

# Maroon And Gold

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### LIMITED EDUCATION?

Some say that education is limitless, that it knows no bounds. This may be true, but one must stop to consider the person being educated. Youth is often characterized as having an "insatiable thirst for knowledge." Again we say this is true, but only up to a certain point.

Signs of relief can be heard when the fact is revealed that a class will not meet, that some teacher doesn't require any parallel reading, or that a certain class does not use a textbook. Students want to know immediately upon entering a class just what will be required of them and they refuse to subject themselves beyond that point.

This is an "insatiable thirst?" It sounds more like a limited diet.

Opportunities for furthering knowledge are boundless even on our small campus. The library is filled with sage words of old masters and new, all waiting to be consumed by a hungry mind. But how many students take advantage of such chances? Unfortunately, not very many.

Education is limitless, or at least the sources are. It is the mind that is bound and restricted to a narrow saturation point. Education is like good food. No one knows its worth until it is partaken of. (Selected).

### HOME STRETCH

When a runner rounds the final curve in a race in a track meet and faces that short straight piece of track that leads to the finish line, he is said to be in the "home stretch," and he automatically increases his efforts and makes the final supreme bid for victory.

The Elon students, with the beginning of the final month of the 1959-60 college term, find themselves at this time on the "home stretch" of the scholastic race for grades. It behooves each and every one of us to give that supreme effort down the stretch, for it could mean success or failure on more than one course.

### DEFT OR DAFT DEFINITIONS

A coordinator is a man who brings organized chaos out of regimented confusion.

A conference is a group of men who, individually, can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

A statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

A professor is a man whose job it is to tell students how to solve the problems of life which he himself has tried to avoid by becoming a professor.

An efficiency expert is a man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid more for telling you how to run it than you could possibly make out of it even if you ran it right instead of the way he told you to.

A consultant is an ordinary guy who is a long way from home. (Selected).

### BITS OF WISDOM

Overweight often is just desserts.

The man who lives only for himself runs a mighty small business.

For fixing things around the house, nothing beats a man who's handy with a check-book.



on campus

By BOBBY LAWSON

Well, this year is just about over, only three more weeks of classes. Actually there are only two weeks of classes and one week for exams. It seems almost impossible that for some of us our college days are just about over. Elon has been to most of us a home away from home. It is very sad to realize that in only a few short days our paths will part and we may never meet again.

### May Day

May Day is just around the corner, and we have heard through the grapevine that this year's celebration will exceed all others in costuming and performance. Tomorrow will be some what of a family reunion, for many of our Alumni will return to our campus to join with us in enjoying the colorful activities of the day.

The celebration will be climaxed with an informal dance on the front lawn of Alamacene. Wouldn't it be nice if we could wear bermuda shorts.

### Controlled By Fraternities

Congratulations to the new student officers, and may the students give all the support and cooperation to these officers that they need. In this way we can have a "greater Elon College."

Speaking of the student government officers, the statement has been made that the fraternities are taking over everything. And you know something? It's true.

The question is, however, is that good or bad?

In the recent election of the major officers on campus all except one is a member of a fraternity Kappa Psi Nu tied up all the major positions in the Student Government Association except vice-president. Also they have members in all the class presidents' positions. On the Honor Council Sigma Mu Sigma has three of the five positions, the other two being held by young ladies. In all the officers elected other than the senate, all except three are members of a fraternity or sorority.

Therefore, I say to you who raise the question. As long as the fraternities want to run things, and run them properly within the framework of law we have devised here at Elon, they are welcome to it. That's more than the rest of you will do.

Besides, whether one cares to belong to an organization such as a fraternity or sorority is his own business. The plain fact is, that in so far as general programs go, any undertaking requires group rather than individual action. An organization is required to do the job. A group can get more accomplished than an individual.

### A Salute To The WAA

Running, batting, jumping, dribbling—these are some of the activities in which a group of the college's most active girls regularly participate. Of course these girls are members of the Woman's Athletic Association, the WAA.

Under the leadership of their adviser, Mrs. Griffin, and their president, Marion Glasgow, the girls work hard at their special projects throughout the year.

So a salute to those who uphold the feminine side of the athletic picture at Elon. Also a salute to the newly elected officers of the WAA for the coming years. Keep up the good work girls.

### Elon Players

Don't miss the Elon Players next production "Othello" by William Shakespeare. It will be presented on May 19th, 20th and 21st. This is the Elon Players last production of the year.

### Too Many, Say Upperclassmen

Do students have too many, too few, or just enough extra-curricular activities? After discussing this question with several students, I found out that some of the juniors and seniors feel that upperclassmen's life is too full of activities. Only a few juniors and seniors feel there are too few activities. Some say that one or two students hold all the offices.

A more equal distribution of elective and apointive offices among more students would be beneficial to the college and the student government. Under a point system, we would limit the number of offices one student may hold. What we need is not more activities but more leadership and initiative in the organizations we already have.

### POINTED PHRASES

If you look like your pasaport photo—you need the trip.

They never knew what real happiness was until they were married, and then it was too late.

You can't take it with you . . . You can't even keep it while you're here.

## With Fine Post-War Record . . .

# Elon Baseball Teams In Top Group

By JAMES WAGGONER

The 1946 season began the modern era in baseball history for Elon College, a post-war era that has seen the Fighting Christians chalk up an exciting record of 230 wins and 108 losses in total games, including a superb conference mark of 114 victories and only 47 defeats up to the beginning of the 1960 season, and bringing their total North State Conference win-loss record to 277-82, an unequalled feat of baseball magic since the Conference was formed in 1931.

It was in that 1946 season that Elon resumed her quest for diamond honors for the first time since 1942. Coached by J. L. "Jet" Pierce, who had returned to the Elon campus from the Navy, the Christian nine took to the field on April 1, 1946, facing a strong Ohio University squad in the post-war opener, and Elon took a close 6 to 5 decision. Coach Pierce rounded his squad into fair shape and won seven out of sixteen tilts that spring.

Pitchers who saw mound duty that year were Bill Anderson, Jack Andrews, "Pep" Watkins and James McSwain, while leading batters were Steve Walker, Johnny Clayton and W. C. Latta. Clayton had been a shortstop for Elon before the war, and Jack Andrews had a year's experience pitching with an outstanding Navy squad. Elon's Conference mark stood at 4 wins and 7 losses.

The Elon diamond squad of 1947 completed a better-than-average season with 14 wins and 10 losses under Coach L. J. "Hap" Perry. In North State competition the Maroon and Gold nine won 10 of 16 games, claiming second place behind Catawba, the '47 champs. Steve Walker (.398), Johnny Clayton (.365), Bill Anderson (.347), and Lou Savini (.312) had good seasons with the stick. Clayton, Walker, Ed Ellis, Ed Cross and Jack Andrews claimed All-Conference positions.

### Mallory Becomes Coach

Jim Mallory took over the coaching reins of the Fighting Christians in the spring of 1948, posting a 17-8 season mark and a 9-4 Conference record in his first season with the Elon nine. Again the Christians took the runner-up place in the Conference, with four men batting the 'ole horsehide over the magic .300 mark. They in-

### EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the third and final chapter of Elon's baseball history. It tells the story of Christian baseball glories won since World War II, bringing the account through to the close of the 1959 season but not including the 1960 campaign.

cluded Steve Walker (.383), Gene Caviness (.345), Dick York (.345) and Ed Ellis (.302). Edd Ellis and Jack Andrews (7-3) were named on the All Conference squad for the second straight year, along with Steve Walker, batting leader of the Christian nine. Art Fowler (2-0) and Frank Roberts (6-2) contributed to the Christian mound record.

The Fighting Christians of 1949 had one of Elon's finest years on the diamond, with 20 victories against only five defeats in total games, winning 14 of their 15 conference contests. The championship was the first North State title since intercollegiate athletics was resumed at Elon after the war, and it was Elon's seventh Conference baseball title.

Six Christians took positions on the All-Conference, along with two members of the squad who claimed berths on the All-State. C. K. Siler, who took Christian batting honors with a mark of (.415), along with a fine pitching record; third-sacker Ed Ellis (.402) and pitcher Jack Andrews were named to the All-Conference list for the third consecutive year, with second-baseman Steve Walker claiming a position for the second year. Others to make the honor squad were pitcher C. K. Siler, catcher Hank DeSimone and shortstop Nelvin Cooper. Ellis and Andrews were the All-Staters. Wayne Phillips (.385) added hitting power to the Christian nine, although Siler took top honors with a .415 average.

### Two More Titles

The Maroon and Gold squad maintained its winning ways during the spring of 1950, claiming its second consecutive North State title. It was Elon's best Conference mark, with 15 wins and only one loss. Elon also had an excellent over-all season, with 21 wins and seven losses. Freshman Charlie Cassell lead the Christian nine at bat with a .351 average, but Shag

Myers took the batting honors as a regular with a mark of .337, followed closely by Scott Quakenbush with .322. All-Conference positions were claimed by Quakenbush at third, Gene Stewart at first and Archie Brigman in the outfield, along with Elon's "Big Three" pitchers, "Lefty" Taylor (5-1), C. K. Siler (4-1), and Hank Hamrick (3-2).

For the fans and supporters of Elon's 1951 squad it was a season of vivid moments, with the Christians winning their third straight Conference crown. The Fighting Christians had a season record of 16 victories against nine defeats, and a Conference mark of 13 wins and two losses.

The pitching statistics showed Hank Hamrick (5-0) with one two-hitter and two three-hitters, and he was again named on the All-Conference squad. Other pitching aces who won All-Conference berths were Leon "Lefty" Taylor (5-1) and Austin "Tom" Brewer (5-3).

Taylor had an outstanding game in a 15-inning victory over East Carolina, a marathon performance in which he went the route, fanned sixteen, walked only two, and gave up only two hits. Brewer, a freshman righthander, pitched a couple of two-hitters and was signed to the Boston Red Sox, where he is presently playing. Scott Quakenbush (.329) led the Christians at bat, and he claimed a position on the All-Conference squad, along with catcher Hank DeSimone (.230).

### Conference Divided

It was during the 1952 baseball season that the North State Conference split into two divisions. Elon, East Carolina, Atlantic Christian, Guilford, and High Point made up the Eastern Division, while Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, Appalachian and Western Carolina composed the Western Division.

During that season Elon claimed 12 wins against three losses to take the Eastern Division, and Lenoir Rhyne posted 12-2 and 7-1 victories over the Christians to claim both games of the play-off championship. Charlie Swicegood opened that season with a neat two-hitter against Springfield, and the Maroon and Gold nine recorded 16 wins against 12 defeats for

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By JIMMY ELDER



Of much interest to many observers is the number of votes cast in the recent general election for student body offices. The vote, while not as high as some expected due to the active campaigns was approximately 515, which is about 65 per cent of the student body. This figure is higher than any in recent years. No doubt, the percentage of voters would have exceeded 75 per cent, had the polls been opened longer than four hours and had the students who are practice teaching voted.

After observing the system of casting ballots as employed by the Student Government here, there are a number of improvements which are readily apparent. Many voting practices could be innovated, as needs be if the Student Senate legislated procedures for balloting. Among practices which need to be corrected are the following:

(1) No politicking or soliciting votes should be practiced in the immediate area of voting and registration. This year the area was literally swamped with candidates and supporters, soliciting the votes of any and all passers-by. This type of persuasion is neither subtle or warranted, but since there were no rules governing campaign and voting regulations (or at least none were enforced), candidates were fully justified in capitalizing on the laxity.

(2) The rotunda area for the polls is too congested. Any observer would admit that the use of the rotunda resulted in confusion for the voters and Board of Election members. The most logical place for the polls is in the Day Students' lounge, adjoining the Rotunda, or in the Student Union. It would be preferable to locate the polls in the Day Students' room.

(3) The Student Senate should appropriate a small sum to build collapsible voting booths. Because the Australian ballot is supposed to be used in student elections at Elon, booth for private balloting are a necessity.

(4) Representatives of each candidate should be allowed to assist or to be present when the votes are counted, thus assuring a fair election. Too, there should be means of accounting for every vote cast and every ballot issued to an eligible voter. This would eliminate doubts as to the election rigging.

(5) Every candidate or a representative of that candidate must be allowed to be present when votes are being counted. This year, on the action of its members, the Board of Elections ruled that no person except a member of that group would be present when the votes were counted. Fortunately, the Board of Elections did not try to enforce rigidly this ruling. It must be remembered that elections tend to get emotional after a fashion, and even honorable persons are subject to temptations, especially when they have strong preferences as to candidates. Too, at Elon the president of the Student Body has the prerogative of hand-picking the members of the board, the result being that the board members often represent a certain faction, a situation which was the case this year.

The innovations listed above would guarantee generally a smooth-functioning election, and they should be among the first objectives set by the new Student Senate this year. For the most part, the Board of Elections this year drew praise for the way the general election was handled. It's no easy job, especially under the conditions and facilities provided by the Student Government Association for the 1959-60 college year.

As an afterthought, it might be helpful to rent or buy or borrow voting machines, for they are used in certain voting precincts in this area.

There appears to be very little anticipation of the May Day festivities this year and justifiably so. While the Dance Committee is seeking to make use of its limited resources, the sad fact is that funds are so scarce that any effort to make the event really successful in all respects will likely be comically pathetic.

The situation points out strongly the mismanagement of funds in the Student Government Association, but even more basic is the foolish system of appropriations, which works on the basis of an anticipated income, a system which gives more discretionary power ultimately to the committees than to the Student Senate, and which sorely limits and discourages imagination and leadership in the Student Senate.

This change in the budgeting system, perhaps the most necessary and pressing change to be made by the incoming Student Government officials.

# The Chatter Box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH



his professors' lectures. There are few of us who have not complained about some phases of Elon life, but there are relatively few of us who have not profited by being a part of Elon. I hope that what I have learned by being a part of the college has made up a little for all that I failed to learn academically.

There are many things, without which Elon would be incomplete, that make college life worthwhile, both to the student's enjoyment and to his growing in character and in the formation of ideals. The closeness that one finds with his chosen friends; the good times had at social functions such as those of fraternities and sororities, religious organizations; and the joys of making occasional high marks in courses, all tend to make Elon a more enjoyable place to be. Of course these things cannot be had without a little effort from the individual.

College, as every other part of life, has its ups and downs, and sometimes the downs seem to come a little too often; but all in all, it's a great life!

The seniors, who are soon to leave us, are already dreaming of that day when they'll walk up on the platform to get that diploma; and, without saying farewell just yet, I'd like to tell them that they will be missed next year. I am sure, however, that the spirit and contributions

of the Class of 1960 will remain a part of and an influence to the school and to the students of the coming years.

Next year things will be quite different within these ivy walls. Many old students will not return, there will be many new students starting off their life at Elon, and there will be many old faculty members missing. The school will change, the Student Body will change. It's up to the remaining old students to see that the changes are for the better.

Elon has changed considerably since last year, and the changes have been for the better. School spirit has improved, participation in school functions has increased, and interest in student government has taken a very definite and extremely welcome upswing; perhaps these improvements will be maintained and furthered next year.

And now, with the year fast drawing to a close, it is well to remember that the question whether this 1959-60 term goes into our personal histories as a success or not is yet to be decided, which is just a way of saying that final exams are just ahead, and it's not too late to boost those grades by burning a little midnight electricity in some added studying. It might make the forthcoming summer vacation more enjoyable for more than one of us.