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## CREATIVE OR DESTRUCTIVE

What are your hands? Are they tools with which you build and create, or are they weapons used to tear down and destroy?

There are hands of many shapes and sizes. The hands of a musician are long and delicate. The chubby and round hands of a small child are eagerly grasping and touching everything as he explores this wonderful world so new to him. The large and brawny hands of the farmer show the calluses of many years of hard work. The gentle but strong hands of the doctor soothe the aches and pains of all who come to him for help. The wrinkled and worn hands of the grandmother show the marks of toil.

Yes, these are the hands of people, people like you and me. Have you thought of what your hands can do? They can create and build a massive structure that will stand straight and tall for many years. They can become the hands of the doctor bringing new life into the world. They can be the hands of the missionary, patiently teaching the people of a foreign land. So many wonderful things have been done, yet there are more accomplishments to be made.

In your hands is the destiny of yourself, your country, and the world. You hold the power to create or destroy. Your hands are only tools controlled by you.—From THE PIONEER.

## ON APATHY

Time is fleeting, someone once said. Compared with the whole of man's history, the space we occupy in that picture is minute, to say the least. Our allotted portion is small, agreed; but is this realization in itself responsible for the attitude prevalent among the majority of Americans today, among students on college campuses, more specifically?

We face a multitude of evils today. In medicine, the search is endless for cures of cancer and for panaceas for tired hearts and bodies. Another disease for which we have yet to find a cure is the red threat, the fear of communism, the communism advocated by our corpulent neighbor to the East, engulfing the free world. These and other things are necessary evils such a free world must face.

The most devastating, the most dangerous evil we face today, however, is the evil we can do something about — an apathetic attitude. This "I-don't-care" attitude encompasses our habits of dressing, our attendance and interest in classes, and eventually our way of life. To defend the way of life we know, we must first care enough about what we are defending to be interested in it. We must stop passively ignoring the things we would rather not see. Only when we eradicate this apathetic way of not thinking will we begin to be strong and the time we occupy, important.—CLIPPED.

If all the businessmen who sleep at their desks were laid end to end they would be more comfortable.



## the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Rush week has done and past, the worst is yet to come — that is, for those who have accepted bids from sororities or fraternities on the campus. Monday will begin a hectic and trying week for these "lucky" pledges and scums, whom we will warn to get lots and lots of extra sleep this weekend to tide them over for the coming week.

Some folks on campus seem to feel that the last Chatter Box column was unwarranted and unfair in its treatment of the subject of "immature" students. Their philosophy is that if we're fed like animals, why not act like animals?

On our campus there are several individuals and groups who are somewhat unrecognized except through criticism, but without their assistance many of us as individuals and all of us as members of the student body would have suffered considerably. We would be more appreciative if we kept in mind that these people VOLUNTARILY give their time and effort in improving our campus as a whole.

First and above all among the campus's "unsung heroes" are our Student Body Officers. It is felt that never before have harder and more sincere workers than these three officers taken a part in Elon's student government. The upperclassmen on the campus can easily denote the tremendous improvement in student government since last year. This great change has not come about through chance, but has been brought about by time-consuming and selfless devotion of these officers, with the aid of the various committees appointed by them.

The present financial status of our student government, unlike the poverty-stricken kitty with which we were confronted last year at this time, is top-notch; not because activities on the campus have been lessened nor because the weekend entertainment we receive has been second-rate, but because these officers have taken special care to maintain a balanced budget and to attain the best entertainment while keeping in mind the government's financial capacities for the entire year. For example, the three big dances this year cannot be said to have been any less successful than those of last year, but the expenses this year were kept at a minimum.

Matters which were carelessly left unattended last year, such as the collection of delinquent student body fees and parking fines, are well kept in check by the present officers.

Each weekday afternoon from two to four o'clock, in the Student Government Office on the second floor of the library building, one will never fail to find Ed Boelte, Cliff Hardy, or Bill Hassell working diligently at his desk or just sitting there waiting to be of service to any of those who selected him as their Student Body leader.

The Dance Committee is another of the unappreciated groups on the campus, for no one unaffiliated with this group seems to realize the effort required of its members in order to prepare for the dances. Plans must be made through long meetings; correspondence with various businesses and entertainment groups must be enacted in order to attain the elements necessary for a dance; posters must be made to advertise a coming dance; decorations must be made and put up (for which purpose members have many times worked till all hours of the night before the dance); and many details are added to the responsibilities of the Dance Committee.

This year we have many committees of student government consisting of hard workers who never fail to fulfill their assigned duties. Our present student government has received high recognition from the North State Student Government Association, and anyone who feels that it does not deserve this recognition apparently has never had a part in the work of the student government.

Another active body on the campus is the Pan-Hellenic Council, which governs the campus sororities and fraternities and which is presently made up of two elected members from each of these organizations. Its duties include making rules and necessary changes to effect each organization.

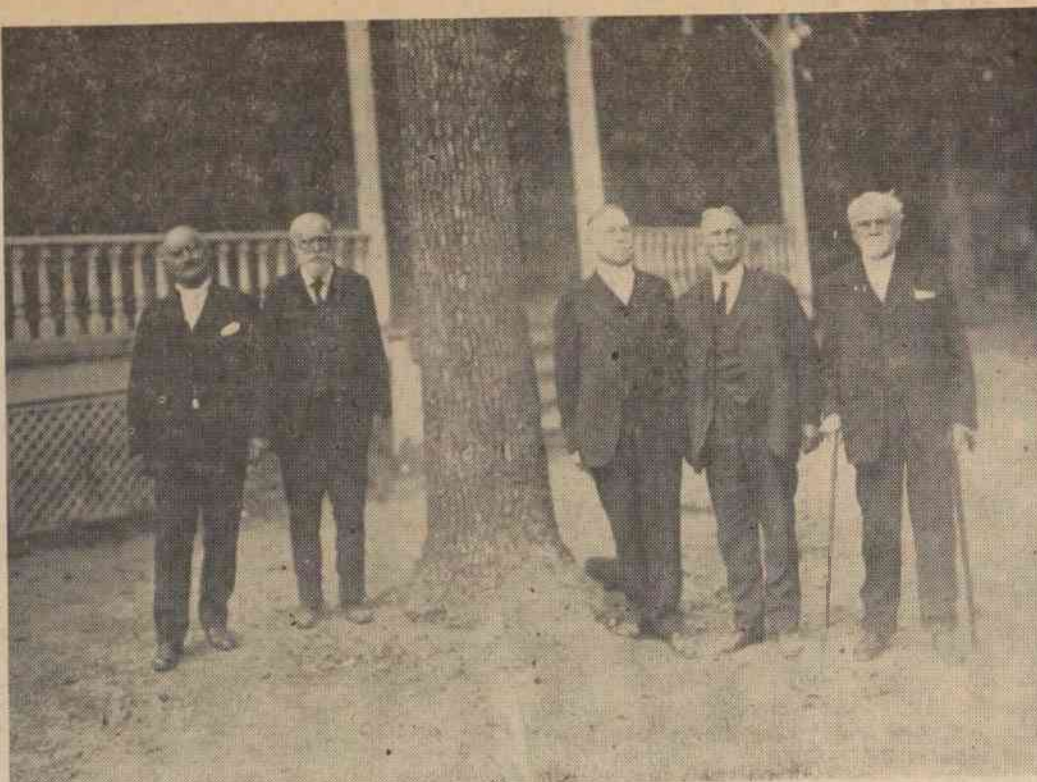
Recently the Pan-Hellenic Council has received recognition because of the drawing up of a controversial bill meant to broaden the scope of the sororities and fraternities.

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## Quickies

A wise wife who keeps showing her husband the travel folders is putting on a trip tease.

## THEY LOCATED SITE FOR ELON COLLEGE



The choice of the site for Elon College was made by a committee of five men, who were appointed by the Southern Convention of the Christian Church in a meeting held at Graham in September, 1888. That committee was photographed a few years later standing in front of East Dormitory and beside a lone gum tree that stood in the grove of oaks that gave Elon its name. Shown left to right above are Col. Junius H. Harden, one of the original trustees; Dr. George S. Watson, also an original trustee; Dr. William S. Long, first president of the college; Dr. J. Pressley Barrett, one-time editor of "The Christian Sn." and Dr. James W. Wellons, another original trustee, who lived to be more than 100 years of age, spending his last years on the Elon campus, where he preached a sermon on his 100th birthday.

## Dating Far Into Past...

# Elon College Idea Had Church Origin

The history and origin of Elon College under its present name dates from March 11, 1889, the date when the college was chartered by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina "to afford instruction in the liberal arts and sciences," but the idea and ideal from which Elon College came originated much earlier.

After the Rev. James O'Kelly and a group of dissenters from Wesleyan Methodism formed the Christian Church in 1794, they were quick to realize that the Church must have its own school for the training of leaders if it were to fulfill its mission properly, and several small schools of that period and succeeding years were closely connected with the Christian denomination and may be termed forerunners of Elon College.

As early as 1792 Daniel Turrentine conducted a school at a combination school house and church, which was located at present Graham, N. C. This combined school and church was used by ministers of the O'Kelly group and later grew into the present

## CHAPTER ONE

With Elon College observing its Founders' Day anniversary this week, it is fitting that it be accompanied by the presentation of this first chapter of a brief history of the college.

Providence Congregational Christian Church, and it was at that church nearly one hundred years later that plans for Elon College were laid.

### Other Schools

Somewhat later the Christian Church leaders founded other schools, all dedicated to the idea of Christian education and the training of ministers and lay workers. Elder Daniel Wilson Kerr, an eminent figure on Christian church work, as early as 1826 was conducting the Wake Forest Pleasant Grove Academy on the Oxford road, twelve miles north of Raleigh, and he was later principal of the Junto Academy near Mebane in the late 1830's. The Junto Academy burned in 1842, and in the late years of his life

Kerr established a school near Pittsboro, where he taught until his death in 1850.

Elder Kerr, whose schools were privately operated but were endorsed by the various conferences of his church, witnessed results of his leadership when the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, in session at Hanks Chapel Christian Church in 1849, approved a recommendation from Union Ridge Christian Church "to mature plans by which might be established and erected within the bounds of the conference an institution for the promotion of general education; and also to afford facilities for young men expecting to engage in the Christian ministry to prepare for that important work."

### School In Alamance

The Rev. John R. Holt, who had taught a private school in southern Alamance County as early as 1837, was chairman of a committee of ten appointed at that 1849 meeting at Hanks Chapel to plan such a school house near Providence Christian Church at Graham in 1850, and this school was formed. (Continued on Page Four)

# Scribendi

By ED BOELTE

Most people are motivated by desires to be honest. Most people are honest and want those connected with them to be honest also. So there must be a division between theoretical acceptance of honesty and its practical manifestations.

A person who cheats on a test or exam is merely showing the world that he is stupid or unable to do the work. It is admitting lack of knowledge and incapability of grasping perhaps very simple knowledge. Those who dig into garbage cans for stencils or other information do not fit into the species known as Homo Sapien, for Homo Sapiens denotes a higher form of intelligence. Rather, this sounds more like some four-legged species. Perhaps biology has become all mixed up — not morals.

If those who are concerned with the lack of this virtue would think, they would realize that it is partially their fault. Self-discipline and theoretical arguments for the system are not enough! Rather, the most important factor is the campus climate itself. The 'campus

climate' is established by you, the majority, the ones who know that honesty is the best policy! The "cat and mouse" game does not lead to acceptance of the system.

The big step, for the successful system, then, is the education of the general student body as to its desirability. This is done by you and you. Only a fool sits by and whines while the snake bites!!

As indications have become stronger that the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) has chosen Helsinki for the next Festival, Finnish youth and student organizations have become more concerned. Their objections centered on the fact that they had not been consulted on this choice of their own country as a Festival site, and on the history of these World Youth Festivals as instruments for furthering their sponsors' Communist aims. This is a follow-up of the VII Festival in Vienna in 1960.

The initiating group of the VIII Festival in Stockholm, Sweden,

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## a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



Now is the time when all the fraternity and sorority members get out their paddles, whips, dirty cars, unshined shoes, or what-have-you to be used on the poor innocent defenseless pledges. Rush season has begun. The sorority gals are wearing their friendliest smiles, and the boys are busy shaking hands, patting backs, and dressing up ye ole frat room. There will be parties galore for a while around the neighborhood.

Being part of a fraternity is one of the most rewarding experiences to be found in college. To be closely affiliated with a swell group of guys or gals; to be a brother or a sister is quite a feeling. I advise each prospective pledge to survey carefully all the groups, weighing each one against the other. Make sure you're making the right choice for yourself. Many have had the unhappy experience of a too-hastily-made choice.

In the fraternal vein, I recently ran across a very comical, and I must say entertaining, portion of a column written by John Biggerstaff, Maroon and Gold assistant editor in 1957. I do hope dear John will forgive my borrowing his talent in order that I may quote his Frat Dictionary. Thanks, J. B.!

### Pledges' Dictionary

KAPPA—A pair. Example: Those girls are a kappa pigs.

PSI—What they do during dramatic situations. Example: He heaved a psi.

NU—Recent. Example: What's nu?

ALPHA—Used to mean half. Example: Alpha pint.

MU—Love song of a cow. Example: Mu, moo.

GAMMA—Baby talk for Grandma. Example: What big teeth you have, Gamma.

DELTA—Used in cards. Example: He delta hand of poker.

ZETA—To repeat a phrase. Example: Zeta again.

SIGMA—Part of a warning. Example: Watch out, or I'll sigma dog on you.

CHI—Slang for man. Example: He's one heck of a chi.

EPSILON—A laxative. Example: Go get me a nickels worth of epsilon salts.

LAMBDA—A pugilistic phrase. Example: So I lambda guy on da snoot.

XI—Dialect. Example: Xi in love? I is.

ETA—To devour (singular). Example: I eta slab of horsemeat.

IOTA—A duty. Example: Iota slap your face.

OMEGA—Part of a prayer. Example: Omega good guy outta me.

Along cultural lines, I've heard that the pianist who appeared here last week was nothing short of sensational. I was unable to attend because of several conflicting campus meetings, but all reports have been extremely favorable.

The Lyceum Committee has certainly done its part in lining up interesting programs for us this year. It is interesting to recall some of the talent which has appeared on our stage. In the same issue of the Maroon and Gold from which the Pledges' Dictionary was taken, I found an article announcing that Ferrante and Teicher, the fabulous duo-pianists, who scored a hit record with the theme from the movie, "Exodus," were coming. Sure wish they could return.

The most recent program presented Dr. Thomas Richner, pianist from the Columbia University music faculty. We, who have heard Dr. Richner in his earlier appearances were well rewarded for the time spent in his audience. Orchids to Professor Moore and his committee for a fine season of fine arts entertainment.

Larry Fuqua has recently been selected by Playboy Magazine to represent the publication on our campus. Those interested in reduced subscription rates and Playboy Party info should contact Larry. He can usually be cornered lingering around the union or speeding between the oaks in his turquoise Corvair. The ivy-leaguer.

Congrats to Roger Bednarik, Vic Hoffman, Rosalie Radcliffe, and Bill Troutman for being selected to Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic society. Several have recently been named to Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science society, but their names were not available to me at the time of writing.

I had plenty more nonsense to write about, but my slave-driving, whip-toting boss lady, Dottie Fairchild, made me quit for this time.

### Quips and Quotes

A fool and his money are soon parted. Nowadays you don't even have to be a fool.

A honeymoon is a sort of vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss.