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CHALLENGE OF THE 'SIXTIES

Everyone has heard much in recent months of what America and Americans may expect in the decade of the 'Sixties, of the opportunities lying ahead and of the changes that may be expected. One of America's political leaders has just come forth with a statement of the challenge which the coming years pose for the nation and its people. His statement, which seems worthy of thought, follows:

In this time of world crisis, what America needs to meet the Russian challenge is not only scientists, technicians and arms but strong citizenship and strong leadership.

But where is this leadership to come from?

Most Americans are not concerned about the education of politicians. Indeed, mothers may still want their sons to grow up to be President, but according to a Gallup poll of some years ago, some 73 per cent do not want them to become politicians in the process.

Politics has become one of our most neglected, abused and ignored professions. But those who look with disdain and disfavor upon the possibilities of a political career should remember that our nation's first great politicians were traditionally our ablest, most talented and most respected leaders.

This is why every young person should, regardless of his chosen occupation, consider entering the field of politics at some time in his life. He has ideas to offer in the political arena which can be applied to the critical problems of our society.

And these problems grow and become more complex daily while a divided world uneasily watches its own breakup.

A population explosion both in the United States and in other areas of the world threatens disaster if not met decisively and quickly.

In this country of wealth and plenty, 15 million families live in substandard housing and millions of workers have no protection against substandard wages. Our older cities are decaying at the core, and we are witnessing a new phenomenon in suburban slums. School facilities are inadequate for the millions of children clamoring for an education. Older Americans watch their social security payments eaten away by inflation. The farmer sees surplus piled on surplus, and the lowest farm income since World War II.

A world which knows prosperity also knows dire poverty. In areas where this is particularly true, the countries are striving desperately to get ahead of their population increases.

The cry for a better life for all men also is heard in the struggle for freedom and independence. The principles of self-determination are still being contested in some parts of the globe.

What all this means is that the challenges of the '60's must be met by clear, forceful thinking and purpose.

We ask from you not the sneers of the cynics or the despair of the faint-hearted but rather enlightenment and vision. Yours will soon be the voices heard in our legislative chambers. Try to bring to them intellect, understanding and determination.

Brass Tacks

If you don't want your children to hear what you're saying, pretend you're talking to them.



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campus

By
BOBBY LAWSON

Spring has sprung! Officially spring arrived at Elon on March 20 (Sunday), but as far as I am concerned this official spring is only for the birds, because it still felt pretty much like winter around these parts when it arrived. Just think, where else but Elon could you have snow in the spring. From the looks of the birds, especially the robins, they know that it's still winter and they somehow got their wires crossed about when, how, why, and where to fly south. Now Elon can lay claim to another oddity of nature—robins in the snow.

Spring is the time when a young man's thoughts turn to baseball and girls, and the girls' minds center more strongly than ever on the thought she has had the whole year, "How to catch that certain man."

"Pajama Game"

The Elon Players presented last night "Pajama Game," the rollicking musical romp. They will also present it tonight and tomorrow night, and I would say that this is the funniest and most amusing musical or play that the Players have presented since I have been at Elon.

Jane Morgan and Charles Lynam play the leading rolls, and I mean leading rolls. They are backed by a group of the most outstanding actresses and actors and singers and dancers to be found on any campus.

Take a tip from me and go to see "Pajama Game." You'll be glad you did.

Beds In Carolina

What happened to our beds in Carolina? We were told the first of the school year that we would have better beds just as soon as the company which sold the college the beds made a settlement. We still need better beds in Carolina.

May Dance???

The big question around campus now is where are we going to get the money to have a May Day dance? After paying the Four Freshman, the Student Government had about \$22 in the bank. Of course there are some students who haven't paid their student body fee. Will this be enough to have a decent dance?

You heard that old saying, "money just flies." Well this is certainly true with the student government's money.

Parking Tickets

Better watch where and how you park your car from now to the end of school, because the Student Government Association needs every dollar that they can get its hands on now. You must be parked in the proper lots and in the proper spaces or you just might get a ticket.

Four Freshmen

Everyone enjoyed the fabulous Four Freshmen last week as they played to a sell-out crowd. They were great. I would like to see more groups like this come to Elon.

There was only one thing wrong that I am aware of, and that is the public address system. It was almost impossible to hear in certain sections of the auditorium. Quite a few visitors from other campuses were disappointed in the sound system. But all in all, it was the most.

April Fool's Day

Today is April Fool's Day, the day of tricks and pranks. April Fool's Day is a holiday that began long ago and no one is quite sure why we celebrate it.

Listed below are some of the possible "Maroon and Gold" headlines for April Fool's Day:

- Beer Sold In The Student Union . . . Unlimited Cuts In All Classes . . . Everyone Passes Psychology 21 . . . Choir Goes On Southern Tour . . . Dug-Out Listed As Number One Night Spot . . . Student Government Receives One Million Dollars . . . Louie Armstrong's Band To Play For May Dance . . . Tests Are Abolished At Elon.

Elections

"What a poor officer he made this year!" Have you been guilty of making this statement before? If so, stop and think just a minute. Did you vote during the elections at Elon last spring. If not, what right have you to voice your criticisms about the person in office.

If anyone neglects his or her right to vote, the Student Government Association will not be of the highest calibre next year. It is the duty of every Elon student to go to the polls and vote for the person of his choice. It takes about two minutes of your time during election day to vote, and there is no power like the power of the ballot.

On The Diamond Since 1900 . . .

Elon Has Been Real Baseball Power

By JAMES WAGGONER

Baseball, which has long been tagged "The Great American Game," is the oldest of the varsity sports at Elon College, for Elon students have been throwing the horseshoe sphere and wielding the willow wands since the birth of the college itself.

In the earliest years of the college, the games seem to have been more or less a student pastime, perhaps of the "choose-up" variety, but Elon has been playing baseball on a varsity basis for more than half a century.

From the earliest records here, from the records of other schools and from the memories of long-time Elon fans it appears that Elon played her first intercollegiate baseball in 1900, meeting such teams as Bingham Military Academy, Guilford, Catawba and Davidson.

The late W. E. Lowe, retired railroad man, who had long followed the fortunes of Elon teams in baseball and all sports, was greatly interested in the introduction of baseball as an Elon sport, and in an interview with him just prior to his death, he recalled that he had umpired the first game in intercollegiate baseball history at Elon.

Bingham First Opponent

He also recalled that the first game was with Bingham and was played on a hastily constructed diamond in a cornfield, which was near the western edge of the campus. The opposition seems to have been too experienced for Elon that first season, and one wag is said to have remarked, "We have met the enemy, we are their'n."

Dr. L. E. Smith, former Elon president, who was a student here from 1906 to 1910 remembered Elon playing in front of West Dorm for home games, and that the Easter Monday games were played at the old Harden Park in East Burlington. He also recalled that Louis Hobbs, who had already gained fame playing for Guilford, was "imported" to play

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the first chapter of the Elon baseball story, one of a series of research articles that tells of Fighting Christian diamond fortunes during more than half a century. The story reaches back to the opening of the century and records many highlights of Elon play in the years that are gone, bringing back memories of stars who set the Maroon and Gold on a high pinnacle in the great spring sport.

for Elon in some games during the later years of this period.

However, records and memories are rather vague during these early years of the turn of the century, and as early as 1908 Elon was not listed among the teams which were in competition for the state championship. A listing of the teams competing included Guilford, Trinity (Duke), Wake Forest, Carolina, Davidson and A & M (State). The Christians were playing some of these squads but evidently did not participate in competition for the state championship.

Again in 1909 scores were difficult to find, the only score available being a close 6 to 5 loss at the hands of the Tar Heels of Carolina. But in 1910 records were a bit more complete, along with the first full list of Maroon and Gold baseballers. Members of that 1910 team were Bunn Hearn, later a major league star and in recent years the head coach at the University of North Carolina; W. W. Elder, now a retired navy officer and chaplain, who is remembered in his college days as "Buddy" Elder; Joe Farmer, Joe Pointer, June Kernodle, Joe Fogleman, Sam Foushee, Tate Hill, Ross Walker and George Garrison.

Of the records found for that Christian nine Elon posted victories over the Greensboro locals, Delaware College, Guilford and

Richmond, while Carolina, Guilford and Oak Ridge handed Elon losses. The following year the Elon outfit turned in a neat 2-hitter against the Bulldogs of Atlantic Christian College, but suffered defeats from Oak Ridge and Wake Forest, the only known scores.

The Elon nine of 1912 seems to have had a strong combination, for one of its games was a 5 to 3 win over Carolina. Eighteen games were scheduled that year but only nine scores have been found, among them being victories over Carolina, Catawba, Eastern College, and Lenoir, with losses at the hands of Trinity, ACC Oak Ridge, Catawba and a semi-pro club. The North Carolina College Baseball Association came into existence that season.

Professional Coach

Robert S. Doak, a former Guilford star, came to Elon in 1913 as the first professional coach and put out the first bonafide student team. In previous years men like "Reddy" Rowe and Bunn Hearn had been playing coaches. Prof. A. L. Hook, then a student of Elon, was manager of the 1913 team, and R. S. Thompson was captain.

The old files of the Greensboro Daily News had write-ups of several games in 1913. The Elon team that year was acknowledged by the sports writers to be "one of the best in the state." Among Elon's games were two victories over Wofford, single wins over Lafayette College, Eastern College and Weaverville College, with losses to Guilford, Davidson, Furman, Trinity, Wake Forest and the Charlotte league club. One of the highlights that season was the Elon-Guilford game, in which Hollis Atkinson struck out 15 Quakers. The baseball season of 1914 came to a close with an epic battle with Guilford, in which Hollis Atkinson, the Elon mound ace, dropped a pitcher's duel to Ernie Shore, the Guilford pitcher who later pitched one of the few perfect no-hit games in major league history.

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By
JIMMY ELDER



The keepers of the treasury in the Student Government must be in a dilemma right now, because considerably less money was collected from Student Government fees than was anticipated, and because there has been a careless scrutiny of funds to the executive committees by officials, the treasury has been greatly depleted.

There had been a feeling, at least a hope, however vague it might be, that the Four Freshman concert might provide some margin of profit. The Entertainment Committee, ably headed by Dennis Rossi, did a fine job of promoting and publicizing the concert, but the anticipated income from the program was not realized.

From the first the main purpose in bringing the noted quartet to Elon was to make money, along with providing another expensive diversion for the Student Body. While the concert was apparently enjoyed by all, if the enthusiastic response is any indication, it was a failure financially. At the time of this writing, it has been reported that just over \$900 was collected from ticket sales. The cost of the concert was \$1,200; hence, it was another losing effort for a treasury that can ill afford it.

Actually a financial success was doomed from the first. The reason was because of the belated decision, at Student Body President Linwood Hurd's insistence, to use Whitley Auditorium rather than Alumni Memorial Gymnasium for the concert. The change was prompted by the difficulty in correcting the acoustics in the 4,600-seat gymnasium, and while Chairman Rossi was opposed to the change, last-minute persuasion won the day.

There are a number of reasons why the change should not have been made. Here are some of them:

- (1) Advertisements and tickets announced the concert would be held in the gymnasium. The public was not informed as to the change, and it is a bad advertising policy to develop from such changes.
- (2) There are no obstructions to vision in the gymnasium, such as exist in the auditorium.
- (3) The sound system in Whitley, as was later proved during the concert itself, is hardly better than in the gymnasium.
- (4) There was no chance of seeing a profit in the auditorium.
- (5) With a limited number of seats in the auditorium, there should have been a limited number of tickets. This is the most important point. If the people who had bought tickets in advance from out of town, or even in this area, had come expecting to find a seat easily in the gymnasium and found instead that the auditorium was already filled, it would have created an unfavorable situation.
- (6) As it was, many people had to stand or were seated very uncomfortably.
- (7) The decision to use the auditorium came just one and one-half days before the concert.
- (8) If there had been a decision from the first to use the auditorium, there would have been no objection except the price of the tickets. As it was, the price was much too low.

Fortunately, many of the situations mentioned above did not develop. This is not to say that they could not have though. It would not have been out of the question to have several hundred people outside, waiting for a seat, who had come thinking that they would have no difficulty obtaining a seat in the spacious gymnasium.

From all reports, everyone seemed to enjoy the concert as well as any they had ever seen or heard before, despite the inadequate sound and poor seats.

Henceforth, however, whoever is sponsoring this type of concert should act deliberately and cautiously before making such decision. It is true that the Student Body may have enjoyed the concert more in Whitley Auditorium, but when a college concert is opened to the public, there is more than just the Student Body to consider.

And, will there be a May Day?

Wisps of Wisdom

An athletic fellow is one who hires a small boy to mow his lawn so he can play golf and get a little exercise.

If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad, he should see it with representation.

Words—The most powerful drugs known to mankind.

Architects cover their mistakes with ivy, doctors with sod, and brides with mayonnaise.



The Chatter Box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

fact of the disharmony among these societies should be brought into the open and aired out.

It is a little difficult to describe the ill feelings that are shared by some of these societies toward the other societies, since it is hard to find a basis for these ill feelings. A person generally goes into a sorority or fraternity because the people in that sorority or fraternity are the kind of people that he feels he would most enjoy being with at social functions and to whom he feels that he could be closest.

Going by this reasoning, one could hardly attribute those hard feelings to jealousy. And with the view in mind that there is no one "best" sorority or fraternity, for each one has its stronger and its weaker points, there could be no feeling of superiority by any member of a sorority or fraternity. True, one should take pride in his social organization, but this pride should not cause him to feel that his is the only good one on campus and to feel that his roster of friends should include only those who belong to his own organization.

There seems to be more harsh feelings among the fraternities than sororities. But I'm quite sure that this can be attributed to the fact that the girls are a little more subtle about voicing their opinions about the other sororities. While the boys display their animosity in words, the girls usually get the idea across by their coolness toward members of other sororities.

Such as this is, perhaps, the reason that sororities and fraternities are objected to in many colleges. If one must select his

friends according to the social organization he belongs to and to the exclusion of everyone else, I can very well see the wisdom behind these objections.

It seems that there are usually just a few members in every organization who enjoy slinging mud on the others. Perhaps actions such as these are motivated by a feeling of inadequacy toward one's own social organization. These members may not realize that their actions reflect on their own fraternity or sorority and often lower their organization in the eyes of uninvolved onlookers. An organization that is up to par does not have to be defended or built up by tearing all others down.

In my opinion, the comparison of one social organization to another is ridiculous. Naturally it is much easier to find fault with another fraternity or sorority than to judge one's own critically. Though all of the social organizations are based generally on the same principles, each sorority and fraternity has its own set purpose and goal. Each one follows its own standards. It is not, or shouldn't be, competing with the others in any way. And, as was stated before, every sorority or fraternity outranks each of the others in some way.

There can be no possible solution for this problem until we are willing to accept that there is a problem and that something should be done about it. Sororities and fraternities add a great deal to college life, and I'm sure that Elon would suffer quite a bit if they were lost, but it would be a much better place if these organizations were on a more harmonious level.