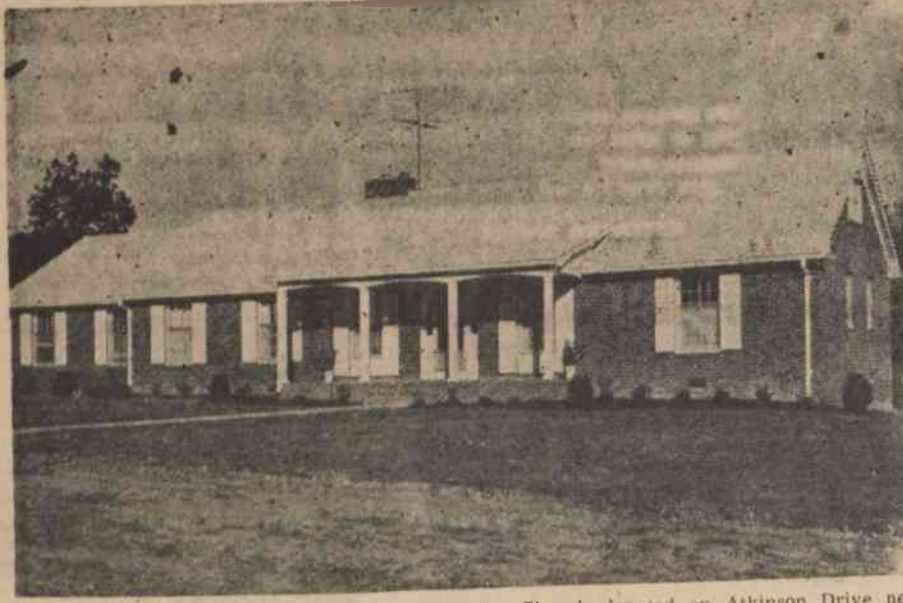


NEW PARSONAGE IS COMPLETED NEAR CAMPUS



The new parsonage of the Elon College Community Church, located on Atkinson Drive near the Elon College campus, was formally opened to the public when the Women's Fellowship of the church held "Open House" in the new structure from 3 until 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The beautiful brick parsonage, already occupied by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes, is the first time that the Elon College church has owned its home pastoral home since the former parsonage was moved to make way for construction of the new church edifice three years ago.

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AMERICAN IDOLS

The American people were indicted by religious and educational leaders of various denominations at a recent inter-denominational conference held in New York as worshippers of idols and false Gods, and certainly the comments of those outstanding theological thinkers are worthy of consideration.

The theologians declared that all sorts of false deities are being worshipped, among those cited being "financial security," "social status," "our Western way of life," "material progress," "the welfare state," "sex," "prestige" and "self." Portions of a news account of the conference are given below.

"The false gods are obvious," said Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of Union Theological Seminary. "The primary one is physical power and comfort."

In most cases, the church scholars pointed generally to men's belief in their self-sufficiency—in their own skills and possessions—as the basic illusion to which they bow.

"The civilized man, unlike the 'primitive', dispenses with the intermediary image and makes himself directly the sole object of his own concern," said Prof. John H. Getner, of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

But the self-centered modern "gods" were described in the survey, taken by the Protestant journal, Christianity Today, as bearing various names.

"The gods are many, but no matter how they are called, Zeus or atomic power, Venus or libido, Mars or war, they are natural powers and they are always the same," said the Rev. Gustave Weigel, a Roman Catholic theologian.

"They cannot save, no matter in what era their aid is sought."

America's "standard of living" was singled out by Prof. W. Stanford Reid, of McGill University, as the "principal false god of our time."

"We are so concerned with material possessions that we forget they are the gift of God and that there are other things more important," he said.

In the survey, 25 theologians, representing a wide range of denominational views and institutions, offered their analysis of present-day idols.

Influential Swiss theologian Karl Barth said the church itself harbored false gods.

"The false gods of our age are scientism, communism, and political democracy," said Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today. "All trust man's warped passions to shape a paradise on earth."

We live in a democracy; and, as charity, democracy begins at home. Elon is our home for the four years preceding graduation, therefore Elon is the place in which we must learn of democracy and responsibility. Our future depends upon our actions in the present, and in our future there will be no one to make our choices for us. Knowledge is a result of learning, and learning is the result of experience.

Every Elon student realizes that complete independence in social activities, class attendance, etc., is impossible, but it is possible and conducive to the good of all to be able to work with the leaders of the college in establishing rules and regulations, to govern ourselves with the guidance of those more experienced than ourselves and those concerned for the welfare of the students as a whole, and to understand through this guidance the reasons for placing certain limitations on ourselves in our activities. With a system such as this, there is no doubt that the students would be satisfied with their independence and the leaders of the college would be satisfied with the results of their trust.

Mather To Speak For Elon Students

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For several years prior to his retirement from active teaching, in addition to his work in geology, Dr. Mather taught a course in Harvard's General Education Program on "The Impact of Science on Modern Life." He was a founder of the Boston Center for Adult Education and served for a time as president of the Adult Education Council of Greater Boston. At present he is especially concerned with ways in which science can contribute to the intelligent organization of peaceful world on a just and durable basis.

Dr. Mather has long been active in the Baptist Church, and is a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. His religious beliefs and his scientific training make him unalterably opposed to any dictatorial regimentation of society. He has given a great deal of thought to the

problem of preserving intellectual freedom and personal liberty while seeking national security in the midst of international tensions.

Almost every year since 1947, Dr. Mather has been overseas, participating in scientific, educational and religious conferences, and visiting regions of particular interest either from a geologic or a political point of view. He has had unique opportunities to "feel the pulse of humanity the world around" at such meetings and conferences in many nations.

Dr. Mather was educated in the public schools of Chicago and at Denison University and the University of Chicago. He has received honorary degrees from Colby, Bates, Union and Beloit Colleges. He is president (1957-61) of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has also served as president of the American Association for the Advancement of

Science, and the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association.

From 1957-60 he was representative of the World Alliance of YMCAs at the United Nations. Dr. Mather has been a Senator of Phi Beta Kappa since 1952, and has lectured for that organization. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the American Geographical Society, the Geological Society of America, and is the author of numerous books and articles.

The teaching career of Dr. Mather began at the University of Arkansas where he was instructor and later assistant professor. After a year as fellow at the University of Chicago, he was associate professor of geology and professor of paleontology at Queens University, Ontario. He then served as professor of geology at his alma mater, Denison University, for six years.

Quill At Will

By NANCY SMITH



this weren't going to be no Sunday school picnic.

Then someone let it slip that the "pigskin" would be carried clean over the line, and she came to the conclusion that there was to be a mass hog-killing over the county line.

Once inside the fenced off area where everybody gathered, Sho 'Nuff was shoved and pushed until she finally fell onto one of the wooden planks lined up on two sides of a simply gorgeous green field marked off by sweet little lines. A little man was going around selling hotdaws and hamburgers—they must have slaughtered cattle and dawgs earlier. How gruesome can you get? Being a gentle southern belle at heart, Sho Nuff felt that this was just too much.

Just as she was about to get up and leave, her attention was caught by a line of marvelous young men in brightly colored shirts with numbers on them, who came trotting out onto the field, the crowd opposite her let out screams such as she had never heard. Another stream of young men came dashing out from the other end of the field to the delight of the people around Sho 'Nuff. All thoughts of a brutal nature left her mind.

Gals, as many as Sho 'Nuff could count on her fingers, danced up and down in gay frocks in front of the rows of wooden planks, turned somersaults, and chanted to the crowd. Once in a while the crowd, too, chanted with the girls. During the course of the evening Sho 'Nuff heard these young ladies referred to as "cheerleaders," but she could tell from the language around her that these people weren't be-

ing cheered-up at all!

Some young men from the two different sets lined up about half way down the green field, facing each other as if ready to charge. An orange object shaped like an egg was placed into position by one of several men in striped suits, who were talking aimlessly about Teet-a-tetes ceased in the crowd, a whistle was blown, and that odd-looking egg was kicked into the aid. Then, by gosh, one man caught it but was immediately thrown down by one of those facing him. That was against all rules of southern chivalry. And to top it all, the one who caught the egg willingly gave it up to one of the men in striped clothes, and the scramble over the egg began all over again.

Being a country girl from a large plantation, Sho 'Nuff knew that no egg could be worth fighting over, even though she had never seen an egg to the likes of this one. And when the scramble was over for the evening, the two groups weren't concerned any longer about the egg. However, one group of cheerleaders must have succeeded, for their crowd was much more cheerful than the crowd on the opposite side of the field—and that must mean something!

Ah! I come to the 16th paragraph in my column I discovered my typewriter bath one miltling or broken letter. Gueth which one it is? With that in mind, pluth the fact that I've juth about reinquith my thupply of ever loving all for my thweet midnight lamp, I thee that I thall have to thay "tho loag" for now.

a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



The Homecoming weekend was again this year a grand and glorious event! Missing, were the traditional after-dance parties which were usually sponsored by a fraternity or a group of fraternities. These were stopped by the ruling that only one event shall take position on the college calendar for a given date. These parties, were once a topper for a big social weekend at Elon.

Commendations of the highest caliber are in order for the people responsible for producing such a grand weekend. There was much work and much activity during the week prior to the occasion. Larry Biddle is to be congratulated for the fine spirit and quality of precision with which this weekend was executed. His committee did a splendid job under his capable and hard-working leadership. Not to be forgotten when orchids are handed out will be Roger Bednarick, chairman of the Dance Committee. Roger, having a gift for making people work, produced an effective setting in the gym for the dance and brought in the popular Duke Ambassadors for music atmosphere.

The parade, again under the leadership of Mr. Riddle and his group featured many interesting and amusing sights. The campus displays were evident of a high spirit of fervor mounted against the invaders from Western Carolina College. Prize money, reward of hard work and original ingenuity, fattened the treasury of several organizations for use during the activity of the year.

The circulating manifestos and critical poetry which were popular a few days ago, and the orderly demonstrations were certainly good signs rather than threatening attempts. There was evidence of a tinge of maturity which felt that it was not being given opportunity to grow. It may not be capable of growing without a complete guiding hand, but then again, it just might grow a little more straight if it's allowed to make moral decisions for itself.

The series of events which have occurred during the past several days have shown an increase in spirit and awareness of campus affairs. Whether or not this has come about as a result of suppression or a rejuvenation of interest and awareness has not been answered in all minds.

However, the important thing is that this type of thing proves that the college people of our society are not the phlegmatic beings some "observers" would have us be. The "campus of the oaks" is not exempt from this same feeling, which is felt by the whole of our college youth and expressed by an entire nation of democratic people.

Et. Mable has been experiencing the regular flow of recruits from the campus this fall. It seems as though the Freshmen are more willing to take this course in order to fulfill their military obligation! What do you get out of college? Ina C. Brown, professor of Anthropology at Scarritt College put it this way. You do not get an education in college. If you are fortunate, you do get the following. 1. An awareness of how little you know. 2. An understanding of how much there is to learn. 3. A frame of reference within which to organize what you learn. 4. A basis for deciding what knowledge is important to you. 5. A desire to continue learning the rest of your life.

Do you know the difference between The Underclassman and the PH.D.? According to Academic Spotters Guide the Underclassman can be spotted by a great variety of costume denoting no status whatever, little better than a layman, and he is addressed as "Hey, you," or "Say, Boy." The PH.D. now this is a different question entirely! These are the elite and chosen, the guardians of the Grand Medieval Academic Tradition. The splendid gown denotes honor, dignity, erudition, prestige, and preferential status on the salary schedule (i. e., gold markings on the hat.)

The hood markings again proclaim the academic area and university of the wearer. Degree candidates are careful to select areas and schools where colors harmonize. A man of taste would not select phys. ed. (sage green) where the school color was baby blue. Bright colors are much sought after by college administrators to add the proper note of color and ritual to commencement. Address them as "doctor in a reverent, subdued and humble tone.

Enough rambling for now, we'll see yall in just about two weeks.

SERMONETTES

Every woman needs five husbands — an intellectual companion, a museum collector, a financial genius, a romantic playboy, and a practical plumber.