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By

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progress of the college.

in so many colleges today.

Schools, defines it as:

Elon College is in the midst of prepara-

tions for an evaluation of all phases of

the college's activities under an institu-

tional self-study program, a program which

is essential in the long-range planning and

The investigation and the solutions found

in this self-study program will vitally af-

fect every student and faculty member,

indeed the entire college community. For

this reason, it will be a good thing to make

a brief examination of the institutional

self-study programs which are conducted

First of all, what is a self-study program?

Dr. John Forbis, of the North Central As-

sociation of Colleges and Secondary

determine in a comprehensive way where

an institution has been and is, in terms

of its purposes and ways of achieving them:

where it should go with new objectives

and activities in order to serve more effec-

tively those folk who have a stake in it:

so important to Elon College at this time?

tance of the study cannot be exaggerated.

Periodically, the accrediting committee of

the Southern Association of Colleges and

Universities visits all schools within its

large area in order to evaluate the facili-

ties and the academic structure of the

various institutions. Needless to say that

if Elon College, which presently is ac-

credited, lost its accredited status, the re-

sults would be calamitous. The degrees

which so many of us are struggling for

would be virtually worthless, and it would

be a great financial strain on the college,

among numerous other serious consequence

es. Because institutional self-study is such

an essential part of the preparation for

accrediting, efforts on the part of the facul-

ty, administration and students cannot be

The members of the Student Affairs Com-

mittee, consisting of both students and

faculty members, has been assigned the

task of examining and evaluating the stu-

dent personnel program on the campus.

In this evaluation the committee must seek

What have been the significant achieve-

to answer such questions as follows:

lightly regarded.

Why, then, is the institutional self-study

The reason is obvious, and the impor-

and how it can best get there."

"A Cooperative venture which seeks to

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EXTRAS ARE IMPORTANT

Many times here at Elon College and upon other campuses all over America, there are persons who kick and criticize extra-curricular activties, and there are others who just as strongly support and advocate such activities.

Many persons argue that the extra-curricular activities, while good and quite valuable, require too much student time and exert too much pressure on the student body. Still others argue that there are too many activities of a minor nature, but in most cases that should be left to students of each institution to decide.

An editorial from the DAILY KANSAS, the University of Kansas, treats the subject.

"Undeniably, there is a trend toward specialized learning and away from the liberal education which moulded our fathers. De-emphasis is one of the most popular words on college campuses today. College students concentrate on facts. Their knowledge is narrowed by specialization. Those activities, one considered essential, which help round students into broad, personable adults, are slipping from the scene," the editorial said.

"Likewise," It continued, "those courses which were the foundation of the liberal arts education no longer receive the attention they once did. Education is geared to the specialist who is only interested in devouring essential facts."

The result, at best, is unsatisfactory. Few educated men walk from the graduation stage these days-men whose knowledge entitled them to the respect and company of all classes of society.

Today, we produce men, narrow in scope, who function apart from the world. They are experts in their individual fields, but lack training in human understanding needed to establish rapport with other members of society.

We would reject, then, thinking behind a general movement to restrict students to academic pursuits.

Activities, certainly, have their place in an intellectual atmosphere. They perform a valued service in helping produce the well-rounded graduate who understands himself and his community as well as his profession.

GOOD ENGLISH HELPS

Most people in the United States speak

on campus By BOBBY LAWSON

The average student, it has been said is usually on the look out for something for nothing. He goes to class and expects to be filled to capacity with enough ideas and answers (which he usually repeats in a parrot-like manner) to pull him through his courses.

Then he blames the instructors and professors if he fails to pass. In short, he becomes angry with someone else for his own failure.

If it rains and the ground in the parking lots and around the campus becomes muddy, he says, "Mr. Editor, why don't you write a piece in your paper?"

If he fails to find the choice parking space, he says, "Why don't you write a piece?" Of course, the parking problem is enough to drive anyone to distraction.

If he thinks that the Business Office is cheating him out of some money, he immediately says, "Why don't you write a piece?" Even though the paper is not the place for writing such, he still wants it printed; when what he should do is go talk to Mr. Butler. I am sure that he will be glad to tell you why each charge is made

If the creamed potatoes served in the cafeteria happens to have lumps in them, he wants a piece written about the cafeteria.

If he oversleeps and misses a class and wakes up to the fact that a quality point will be deducted, he wants a piece written about the cut system. I think that we should be pleased with the system of just taking a quality point instead of getting an "F" on the course. Some colleges give F's for unexcused over-cuts.

If the school spirit wanes or the athletic teams flop, he wants a piece written about that. Yet, he may be the reason the school spirit and the teams are so poor. As a matter of fact, I am not saying that our football team is a flop, because I think we have a very good team. Even though our team's record is not a success in terms of winning, I still would like to say, "Good show, old sports!" We might not have won all the games, but our Fighting Christians have been in there battling all the way. I only wish the students could have made as good a showing in attendance as the team has on the field.

If he doesn't like the conditions of the dorms, he says, "Why don't you write a piece?" I would be glad to write a piece about it if he has already talked with the proper person and still nothing is done, then is the time to write a piece and not before.

. The Best For Last

Not many mon'hs ago we had a very talented young lady to speak to us in chapel. I had heard so much about her that I actually was looking forward to a chapel program. When she was introduced, I knew that she was going to be an exceptionally good speaker. Then my hopes were shattered when she made such a bold statement in her opening paragraph. I can't remember her direct words, but the idea sticks out. She said something to the effect that she had saved the South to visit last, or until she could better understand, or was more educated on our problems. Man, I'm telling you, she really threw mud in the faces of some of us true Southerners. But what she meant to say was

A Content St The Story From the Beginn ing... **Of Plays And Playmaking At Elon**

"All the world's a stage, and all men and women merely players; they have their exits and entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages."

So said the Bard of Avon, and history proves that 'tis only human to love make-believe and to be interested in plays and the stage. Such interest dates back to the Greeks, and such interest has long been present at Elon College. Few records have been found concerning dramatics at Elon Col-

lege before the 1920's, but the Society. students were interested in plays and the making of plays in that formed in 1924, called Psykalean, that field was usually referred to late in April of that year, enand not "Dramatics."

Clements was listed on the faculty Library," and Clio offered "The initial performance. This was unas "Director of Physical Culture Hut." The Philologian Society pre- der the direction of Miss Virginia and Expression," and there were sented a variety show as its dra- Fitzhugh. Other offerings by the ten members of the Expression matic contribution for the year. Class. Two years later Miss Bessie Urquhart was instructor in "Ex-

pression and Physical Culture." and there was a Dramatic Club with no less than twenty-three given by the Psiphelian Entertain- lacking. members. One of the members was Oma Utley, now Mrs. Oma lightful comedy, was presented by main active for long, and the Ma-Johnson, who retired only last year the Psykaleons; "Dulcy," a threeas Elon librarian.

Societies Gave Plays

The first definte records as to Scream" was the offering by Clio. stated that "realizing the need of plays date back to 1920, when the It is interesting to note that Wil- an active dramatic organization on three literary societies sponsored liam B. Terrell, later an editor of plays. The Philologian Society, a the Maroon and Gold and present- under the direction of Miss Floyd men's group, presented "She day president of the General Childs met in September, 1934, to Stoops To Conquer;" The Psiphel- day secretary of the General reorganize the inactive Playmakers ian, a women's organization, presented "The Princes;" and Clio ber of the cast for "Dulcy."

nother men's group, presented 'Nathan Hale," a drama in four four additional plays, all by the changed to the Elon Players.' acts. The 1921 annual tells of literary societies. The Philologians the Phelia Dramatic Club, which gave "A Marriage of Convenience" sponsored dramatic activities. Its on November 26, 1925; the Psyka- daughter of Dr. Leon E. Smith president was Essie Mae Truitt, leons presented "The Whole who was named the first president who that year became Elon's first Town's Talking," a three-act farce, May Queen.

1921-22, but the college year of on February 26, 1926; and the Psi-1922-23 again saw plays presented phelians presented "The New On November 22nd that year by the three literary groups for Poor," a three-act farce, on April the Elon Players gave their first campus entertainment. "Betty's 3, 1926.

Last Bet," a farce comedy in three acts, was presented by the Psi- four literary groups gave pro- in Whitley Auditorium. The secphelian Society; Over Here," a grams, but there was no record of on March 21, 1935, when a bill of drama of American patriotism real dramatic offerings. The Ma- three one-act plays was presented. was given by Clio; and "Drift- roon and Gold for that per- The bill included Christopher Morwood," a drama in four acts, was iod reveals that the Dramatic Ex- ley's "Thursday Evening," Susan presented by the Philologian pression Department, under the (Continued on Page Four)

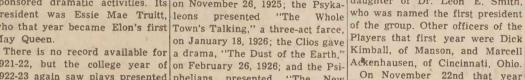
EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the first of a two-part feature on student dramatic activities on the Elon campus, compiled after extensive research by a former editor of the Maroon and Gold. It tells of the beginning of Elon stage plays nearly half a century ago and brings the story down to the late 1930's. * * *

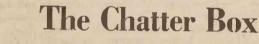
A new literary society was earlier period, although work in which staged a mystery comedy club, the Playmakers of Elon Colunder the name of "Expression" titled "Am I Entruding." During and on December 6th of that year this same year the Psiphelian So- the group presented "You and I As early as 1913 Miss Ethel ciety presented "The Lady of the a comedy in three acts, as its Four Plays In 1925

ing the 1924-25 college year. ers; "The Charm School," a de-

Alumni Asociation, was a mem- of Elon College." The season of 1925-26 brought first meeting the name was



During the 1926-27 term the band's Wife," which was presented



By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

make us much fonder of being absent from them.

There is one very homesick Northerner in West dormitory that we are praying will be able to go home for Thanksgiving. She seems to miss the sports that are common to her part of the world, and has been traipsing up and down the halls in her ice skates; I understand that

direction of Miss Emily Johnston, took over the stage activities, and partial files reveal that the only plays given were "The Patsy," presented on December 9, 1927, and "Second Childhood," presented May 23, 1928 to a large crowd. The records for the seasons of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 are scarce, and there is no definite record of student stage work, although there is a mention in the Maroon and Gold of the presentation of "Boomerang" by the Ex-

1929.

Dramatic Organizations A newly organized dramatic lege, made its appearance in 1932 Playmakers that year included Four plays were presented dur- Child," "Lima Beans," and "The given that year was "Polly With A

room and Gold in the fall of 1934 act comedy, was given by Phi- carried a story of a reorganization ologian Society; and "A Regular for dramatic activities. The story the campus, a group of students

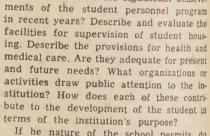
> First officers of the new Elor Players included Rebecca Smith, of the group. Other officers of the performance. It was "Her Hus-

pression Department on March 1

three one-act plays, "The Delicate

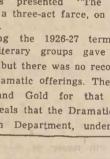
'Come Out of the Kitchen'' was Past," but complete data was The Playmakers failed to re-

The story stated that "at the



If he nature of the school permits, do student or student committees participate in the formulating of institutional policy decisions or in suggesting changes of modification? If so, what are these procedures? Describe the adequacy of the physical facilities for the student personnel program, such as gymnasium, health center, student activities building and playing fields. Evaluate the orientation program.

It's apparent from these questions that the task of the Sudent Affairs Committee is no easy one, that its responsibilities are not small. The students on the committee are expected to speak frankly and honstitution? How does eaih of these contriexpected to recommend solutions and new ideas in the long range planning program. Indeed, it is an opportunity for the students to participate in the formulation of policy and in the evaluation of present conditions.



the English language. Some of them do it superbly, others do it poorly. The fact that one cannot speak eloquently is no excuse for speaking slovenly, and without good grammar. It is sheer joy to hear one who uses the native language skillfully. The writer of ancient Proverbs said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Not a bad sentence itself when beauty and imagination are considered, and it certainly carries literal truth.

To be able to say exactly the right word. to use the various parts of speech correctly and to speak a sentence that can be understood by all listeners-that is something worth long and tedlous effort.

It is useless to try to tell people the way to heaven in language that is so bungled that they do not know its meaning. A leader who does not take the pains to speak correctly need not be surprised if intelligent people do not listen. Kids figure that if a person does not know his language he may not know much else, and that if he does not care to learn he may not care much for people.

Good English is useful in all relationships of life, and it is an essential for those who urge people to live right-the speaker must speak right or his opportunity fades in proportion to his mistakes. Good English helps. It is enjoyable; and it tells something of the character of the person.

sne saved the best for last, and by this I mean the best part of the country. Apart from this statement her speech was very interesting and to the point.

I will agree that the South does have a few problems that are not found in the North, but that is only because some of the problems have come down here.

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What's Cooking At Elon

Take about 400 pounds of potatoes, wash well and dump into a potato peeler. Remove from peeler, slice and cook in 18 gallon of boiling salted water until done. Add several pounds of butter and a gallon or so of cream, then beat to a smooth consistency. Sounds as if someone is going to eat a few creamed potatoes, doesn't it? Well, we do eat them at the rate of 400 pounds a day.

According to Mrs. Wooten, dietitian, creamed potatoes are Elon students' favorite vegetable. Her statement is not based on guesswork, but on the actual count of student servings each day. Some students are under the impression that there is a state law requiring the cafeteria to serve creamed potatoes once each day, but this is a misconception. She remarked that when over 50 per cent of the students who eat in the dining hall choose potatoes, it is only logical to assume that someone likes them. How about that!

a handful of student remaining, these students being the ones who are too far from home to make the trip in this short time. So they much remain within these ivy walls until a better and more lengthy vacation period.

That time to which we all have

been looking forward for months

has finally arrived. Cars are

already loaded for the long,

much-awaited trip home. Once

again dear old Elon will be quite

deserted for a week, with only

I've heard that many of our 'Yankee people," overcome with unbearable homesickness, are chancing the long trip home. This homesickness was accentuated by their discussions of previous Thanksgivings at home; the turkey dinners added to the closeness and contentment of the families brought together by this event.

Thanksgiving is a perfect time for being at home with one's family. Besides the vacation period affording us this opportunity, it gives us an extremely welcome chance to depart from the textbooks that mean so much to us but of which over a period of time we have grown rather weary. But, as the saying goes, "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and I'm sure that our absence from these books will

she sometimes endeavors to sleep with these skates on. It has been suggested that all girls on the lower floors be wary, for if this person happens to walk in her sleep one night and cuts a figure-eight out in the hall. they may have a visitor dropping in.

The football game with Lenoir Rhyne on November 14 put an end to Elon's '59 football season. As we all konw, the losses were many. But the football squad undoubtedly gave us a show for the money, and they were fighting at their very best every minute that they were on the field. The question as to why they lost may be answered by the fact that though the players are very good, they have had little experience in working together as a team. We may rest assured that this same team next year will still have and show forth its fighting spirit and will have the added experlence to make them a winning team.

The Elon College Christmas dance, which is one of the biggest dances of the school year, is just around the corner. Plans dance. This dance is to be strictly formal, with the women wearing floor-length formals and the men wearing tuxedos (no dark suits).

are being made for this dance,

which is to be held on Decem-

ber 12 in McEwen. The danc-

ing will be taking place on the

second floor, and refreshments

will be served on the first floor.

Because of the success of the

reception that followed the

Homecoming dance, another is

being planned for the Christmas

It is hoped that everyone will participate in this event, and that it will turn out as well as did the Homecoming dance. So fellas and girls, drag out your tuxedos and formals and start working on that "special one!" It's up to you to see that we have a great Christmas dance! It seems that the campus men's care about the parlors in West Dorm has begun to slip a little. Cigarette butts, some of them still burning, have been found scattered on the rugs in and right outside of the television room. Such as this is exactly what has caused the men to be kept out of the dorm before 5:00, and, if it continues, they will probably be prevented from coming in at all for any length of time. Let's hope that this won't continue, for the sake of the women as well as that of the men.

Best wishes to all for a safe trip home and a very happy Thanksgiving!

It speaks well for Elon College that it is examining itself in the light of present conditions and that it is preparing new plans and policies and programs which will serve the college for many years to come.

In the Centennial Edition of the Burlington Daily Times-News on 1949 appeared an article about Elon College setting forth a 20-year, 8-point long-range program for the college. Only ten years have elapsed since then, and all eight points in the program have come to fruition. New objectives must now be set and must be sought with renewed vigor and unfailing optimism.

BORROWED BRIEFS

The best way to save face is to keep the lower half shut.

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Father-The parent who gets his daughter off his hands and then has to get his son-in-law on his feet.

* * * * * The big noise at the office is the little squeak at home.