

chatter box

DORIS BAIRCLOTH

All is quiet in the jungle except for the crow of a rooster and several dogs barking outside the jungle and inside the walls of the old oak campus

The Chatter Box would like to employ these few lines for the correction of a printing error in last issue's Maroon and Gold-The two blond animals in the middie region of the jungle are Degosomd's, not "dogwoods." Sorry, Chip and Hot Lips, no implications of similarity were intended by the management.

An amazing thing: Did you know that Chicken Little's father owns a hatchery?

Everyone is well aware of the friction that has engulfed the campus for the past few weeks. We are also well aware of the cause of this friction, but the cause of the cause is not quite as discernible. It may be admitted that some student actions have brought about the need for correction, but it seems that the restrictions that have been placed on the student body are too strenuous for and greatly exceed the bounds of the crime, for the restrictions seem to answer in the negative the question of whether college students are to be considered adults.

Most of the students in colleges today are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two-at this age, the majority of young people who do not attend college are completely on their own, working at adult jobs and maintaining responsibilities as effectively as any other adult. They can do this because they have been placed in a position in which they experience responsibility and independence

One leaves high school and becomes a college student, which he generally remains for four years. During these four years he should become mature enough to accept the responsibilities of life, if he has not already done so. If he is not allowed to make his own choices, right or wrong, during the time that he is a student, when will he learn to choose for himself?

After graduation, he becomes a small, but important part of a vast, independent world, and if he is ignorant of the ways of choice and independence, he is lost. One cannot walk down the aisle at graduation as a dependent child and become an independent adult the minute the diploma is placed in his hand, to go out into the world as a leader in some field, whether it be teaching, business, politics, or homemak-

Last year the students of Elon College could honestly boast of a strong and wellfunctioning student government run by mature students who were interested in the welfare of the student body as a whole. This student government was backed up by a student-faculty committee which seemed to accept the students as adults and which was willing to listen to any and all problems, complaints, or suggestions of these student representatives.

It seemed that the administration was satisfied with the work that the student government was doing and with the conduct of the students as a whole, and the students were satisfied with the knowledge that they were being given the right and responsibility of self-government, and they were willing to do their best to uphold the trust that was invested in them. This we have many of the same competent student government workers and many of the same Student Faculty Committee members, but it seems that the policy of trust has been done away with. The guestion in the students' minds is, why?

We cannot over-emphasize the importance of an active student government on the Elon College campus. It has been effective if it is allowed to grow. If a person's potentials and his freedom of choice is stifled by stiff rules and regulations, and if he is not given the opportunity to exercise the elements in his being that strive for right, little can be expected of him when he is forced to use his own choice and discretion, for he will be ignorant of the experience that is gained through trial

It has been said that one goes to college strictly for academic purposes, and not for social activities. This writer would beg to dissent. The classroom yields a very small per cent of the learning that is to be gained in college College is the place in which one learns to get along with others; it is the place in which one learns self-discipline and discretion; and, It is the place in which one develops his lendership abilities. If we are to be leaders tomorrow, we must gain the experlence of leadership today in order to build upon our potentials and our knowledge of what is right and best for ourselves and

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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 dieties are being worshipped, among those cited being "financial secur-"social status." "our Western way of life," "material progress," "the welfare state", "sex", "prestige" and "self". Portrons of a news account of the conference are given below.

"The false gods are obvious," said Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr, or 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 selfsufficiency-in their own skills and possessions—as the basic illusion to which they bow

"The civilized man, unlike the 'primtive", 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.

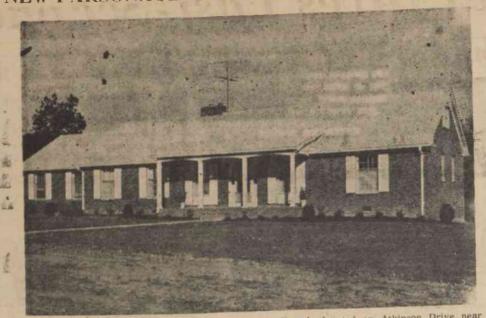
Influential Swiss theologian Karl Barth said the church itself harbored false gods.

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 compiete 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 an our activities. With a system such as this, then 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-

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 strusture 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.

Mather To Speak For Elon Students

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in addition to his work in geology, sions.

Dr. Mather taught a course in on Modern Life" He was a foundscience can contribute to the intelligent organization of peaceful

n the Baptist Church, and is a fic training make him unalterably a great deal of thought to the lation for the Advancement of for six years.

Rising to the surface after

after a visit to the world of

Neptune last Saturday night,

many of those who spent much

time and effort in preparation

for the weekend (eel waterlog-

ged with assignments along the

academic line, assignments

which had accumulated during

A lot of "busy-ness" went into

the makings of decorations

floats and displays. Those hust-

ling beavers who spent minutes

ours, and even days investing

time and energy in Homecoming

In as much as my stretch of

words had to be "in" before the

game with the Catamounts last

Saturday, it left me no oppor-

tunity to comment on the out-

come. I will give instead a first

impression of football as seen by

good friend She 'Nuff McDuff

Se said it was kinda acciden-

tal like, 'cause she had been on

her way home from the annual

bazaar, and she was thinking

about important things-like, the

time she was thinking about im

time she got her first store-

Suddenly the cool, crisp night

air was electrified with exette-

ment as people came from all

directions, walking, hanging ev-

ery which-a-way from cars, and

riding cute little ole scooterbugs.

From the shouts of the crowd.

Sho 'Nuff could tell right quick

like that there was going to be

a tar n' feathering, a lynching,

or something, 'cause them folks

was yelling beat 'em and skin

'em alive; and she knew that

are to be commended.

from South Georgia.

bought shoes.

Homecoming preparations.

For several years prior to his while seeking national security in Association. etirement from active teaching, the midst of international ten- From 1957-60 he was represen-

concerned with ways in which world around" at such meetings articles.

vorld on a just and durable basis public schools of Chicago and at Arkansas where he was instructor Dr. Mather has long been active Denison University and the Uni- and later assistant professor. Afversity of Chicago. He has receiv-ter a year as fellow at the Unimember of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. His He is president (1957-61) of the fessor of paleontology at Queens the council of Christ in the U. S. A. His president (1957-61) of the fessor of paleontology at Queens the council of Christ in the U. S. A. His president (1957-61) of the fessor of paleontology at Queens the council of the religious beliefs and his scienti- American Academy of Arts and University, Ontario. He then ser-Sciences, and has also served as ved as professor of geology at his mentation of society. He has given president of the American Assoc-

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tative of the World Alliance of Almost every year since 1947, YMCA's at the United Nations. Harvard's General Education Pro- Dr. Mather has been overseas. Dr. Mather has been a Senator of gram on "The Impact of Science participating in scientific, educa- Phi Beta Kappa since 1952, and tional and religious conferences, has lectured for that organization, er of the Boston Center for Ad- and visiting regions of particular He is a Fellow of the Royal Geoult Education and served for a interest either from a geologic graphical Society, the American time as president of the Adult or a political point of view. He Geographical Society, the Geo-Education Council of Greater Bos- has had unique opportunities to logical Society of America, and is ton At present he is especially "feel the pulse of humanity the the author of numerous books and

The teaching career of Dr. Dr. Mather was educated in the Mather began at the University of

Quill At Will By NANCY SMITH

this weren't going to be no Sun- ing cheered-up at all! day school picnic.

Then someone let it ship that the "pigskin" would be carried clean over the line, and she came to the conclusion that there was to be a mass hog-kiklling 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 hotdawgs and hamburgersthey 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 fields the crowd opposite her let out screams such as she had never heard. Another stream of young men came dasking out Fom the other end of the field to the delight of the people around Sho 'Nuff. All thoughts" of a brutal nature left her mind.

Ginls, as many as Sho 'Nuff could count on her singers, danced up and down in gay trocks in front of the rows of wooden plants, 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 Nuffi heard these young tadies referred to as "cheerleaders," but she could tell from the language around her that these people weren't be-

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-atetes ceased in the crowd, a whistle was blown, and that odd-looking egg was kicked into the aid. Then, by gosh, one man eaught it but was immediately 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 stripped clothes, and the scramble over the egg began all over again

Being a country girl from a large plantation, She '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 scrant ble was over for the evening, the two groups weren't coneemed 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 some thing!

Ath I come to the both paragraph in my cohemn I dithcover my typewriter hath one mitking er broken letter. Gueth which one it ith? With thitle in mind, pluth the fact that I've juth about relinquith my thupply of ever loving all for my thweet midnight lamp, I thee that I thall have to thay "the long"

a voice from the corner By DON THREELL



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 running 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 Biadle 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 supression 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 wohle of our college youth and expressed by an entire nation of democratic people.

Ft. 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 Scarritte 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 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 strlendid gown denotes honer, 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 harm-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 "docsor in a reverent, subdued and hamble

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

SERMONETTES

A. C. Byery woman needs five husbands an intellectual companion, a muscular toiler, a financial genius, a romantic ptoyboy, and a practical plumber.