history..."

As documents pile up and historical items are brought into the Church History Room here, it will be more and more evident that the Congregational Christian Church is no longer ignoring its history.

Perhaps someday the "broad-minded man of the church" whom MacClenny envisioned writing the history of his church, will draw upon materials in the Church Room here for most of his facts.

here and there

By

DICK LASHLEY



EXAMS ARE OVER! Once again we students can settle down to our favorite pastimes of reading comic books, going to the movies, sleeping, and finding excuses not to study for three whole months! At the end of that time we can once again try to cram a whole quarter's work and supposed learning into the space of the six or seven days before exams begin. Gets kinda monotonous, doesn't it?

Speaking of exams, it's nice to see that so many of us survived them. From the looks of the list that was posted in the dean's office, some of our number weren't quite as lucky as those of us who remain to pursue our "intellectual goals."

### Founders' Day

Well, Oaks (that's English for Elon) is now 70 years olds. As usual, its birthday was celebrated with our annual Founders' Day ceremonies in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. The feature of the morning was an address by Dr. Walter J. Peterson, dean of the Graduate School of North Carolina State College.

There was a pretty good student body representation at the ceremonies, but not nearly what it should have been. It wouldn't hurt any of us to be more active and interested in the extra curricular activities of our school.

### Who's Happened To The Lights?

Here 'n There was very pleased awhile back to see the electricians installing new fluorescent lighting in the class rooms. They worked very industriously putting them up in the administrative offices and a few of the classrooms on the second floor of Alamaance and in the Library. But, all of a sudden they ain't here no more. Wonder where they is? Oh well, break out the spectacles again students, the "dim out" is still in effect in some quarters.

### More Gripes

Wouldn't it be nice if we students really knew just what subjects were going to be taught and when they were going to be taught? Wouldn't it be nice if the seniors were notified during the summer preceding their senior year as to just what subjects and hours they would need to graduate with the rest of their class in the spring? IT SURE WOULD, BROTHER, IT SURE WOULD!

Here 'n There wishes it could offer some suggestions, but that is a job for someone else, and yours truly just hopes that all us seniors can step up and get those diplomas on June 1st.

### New Union Soda Fountain

Here 'n There is still in the dark as to when installation is going to begin on the new soda fountain for the Student Union. However, from the amount of equipment stored in the Union, it looks as if old Leslie is going to really have himself a "corner drugstore." All kidding aside, the prospective plans for our Student Union really sound swell. The students in the years to come will really have a Union they can be proud of and also a nice place to take their guests. Here 'n There tips its hat to those responsible for a proposed better facilities over on the ground floor of Mooney.

### Elon Community Church

The newest addition to our college community is well underway and nearing completion. The steeple framework for the Elon College Community Church has been fixed in place (as all you well know), and the masons are already at work placing the brick facing around it. It looks now as if it will be ready for student worship for the 1959-60 school year.

### Phi Psi Cli

The Phi Psi Cli is nearing completion, and the annual this year should be one of the best ever. The co-editors, Linda Simpson and Martha Langley, have really been doing some hard work, trying to design an annual that will be really swell.

If everything goes according to schedule, we can look for it to be distributed around the last week in this quarter.

### Constitution Revision

Our Student Body Constitution is being revised! The revision is under the direction of Linwood Hurd. According to all reports the Constitution needs revision badly, and it is hoped that the new one will be of more benefit to all concerned, namely us students.

(If anyone has any suggestions as to changes or revisions, talk to Linwood. Who, knows, he may even listen and use your suggestions.) No offense Linwood, just kidding.

All of us should be proud of our student government. The students who work in it are really sincere in their jobs and strive always to do what is best for all of us. We can repay them for their efforts by giving them more cooperation.

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## Seen From The West Watchtower

By ANN JOYCE



ing \$1.09 in one of those town industries. Even if his daughter was living in such luxury, he really shouldn't ought to have did so much boasting. Well, back to my story.

When my pa was preparing me for this city life, one thing which he told me stood out in my mind like a Black Angus heifer in a cotton patch. It was that I would find hollow metal poles running into folks houses with water in the middle. Fresh water, too. Why they said all you had to do to get water was to turn little tricks over a wash bowl which was hung to the wall and had a hole in the bottom. Imagine!!! I reckon it was mighty close to being the hardest thing for me to picture that I'd ever heard tell of. I guess that was just natural, considering as how I'd got my raising in the country.

All the things pa had warned me about shore were true and more. When I got to college and started putting up in the dormitory with girls from all over the country, I realized right away that here was a whole herd of experienced society dames. I couldn't let them know how dumb I was. I was too proud for that. So I knew I'd have to learn by watching.

I waited around until I saw one of the girls who looked like she might be headed for the powder room. I tagged along beside her pretending to be so interested in our conversation that I couldn't put up with this interruption. I eyeballed all these new facilities with awe. I knew that when supper time came I would plead not hungry and stay in the dorm so's I could try out all of them cute little do-jiggers.

Well, far's I know, my follow-the-leader plan worked out tolerably well. Why before this writing, I don't think any of the girls in the dorm have realized

It's mighty hard for a country gal to get broke in to these here new-fangled city ways. When I left my home on the farm my pa warned me that things would be different down yonder in the City of Elon College. He said he'd heard tell of a lot of strange things down in the city.

He said he'd seen pictures in a mail order house "wishbook" of cookstoves which were run by electricity. Said they claimed that you didn't even have to split kindling or saw logs to fire them. According to my pa I would see women in this new country who ran around in cars with cigarettes hanging from their mouths and that some of the words leaving their mouths would shock any lady. Pa explained to me that in case I was looking for the powder room, it would be on the interior of city buildings. Gosh!!

These things and more he told me which he had gathered from a conversation with our neighbor, Mr. Livenext. It seems that Brother Livenext gained his amazing knowledge of all the modern conveniences when he visited his daughter, Sarah, who was married up and living in Richmond.

Neighbor Livenext even bragged about the fact that there were little do-dads in Sarah's house which made the room get as light as day when they were flipped, even if it was midnight. Course I felt at that time that Brother Livenext probably got so excited about these automobiles scooting around that big town that he, well... er... well, imagined all these things. Why, he used to primp up in clean overalls every Saturday and strut to the general store, so's he could tell folks about how Sarah's husband was mak-