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HOLIDAYS ARE HAZARD DAYS

Turkeys are not the only creatures which experience a drop in life expectancy during the annual holiday seasons, and the Christmas-New Year vacation period is the most hazardous period of the entire year for us Homo Sapiens.

Each year in recent years both the Christmas holiday and the New Years holiday periods have claimed hundreds of lives due to accidents of various types, with most of the deaths being due to accidents on American highways. In each and every case these deaths marred what should have been the happiest season of the year for some family or families.

The statistics compiled and released annually by the National Safety Council show that year after year the accidental death tolls reach their peak during December, for the holiday season coincides with the increased highway hazards of the winter season.

In many parts of the nation the streets and highways are rendered more dangerous by the wintry weather. Often fog, rain, snow or sleet strike during the Christmas and New Year vacation period, and the shorter winter days reduce the range of visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

The great number of family get-togethers impel people to drive long distances, regardless of the weather, and, of course, Christmas shopping draws more people onto the streets. Then, too, there is always an increase in partying at this time of year, with an increased amount of drinking in many cases.

It all adds up to make holidays into hazard days, and it becomes necessary for everyone to drive and walk with unusual care, taking care for themselves and for others. It is a period of gaiety to be sure, but it can be enjoyed to the fullest only if each and all of us resolve more with care and to "be our brother's keeper" at all times.—SELECTED

"BELONGING"

There are many times in the life of each of us when we need to turn to others for counsel and for comfort in order to retain our own sanity. To have someone care for us in this fellowship is to invite us to belong; and, when rooted in this caring, concerned fellowship, belonging is a foundation for all that we shall become. The burdens of life are not removed, but are much more easily borne when one stands within a fellowship that cares — and in addition to the personal caring, points beyond itself to God as the source of all caring.

It was the end of church services on a cold winter morning, and there was a flurry of getting bundled into warm clothes for the journey home. In the bustle and bustle of getting ready to leave, a six-year-old girl stumbled and fell halfway down a flight of stairs. She was not injured for the heavy winter clothing protected her — but this was a frightening experience and she cried out in terror.

A junior high boy, whom she hardly knew, picked her up from the floor and comforted her — adults gathered round to help her and see if she were injured. In a matter of a few minutes she was quieted and gaily on her way—a frightening experience had been transformed into one of light and love and learning.

One could not help sensing how much each participant learned about "belonging." For the little girl, for the junior high boy, and for the adults there had been an experience of what it means to belong to a fellowship that cares.—CLIPPED



the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Our basketball squad has started out the year with a bang, proving itself to be a hustling team that is well worth paying close attention to at all times. If they keep up the good work, it's a sure thing that Elon will gain a great deal of recognition in this year's Conference race and will maintain a strong position close to the top. Let's give our team a good strong backing this year, so that we may see them on to victory throughout the season.

The annual Christmas dance, which was held on the polished floor of McEwen ballroom last Saturday night, proved one of the social highlights of the fall season and served to initiate the Christmas period in gala style. Here's a hand to our Student Dance Committee for the thought and effort it put into planning the Yule season event, for the dance surely was an occasion which was well worth attending.

Each year the sororities and fraternities on the campus, represented by the Pan-Hellenic Council, join in sponsoring a Christmas party for the youngsters at the Congregational Christian Home for Children, and the annual event is set for Thursday night of this week in the ball room of the McEwen Dining Hall.

This traditional event has been quite successful in past years because of the willingness of the Elon students to take part in the activities which make it possible, and it is hoped that each person on the campus will take an interest this year and will share in the donation of a gift for some of the children who will attend the party. In addition to gifts for each of the children attending, refreshments will be served in keeping with the joyful season of the year.

There has been a great deal of thought and discussion concerning our student government, particularly in the past few months. It has been said many times that our student government is not a functioning or effective organization, nor can it possibly be so. The very people who make such statements are the ones who are not willing to give of themselves to make our student government successful. They are not sincerely concerned enough to make the sacrifices necessary to gain freedom from administrative control.

We must prove ourselves capable of self-control and self-government BEFORE we can be given the chance to function independently, and we cannot prove our potential when the majority of the students are not willing to conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times and in all places. The student government officers cannot fulfill the task alone. They must have the cooperation of each and every member of the student body. Student government CAN succeed, but the answer as to whether it will is up to you.

Those Christmas bells are ringing once again, and vacation time is coming soon, the time when we will say farewell to Elon for a while and hello to the folks at home. Most of us will shelve our textbooks joyously and plan to hit the hay for a day or so—recuperation from tests you know! Since this is the last time we will be meeting until after the holidays, the Chatter Box wishes to extend to each of you a restful, peaceful and joyous Christmas, with the hopes that yours may be happier because you have helped in giving someone else a meaningful and merry Christmas. See you in '62!

Garbled Grammar

"We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes. But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes; One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese.

Yet the plural of moose is never meese; You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,

But the plural of house is houses, not hices. If the plural of man is always men, Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,

And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If the singular's this and the plural these, Should the plural of kiss ever be keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren. But though we say mother, we never say methren,

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim!

Any questions?"

—A.S.P.

GUEST SINGERS FOR ELON 'MESSIAH' PROGRAM



Three of the four featured soloists, who appeared as guest singers with the Elon College Choir in the twenty-ninth annual presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 4th, are pictured above. Left to right, the soloists are Paul V. Berry, tenor, a soloist for the West Market Street Methodist Church of Greensboro, who was appearing with the Elon Choir for the second straight year; Peggy Russell, soprano, soloist at Greensboro's Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, also making her second appearance with the Elon singing group; and Walter Vassar, bass, former head of the voice department at Greensboro College and now a soloist at the Gate City's Starmount Presbyterian Church. No picture was available for Jeannette Davidson, contralto, choral director at Greensboro's Jackson Junior High and soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in the Gate City.

For Prospective Teachers . . .

State Provides Up To \$350 Annually In Loan Funds For College Training

The possibility that students now enrolled at Elon College may still qualify for Teacher Scholarship Loans through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction was revealed in an announcement just made by W. E. Butler, Jr., business manager of the college.

In calling attention to the possibility of financial aid for upper-class students, the Elon business manager released materials recently issued by the North Carolina public school officials in Raleigh in which requirements and regulations were cited.

The state officials point out that priority for the state's Teacher Scholarship Loans is given to those now enrolled as high school seniors and planning to attend college next fall, but they point out that a qualified and deserving upperclassman who applies and meets necessary criteria will be considered.

These Teacher Scholarship Loans provide that students may borrow

up to \$350 per year toward preparation for work as a teacher in the North Carolina public schools, with a possibility of an extended loan up to \$75 toward summer school courses in preparation for teaching. Recipients are eligible for loans each year until he has graduated, provided that such loans shall not continue for more than four years.

In applying for and accepting these loans from the state, the students agree to teach in the North Carolina public schools immediately after graduation, and if he does so will receive credit for \$350 and interest on the loan for each year so taught up to four years. The years due under the loan are to be taught during a period of not more than seven years after graduation.

Persons who borrow from the state under the terms of the Teacher Scholarship Loans, may if they wish after graduation, decide not

to teach, in which case they may repay the amount to the state after graduation. In case of the death of the borrower while he is in college or within the seven-year period after graduation, the balance due under the loan will be automatically forgiven.

The terms under which the loans are granted require that the recipient must enter college in the fall term immediately following receipt of the loan and continue as a college student, except under circumstances which merit the granting by the state of permission for a temporary interruption. It is pointed out that such loans from the state are not to be used for graduate study, and students attending during the regular college term are not eligible in the same year to receive a summer school loan. The maximum amount available to any one student is \$1,400 for four years of college training.

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Quill At Will

By NANCY SMITH

and identification with a hero or heroine of ancient college lore, the results seen about campus are very . . . well, interesting.

The "tweed keed," told by reliable sources, that tweed is the thing this year, buys everything in tweed—suits, overcoats, hats, ties, shoes; even his eyeglass rims and books were covered by his mom. Sizes, shapes, colors . . . who cares, as long as it's tweed.

The coarseness of burlap and the wooly look of mohair are the "most" for the miss who is texture-conscious. Her shaggy coat, of course, is to contrast with her soft silky hair and her delicate facial features. Though she doesn't need to wear corrective glasses, she wears them for "effect."

Economy-minded "Basic Bess" brought to school with her several simple dresses in black, gray, and brown, to which she adds accessories to fit the occasion. Her plan was to invest in jewelry, sweaters, shoes, hats, and scarves in matching colors, but her budget was drained with the purchase of the first set. In desperation, she borrowed a pleated skirt and a pullover sweater from her roomie and has worn them all semester.

Beat Nick, with his goatee, black raveled turtleneck sweater, and generally sloppy attire, has curled up in his own little world of thought and cares not what the accepted trend in clothes is now, used to be, or will be in the future.

Red flappers and pearls

shine forth from some lasses no matter what they have on. If this gal were the silent, soft spoken variety, her clothes would probably arrest a great deal of admiration, but, alas, with her voice box and jaw mechanism, she might as well be wearing a potato sack as a new dress.

Buttons, bows, frills, and ruffles are necessary additions to the wardrobe of the Home Ec major. To make sure that her clothes are the "latest" fashion-wise, she spends hours adjusting hems and making over her dresses, only to find that by the time she has trimmed all her cottons in rick-rack, the old-fashioned look has given way to a modernistic and uncluttered look of simplicity; so off comes the trim.

The athletic wheel on campus feels that sweaters with letters and sweatshirts (baby-blue to match his eyes) donning his varsity number are proper for any occasion, formal or informal. With his good looks and suave manner, the crewcut hero doesn't have to worry about whether he should wear a tie and coat or not.

Among the events taking place before we pack our knapsacks and head for home was the Christmas Dance enjoyed by all who attended. The Panhellenic Council, in the spirit of Christmas, gave its annual party for the children of the Orphanage. Here's hoping that Santa is good to each of you. Happy Yule ya'll!

a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



Only one more week and we'll be off again for Christmas vacation. This will be a welcome release from meeting late bells and overdue assignments. Of course, most of us have papers and other research projects to work on during the greater portion of the holidays. But, then again, to break the monotony of day-in and day-out schoolasticism, ole Santa Claus will drop by and leave us all our deserved loot. My last year's supply of Old Spice is just about depleted, and Christmas will bring a replenished cache. Then there will be parties and nog, dances and nog, visitors and nog. Shombody shay shompin 'bout shnog?

It'll really be great being home for a spell. I haven't been home since May, and it seems as if old Richmond has changed every time I go. Of course, most of my favorite habitats have been closed, for one reason or another, and I'll have to scout up new places to haunt. Speaking of being home for Christmas, I heard of a cute new Tidewater poem. It starts like this: "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, we knew Santa wasn't coming, so we all got bombed and turned in early."

In a more serious vein, there has been a committee established to work on the improvement of the Student Union. Tentative plans are to tile the floors and place newer and more attractive furniture in the lounge areas. The television set, now seen through the window of the Book Store, will be placed in the Union for the students to control.

If we want to see an attractive Union, one which we are proud to show to our friends and visitors, we'll have to work to keep it looking sharp. One of the first things we can do is keep a tidier bridge table, and use the trash can for the aftermath of both bridge refreshments and disappointing mail.

Isn't really difficult to hold the notices in hand long enough to make it to the waste paper container. Let's try it and see. We're trying to raise money for the Union furnishings. It's going to be a hard job convincing someone that we need funds for improvements if what we have continues its current maintenance.

Have you noticed all the new pipe smokers on campus these days? Several of my cohorts are stuffing away the cigarette pack and beginning to tap tobacco into the old pipe. The aroma is sure the most pleasant of tobacco users. There is a certain dignified mien about a man smoking a pipe. Now we have pipes. If we can only be rid of the dungarees, we'll begin looking more like a college.

I'd like to use this section of the column to say "adios" to Brother Tom Kelly for a spell. Tom's reserve unit has been reactivated, and he left last week to serve another full year with Uncle Sam's Army. It seems a shame to yank one away at this time, especially when he was scheduled to finish college in January. Good luck, Tom, and keep in touch.

Speaking only to "dissatisfied students," I have a couple of things to say. First—I would appreciate suggestions concerning the other people on campus worthy of mention. Secondly—I find a bitter distaste for anonymous letters. They have an odor of cowardice. Thirdly—Consideration is not spelled with two t's. Thank you.

During Rush Week, the grapevine revealed to me that one of the Grimm's spent the night in the girls dorm. (P.S. It wasn't Barbara). Congratulations and years of happy living to Gerald Allen and his recent bride, Elon graduate, the former Loretta Hilliard. Congratulations also go to Burl Clements, George Wooten, Dean Yates, and Ronnie Bell for being named to the All-Carolinas Conference squad. Clements and Wooten were first team choices, and Yates and Bell were both selected to the honorable mention.

Lynn Ryals was the chairman of the group of students who represented Elon at the North State Student Government Association convalesce which was held at Atlantic Christian College last week. Kathy Sandefur, Carol Trageser, Bobby West, Tom Brady and I were the other representatives. Cliff Hardy, who is vice-president of the group also made the trip. These mutual trading posts of ideas are very beneficial both to the individuals who participate and to the school.

I wonder if Santa Claus will be riding a stork when he passes over the apartment of Brad and Margie Reynolds. Could he? A Merry, Merry Christmas to all ya'll! I hope Santa's real, real nice and leaves more goodies and less switches than he did last year. Take it easy, and have a safe trip.