

# Maroon And Gold

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### STOP AMID THANKSGIVING HUSTLE;

#### THINK OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

Are you among the countless millions who see nothing in Thanksgiving but a holiday; a time to visit relatives; a time when the first quarter closes; or a time when a delicious turkey dinner is served? If so, is it not true that the real significance of the occasion is hid from view. This season of the year is always marked by confusion, noise, bustle, and frenzy.

Have you ever thought just what the real meaning of Thanksgiving is? In George Washington's First Thanksgiving Proclamation we read that "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

Both Houses of Congress had, by their joint committees, requested Washington to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

And thus he recommended and assigned Thursday, the 26th Day of November, "to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, and that will be . . . And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations . . . and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

In this time when so many are celebrating a holiday, may we, in a true Christian spirit, acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, obey His will, be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor.—SELECTED.

### ALIBIS

It is an all too human trait to make excuses on any occasion when things do not go just right, and students are no exception. Consider the article which some writer has written and called "A Student's ALIBI-ography." The selection follows:

How often do you use the excuse . . . When you are given a one-word answer test: "It doesn't let you express yourself."

When you are given an essay test: "It's so vague. You don't know what is expected."

When you are given a lot of small tests: "Why not have a few big ones? This keeps you on edge all the time."

When you have a few big tests: "Too much depends on each one."

When you are given no tests: "It's not fair. How can he possibly grade us?"

When the entire subject is covered in class: "Oh, he just follows the book."

When you are asked to study part of the subject by yourself: "Why, we never discussed it."

When the course consists of an informal discussion: "He just sits there. Who wants to hear the students? They don't know anything."

When the course is in lecture form: "We never get to say anything."



the chatter box  
By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Vacation time is finally here; some of us have been packing and preparing for this event for the past couple of weeks. A long-needed and much-appreciated rest from the old grind is in store for most of us. Perhaps when we return from home we'll be completely rejuvenated and emitting some of that old sparkle that has been fading day by day since September as a result of too many tests, numerous worries, too much bridge, and, of course, too little sleep.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of the year when we enact it as it was originally meant: The first requirement is to look around us and realize the many points in our lives for which we can be thankful; the second requirement is to learn how, if we don't already know how, to show our appreciation. Most of us are thankful—though we do a fairly thorough job of hiding it—for our school, for those who have enabled us to attend, for our friends—surely better ones don't exist than those that can be found at Elon, for the numerous times that we needed a helping hand and found one for the asking. All these aspects of a worthwhile life can be found here or anywhere if you'll only give yourself a chance to see them.

A word for our football team in the way of thanks: Boys, we appreciate the wonderful showing you made for our school—the hard battling in all the games, win or lose. You certainly did your part in making the season a thrilling and successful one for Elon.

Basketball season is slowly but surely creeping up on us. Rumor has it that old Elon is going to have a hustling team this year. So let's all be out there come game time, yelling for our boys and showing them that they have many hustling supporters behind them all the way.

A word of praise after many words of scolding is due the Senate, which at its last Wednesday night meeting had an attendance close to perfect. Let's hope that this was a sign of future activity in making our student government a working body instead of the farce it could be without whole-hearted participation from all students. Every student body needs a student government that the students can respect and admire and that is represented by students who will make our student body a whole instead of a collection of unorganized and functionless parts.

Are we being less observant these days, or is there a marked improvement in student conduct in the dining hall lines? The latter seems to be true, except for a pig-headed minority who persist in showing what big men they are. We haven't noticed any "mob action" in front of the dining hall lately, and let's hope that this show of maturity will continue.

Do you have that sad, droopy feeling, like "man, life's just not the best"? The quickest and surest remedy I know is to take a trip down to First Virginia and set yourself down before a giggling, happy-go-lucky redhead who apparently feels that laughter is the only cure-all. You're sure to catch the happy disease whether you want it or not. Or, if you don't happen to catch her at home, move on down the hall a couple of doors and place your burdens in the hands of a very coordinated Virginian, who will make you wonder so much as to what makes people like this tick—and boy, does she ever tick—that you'll forget you ever had a sad day in your life. The time to cry is when one or both of these individuals are in the same state you are. Then all is lost.

On the night of November 14th another "first" was enacted at Elon College. Just ask the girls in one of the suites on First Virginia who created a completely new aspect to the assembly-line effect.

Well, Smiley, go home and get some sleep, and keep your nose clean. Happy holidays to everyone!

"What's the use? You forget it all after the exam anyway."

When general principles are presented: "What did we learn? We knew all that before we took the course."

Do any of these sound familiar?

### GLOOM CHASERS

With narrow-souled people, as with narrow-necked bottles, the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out.

## Wooten's Run Was One Of . . . Ten Magic Moments On Elon Gridirons

By JAMES WAGGONER

Ten magic moments in fifty years.

During the past fifty years there have been many outstanding gridiron contests at Elon College, all of which have found their way into the pigskin history of the Fighting Christians under the title of "The Ten Magic Moments of Football Play."

These selections of Elon's greatest plays and greatest days were made after some seven years of research, and it must be stated that it was not an easy task to single out Elon's top ten feats of football magic.

#### (1) ELON vs. TRINITY, 1921

By far the outstanding event of the 1921 season was the game with Trinity College (now Duke), and it truly represents a "magic moment" for the Maroon and Gold footballers. The Fighting Christians had 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. He ran the team and did most of the passing. Supporting him in the backfield was Captain Johnson, and John Smith won honors at right tackle."

#### (2) ELON vs WAKE FOREST, 1927

The Elon-Wake Forest game of 1927 deserves particular mention, for Elon held the Deacons to a scoreless tie, and "the proverbial dope bucket was upset." Elon's maroon-jerseyed Christians invaded the campus of the Deacons and scrapped Coach Baldwin's eleven, a squad which just a week before had defeated the University of North Carolina, to a scoreless tie. The Fighting Christians were on the Wake Forest 4-yard line with a first down when the game ended, and came close to a victory.

#### (3) Pistol Pete Williams

It was October 4, 1930. Elon had taken a jaunt to Wilson to play Atlantic Christian College. Star

of that 1930 grid squad was Henry T. "Pete" Williams, who was to set an Elon scoring record that night which has never been broken.

Williams actually ran wild in that contest, scoring five times and adding three extra points for a total of 33 points, the most ever scored in a single contest by a Fighting Christian. His playing career at Elon lasted from 1928 through 1931, and he scored 33 touchdowns and 27 extra points for an all-time high of 225 points. He was named to the All-State squad twice and to the North State All-Conference of 1931 which had just begun that year.

Records are still not complete, but Williams was responsible for at least 47 Elon touchdowns, was the only Fighting Christian to lead in scoring each year for four years, along with being a leader in most touchdowns scored in a career, most points in a single season, most points in a single game, most extra points in a single game and most touchdowns responsible for in two single seasons.

#### (4) Upset Over Miami, 1928

One of the rare moments in Elon's football history was that Miami University upset in 1928 without the aid of a first down. The remarkable fact was that Elon had lost six straight games, while Miami was undefeated, having topped every foe by heavy scores. The Hurricanes just could not live up to the wind forecast and found the scoreboard at the end of the game reading Elon 21, Miami 18.

Leading 18 to 7 going into the last quarter, Miami apparently thought the game was sewed-up, but an alert Maroon & Gold team wouldn't give up. Ziegler snatched a Miami pass and hit pay dirt to close the scoring gap to 18-14 as the period opened. Then the excitement began.

With just a few minutes left in the ball game, Miami was deep in her own backyard and decided to punt. Efrid broke through to block the kick and fall on it in the end zone. Walker kicked the extra point and Elon won 21-18. Miami's 15-pound weight advantage per man wasn't enough to discourage

the Elon team, and to this day there are some who can't understand how the courageous Fighting Christians, a decided underdog, went on to defeat powerful and highly regarded Miami University.

#### (5) Flying Keydets Grounded

Sept. 18, 1937—"Elon College's Christians upset the highly favored Virginia Military Institute's Flying Keydets by a 12 to 6 score this afternoon on the V.M.I. field as James (Jack Rabbit) Abbit led his team to a victory in the season's opener." The victory was considered as the first big upset of the 1937 season in the nation, and it was all made possible by one of the greatest backs to wear the Maroon and Gold colors. Abbit scored both touchdowns. He also had two punts that day for 62 and 78 yards.

#### (6) James (Jack Rabbit) Abbit

It would be nearly impossible to pick out the magic moment in the football career of James Abbit. However, the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne game of 1936 deserves mention. Abbit scored four touchdowns on runs of 1, 17, 25 and 96 yards, along with an extra point to give him 25 points for the day. He averaged 50-yards in punting.

His point total at the end of the year was 75 points on 12 touchdowns and three extra points, and Wallace Wade, the head coach at Duke University, after seeing Abbit play in a scrimmage game with the Blue Devils, said that he was good enough to make any backfield in the Big Five.

Abbit was considered one of the best punters in the nation, and his ability as a runner, passer and punter, netted him berths on All-Conference, All-State and honorable mention for All-American squads. His honorable mention as an All-American was highly unusual in the thirties. His scoring totals included 26 touchdowns and five extra points. His punts averaged over 50 yards for most of his career, some of them being 55, 65, 62, 78, 75, 60, 70, 75 and 85 yards to cite a few.

#### (7) Punching The Pirates

The Elon Christian football squad practically rewrote the Maroon and Gold offensive record book in its 34 to 20 victory over

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a voice from the corner



By DON TERRELL

Well, right after classes today, many of us will be "cutting out" for home and that big turkey dinner. This will be the first trip home for some and only an extended weekend for others, but all-in-all, its a much waited-for event. To make it better still, only seventeen days or so after Monday, we will be starting home for the longest and most looked-forward-to vacation of the year, Christmas. Then, just after the time comes exams and the semester's end.

I'm sure that those of us who took time out to hear Natalie Bodanya sing were quite pleased with her performance. Miss Bodanya, a little bundle of personality, sang selections from both the classical classics and the popular classics. She stayed after the performance to chat with several students, who found her to be vitally concerned with youth and their education, especially in the humanities.

She urged that students interested in the programs, such as the one she presented, write to Norwood Baker, co Arts Program, 200 West 57th Street, New York City, giving their opinion and suggestions to the committee which sponsors the programs. She explained that the programs are supported by a group of individuals who are interested enough in young people to spend quite a considerable amount of money to bring culture to many small colleges. I hope that many of the Elon students will be among those who write encouragement to the Arts Program.

It is very interesting and impressive to see the interest of the Freshmen in matters pertaining to the Honor Council and student affairs in general, but continuance of this interest can only be maintained through the impression they now receive from upperclassmen. Due to recent and current actions, the students are now faced with the sobering possibility of not having a student government. The new class seemingly has taken a leading interest in this. Its good to see somebody on the ball. Congrats to the frosh for just "being in there!"

Currently before the Senate is a bill which, if passed, will appropriate money for the purchase of a few new record albums to be used in the dining hall during meals. The bill calls for a system which would provide new albums regularly. At present, the bill is in committee, but your class representatives may be able to let you know more about this after the next meeting of the legislature.

The dance committee, probably the hardest worked and least credited of student committees, has been quite active this year. So far, there have been three chairmen, George Platt being the latest. The committee has announced tentative plans for the coming year. Our annual Christmas Dance will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Attire will be semi-formal. I certainly hope the turnout will be as good or better than last year's crowd. The Mid-winter's Dance will be on Saturday, February 25th. This one will be a little different from most recent social events, being a masquerade. This should be a winner. We certainly do need a few changes.

The Spring Dance will take place of the May Dance and will be the most gala of the year's activities. A big and popular band is tentatively scheduled for this event, which will be formal.

I am very glad to hear that the last dance will be formal. It really isn't fair to most of the girls to make them go through an entire year of college without at least one formal occasion. I realize that the biggest gripe among the fellows is the expense involved, but if you start planning for it now, it can really be a big thing. Here's hoping!

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been told that Judy has acquired a new, and I must say appropriate, nick name. Tell us about it Judy! . . . Careful girls, John Munick might be trouble with his recently renovated smoocher . . . I believe Dan Hulseaple is developing into a campus lover. What about it Dan? . . . What's with this star-struck, moon-glow look Jane Morgan wears? Maybe there's something more than gold in Fort Knox! Belated news! The campaign to Charlottesville for the Wake game was successfully led by Charlie Hawks . . . Judy Watson certainly has been getting into mischief lately . . . Orchids to Judi Klipfel for just being Judi Klipfel . . . I have a friend who starts his day with a gin breakfast. Could this mean he's in love or just different.

Well, Happy Thanksgiving, don't eat too much, and be careful.

## From The Watchtower

By ANN VICKERS



Therefore, it would seem that our Thanksgiving custom may actually come to us through our Judeo-Christian faith. Still today both the Christians and Jews display pumpkins and traditional Thanksgiving foods in recognition of God's abundant gifts.

The first actual American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World. Nearly half of the members of the colony had been killed during the first winter in Massachusetts. In the summer of 1621 new hope was brought by the corn harvest. Gov. William Bradford decreed that Dec. 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists. The colonists spent three days feasting, praying and singing at this first American Thanksgiving celebration. It was at this celebration that the precedent of serving turkey and pumpkin pie were set.

Soon the custom of observing Thanksgiving Day spread from Plymouth to other New England colonies. During the Revolutionary War eight special days of thanksgiving were observed for victories and for safety from dangers. Pres. George Washington issued general proclamations for a day of thanks on Nov. 26, 1789.

For many years there was no national Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Our neighboring state, Virginia, was the first southern state to adopt the custom (1855).

In 1939 President Roosevelt proclaimed that the third Thursday of November would be Thanksgiving Day. Congress ruled that after 1941 the fourth Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving and would be a legal holiday.

So we learn that, although Thanksgiving Day in the United States is rooted in native tradition, the idea of a day set apart to celebrate the successful harvest and to pay homage to the Spirit who caused the crops to grow is ancient and universal.

Despite its religious association, Thanksgiving Day is often given a distinctly secular flavor. Raffles of fowls and shooting matches are not uncommon on Thanksgiving Day. Merchants often make commercial use of the holiday by launching the Christmas shopping season with noisy parades on Thanksgiving Day. However, as Elon College students and as Americans, Thanksgiving Day to us should not merely be a vacation or a commercialized holiday.

We might take into consideration that we are Americans and what this means, we have the opportunity to attend college, we may gripe and complain whenever we please, we can choose our vocations. We do not have space to continue the list. One of our freedoms is religious freedom. No one forces us or even urges us to observe Thanksgiving Day by offering thanksgiving. Here is hoping that, however you choose to spend your Thanksgiving Day, 1960, it will be a meaningful day for you.