

# Maroon And Gold

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## A NEW WAY OF LIFE

One of the finest expressions seen recently concerning college and what it means to the new college student appeared in an early fall issue of the Mars Hill campus newspaper, The Hilltop. It referred to the new way of life which confronts incoming collegians and pointed out that each student can make of college what he will. Excerpts from the article follow:

College is the beginning of a completely new way of life for most students. Gone is the familiar environment of home. Gone is the security of long-established friendships. Adjustments, many adjustments, must be made in order for college life to be the realization of years of idealistic dreaming.

Even for people who make adjustments easily, there will be moments of dejection; yet for every moment of dejection there will be sixty minutes of elation. Making adjustments easily is one indication of a mature nature, and maturity is a characteristic to which most people aspire. However, not every one has reached a high degree of it by the time he enters college.

One sees indications of lack of maturity on the part of individuals on almost any part of the campus. In the cafeteria, there is the person who frequently goes to the front of the line or breaks in ahead of his fellows. His lack of consideration for others shows his immaturity.

In the student center certain students are seen at almost all times, killing time and apparently quite unconcerned that he passed barely enough hours last term to remain in school. His inability to accept his responsibilities is due to his lack of maturity.

Many of you have met the ones who sneer at certain organizations. He thinks they are a lot of nonsense, not because he has attended a meeting himself, but because he received his information from others who have also never attended. He shows his immaturity by accepting biased opinions as the truth.

Finally, there is the "constant complainer," who chides this college above all others and yet finds nothing good about it. He does not stop to think that there are hundreds of other students who are very happy on the campus. Perhaps, if he considered his complaints, he would realize that he should adapt himself to the ideals and conditions of the institution rather than trying to change them to soothe his own vanity.

A new year is well started here on the Elon campus. It can be the most important year of your life, for it can be the year when you learn "to accept the things you cannot change, change the things you can and gain the wisdom to know the difference." This can be the year you become the kind of person you want to become.

### Improvement Hoped

We who are connected with the Maroon and Gold appreciate the many kind comments concerning the first issue of the campus newspaper, but we hope to show much improvement in this and later issues. There are always problems with every issue, but a special one with the most recent paper was with the press, which may be described as "of the vintage of '76."

The press trouble caused some blurs and ink blots at points on the pages, but a new set of ink rollers is being installed for this issue, and other adjustments are being made by a press expert. We trust that there'll be no more blots to mar our pleasure and yours.

See You On Campus!



on campus

By BOBBY LAWSON

Well, I've been on campus a great deal lately, and I have witnessed much that makes me proud to be a part of Elon. Still there are those students on campus with a chip on their shoulder, who give me a repugnant feeling.

In the previous issue of the Maroon and Gold I used a favorite expression of another person on the campus, "Hot-headed Yankees." I note here that I enclosed the expression in quotation marks to indicate that it was one taken from someone else, one who might be called one of the "Unreconstructed Rebels," but there are still those on the campus who took it that I was expressing my own personal opinion.

I would like to clarify this misunderstanding for my northern colleagues. You see, I have nothing against Yankees, and I believe completely that "all men are created equal." As a matter of fact, some of my best friends are from the North.

The only thing wrong with modern day Rebels is that we all regret losing the Civil War, and those coming from the North may get some lip, because we still think that we could have won the war if we had not run out of corn stalks.

### Hunchback of Elon

It seems to me that the Elon campus might be a very fine place to remake that old film, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." The reason for this is that every morning I see several characters hobbling about the campus who could quite fittingly play the starring role of the hunchback, and many quite vocally place the blame on their beds.

It seems that everyone in Carolina Hall is complaining about the condition of his bed. The administration is aware of this situation, and the authorities assure us that efforts are underway to arrange some adjustment with the company which originally furnished the said items of furniture. When such a settlement is arranged, we will have better beds. So the sufferers should straighten up and look at the brighter side of life, meanwhile hoping for a quick adjustment of present ills.

### Student Conference

Last week I had the honor and privilege of attending the "Conference Concerning Problems of Student Life," which was held at Davidson College. Attending along with me were Dr. Robert Benson, Rev. John Graves, John Clayton and Kenneth Rogers. Others were present from twelve colleges in North Carolina.

The organization is a new one, one which I think to be the final link in the chain that joins the different college campuses of the state. The purpose of the group is that representatives of the various colleges get together and discuss problems which arise in campus life. If we have a problem here at Elon, then we may bring it up at the periodic conferences and may find that other colleges have a similar problem. They might offer us a solution for our problem, and perhaps we may offer a solution for theirs.

The six topics which were discussed at the meeting at Davidson included campus rules and regulations, campus governments, orientation programs, multiple campus organizations, campus newspapers and campus religious programs. From the entire agenda in all its six phases, it would appear that others have far more problems than we here at Elon. Particularly in the field of campus organizations, Elon seemed in far better shape than most institutions.

### Homecoming Weekend

The annual Homecoming Weekend, just ahead of us here at Elon, offers unexcelled opportunity in many phases of campus life. Think of the opportunity for fellowship with alumni, for the building of school spirit and a much-needed break from the routine of classes. It is not something which caters to only a few, but instead is an activity of which everyone can feel a part. It will do much to mend a weakness and void in social life, which needs to be filled if the student body is to be well-rounded and happy.

Picture this campus, your campus and mine, with everyone working together in preparation for this big Homecoming weekend—pep rallies, a football game, colorful floats and dorm decorations, bright chrysantheums pinned on shoulders of beautiful girls, strutting majorettes, and, let us hope, hundreds of voices united in a victory cry. Come on, everyone, let's get together and support this 1959 Homecoming festivity.

### Gloom Chasers

Overheard in the bus: "You know, I wouldn't say anything about her unless it's good, and, oh boy, is this good!"

## WAVING FAREWELL TO FRIENDS ON ELON CAMPUS



Dr. and Mrs. James M. Hess, residents of Elon and members of the faculty family for the past six years, are pictured above in a gesture of farewell to their many friends and admirers at the college and in this area. They left last week to make their home in Claremont, Calif. Dr. Hess had been for six years a member of the Elon English faculty, and prior to that time they had spent thirty-seven years as missionaries in India.

### After Six Years At Elon . . .

## Faculty Pair To Reside In California

More than thirty members of the Elon College faculty group, including faculty wives and husbands, gathered at the Alamance Country Club on Sunday night, October 4th, for a dinner, which paid tribute to Dr. and Mrs. James M. Hess, who left last week to make their home in Claremont, Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. Hess have resided in Elon College for the past six years, during which time Dr. Hess has been a member of the college's English department faculty. Prior to that time they had spent thirty-seven years as missionaries

in India, where he was for many years doing educational work at the University of Madras.

There was no formal program at the tribute dinner, but Dr. J. E. Daniele, who served as master of ceremonies, paid tribute to Dr. Hess for his fine service to the college and community and presented him with a gift in behalf of the college.

Dr. Hess, in accepting the gift, spoke briefly and told of the satisfaction and pleasure he and Mrs. Hess have had while at Elon and expressed their confidence that the

college will continue to make progress and develop through the efforts of a faculty which has its heart in its work.

He recalled how he and his wife happened to come to Elon, saying that he had met Dr. L. E. Smith, for many years president of the college and that he wrote Dr. Smith following retirement in India. He said that his coming to

Elon was "like taking a pig in a poke" for both himself and the college, but he added that the succeeding years had been both happy and rewarding ones.



## The Chatter Box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

ing at the Elon-Appalachian game for our football team Saturday night was something to behold. The cheerleaders were quite pleased with the outcome, and several members of the football squad made the remark that the contrast between that night and the preceding Saturday nights was tremendous. Let's hope that this enthusiasm of the part of the Student Body is contagious and long-lived.

Apparently the Freshmen, who sat in a special section, were the main instigators of the spirit. The upperclassmen, I hear, have since gotten "down-the-country" for their lack of participation, which is supposedly caused by a feeling of being too dignified to get out there and yell. If this be the case, many blessings for our "undignified" Freshmen!

There has been much discussion around campus about the "no-male" campaign taking place on the first floor of West Dormitory. The new rule has quite a few disadvantages, of course, mainly because last year the West parlor was the spot where the "sociables" gathered to sit and chat or gang around the piano to sing.

This privilege to use the parlor for such had to be taken away, because it was abused: the furniture soon became tattered and worn because of rough-necking; the rug received quite a beating, partly because of cigarette butts and ashes that never managed to reach an ash tray; all in all, the parlor was slowly developing into something close akin to a rat's nest.

If the women residing in the dormitory had had enough pride in their parlor to see that the equipment therein was not abused, and if the men had acted

more as gentlemen and had been more careful about the impressions they were leaving on the people present as well as on the furniture, this problem would never have arisen.

This summer, the furniture in the West parlor was re-upholstered, the rug was cleaned, and new ash trays were provided. The present condition of the parlor is expected to remain so throughout the year. The situation as it is now will change only when and if the men and women have proven that they are adult enough and civilized enough to have a nice place in which to socialize and to have fun without being destructive.

The social fraternities and sororities of the Elon College campus held their semi-annual Greek Night October 9th. This Greek Night is an introduction of these organizations as a whole to eligible students who are interested in becoming a part of such a group; also, it is to enable the members of these organizations to become acquainted with the eligible students.

Next week begins the rush period, which consists of parties given by the individual fraternities and sororities for the benefit of giving the individual eligible student and the organization a closer acquaintance with one another so that they may be able to make a choice.

There are two rush periods per year, the first being held during the first semester, in which upperclassmen and Freshmen who are eligible to join a sorority or fraternity. The second period comes in the early part of the second semester and is primarily a rush for the Freshmen.

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By JIMMY ELDER



At no time in the recent history of Elon College has there been so much activity concerning plans for Homecoming, and the plans for the most successful Homecoming weekend ever have materialized primarily through the efforts of the Dance Committee, the Homecoming Committee and the office of the Alumni Secretary.

The dance committee, chairmaned by John Williams, has had a number of difficulties in preparation for the Saturday night dance. John had been in contact with a Charlotte agent since late last spring in an effort to obtain Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra, only to run into an obstacle.

A \$200 deposit had been made, but three weeks ago the agent informed John that Dorsey's orchestra could not travel over a certain distance for one engagement due to union regulations. Following such information, the dance committee leader made a special trip to Charlotte and was fortunately able to obtain Billy May's Orchestra with Sam Donahue, which provides a very able replacement for the Dorsey group.

The dance chairman and members of his committee are to be commended, for they are not thinking in small terms this year. With a substantial bank roll to rely upon, there should be three good, big dances during the college term.

It is reported at this time that both the winter and spring dances will be formal and that Glen Miller's Orchestra is on the spring agenda. Certainly, everyone hopes that the work of this year's dance committee will set a precedent for future dances.

The Homecoming Committee, working in cooperation with Alumni Secretary William B. Terrell, has also been active of late. George Platt, the very able and conscientious chairman of the group, is preparing a parade almost twice as big as that of last year.

Enthusiasm seems contagious, for the Pan-Hellenic Council has voted to require all sororities and fraternities to have both a sponsor and a float in the parade, and certainly congratulations are due the Council for taking such action. The sororities and fraternities are among the most effective devices for arousing spirit and enthusiasm at Elon, and it seems likely that the initiative on the part of the Pan-Hellenic Council should have excellent results.

The few students who have worked hard to make Student Government grow on the campus must have been very satisfied at seeing the interest shown by the freshmen in campus politics. The flock of candidates and the mass of campaign posters and literature is encouraging, to say the least, and it demonstrates quite well the improving calibre of students admitted to the college.

Too, the student government has the honor of presenting the distinguished ballet company, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, on campus on November 2nd. It is flattering to the college that the student government group has such an opportunity to bring this internationally renowned group to this area of North Carolina.

It should be a profitable project for the student government, too, for the campus group will get thirty per cent of the proceeds from the sale of tickets for the student government coffers. Tickets will be priced at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.50, with the performance being held in the Williams High School Auditorium in Burlington.

The tentative program includes Act II of Swan Lake, the Galette Parisienne (which is the cultural can-can), Danses Concertantes and Pas de Quatre.

All students should make an effort to attend the Ballet Russe, a group which includes 20 musicians and 50 dancers. It is a rare opportunity, indeed.

### Brass Tacks

No brain is stronger than its weakest think.

Don't worry about what others think of you, they seldom do.

Hash and romance are best enjoyed when the customer doesn't give too much thought to what's in 'em.

Bachelor: A guy who wouldn't change his quarters for a better half.

Gossips have been catalogued in three different types: The vest-tail-type—always popping off; the vacuum cleaner types—always picking up the dirt; the liniment type—always rubbing it in.