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WHAT? NO BAND!

It is a sad reflection upon the spirit and interest of the Elon College student body — and in particular upon the student musicians — on the campus that there was no marching band to represent Elon in the half-time activities at the Elon-East Carolina football game last Saturday night.

Not in many years has such a condition existed, and an inquiry with Prof. Patrick Johnson, of the Elon music department, revealed that there were just no Elon horn-tooters and drum-beaters who were willing to devote a bit of their time to representing the Elon student body in the field of band music.

It was not surprising that the Elon band was not ready for the first home football game with Apprentice School, for that game was played within two days after the college began regular class schedules for the 1960-61 term, but it is a reflection — and definitely not a good reflection — upon the Elon student body that there were not students who were interested enough to come out and play and march for the second game of the year.

By definite contrast, the East Carolina band was present after a one hundred fifty fine and beautiful show on the field at half-mile trip on a rainy day and gave a very time last Saturday night; and there was more than one inquiry from the crowd as to why Elon did not have a band on the field.

The college has the instruments and a fine looking set of band uniforms, for they have been used in previous years, but Prof. Johnson stated that continued effort on his part had failed to solicit much interest in band on the Elon campus. In fact, he stated that all of his efforts failed to produce more than twenty Elon students willing to participate, and that is definitely not enough to offer any form of marching show on the field.

It is true that in order to field a band, the students and the director would have to spend quite a bit of time in preparation, but all the effort would be well expended. Almost every high school in North Carolina has a band, but there's no one willing to toot their own horn for Elon and for the Fighting Christian footballers.

PICK YOUR CANDIDATE

Each and every student on the Elon campus has a chance to pick his or her man for up-coming national, presidential election, for the Student Government is already getting into action with a mock campaign on the campus which will bring the national political picture into prominence at the local level.

The Student Government is to be congratulated for taking the effort to increase student interest in national politics, but the campaign should be kept upon a high level with no bitterness between partisans of the rival presidential candidates. Such bitterness has sometimes occurred when mock campaigns were staged in schools and colleges.

Naturally, in a student body as large as that here at Elon there are a number of students who are old enough to cast bona-fide votes in the national election on the first Tuesday in November, and perhaps this campus campaign will do much to encourage them to do their full duty as citizens by going to the polls and casting ballots for either Nixon or Kennedy and their



the chatter box

By

DORIS FAIRCLOTH

The Freshman Class has done it again! A vigorous campaign has been in process for the past two weeks, as is made apparent by the numerous posters scattered over the campus.

This enthusiasm shown by the underclassmen used to amaze me, but thanks be that it seems to be fast becoming a tradition carried out by each incoming Freshman class. The newcomers would be undoubtedly shocked if they could be taken back into the past, two years ago to be exact, when lack of enthusiasm and feeling of responsibility endangered the school of losing its student government. For two consecutive years, the Student Body President took office without election, because no one had the initiative to run against him.

Student government was on its last leg this past spring before it was rejuvenated by an enthusiastic and strenuous campaign for all student government offices. There is left no doubt that those students in office now are the chosen representatives of the student body. And there is no doubt in this student's mind that our student body will not be in debt at the end of the year, as it was last year. Many thanks to students who care enough about their school to put in a lot of elbow grease to keep it in tip top shape.

Homecoming Day, which is one of the biggest events of the Elon year, is scheduled for October 22nd. We expect a great Homecoming this year, with many floats and campus displays. It is hoped that every organization will submit at least one display and one float for the parade.

We are quite proud of our Homecoming Queen, Phyllis Hopkins, and of our Maid-of-Honor, Carol Adams. These two came out on top in a campus election in which six girls were running. It was a hard choice to make, because all the girls running had all the qualifications of a queen. But the majority chose, and none can deny that it was a good, sound choice.

Elon's football team is still in there fighting. Something of which we need to be reminded is that our team needs supporters even more when the chips are down for them. We are supposed to be yelling to give them inspiration, not sitting back and waiting for them to make a touchdown so that they may inspire us.

One of the most deplorable situations found in a school is the one in which we run across a professor who judges us by how well we can prove we like and appreciate him. And, there are a few teachers left in the world who grade us accordingly, the effect being that if we have a smooth tongue and can turn our facial out-growths brown at will, we will pass the course with flying colors. Thank heaven we have no such professors nor any students who would take advantage of such one.

"Gripe, gripe, gripe!" That's becoming a favorite expression for many of us in reference to some of our fellow students. Or, perhaps we've heard it a few times from others in reference to ourselves. Whatever may be the case, there are too many opportunities for the usage of this term.

"You've made your bed, now lie in it." This is a cruel but true cliché. If you're unhappy, chances are that the root of your problem lies within yourself, so the quickest and surest remedy for "gripities" is self-analysis followed by action toward improvement.

If you have gripities, don't spread the disease and make innocent bystanders suffer along with you; isolate yourself and take a good look — if you like what you see, quit griping so that everyone else can see and share your fortune; if you disapprove of the image, do something about it. Life can be great if you let it be.

Once again, Homecoming Day is not far away, so you folks had better drag out your dancing shoes. A tip to the boys: Don't wait until the 21st to round up a date; it takes a little preparation for these big shindigs.

Pointed Phrases

Some people are no good at counting calories, and they have the figures to prove it.

The male half of a particularly happy couple claims that the wife who always cooks her husband's favorite dishes will always be his favorite dish.

Strive always to be like a good watch—open face, busy hands, pure gold, well regulated, full of good works.

Of Days And Years Long Gone..

When Elon Football Was Beginning

By JAMES WAGGONER

Over the past half century, hundreds of events have been recorded in the annals of Elon College, and none have attracted greater attention than the exploits of Elon's gridiron warriors who have carried the colors of the college into pigskin competition with other institutions of learning.

There is no better starting point for a recounting of Elon College football than that 1909 season, when football made its first appearance at Elon on a competitive basis. The memories of students of that era indicate that the young men of Elon may have been booting the pigskin and playing football on an informal basis prior to that time, but the autumn of 1909 was the first time that an Elon team took the field against outside competition.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, who was Elon's president for more than twenty-five years, was a member of that first Elon football squad, and he recalls that among the members of the starting team in that first season were M. W. McPherson and Russell Campbell, ends; Joe Pointer and Joe P. Farmer, tackles; Grady Foushee and Sipe Fleming, guards; Ben Joe Earp, center; W. W. "Bill" Elder and Henry Fleming, halfbacks; J. W. Barney, fullback; and "Red" Rowe, quarterback and coach. The late C. C. Fonville, a former Burlington business man was manager of that first team. Henry Fleming, also an Alamance County native, was captain of that team.

The late Prof. J. W. Barney, a driving fullback on that initial squad, who had for many years been a member of the Elon faculty, once related that the first game was played on the present lawn in front of West Dormitory and to the south of the new McEwen Memorial Dining Hall. Elon lost her opener to Greensboro High School, 60 to 0, and the Christians were defeated by a 12-5 score by the Bingham Military Academy at Mebane, but Elon won the third contest from the Reidsville Seminary, 22 to 5, with "Red" Rowe directing traffic at quarterback and with Barney scoring one of the touchdowns.

The Christians also won the next two games, 6 to 0 from the Durham YMCA and 16 to 11 from the Bingham Military Academy. These two games were played at Harden Park in Burlington, which

CHAPTER ONE

No college in North Carolina has a more complete set of its football records than does Elon, and this fact is due to long years of research by Jimmy Waggoner, former Maroon and Gold editor, now one of two alumni contributors to the paper. His efforts have brought to light the scores of every football game played by Elon since the sport was introduced in 1909, and few if any of the state's colleges can say as much. This is the first chapter of a new and up-to-date story of Fighting Christian Football.

was located in the vicinity of the present Calvary Baptist Church and was more commonly known as the old Burlington Fair Grounds. Touchdowns counted only five points at that time.

Football came to an abrupt ending at Elon College during that 1909 season, not only due to the fact that the game had been tagged "brutal" but also because the faculty members felt that the squad members were missing too many classes. The final contest against the Bingham Military Academy was played against the wishes of the faculty, a fact which resulted in the gridiron sport being completely abolished at Elon for the following ten years. That 1909 season, however, had ignited a spark of interest which was to flare again in flame, a spark which has since given Elon a long and successful football history.

Football Revival of 1919 After the close of World War I, football made a comeback at Elon College. The revival of football had been one of the fondest dreams of Elon athletes for a number of years, and the revival of football with a varsity squad and full equipment set the stage for some great moments, for some happy events and some sad ones.

On the football scene in 1919 arrived some of Elon's all-time great performers, including such players as L. J. "Hap" Perry, E. S. "Johnnie" Johnson and John E. Smith. Coached by the late C. C. "Jack" Johnson, husband of Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, who was Elon librarian for many years, the Fighting Christians that year won one game and lost two.

At the start of the year, Elon

met and defeated the Lexington Athletic Association 12 to 6 at Comer Field, which is now the Elon baseball park. Lynchburg College won over the Elon eleven 21 to 6, and Guilford College edged the Christians 7 to 0.

Among the members of that 1919 team were Captain L. M. Cannon, Dick Odom, Wade Marlette, Bill Stoner, Bill Pennington, Harvey White, L. H. Fogleman, Lonnie Sides, W. H. Livesay, Grady Brown, Park, Crockett, Cather and Reavis, along with stars mentioned earlier.

Coach C. C. Johnson left Elon at this time to do graduate work at Yale and later to coach at the University of Colorado until his career was cut short by death.

Corboy Regime Begins Frank B. Corboy assumed the coaching reins for the 1920 season, and he directed the team to three victories in its scheduled seven games. The Christians won over the Lexington Athletic Association 6 to 0, Chapel Hill High 33 to 0 and Atlantic Christian 13 to 0, while losing to Furman 33 to 0, Wake Forest 27 to 0, Trinity (Duke) 13 to 6 and Guilford 7 to 3.

"Hap" Perry, Wade Marlette, B. B. Johnson, Dick Odom, Harvey White, Fred Garvey, Joe Newman, L. M. Cannon, George Underwood, Bill Stoner, "Johnnie" Johnson, John E. Smith and Hal Clark were among the starters on that first Corboy-coached eleven.

By far the outstanding event of the 1921 season was the game with Trinity College (now Duke). The Fighting Christians journeyed to Durham with sheer determination to give Trinity a real battle, although sports writers all over the state had anticipated a 60 to 0 victory for Trinity. When the game was over, however, one newspaper told its story, saying "Elon upset all dope here this afternoon and drew Trinity out to a scoreless tie. L. J. Perry, in the Elon backfield, was Elon's right-hand man.

Star of the team that season and one of the great players of all time at Elon College was "Hap" Perry, the quarterback, who directed the team and led in scoring. He was a very fine passer and was sensational in an open field. There were other great players that year, including Gordon Kirkland, John Smith and Mark McAdams.

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a voice from the corner

By

DON TERRELL



It seems as if the Freshman campaign is off to a good start this year. I was quite surprised at the number of candidates for the different offices, and new names appeared each day last week. The ensuing primary balloting and final elections mean plenty of work for the victors in the year's first political activity. It was good to see the interest, and here's hoping the interest continues when the work starts.

Well, for the more socially minded scholars of the college who received bids last week, one of the most enjoyable and looked-forward to events in their happy lives began on Monday, when "Hell Week" got underway. This is that lively time when big brother and big sister find out just how much little rushee wants to be a member. With much anxiety, the pledges eagerly join in the fun? To those new pledges, I would like to congratulate you on deciding to be active in fraternity and sorority life. As a member of a fraternity, it is hard for me to describe the fellowship or the value of brotherhood received through participation. It has added a great deal to my outlook and my enjoyment in college, and I'm sure it will do the same for you.

It is the duty of every student of this college to keep up with the actions and decisions made by your Student Senate. The Senate is the governing body, elected by you to act and decide for you on almost every issue concerning students. This year the Senate is under very able administration, and has already been actively discussing bills which concern each of us. Following the meetings, which are by-weekly, the secretary posts a copy of the minutes on the bulletin board in the Alamance rotunda. In order to be well informed about student government and its actions, read these notes regularly.

Speaking of politics, it won't be long till its time to elect a president of the United States, and if your age allows your activity, and whether you're a southern Republican or a northern Democrat, get out and vote. This will be the first time for some of us, although John DalCin tells me he remembers voting for Dewey. Some evidence of interest has been shown among students, but hardly enough. There has been rumor of the formation of "Students For ? Clubs" on campus, and certainly it is a good idea.

The Lyceum Series under the sponsorship of the Fine Arts Department has planned some fine programs for this year. The series brings guest artists for performances and noted speakers for lectures for the enjoyment of the students. Last year some outstanding programs were sponsored with only little attendance by students. The major support came from people living in town. The Fine Arts Department goes all out to bring intellectual programs to us and we should go all out in support of them. How about it?

How about a key system for Elon? In most schools of reasonable size, honor keys are worn by deserving students. Here at Elon, keys could be awarded for the two honor societies plus Student Senate, Honor Council, Student Council, and to students graduating with honors. Keys are available for those named to the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, which is one of the highest honors to be won by a college student. This system would add a lot of honor and prestige to the honors, and the keys would add a collegiate look to the wearer. Why not a system of key awards?

Well, hush voice. See ya in two weeks!

Daffinitions

Rock and Roll Music: Earitation.

Taxpayer: A person who doesn't have to pass a merit exam to work for the government.

Worry is interest paid on trouble long before the principal becomes due.

Middle age is when a man must keep fit as a fiddle, or look like a bass viol.

Pointed Phrases

Man's troubles are usually due to three things: Women, money and both.

A teen-ager is grown up when he thinks it is more important to pass an examination than to pass the car ahead.

You can't stumble on anything sitting down; you must be up and going.

From The Watchtower

By ANN VICKERS



wondered why the front entrance of Alamance Building was blocked off during elections. We understand that the Board of Elections blocked the entrance to assure voters of a more private place in which to mark ballots. Our Student Government leaders have promised even more improvements by the next election.

Some interesting movies have been selected by the Entertainment Committee for this year. They include "Compulsion," "Rally Round The Flag," "The Long, Hot Summer," and other well-known movies. These free movies will be shown every Friday evening at 7:30 for students unless some other important event has been scheduled. The movie program has been very successful in the past.

Although the Liberal Arts Forum has not been too active in years past, the Forum committee plans to present many interesting programs for Elon students and faculty this year. Also, students can look forward to the Lyceum Series. We extend our regrets to those who pass up the valuable Forum and Lyceum Series programs.

Credit is due the Dance Committee, headed by George Moshier. The group, with the able assistance of a good many students, has done a fine job of preparing for Homecoming. The

dance committee does an important job on campus. Could you be of more help?

The Student Government Association plans to place a juke box in the Student Union soon. President Ed Boelte is attempting to work out a plan whereby it will cost only five cents per play to operate the juke box. Rules concerning the time and volume of the juke box will be announced. Violations of these rules could result in the juke box being removed from the Union permanently.

With the new juke box and the improved Snack Shop, we think we need more tables and chairs in the Union for student use. How about it, Student Affairs Committee?

The lack of interest shown by many of our Student Senators is pathetic. Senators should watch for notices of called meetings and should always be present for regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Some legislation is needed to deal with negligent senators, we believe.

Speaking of office holders, are you planning to vote next month if you are 21 or over? Some of us still have not completely made up our minds concerning Mr. Kennedy or Mr. Nixon. Have you seriously considered this question? If not, you may be

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