

# Elon Baseball Squad To Be Busy During Spring Vacation

## B.O.B. Girls Grab Title In Play Day

The Beta Omicron Beta sorority basketball team posted a strong bid for the girls collegiate championship of North Carolina when they turned back varsity teams from Wake Forest, Salem, Greensboro and Elon colleges in a girls' basketball play day tournament here last Saturday.

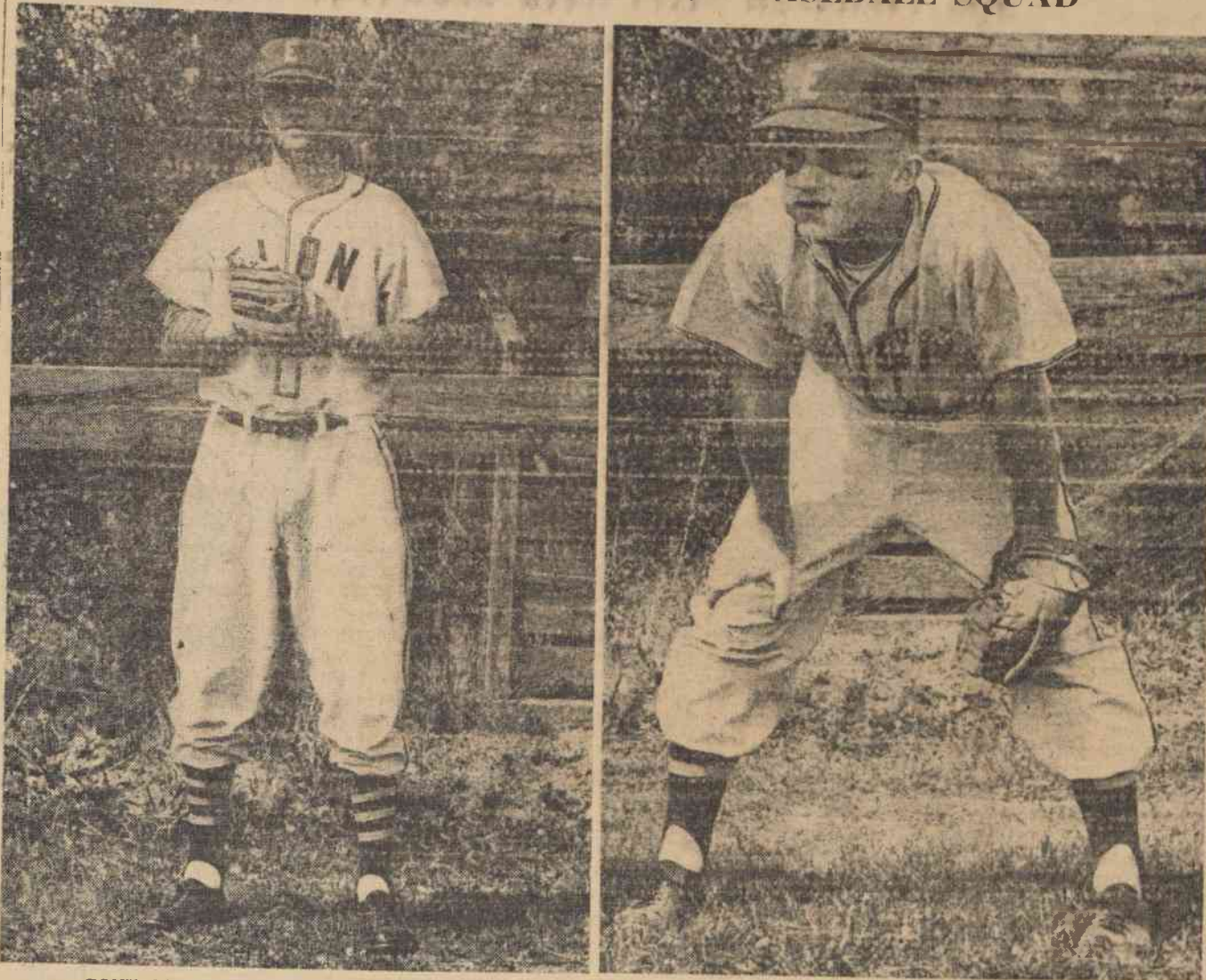
The B.O.B. outfit, which had previously won the Elon campus title, entered its team as a unit in the play day event, which was held in both morning and afternoon sessions at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Saturday. The Wake Forest lassies finished second, Salem College third, Greensboro fourth and the Elon All-Star Varsity fifth in the tournament.

In gaining the tournament title, the B.O.B. sextet defeated Wake Forest 15 to 14, turned back Salem 23 to 17, downed the Elon All-Stars 25 to 13 and whipped Greensboro College 16 to 10. Martha Langley, who racked 46 points in the four games for B.O.B., was individual high scorer for the day's play.

Other games played saw Wake Forest defeat Greensboro 20 to 8, Elon 27 to 23 and Salem 22 to 18, while Wake defeated Elon 14 to 12 and Greensboro 19 to 12; and Greensboro posted its lone victory over Elon by a 16 to 10 margin.

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## SENIOR VETERANS WITH ELON BASEBALL SQUAD



TONY CARCATERRA, SENIOR OUTFIELDER

DON LICHOK, SENIOR INFIELDER

Two of the senior veterans who are counted on for regular duty with the Fighting Christian baseballers during this 1959 campaign are pictured above. They are Tony Carcaterra, left, an All-Conference and All-State outfielder from Inwood, L. I., N. Y., who is beginning his fourth and final season in an Elon uniform; and Don Lichok, right, a veteran infielder from Brackenridge, Pa., who has been a regular for the past two seasons at second base. Carcaterra posted a .358 batting average last season and tied with Gil Watts for the run-batted-in leadership. The big boy also tied for the lead in doubles and homers and paced the club in triples. Lichok, whose main strength lies in his glove work, batted .250 for the year with Elon's 1958 Conference champions.

## Nine Battles Fort Lee; Plays Lejeune Tourney

For the Christian baseballers, who opened their 1959 diamond campaign by meeting three New England teams in a real "Yankee Week" series this week, the annual spring holidays that are set next week will mean practically nothing for the Maroon and Gold nine will face one of the busiest weeks of the season while the other students are away from the campus on vacation.

The baseball squad will use the holiday period for visits to two of Uncle Sam's military posts, where they will face five games during the holiday week. The diamond crew will leave here next Monday for Fort Lee, Va., where they have two games carded and will then move on to Camp Lejeune to compete in a tournament at the big Marine base.

The Christians will face the strong Fort Lee nine on the Virginia army post on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This marks the second straight year that the Elon horsehide artists have tangled with the Fort Lee crew during spring vacation. Last year Coach Sanford's boys played Fort Lee three times and won two out of three. The Christians defeated Fort Lee 16 to 7, dropped a 10-4 decision and then copped the series with a fine 6 to 1 victory.

Immediately after next week's two tilts at Fort Lee, the Christians will trek southward down the Carolina coast to Camp Lejeune, where they will tangle with the Camp Lejeune Marines and Ithaca University in a three-day tournament. All reports are that Camp Lejeune will field a powerful outfit, and Ithaca comes south with prospects of one of the strongest collegiate outfits in their area.

The week following spring holidays will also be a busy one, with the Christians opening their bid for a third consecutive North State Conference title by meeting High Point, Guilford and Atlantic Christian in three loop battles. The Christians go to High Point on Monday after the holidays, meet Guilford here on the home field on Tuesday and then entertain the Atlantic Christian nine on Saturday, April 11th. These three games will go far in determining

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### Baseball Schedule

- Mar. 23—Williams, home.
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- Mar. 25—Colby, home.
- Mar. 26—Colby, home.
- Mar. 27—Dartmouth, home.
- Mar. 31—Fort Lee, away.
- Apr. 1—Fort Lee, away.
- Apr. 2—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 3—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 4—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 6—High Point, away.
- Apr. 7—Guilford, home.
- Apr. 11—A. C. C., home.
- Apr. 14—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Apr. 17—West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 18—West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 21—High Point, home.
- Apr. 22—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 23—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 25—East Carolina, home.
- Apr. 28—Catawba, home.
- Apr. 30—Appalachian, home.
- May 1—Pfeiffer, away.
- May 8—A.C.C., away.
- May 5—Pfeiffer, home.
- May 9—East Carolina, away.
- May 15—Guilford, away.

## Elon Coach Speaks For Civic Group

Speaking to the Burlington Kiwanis Club last Thursday night, Prof. Jack Sanford, chairman of the department of physical education at Elon College, stressed the problem of physical deterioration on the national scale as he spoke on the topic of "Health and Physical Fitness."

In pointing out the lack of physical fitness in both American youth and adults, Sanford cited statistics from the United States armed services in regard to the number of men of military age who have been found lacking in physical abilities during and since World War II.

He also described for the Kiwanians the physical education program at Elon College, which is designed to meet the problem

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## Calling The Sports Shots

By JIMMY ELDER



Coach Graham L. "Doc" Mathis, the rotund and jovial cage mentor for the Elon College Christians for the past decade, has submitted his resignation to President Danieley, effective on June 1st, and this resignation ends one of the most successful coaching tenures in the history of the North State Conference.

Coach Mathis' over-all record for the ten basketball seasons reveals an enviable 162 wins and 118 losses, and his teams have won top North State Conference laurels in 1956 and gained the championship of the Carolinas District of the NAIA in 1952, 1956 and 1957. By virtue of the three NAIA district titles, the Christians went on to Kansas City for the national tournament in each of those years as the representative of District 26.

The retiring coach also coached the Elon diamond squad for three years, beginning in 1954, posting an over-all mark for those three seasons of 47 wins and 18 losses, and his boys added another North State championship in 1954.

The last two basketball seasons have been something short of sensational for the Davidson College graduate, but the feeling in most quarters is that the record of those two seasons had little or no effect in bringing about his resignation.

The action taken by Coach Mathis raises several pertinent questions regarding the future of athletics at the college. First of all is there any trend toward de-emphasis of athletics on the campus. Certainly there have been rumors to that effect. The administrative officials say that there is no de-emphasis, and actually there has been little evidence of such.

This in turn brings up the question whether de-emphasis, if it were to come, would be good for the school as a whole. I believe, at this time, under existing conditions, that it might be of benefit. The understanding is that a

strong athletic program is supposed to raise school spirit, to strengthen student pride in the college and to spread the name of Elon College through the several media of communications.

Certainly Elon College has had some excellent publicity through its athletic program, but the sports participation has seemingly failed in the large part to improve student spirit or, to increase student pride in the college.

The administration evidently knows that the surest and best way to earn the respect and loyalty of a student body is to provide first of all a strong academic foundation. When this is firmly established, and circumstances permit, there should then be a strong athletic program established.

Does this mean that I as an individual am advocating that we do away with intercollegiate athletics altogether. Of course not. Nevertheless, it might be good to have a re-emphasis of certain minor sports.

For instance, many schools achieve a national reputation for their excellence in the minor sports. Rollins College in Florida has annually excelled in golf, and usually in baseball too; Abilene Christian College has obtained international repute for its track stars, prominently Bobby Morrow; and the list goes on endlessly.

Why couldn't Elon give scholarships in golf and tennis, for instance, enabling us to compete with the larger schools all over the Southeastern United States, or, for that matter, all over the nation?

Also prominent at this time is the question of who will replace Coach Mathis, and one hears many names mentioned in connection with the position. No names have been revealed thus far, but President Danieley has assured that a coach will be found as quickly as

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## Diamond Squad Has 10 Lettermen

The Elon College baseball squad, which is defending both the North State Conference championship and the title honors in the North and South Carolina District of the NAIA that were won last spring, shows a veteran nucleus that includes ten lettermen, nine of them from last year's fine squad and the tenth from the Conference champs of 1957, but Coach Jack Sanford still had his problems as the 1959 campaign got underway this week with five home games against New England teams.

Coach Sanford had more than thirty men working out in the early drills for this year's titular bid, but scholastic difficulties cut a number of boys from the roster, and others have fallen by the wayside as the spring workouts continued. The most recent roster for the Christian baseballers

### Schedule Is Set For Net Squad

The Elon tennis team, which will play this spring under the direction of Coach Robert Dunlap, will face twelve dual meets and will participate in the annual North State Conference tournament.

Coach Dunlap has four lettermen back from last year, including Steve Mauldin, Jim Bennett, John Lowther and Gene Rhodes. Others seeking positions on the net squad are William Farries, D. C. Harris, Bud Burgess, Jim Walsh and Jack Angen.

- The schedule follows:
- Mar. 25—East Carolina, away.
  - Mar. 26—Atlantic Chris., away.
  - Apr. 7—Appalachian, home.
  - Apr. 9—High Point, away.
  - Apr. 11—Pfeiffer, away.
  - Apr. 15—Guilford, home.
  - Apr. 18—East Carolina, home.
  - Apr. 20—Atlantic Chris., home.
  - Apr. 29—Guilford, away.
  - May 5—Pfeiffer, home.
  - May 7—Appalachian, away.
  - May 9—High Point, home.

listed less than twenty-five men, and from that group will come the Maroon and Gold varsity this spring. Those players are introduced to the campus fans in the following sketches.

#### CATCHERS

**JOE DELGAIS** — A senior letterman who played in 1956 and 1957, DelGais did not participate in the diamond sport last year. He hails from Inwood, L. I., N. Y., stands 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He bats and throws right. Also starred as a backfield man in football.

**EDDIE HUGHES** — A junior from Burlington, Hughes is a transfer from the University of North Carolina who sat out last spring for eligibility. Standing 5 feet 11 inches, he weighs 174 pounds and bats and throws right.

**DAVID TYLER** — A junior from Charles City, Va., Tyler stands 6 feet tall and weighs 185 pounds. He bats and throws right.

#### PITCHERS

**GILBERT WATTS** — A senior letterman from Laurinburg, Watts is starting his fourth season in an Elon uniform. He won both All-Conference and All-State honors in regular season last spring and went on to win AM-American listing in the national NAIA tourney. Watts is 6 feet tall, weighs 178 pounds and bats and throws right. Can play either infield or outfield when not pitching. Also captain and guard in basketball.

**GARY HENSON** — A junior letterman from Granite Falls, Henson is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He throws left and bats right and can play outfield when not pitching.

**ARTHUR THOMPSON** — A sophomore letterman from Graham (Alexander Wilson High) Thompson is 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds and bats and throws right.

**DAN MANGRUM** — A junior reserve from Virginia, Va., Mangrum is 6 feet tall and weighs 178 pounds. He bats and throws right. Was on last year's squad but did not letter because hand-

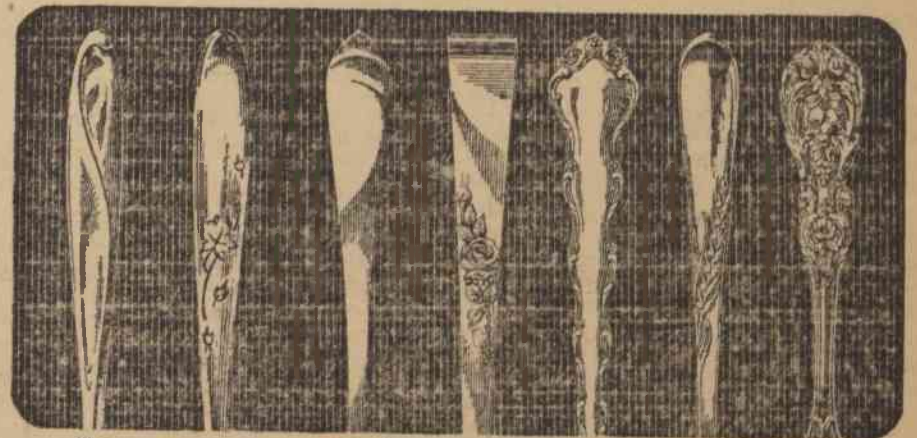
injured by injuries.

**ROGER KNAPP** — A sophomore reserve from Verona, Pa., Knapp is 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 178 pounds. He bats and throws left.

**AUSTIN COOK** — A freshman from Denton, Cook is 6 feet in height and weighs 175 pounds. He bats and throws right.

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