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ERRORS CAN BE AMUSING

Some errors can be tragic in their results, but other errors can be the source of much amusement, and the Reader's Digest magazine has for many years featured some of those amusing errors from newspapers in a special column that is entitled "Your Slip Is Showing."

One of those amusing errors popped up in the most recent issue of the Maroon and Gold, when the usually reliable linotype machine interchanged an "l" for a "d" in the statement that "chapel was held every morning" in former years at Elon College.

Many newspaper readers are quick to notice and even to criticize any errors in an issue of the papers they read, but such critical readers may perhaps be more tolerant of mistakes if they realize that in every issue of the Maroon and Gold there are approximately 600,000 possibilities for error.

LANGUAGE SKILLS NEEDED

Perhaps no part of the liberal arts curriculum is the cause of more groans and complaints among students than the required study of foreign languages, but American secondary schools and college students need to realize that in studying and mastering any foreign language they are helping to forge a powerful weapon for the United States in the Cold War.

Broader knowledge of the languages of other nations can do much to improve international understanding, and this fact was brought out by Justice William O. Douglas, of the United States Supreme Court, in a recent address. Justice Douglas is quoted below from the modern foreign languages newsletter for North Carolina:

"To win the Cold War the United States must institute a program of education which starts with the languages of the world and moves into the civilizations of the world."

"More than 50 per cent of our high schools teach no foreign languages whatsoever," he said, "whereas the Soviets are instructing their students in 83 languages today."

"I do not mention these figures to praise the Russians. I say this merely to show you the tremendous competition we are up against. The Soviets started out to conquer the world forty years ago. They know what they are doing."

Unless we can change their social structure, we cannot hope to improve the lot of the common peasant. We simply make rich men richer."

"This is not the way to win the cold war. While the West has simply been pouring in monetary and military aid to these countries, the Soviet Union has been sending in people. Russia starts getting her students ready for export when they are eight years old."

"If you want an example of what they can do, look at Mongolia. The Russians transformed Mongolia from an agricultural to an industrial society in fifteen years. They could do it, because they taught the Mongolians in the Mongolian language. Every teacher, doctor, physicist, steel worker and others who went into Mongolia spoke the language and understood the Mongolian customs. The United States should be able to do the same." Justice Douglas declared.

In connection with these words by the eminent jurist, it is interesting to note which

the chatter box

By DORIS FAIRCLOTH

Congratulations to the Kappa Psi Nu fraternity for winning the Stereo in the recent Marlboro contest. Its members are to be commended for their hard work as a group and for their coherence in regard to their standards of fair play throughout all obstacles.

Food for thought

"If I had my choice of keeping company with an immoral person or with a narrow-minded, self-centered, and selfish person, there is no doubt in my mind that I would greatly prefer the former. Perhaps the gates of heaven won't swing wide open for the harlot, but I feel sure that even the gates of hell would shudder to their foundations at the prospect of being entered by the narrow-minded bigot. Even hell has its nobility, and there is nothing noble about prejudice, particularly when it is adhered to by one whose mental capacities are great enough to allow him to excel intellectually beyond the bounds of mediocrity."

"The great poets are proof enough that humility is a necessary product of greatness. One who looks upon himself as something magnanimous could never be farther from the truth, for if he were wonderfully unique, his uniqueness in itself would suffice to yield him the attitude that he was blest by some Power so great that he in comparison would be but as a minute grain of sand in a vast desert."

"No living man is good enough or wise enough to judge another by his own standards, and if he appraises his own standards so highly that he feels himself capable of blessing or condemning others, he is placing a value on himself and his judgment that exceeds the bounds of humanity and lays claim to sainthood. And my biased opinion is that if he were as good and as wise as he THINKS he is, he would not be in his present physical state of being."

This little essay, if we are completely honest with ourselves, could trample the toes of many of us here at Elon, for its application would be suitable anywhere, in any community, school, or city. Although we might tend to disagree with its implied seriousness of narrowmindedness and prejudice, we must admit that these very unbecoming qualities create a large problem because of their tendency to be minutely or greatly destructive in all fields of life. Think about it—openmindedly.

In this writer's opinion, the lecture in chapel on April 4 delivered by Dr. W. W. Sloan was one of the most impressive ones of the year. The thought behind the message was very well expressed by Dr. Sloan and it brought to the immediate attention of its audience the dire necessity of encouraging students whose mental capacities and abilities are great enough to qualify them for the attainment of a degree in one of the professions to pursue an education in one of these fields.

The knowledge that Russia is gaining a stronghold on lesser developed countries because of the fact that the Communists have more to offer these countries in helping them to help themselves should be enough to bring Americans to the realization that something is lacking in our educational system. This lack could be due merely to the fact that students of above-average abilities are not sought out and encouraged to pursue a career in the professions. Scientists, engineers, doctors, nurses, and teachers are greatly needed, and unless students can be given the desire to exploit their capabilities to the fullest extent, our country as a whole will continue to suffer for the scarcity of professional men and women.

of the world's many languages are spoken by the greatest number of people. A group of linguists at George Washington University, working under an National Defense Education Act grant, have recently made a new list of the various tongues in order of number of users.

Far out front is Chinese, with 460 million people speaking it, with English holding second by a wide margin, with 250 million persons using it. Ranking third is Hindustani, with 160 million; fourth is Spanish, with 140 million; fifth is Russian, with 130 million; and sixth is German, with 100 million users.

The Japanese languages tops a second group, ranking seventh in the world with 95 million speaking it. Eighth is Arabic, with 80 million, tied for ninth is Bengali and Portuguese, both with 75 million; eleventh is French, with 65 million; and twelfth is Italian, with 55 million users in the world today.

THEY HAVE SOLO ROLES IN EASTER CANTATA



JERRY SMYRE



PATRICIA JONES



WILLIAM GINN

Featured soloists in the Elon Choir's annual presentation of Dubois' great composition, "The Seven Last Words," to be given in the Elon College Community Church on Sunday afternoon, will include two alumni singers who will be guests and four outstanding student singers. The soloists pictured here are Prof. Jerry Smyre, tenor, an Elon alumnus, who is now teaching at Guilford College (upper left); Patricia Jones, soprano, Elon senior from Suffolk, Va., (upper center); and William Ginn, baritone, another alumnus, who is now Elon's admissions counsellor (upper right); Tom Brady, tenor, Elon junior from Raleigh (lower left); Constance Blake, soprano, Elon senior from West Boxford, Mass. (lower center); and Robert Gwaltney, baritone, Elon senior from Durham (lower right).



TOM BRADY



CONSTANCE BLAKE



ROBERT GWALTNEY

Quill At Will

By NANCY SMITH



The written word passed from the pen of the average co-ed to the parents of the same are too often not sent every day week or year as promised so faithfully. The best intentions to scribble a few lines to mom are put off until exams are over, after rush week, as soon as Fawndingo coughs up the peach-skin stationary she borrowed 3 months ago, or when I make an "A" so I'll have something to brag about . . . pretty soon, vacation time is near; what's the use of straining the dearly beloved eyes of mom and pop when I can bore 'em to tears in person in a week or two. Of course, they don't expect a day-to-day diary to be kept in the first place, just a thoughtful line or two saying they are missed.

Most people have to be in the mood to write; this mood may require a quiet place . . . which leaves out the dorm, the library, and Whitley Auditorium during chapel. If a noisy atmosphere gives you the urge to pour your heart out, don't scream, just quickly grab paper and pencil, and spread the lead! You never can tell; by telling the home folks about your fears, your neuroses and paranoid tendencies may disappear and, as a result, you can sit in the classroom like everybody else . . . on the desk seat instead of under it.

The form of the letter may go something like this:

Dear folksies
Now that I'm jist about graduated from this hear Elon College USA, I thought maybe it would be kinda nice fer me to let you folks in on the dope about the place. Ever thing you

heard is true. Elon offers opportunity . . . for ALL kinds of things. Rules are many and are enforced. Yes, they are. Variety is served in the dining hall. Now that statment ain't 'xactly so; I've had all sorts of vittles over there, morning, noon, and nite, but nary a once have have I seen a dish called variety.

The first day we pulled up in front of Alleyance (that's whar us students git to sit and lissen in our spare time) I found out that these hear tarheels don't live up to their name. Why, they make me wear shoes ever day up hear, cause thet's what ever body does. It's not like Kumquat Springs, Florida; thare at home the only sole you ever hear much bout is the one that yer spouse to save. The onlyest time I member wearing leather at home was when all the neighbors got piled up about worms hooking our feet. Who ever heerd of such a thing. Our feets was so tough It'd take a heap o' hooking to break through. So when you heer the name "tarheels" given to these slickers from N. Carolina, it ain't cause they go barefoot; it may be thet tarheel is short for tared (tired) heels, cause they don't move round much, less they have to.

Pa, thet greenstuff thet the carpetbagger give to you weren't 'xactly taken to here at school. Seems confederate money ain't legal no more. They said it wasn't legal tender, but anybody nose thet money don't have to be tender! S'alrite tho—I gave a fellar your formula for your palmetto juice and he give

me some legal money fer it . . . it ain't tender either. Course, the man weren't smart like you. He got caught. He didn't hide his still in a wagon covered with palm leaves and moss so's he could move it around the law. He kept ever body round hear happy for a while tho.

Oh! I must tell you all bout a new dance that's poplar at Elon: It's called the "twist" and near ever body does it. It looks like Sis pulling weeds the time she couldn't squat down after gittin' a spankin'. The step's is kinda like the swamp-itch stomp 'cept you don't hollar in tune to the musick.

Soon's graduation is over I 'spect to become a sofisticated person. They say thet's what a liberal arts diploma is 'spose to do to you. It's such a funny looking word, I'm not sure that I don't want to stay jist like I be now. After all this talk about going out into the cold, crule world, I don't think I'll go. Reck on they'll let me hold up here a while til I git up enough spunk to face the rat race, the old grind, and the dollar-down dollar-a-day hari-hari? I could oome home 'n help pa hunt and skin gators for a living. With my education I can't skin gators no better but I no more bout unloading em on folks after we skin em . . . you call thet busy-ness. Thet's what I majored in.

If that barefoot mailman is gonna git this letter to you by summer, I'll have to be afinishin' up here; so bye ma, pa, and all the youngins.

Your ever lovin' offspring.

a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



It seems as if Summer almost arrived, but suddenly changed her mind. This is almost typical of the fickle gal. Nature's carpet and decorative art work are both getting a bit greener, too. Won't be long at all now before Lloyd's will feel the blunt of the Elon onslaught. I sure hope someone from our little institution will go to Fort Lauderdale during Spring vacation. It seems now that nobody is interested since it became organized. That may well be a point for considerable study. I suppose one of the most delightful experiences encountered by the fun-loving students was the complete disunity, lack of organization, confused and loud noise, and just plain ole mass chaos. They have probably enlarged the Elbow Room, and I know they have ruled legal everything that was temptingly illegal last year, and we would have to find new fun. No conflict, no fun. If anyone is still interested in taking the trip to the southern vacationland, see Cleve Smith who is in desperate need of a thumbing companion for the sojourn down there.

The talk recently by Dr. Lawrence Thompson of Princeton University was a very informative and interesting one. Dr. Thompson, a renowned authority on American literature, and especially Robert Frost, lectured somewhat intimately concerning Frost's background and influence on the poet's work. It sure would be nice to have at least one of these fine literary programs each year. The crowd was one of the largest I have seen for that type program.

On May 2nd, Nahum Sirotsky, U. S. correspondent for the "O Journal do Brazil" in Rio de Janeiro, will be on campus to speak on Brazil and United States-Latin American relations. During his stay at the college, he will also speak to some of the political science and Spanish classes. I met Mr. Sirotsky in New York at the Student Editors' Conference, and I proposed a visit to our campus. He told me then he would enjoy seeing our "southern college." He is a very interesting individual who is extremely well informed of Brazil's political, economical, and social problems. He has covered several of the important Americas conferences, and from this has gathered a great deal of information concerning the relationship of the United States and the Latin American countries. His talk will be very informal, and he looks forward to hearing questions from the North American students. I sincerely hope that there will be many interested people here who will take time out to gather enough information concerning our neighbors to the south to ask questions of Mr. Sirotsky. You may feel free that your questions will receive absolute consideration regardless of their direction. Mr. Sirotsky is a very informal individual and his information may be more fluent to the assembled group if in the form of answered questions. Keep the idea and the date, May 2nd, in mind.

The new Summer School schedule is being passed around with mixed emotion. Several students have complained that they must go to other schools or take correspondence courses in order to graduate with their class because the courses they need are not being offered at Elon. It seems that there should be some sort of survey taken during the early Spring to find out from the students what they would like to have offered during the Summer months. If the necessary courses could possibly be offered here, less students would have to search elsewhere.

Don't forget to vote in the coming elections. Vote for the major and minor offices. I really shouldn't say minor, because any job within the student government administration is a major position. Those who are planning to seek office in the Honor Council, Student Council, or Senate can be assured that a great deal of effort, interest, and participation will be expected from you if you are elected to the positions. I would definitely recommend participation in student government to any student. I know I have benefitted greatly from my experience received in Elon's Student Government Association.

The second big Marlboro contest is over and the big and beautiful sounds emanate from the Kappa Psi Nu room where the first prize Stereo reigns. Second place prize was a radio which obviously is to be divided between Iota Tau Kappa, Alpha Pi Delta, and Sigma Mu Sigma. The Tau Zeta Phi gals inherited the earlier won record player from Kappa Psi as reward for their aid during the contest. In talking to the representative from the Philip Mor-

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