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"THIRTY"

The symbol "30" is used in journalistic language for "The End," so the time has come when another year is ending and another annual volume of the Maroon and Gold is reaching its conclusion.

It has been a good year for the college, and it has been a pleasant task for the paper and its workers to record the story of the final accomplishments of the school itself, of its teams and organizations and of its individual students and faculty.

With the year coming to an end here in the shades of Elon's classic oaks, it will be with a mingled feeling of pleasure and sadness that the final lines of type are set and the last pages of this final issue of the paper roll from the press.

There'll be the pleasure of seeing another task completed, but there must also be the tinge of sadness at the realization that the end of the term brings the final days at Elon for many of the college's fine student body. A large group of students will graduate, and others will not return to Elon for other reasons. All will be missed when another year rolls around.

One also hears reports that a number of the Elon faculty will not return next fall, that they will move on to other scenes and other tasks for the 1961-62 college year, and it is with real regret that we will see them leave. As they go, we express appreciation for a job well done here and the wish for success wherever they go.

So, at this point, the staff of the Maroon and Gold writes the final word of the paper's Volume Forty-One, and that final word is . . . "Thirty."

WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

There are many definitions of democracy, and one which is highly interesting appeared recently in a national industrial publication. The definition was written in response to a request from a reader, and the article is offered below in its entirety, with the hope that it may create some thought:

Recently a request came in from a woman in Milwaukee for an article on the meaning of democracy and what it really adds up to. She said Americans don't appreciate what they have and that they just take their blessings for granted, without understanding them.

Well, this charge is probably true. Trouble is, democracy is not quickly or readily defined. Most essays on the subject sort of put people to sleep. But here are a few observations that may do the trick:

"Democracy . . . is the line that forms on the right. It is the don't in Don't Shove. It is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust trickles; it is the dent in the high hat.

"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere.

"Democracy is the score at the beginning of the ninth: It is an idea which has not been disproved yet, a song the words of which have not gone bad. It's mustard on the hot dog . . ."

That's what E. B. White wrote in the New Yorker, some 15 years ago. It seems better than most people have been able to put it, and actually it's better than a full dressed magazine article. We give it to you with a salute to the man who wrote it.

We'll add only this: Democracy is a situation that gives us all the best chance to develop the best that's in us. Some people grab the chance and some miss it, but each generation gets a new whack at it, and that's saying a lot.—SELECTED.

Wisps of Wisdom

Did you hear about the fellow who was conceited that he joined the Navy so he could see him?



the chatter box

By

DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Much criticism was received by the Chatterbox last issue because of what seemed to be erroneous or implicating statements. The first portion of this column shall be dedicated to explaining these statements, which tended to mislead or irritate many readers.

In the first place, the "extremely warm but beautiful and refreshing" was a case of counting one's chickens before they were hatched — The article was written on a warm, beautiful, refreshing morning which lasted until that cold, ugly, and uncomfortable night. Perhaps it was merely wishful thinking on the part of the writer, but right now it appears that the wish has been fulfilled. Keep your fingers crossed!

In the second place, a comment was made upon the use of the word "she", referring to the gossip in the latter part of the Chatter Box. The comment indicated that the pronoun "she" was an implication and was intended for a specific female. Pardon me for the disloyalty, girls, but isn't it true that gossiping is more typical of the female sex than of the male? General opinion seems to be that girls gossip and boys "talk". Therefore, the writer used "she" instead of "he" or the potentially superfluous "one."

Third, it seems that some folks felt that the entire portion on gossips was a sneaky, below-the-belt punch to a specific individual, and that the Chatter Box was used as a means of airing gripes by a writer who lacked the intestinal fortitude to confront the individual with these complaints. The Chatter Box will now be used for the purpose of informing its readers that the article was not written on any angry or biased impulse, but was written after numerous years of contemplation upon and experience with the problem of gossip. Any material in the Chatter Box is there because it is felt that the subject was a problem not with one individual, but with many individuals, and, as anything that emits odoriferous vapors, needs to be brought into the open and aired out. But, may it be noted that any similarity to actions of persons male or female was purely intentional, for the writing was dedicated to any and all persons who saw their names between the lines. There are few who can claim themselves to be completely innocent of the charges, and these few should serve as examples to the rest of us.

Most of us are joyously anticipating the day when exams will be behind us and the much-sought vacation period will begin. But, as is true of all good things, this anticipation must contain a note of sadness, a regret for those who will be leaving Elon for the last time. For most of the Seniors, the past four years have been a long, hard struggle intermingled with good times that have left pleasant memories. They have taken much greater things from Elon than merely what one may find in a textbook, and they have given much to the Elon College Student Body, in two weeks they will be a part of the Elon College Alumni. The Seniors make up a great part of the good things that Elon represents, and though there will be a Senior class next year, it will not be able to completely fill the gap that has been left by this year's graduating class. A group is made up of individuals, and when a spot is left empty by a part of this group, it can be filled by no one else.

Many thanks to the members of the Senior class who have worked in the Student Government and have helped to make it the best and strongest that the college has ever known. And many thanks to the Seniors who have been active in other groups on the campus. Those of us who will remain next year are indebted for their lightening the load in giving true significance to every phase of student life on the Elon College campus.

The Chatter Box would like to wish for all the Seniors and Commercial students who will be graduating in June, the very best of luck and success on the new road of life which they choose to take upon leaving Elon, with the hope that the friends, the sororities and fraternities, and the other significant parts of their lives at Elon College, will not be soon forgotten.

We learned of a network executive who admits to being worried about his young son; the kid spends all of his spare time reading books.

You may be interested to know that: "Diplomacy is the business of handing a porcupine without disturbing the quills."

Bus sign: "Don't talk to driver. He needs both hands for driving."

ELON SPAEKER TELLS OF U. S. SPACE EFFORT



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Dr. Albert von Doenhoff, right, an eminent figure in the United States Aeronautics and Space Administration, was a timely speaker in chapel on America's space effort on May 1st. The speaker, who is pictured above conversing with President J. E. Danieley, has one son who is a student at Elon College this year and another who graduated from Elon two years ago.

FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB NAMES NEW OFFICERS



New officers of the Faculty Women's Club of Elon College, installed by Mrs. J. E. Danieley at a recent meeting, are pictured in the front row of the above picture. The new leaders for the club, seated left to right, are Mrs. H. H. Cunningham, president; Miss Nancy Withers, secretary; and Mrs. James Howell, treasurer. Standing left to right are Mrs. A. L. Hook, the outgoing president; with Mrs. Thyra Swint, Mrs. Ferris E. Reynolds, Mrs. Paul Cheek, Mrs. E. Ray Day and Mrs. Janie Council, who were hostesses for the meeting. Miss Lila Newman, incoming vice-president, was absent when the picture was made.

With Fine Cooperation . . .

Elon Boasts Progress In Modern Era



Scribendi

By ED BOELTE

Has anyone ever heard of The Elon Spirit? It goes something like this!

Elon is my College. I shall be loyal to her in word and deed; I shall speak well of her at all times and render criticism only when it may result in improvement. The Elon Campus is my adopted home. I shall respect its beauty and protect it from willful destruction.

Elon classes are my opportunity to learn, to profit by the wisdom of past generations and to gain, through sincere effort, deeper wisdom for myself. I shall not treat lightly this opportunity nor lower my character by dishonesty in academic work.

Elon is my community. I shall live as a good citizen among my fellows, respecting the rights of others about me.

Elon is my College. I shall always be proud of her and shall always live in such a way that she may be proud of me.

After four years of living on

the campus of the oaks these words become more than mere words. They are something you can take with you. Not the words but the spirit will follow you all the days of your life and will linger in your mind as something wonderful and unforgettable.

Since our Honor System and Honor Council has become one of the most talked about phases of our campus life, the writer would like to present parts of An Explanation of the Honor System as found in THE JEFFERSONIAN at the University of Virginia. The Honor System of the University of Virginia has for many years been considered its most priceless heritage and beloved tradition.

The Honor System requires that a man or woman shall act honorably in all the relations and phases of student life. Lying, cheating, stealing, or breaking one's word of honor under any circumstances are considered infringements of the Honor System. The pledge in classes on quizzes, examinations, written problems, and exercises, means

that the work which the student hands in to his professor is his own, which he himself has done in accordance with the requirements of the course as laid down by the professor. In any case of doubt as to the nature or extent of a pledge the student should immediately request that the professor in charge make the requirements perfectly clear to the entire class.

The Honor System requires furthermore that, when a student sees another student in suspicious circumstances, he shall investigate the matter as secretly and as speedily as possible, and if he finds evidence of guilt, shall accuse the suspected student to his face. It is imperative that everyone recognize this duty of protecting the Honor System and the student body. Anyone who sees a fellow student in suspicious circumstances and fails to investigate the matter is himself guilty of a breach of honor. Loyalty to the student body demands that one make this investigation. This can in no way be construed as spying or tale-bearing. It is the finest ex-

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a voice from the corner



By

DON TERRELL

Since this is the final issue for the current year, I thought it would be appropriate to review a few of the Elon College highlights in student government, sports, and just campus affairs which came to our attention this past year.

Naturally, the place to start is with the orientation of the freshmen. The committee, headed by Tommy Sears, planned activities for the freshmen, and during the week there was evidence that this class could offer something new in student leadership which had been somewhat lacking in previous years. Lynn Ryals, Roger Grimson, and Jeanne Lankford were chosen by their class mates to lead their first year on the campus of the oaks. . . The Elon gridders made the next significant accomplishment by giving both Guilford and Newport News Apprentice hard-shelled stomps by the scores of 19-7 and 30-0. The sophomore backs, under the leadership of quarterback George Wooten, seemed to be the leaders. . . Big time politics came to Elon through the efforts of Cliff Hardy, and the student body began to feel the interest and success of Ed Boelte's efforts in the preferential presidential election. . . Phyllis Hopkins was named Homecoming Queen and Carol Adams (now Foster was named Maid of Honor in the Homecoming festivities planned by George Platt and Mr. W. B. Terrell. This was probably the most successful homecoming in recent Elon history.

Rush week rewarded many students with memorable experiences. . . Wooten's last-minute sprint won the homecoming game against Catawba. This event was later picked up by the Associated Press as the Number One sports oddity of the 1960 college season and was flashed in papers all over the country. . . Pro. D. M. Stowers displayed the new weather instruments made available to the Department of Science. . . Operatic star, Natalie Bodanya, appeared in a Lyceum Series program. . . The Charles Lindsey Sextet, a jazz combo from Greensboro, made its appearance on the campus, and those few students who attended, agreed that this group was "with it."

Dr. Strauch, Prof. Epperson, and Prof. Reed appeared in a discussion panel, discussing the question, "Is Our Present System of Education Leading us to Ultimate Defeat?" This was the first program sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum. . . Leroy Myers won the autumn golf tournament. . . Carolina Hall took the campus grid title. . . News was received that the national election had reversed the Elon choice of Mr. Nixon, and had named John Fitzgerald Kennedy as President of the United States.

The Elon Players presented two one-act plays under the direction of senior drama student Sam White. . . Football season was over and basketball season began. . . The choir, under Professors Lynam and Moore, presented the twenty-eighth annual "Messiah". . . Twelve Elon students were named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". . . The Christmas Dance proved to be quite a success to those who attended, although attendance was a problem. . . The Elon cage season, under Coach Bill Miller was off to a bang-up start. . . Lennie Rosenbluth's Major Leaguers made an appearance here and faced the Christian cagers. . .

The campus grid All-Stars were selected, including Jim Hamill, Ed Clark, Jim LeViner, Bill Troutman, Leroy Myers, Tom Oliver, and John Griffin. . . Elon was represented at the State Student Legislature of North Carolina. . . Don Szydluk, of all people, was awarded the trophy in the campus speech contest. . . Dr. George Harper, of Carolina, spoke on "The Vanishing Hero in American Contemporary Fiction." This was another program sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum. . . The shocking news of the death of a beloved Elon College man, Dr. Ned F. Brannock, formerly of the Elon chemistry department, was received. . . Jug Irvin was the top scorer for the Elon basketball quint. . .

The Elon Players presented Moliere's "The Doctor in Spite of Himself", to appreciative audiences for three nights. . . It was revealed that Bill Hassell was renounced for his "fixing-up prowess. . . Cliff Hardy was named vice-president of the North State Student Government Association. . . New drinking bill was passed by the Student Senate, which erased all the confusing reports and statements concerning the issue and inserted a definite ruling. . . Judy Santuels was named Queen of May by the Elon student body. . . Russ Carlton and his Orchestra provided perfect music at the Mid-winter's Dance, following the jazz the night before by the Charles Lindsey Sextet. . .

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