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WHAT IS STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

(Guest Editorial)

Your Student Government is the recognized self-governing unit on this campus, representing you to the faculty, administration and community, the state and the world. It is a democratic organization which develops leadership.

Student Government sponsors programs and activities valuable to the campus, designed to broaden understanding and improvement educational practices, and it behooves each and every one of you students to seek ways in which you can aid your Student Government.

You can, first of all, aid it by actively participating in its programs, but most of all you can aid it by voting in student elections and thus fulfilling your duty as a campus citizen.

You can help Student Government by bringing your opinions to your Student Government representative so that action may be taken through proper and effective channels and by constructively critical participation on committees and in programs, by reading about and studying the issues affecting students when they are presented in your campus newspaper.

In reality, the support of the citizens helps to make a solid state or national government, and the same applies to campus government and campus citizens. At this period of the annual campus elections, it is more important than ever that you realize that your active support, interest and participation is necessary for a solid Student Government at Elon College.

—ALF PLASTER, Senior Class President

JUST FOR TODAY

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I



the chatter box

By

DORIS FAIRCLOTH

It is hoped that everyone had a pleasant Easter vacation. Some of us did until we received a letter more dreaded than last year's tax report, that I'll ol' letter with the Elon College insignia. Or, perhaps it wasn't the letter that was dreaded, but the reaction to the letter, which in many cases were far from pleasant to be a recipient of. Better luck next six weeks!

Student Body elections are not far off. Let's have another bang-up election like we did last year, with all the enthusiastic participation from the voters as well as from the candidates. Student Government has truly lived up to high standards this year and here's hoping that it continues to do so.

"The Rainmaker," the play that many of our campus actors and actresses have been diligently working on for the past couple of months, is to be presented in Mooney Chapel on April 24th, 25th, and 26th. It is believed that this play is going to be well worth observing, so let's all be sure to make plans to attend on one of these nights.

If we could have more men like the judge from Burlington to speak in chapel, perhaps there wouldn't be so many students cutting chapel.

What kind little fairy has been watching over the dining hall lately? Many students have commented on the great improvement in the food served there for the past few weeks. Let's hope that the present trend continues, even though it will undoubtedly cut the business of the two grills across the road.

Student Government info: The dining hall sound system received a complimentary copy of the Kingston Trio's latest LP album, "Make Way," several weeks ago. This was sent for promotional purposes, so when you go to Musicland to buy this or any other album you hear in the dining hall, be sure to mention that you heard it in the dining hall of Elon College. In this way we might be fortunate enough to receive additional promotional records.

May Day is just around the corner, so you guys and gals better get on the ball and make plans for yourself and that special someone. The event is to have an Hawaiian theme. All the P. E. girls have been working hard to perfect their dances for the Saturday activities.

It has been said that Woody Herman, who is to play for the dance on Saturday night and for the concert set for Friday night, played at the Azalea Festival two weekends ago and was quite a big hit. So all in all, the May Day weekend is expected to be quite a successful and enjoyable one.

What has happened to the Pan Hellenic Council's efforts concerning pledgeship in the sororities and fraternities? Let's hope that they work something out before the rush week of next fall.

will have it. I will save myself from two pests; hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world so the world will give to me.—SELECTED.

SEVEN THINGS I HAVE TRIED

Laughing at difficulties, and found them disappearing.

Attempting heavy responsibilities, and found them growing lighter.

Facing a bad situation, and found it clearing up.

Telling the truth, and found it the easiest way out.

Doing an honest day's work, and found it most rewarding.

Believing men honest, and found them living up to expectation.

Trusting God each day, and found Him surprising me with His goodness.

—CLIPPED

BORROWED BRIEFS

There is no smaller package than a man wholly wrapped up in himself!

It's middle age when after you go all out you end up all in.

You've got to make allowances for children. After all, they make deductions for you.

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

INSIDE VIEW OF ELON'S OLD NORTH GYM



One of the historic steps in Elon history came with the erection in 1912 of North Building, a combined men's dorm and gymnasium. Hailed as one of the finest gyms in the South at the time, Elon indoor sports teams used it until 1949, and it was not until three years ago that the old structure was torn down. Shown above is a view of the inside of Old North Gym, and the small size is shown by the view of spectators seated against the walls and yet so close to the court that their feet almost touched the court lines. The picture does not show the overhanging balcony which circled the court at the second-floor level. Many present-day students never saw the historic gym, but all will recognize Mrs. Jeanne Griffin in the center of the picture, which was taken during her student days.

With Faculty Of Seven

Elon First Opened Its Doors In 1890

Elon College opened its doors on September 2, 1890, with five professors and two department heads. The faculty was not large in numbers, but it was a group which was versatile in abilities. They were truly interested in the 76 students who had registered for the opening of the new college. This included students in a preparatory department.

That original faculty included Dr. W. S. Long, president; Dr. J. U. Newman, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Prof. S. A. Halleman, Miss Berta Moring (later Mrs. J. M. Roberts), and Miss Lena Beal (later Mrs. J. M. Farrar).

The duties of that first faculty were described at a speech delivered by Dr. Moffitt on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the college, which was observed with appropriate ceremonies in September, 1939. The description is best presented in an account of Dr. Moffitt's address at the anniversary gathering.

CHAPTER THREE

This is the third chapter of the brief history of Elon College, a feature which has been running in the two most recent issues of the Maroon and Gold. This installment tells of the original Elon faculty and early days of the college.

That First Faculty

Asking his listeners to look at the pages of the first Elon College catalogue for a listing of the original faculty, he said, "There's Rev. William S. Long, A.M., D.D., President and Professor of Biblical Instruction and Natural Science," whom he praised further for his indefatigable belief in the great future of Elon College.

Going further, Dr. Moffitt said, "And then there's Rev. J. U. Newman, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., D.D., that wonderful member of the first faculty, who was professor of Greek and Mathematics and who all these years had remained faithful to the college through trials and

tribulations, days of doubt and sometimes almost despair, but who has always kept his forehead lifted to the future and eyes set on the vision that he had in 1890 of what Elon College might be, and he has never been disobedient to that heavenly vision."

Still enumerating that first faculty, Dr. Moffitt said, "There's Rev. J. O. Atkinson, A.B., A.M., (later D.D.), Professor of Latin, Mental and Moral Science; and Emmet L. Moffitt, A.B., A.M. (he also omitted his own doctor's degree), Professor of English, German and Political Science (at that point he interpolated the statement that he "even taught French"); and Prof. S. A. Halleman, Principal of the Academic Department — and he taught everything, Reading, Writing, Rithmetic, Spelling, Geography, Etc., Etc."

Enumerating still further, Dr. Moffitt said, "And then there's the ladies — Miss Berta Moring, later Mrs. J. M. Roberts, who was

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Scribendi

By ED BOELTE

student government can be realized if you, each student, carefully chooses the students who are sincerely interested in student government and in our particular problems here at Elon.

As was mentioned on the opening day of the campaign, last year's Founders Day speaker was wrong! The election several weeks later showed a spirit which clearly was a credit to the college and to its students.

The importance of each person supporting his or her candidate and voting can not be over-emphasized. If you want your man in office, you must support him. This is your government and it needs your support. In order that it stay strong and continue to take those forward steps it is necessary that you vote for the person whom you think will best serve the students and the Student Government Association.

I pick not a student this week but all students who have filed for positions in student government for the year 1961-62. You can feel assured that it will be a very worthwhile experience, not only while in this institution, but long after you have parted from Elon! Keep the campaign spirit high!

So you think we have prob-

lems? Consider the plight of the student body of Benedictine Heights College, Tulsa, Oklahoma! Benedictine Heights College is closing at the end of May this year due to financial straits. It is a young and small college, which has a debt in excess of 1.5 million dollars.

The students have launched a campaign to try to raise the necessary funds to keep this from happening and they are determined to do so. They have turned to their fellow students on American college campuses to ask them for whatever financial assistance they can give.

Here is a group of students which truly feels the importance of and the need for higher education in the United States today! Do we feel this need or must we all be faced with similar situations?

The students of Evansville College in Evansville, Indiana, will be acting as hospitality hosts for the colleges and universities of the nation when they hold one of the most outstanding Jazz Festivals in the nation . . . the Fourth Annual Indiana Jazz Festival . . . in the city of Evansville on June 23rd, 24th and 25th.

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a voice from the corner

By

DON TERRELL



Recently, I was fortunate enough to chaperone a group of migrating students during their excursion to America's vacationland, Florida. Among the group, naturally including my own self, were five prime examples of Joe College on-the-loose. Their names, to prevent possible confusion, are No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 4 1-2. All are currently resuming their scholarly pursuits at one of the South's finer institutes of higher learning. (Paid propaganda).

Preparations for the grand sojourn were made in advance, in order to prevent any possible last-minute difficulty. Our set time of departure was 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. We left right on time, exactly at 2:30.

Our albino camel with the canvas top was polished, shined, brushed, fed, and beat for effect. Our placard, gently nailed on its rear, read "Fort Lauderdale or Bust," with very cute descriptive cartoons. Of course, before leaving the beautiful state of North Carolina, we were dismounted alongside the highway with camel shoe trouble, while very friendly folks were riding by laughing and yelling, "You busted!" We enjoyed this immensely.

After reaching the beautiful bordering state of South Carolina, we were blessed with a visit from the Easter Bunny, who was driving a pretty blue car with letters on the side. He wanted a contribution to the state treasury from Spring Vacationing college students, especially from that kind which visits Ft. Lauderdale.

"Hey, Peter, son, how about pulling over." He very sweetly explained that when our camel passed that last long line of tractor-trailers, his right rear foot crossed the solid line, and that there is a statute on the South Carolina books which states that camels, when passing tractor-trailers, may only cross the solid line with their right foot and rear left foot simultaneously. He then had the audacity to wave sweetly and wish us all a nice Easter vacation.

Before getting to the Sunshine State, we were fortunate enough to be handy for the rescue of a carload of damsels in distress. They were suffering one of those maladies of the road — a flat. After a series of trying technical difficulties, we were successful. While No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 1-2 put on the tire, No. 3 and No. 4 put on the make. What was that number again, Diz?

The suave Spaniard again put the innocent group of fellows on the spot in Jacksonville at the 5 O'Clock Club. The little (?) girls there tried to convince us that the show was benefitting the Girl Scouts, but I wasn't really convinced. They were awfully friendly though, and that tall one in red who said she was den mother was especially nice.

If the reader has been to Florida and has been exposed to the tall and beautiful Royal Palms he will chuckle at this one. We had one within the group to ask why they put cement around all those pretty trees. This was too much.

After reaching our southern Florida launching pad, good ole Georgia Getusdates went to work on those exquisite beauties from Palm Beach. He was the only one who could get in the city without a Rolls Royce. I guess we did look kinda silly riding a camel through Palm Beach.

And another thing, those stories y'all read about sweet little Caroline's attempted abduction were really overstated. She had just never ridden a camel before. You know they just don't have too many camels in the White House. She took one look and was entranced, so we climbed down, helped the cute little girl aboard and rode her down the beach. Lo and behold, we were accosted from every angle. They heard Diz speaking Spanish and just knew we were all representing Fido or what ever his name is, and gave us no opportunity to explain. It was a break in a way, though. Their hospitality was the only we were able to accept without flashing our ID cards. It was kinda stuffy down there though.

Later during the visit, dear ole Pete was shot in the heart by a Cannon. It was the first time I ever heard of a cannon firing arrows. Then there were Dottie, Sue, Jill, and Spastic (pardon, Jud). We also met the alligator girl, I think her name was Franki. Our stay was a blast!

On the return trip, we visited that southern school, set back in the rolling orange groves of Florida, Howey-in-the-Hyacinths. All I can remember is a group of high-heeled dolls. Ready to go back, Art? By the way, how many letters have you received now. Last week, they were really piling up.

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