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SOME THOUGHTS FOR SPEEDERS

With the coming of warmer weather and the call of the open road echoing ever louder in all of our ears, it is quite appropriate to take time for a few thoughts concerning driving habits and dangers, for such thoughts may mean lives saved.

There may be more weekend trips as the spring term nears an end, and certainly the summer vacation will bring many added miles of driving to the beaches and other pleasure spots, so interest in safety for all demands that we think on the following comment, which was written by a teenager and clipped from an exchange publication:

Psychologists tell us that the reason so many young people drive cars wildly and act aggressively behind the wheel, is because they are trying to be accepted as mature people. They take out their inner aggressions on an inanimate object like a car, because it can't fight back. At least they think it can't fight back.

This gross lack of security and feeling of inadequacy he possesses usually is a driving compulsion to "show the world how well he can drive." Of course almost everybody, including himself, knows that reckless driving is a sign of not thinking or of not being able to think. Yet, even when he is literally scared to death, he will go ahead and drive like a maniac in order to prove to himself that he is capable.

Many false concepts arise to our young people through motion pictures and television. If it were possible to trace the origin of the idea that speeding in an auto is masculine, it would probably stem from the attitude created by one of the above media. For instance, the hero of a motion picture speeds his car in hot pursuit of a criminal, thus a concept is born. The young man, projecting himself into the part of the hero, then is inclined to take literally the false illusion of speed shown on the screen, and act accordingly.

But the whole idea goes even further than this. When he is caught speeding, all of a sudden he is the center of attention. Certainly he wasn't noticed until he was caught. This in turn adds to his "hero complex," for now he realizes that he is noticed. Again he makes a mistake in interpreting the attention he is getting. For really he is getting pretty much the same attention as a monkey in a cage at the zoo and he may think he is being considered a hero, and as a result, he may later repeat his performance for the sake of more attention.

The problem arises in the fact that the young man can seldom translate the reaction of the public to his juvenile driving. Often he actually gets a backward impression, contributing to the slow process of curing this insane desire to "show off."

Adults, that is many adults, have known for years that people who can really drive a car, never speed. Only the incompetent drivers do this. A really good driver knows that he is a good driver, and is satisfied knowing it is not necessary to prove to every Tom, Dick, and Harry, that he is competent. Only the doubtful have to prove to themselves and others that they can drive.



the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

It seems like Old Man Weather has forgotten all about Spring this year and has jumped suddenly from an irritating cold, wet, and prolonged winter into an extremely warm but beautiful and refreshing summer. Flowers are blooming, the once naked trees have been clothed with healthy green leaves, and the grass has grown into a soft blanket for use by any and all studious nature-lovers. Other types of lovers have begun to take advantage of the shade of the great Senior Oak.

The beginning of summer is probably the prettiest and most invigorating time of the year. But strangely enough, it is also the time when it seems that one's temper is shortest, one's emotional sensitivity is greatest, and one's existence seems least worthwhile. Perhaps it's because one realizes that the great attractions of the school year—that all-important and much-anticipated banquet, that weekend party with the one you'd never dared hope to date, and the big weekends on the campus—are all over, and there's nothing left to look forward to except the frustrations of exam time and the hopes of better luck next semester.

But, chin up, friends, if you're one of these frustrated individuals. Remember that things may get worse, and when they're at their worst, they can't get anything but better. One should appreciate his misery, for it makes him realize just how wonderful it is not to be miserable.

It is apparent that in many cases, one's misery is caused by a feeling of self-inadequacy and a desire to be anything but what he is. The character traits of this girl or that boy seem much more ethical, accepted, or desirable than one's own, and there is a tremendous urge to change oneself completely and to cast off all those icky ideals, ideas, and actions that make one what he is, for at this stage one can see nothing estimable in his being. It was for such a miserable Elon individual that the following verse was written by a sympathetic and wise friend.

It has been said, "To thine own self be true"

If to myself I canst not be true, then what am I?

In trying to do as others may do, I become no longer myself.

God gave the world only one me—one you;

Neither I can be you, nor you I.

For in so trying to be, the greatest gift you have,

Is lost—the gift of just being you.

Perhaps Shakespeare put the idea into more flowery words, but this is typical of the better side of Elon—simple and to the point, but profound, sincere, and ever-meaningful. Sometimes the greatest philosophies of life come not from the great intellect who has the world on a string, but from the mild, simple, happy man who sits in the background and smiles benevolently. Perhaps his midness and simplicity are both results and causes of his wisdom and his satisfaction with life as it is.

Gossip, gossip, gossip! There are some people whose greatest joy in life comes from keeping file on all the local dirt she "overhears" and from seeking out individuals who would just LOVE to hear all about it. To this chatter box, a gossip is one of the lowest forms of humanity, for this person is worse than any type of murderer—at least a killer puts his victim out of his misery. The gossip, like a poisonous spider, creeps softly and quietly upon her prey, pounces on him, and drains the blood from him slowly and painfully.

Elon is cursed with a few such "joy-bringers." It is no longer unusual to hear along the grapevine about the sins of a friend whom you know to be an upstanding individual, or to hear at the end of the line from a friend who talked to a friend who talked to a friend who said that you had done such-and-so on a night that actually you were fast asleep and confident of being safe from the outside world, when all the while this first "friend" was viciously conniving against you and your good name. The pitiful factor of this situation is that the first "friend" displays to your face all the qualities of a sincere, honest, and selflessly concerned human.

It's a shame that a gossip has so little to add to the world that she feels she can live happily only by sapping the strength from the reputations of others. Someday she's gonna get caught picking on someone just as venomous as she, and that day will no doubt be one of sadistic rejoicing by her many former victims.

DINING HALL IS PART OF MODERN ERA EXPANSION



One of the more impressive of the buildings added to the Elon campus during the building boom of the 1950's was the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, which was opened for use in 1956, along with Virginia Hall for girls and Carolina Hall for boys. Since that time the Elon expansion program has brought the addition of Smith Hall for boys and this year partial completion of a second new dormitory for girls. The McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, in addition to furnishing completely modern dining facilities, also provides a spacious and beautiful banquet hall and ball room.

With Fine Cooperation . . .

Elon Boasts Progress In Modern Era

The ten years after Dr. Leon E. Smith assumed the presidency of Elon College in 1931 saw courageous cooperation on the part of faculty, alumni and friends of the college under Dr. Smith's leadership, and by January 28, 1942, the college was able to settle its debts, and the stage was set for a great expansion program following World War II. During the war years many of the male students were away at war, but an Air Force contingent trained on the campus as part of the war effort, and after 1946 the great G. I. Educational program set the stage for a great increase in enrollment.

The old dining hall at the rear of West Dorm was burned during the War, but it was replaced by a temporary wooden structure acquired from the government. A group of government surplus buildings were acquired and erected as student apartments, forming a small village for veterans and their families, and a new power plant was erected as the first major building project after World War II. This was followed in 1949 by the building of beautiful Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars. Also erected during this period were a group of faculty homes and apartments.

This post-war building program

was completed rapidly and occupied for the first time in January of 1958. Total costs of the three new dormitories and the dining hall were well over a million dollars, indicative of the great post war progress for Elon College.

But Elon's physical expansion and improvement was not ended, and only last summer the need for added dormitory space was seen as the number of campus students increased, and workmen were put to work at that time removing the historic Ladies' Hall on the northwest corner of the campus to make room for a new residence hall for girls.

CHAPTER FOUR

This is the fourth installment of a brief history of Elon College, telling of the growth of the recovery of the college from its near-bankruptcy in the depression years and of its tremendous growth during the years since World War II.

Construction of New Dorm, which is yet to be given a permanent name, began in mid-summer and was pushed in an effort to make the first floor ready for use as quickly as possible. That first floor was occupied before Christmas, and plans are to complete the upper floors of the structure as soon as possible.

New President In 1957

Dr. L. E. Smith retired from the presidency of Elon in June, 1957, and the Board of Trustees named Dr. James E. Danieley, member of the college's chemistry faculty since 1946, who had for three years been dean of the

was made possible by a great Two and One-Half Million Dollar Campaign launched in 1946 and pushed to completion by 1956. In connection with this campaign came the most recent building program, erection of three new dormitories and a new dining hall within the years from 1954 until 1956.

Four New Buildings

In 1954 the college obtained a government loan for \$675,000 which made possible the building of Virginia Hall for girls, Carolina Hall for boys and the beautiful McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, the latter becoming possible through a generous gift from the family of the late James H. McEwen. All three of these buildings were completed and were occupied in September of 1956.

Late in 1956 an additional loan was negotiated, and construction was begun on the new Smith Hall, a second dormitory for boys, which

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



First this week, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who gave their support in my behalf during the recent student government elections. To all those who urged me to seek office, and to all those who so diligently worked paving the way for me, I am deeply indebted. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my opponent for the stimulating campaign. It showed evidence of a great deal of hard work. I only hope that the new administration can be a contributing spoke in Elon student government's wheel of progress.

While on the subject of student government, I would like to commend Mr. Boelte's fine sketch on the subject in his last column, o those of you who missed the article, I whole-heartedly recommend it to you. My congratulations to you President Boelte. Your experience has rewarded you with some fine student government philosophy.

Recently, Carol Trageser, Lynn Ryals, Gerald Allen, and myself were fortunate enough to be representatives for Elon at the North State Student Government Association meeting at Boone, N. C. There we attended student workshops conducted by the participating colleges. Mr. Allen conducted a workshop for Elon having to do with Student-Faculty Relations. Miss Trageser, Mr. Ryals, and myself attended other seminars conducted by other colleges. Our Student Body president, Cliff Hardy, who is vice-president of the North State group was also in attendance.

It seems as if again next year, we will be faced with a good sized freshman faculty, as several faculty and administrative personnel have announced their intention of leaving the college after this term. This year's "freshman faculty" proved highly favorable in most cases. I know the English department addition have been very well accepted by the students within the department. I hope that maybe in the near future that there will be interest enough to organize an English Major's Guild here at Elon.

Congratulations to those two good looking Tau Zeta gals, Sandy Neighbors and Jane Morgan for their success in the "Miss Burlington" pageant. We were pulling for you all the way, and I guess it paid off.

I hear that Ed Boelte, our retiring president, has been in great demand at the big NAACP social events. Tell us about the party Ed! Was it fun? . . . "Bang, bang," Pete, "Bang, bang!" . . . I heard tell that Grayson Mattingly was recently overheard preaching a revival in the heart of Burlington. What was the big disagreement, Matt? Didn't that fellow believe you? . . . Munick and Mangrum bring back extremely comical tales from Myrtle Beach. "Sure, sure. Get off my back, I'll go tomorrow" . . . Pete Smith is the only guy I know who has at least a \$30 per week phone bill, or are all those charges reversed? It must be a lonely life . . . Phyl Hopkins has the unchallenged title of "Most Photographed Girl on the Elon Campus", but we must admit, she's quite a subject . . . Roland Miller is trying to develop into another Hardrock Simpson. Almost every day, I see him jogging along the highway. Or is it that that you know about something down that road that we don't? . . . I'm glad to see dear ole Rog Bednarick is again wearing his frat pin, but what a price to pay! Ha! Congrats, Jan and Rog! . . . They tell me that back in the rolling hills of Kentucky they've stopped calling Jug Irvin's little brother "Little Jug", and now refer to Jug as "Big Martin's" brother . . . Carol Trageser has grounds for the undisputed honor of having her name misspelled more than any Elon student. Tragesor, Tragesor, Tragesorr. There would probably be more confirmity by using Carol What's-Her-Name . . . Judson Bryant and Diz Diaz should get together and compare notes on the sisters they dated at West Palm Beach. This should be quite a conversation . . . It sure was nice seeing so many alumni faces around campus a few weeks back when Kappa Psi had the big banquet. Wayne Taylor hasn't lost any weight. Dan Porter brings news of his little thunderbolt son. Beats up all the kids in the neighborhood. Lane Kidd is still on the make.

I would like to dedicate this section of the column to my favorite reader, Mr. James F. Latham, LL.B. for his understanding intellectuality in interpreting the nonsensicalism of the author. Thank you very much Mr. Latham.

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By ED BOELTE

top positions in the Student Government Association. The potential is there—all students will be looking forward to the turning of that potential into a great reality next year!

Don Rankin's individuality, experience, ability, and all around know-how should be used in the Senate again next year. You can't afford to lose such a valuable man.

The writer wishes to all the officers and students a year of progress, learning, production, and success.

Although vague notions of "democracy at work" are commonly held, many of us in student government are—for the first time—faced with the necessity of productive administration and successful human relations. These prerequisites are mandatory not only for getting the job done on the campus but also for adequate training for assuming leadership in the greater society.

Woodrow Wilson vividly illustrates the proper workings of the democratic process as follows: "Democracy is not merely a matter of programs, it is a mat-

ter of sympathy and insight . . . It is a matter of seeing not from your eyes out, but from the eyes of other men in. Getting the vision that is in the back of the other man's head is the thing, getting the hope that is the universal hope; getting that impulse that is the common human impulse, forward."

The qualities of a leader have been listed as intelligence, initiative, sensitivity and insight, ability to command respect, awareness of need for self-development, courage, resourcefulness, unselfishness, tactfulness, conscientiousness, and patience. It is quite obvious that all of these characteristics cannot be instilled in a person through a brief leadership training program, but certain of these qualities can be cultivated and better utilized where effective leadership is needed.

There are colleges which, recognizing the need for accelerated development of leadership, have added leadership courses to the curriculum—in some cases for credit and others for "record". This would be a wonderful area

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Interestingly enough not too many new faces will be seen in the new Student Government Association administration. Even though Cliff Hardy stepped into the office of President with no competition, it does not indicate a lack of spirit. Rather, the prevailing idea seems to be that this came about by unanimous consent of the student body that Cliff is the best man for the job.

Cliff, together with Don Terrell, will make a good team for the top two positions next year. Don has shown a great interest in Elon and it's student government during his stay on this campus. Allen Tyndall should receive many compliments for his spirited campaign and interest in student government.

Once again a girl will fill the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Body! Eleanor Smith will do a good job! A spirit of cooperation and willingness to work together must be the word of the day for the