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TRIBUTE TO THE BAND

No finer thing has happened on the Elon College campus in recent years than the rejuvenation of the Elon College band, which became evident to the faculty and student body at the very first chapel convocation of the year.

That chapel program, which differed greatly from the traditional opening convocation, proved to be a rooting and tooting, happy and peppy affair that introduced both the new band director and the hand he has created to the assembled faculty and students.

It was fitting that the newly-formed band should open with Elon's traditional song, "Here's To Dear Old Elon," but it was the new "Elon Fight Song" which really set the tempo for one of the most enthusiastic openings in Elon's long history.

While the chapel program served as a rousing send-off for the Christian football squad for its opening game of the year, it also seemed to create a real enthusiasm for the routine classwork that got underway that day.

So, here's a big hand to the reborn Elon band, which promises to add much to so many occasions during the year.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY LIFE

The question above is the biggest and most important one that anyone is ever called upon to answer, and it is particularly important to the young man or young woman who is just beginning his or her college career as a freshman, and it is heard again each year as further steps are made along the path of education.

The individual may not answer it in so many words at the time, but it is a question which must be answered sooner or later, whether the answer be given in words or deeds.

Faced with the question, one may make a thoughtful, well-planned and conscientious choice, or, like so many persons, one may just drift along and let shifting circumstances of the moment force a quick decision.

One writer, who has given long study to the question as it confronts everyone, declares that Christian Faith is a fine starting point as it convicts the individual that one's life is not one's own individual property, since the choice will also affect very greatly the lives of others.

Life itself requires that each person do something with his life, using the powers and potentialities within him, for the simple act of "earning a living" requires action within the human economy.

But "earning a living" is only a job, and everyone should plan to include within his life both a job and a vocation, with the vocation designed to impart some blessing or service to others who will be met along the way.

There are many activities on the college campus, both curricular and extra-curricular, which prepare one for service to others, and every student should so plan his college work that he may be prepared for both a job and a vocation in the world that faces him after graduation.

Wings of Wisdom

The ability to speak in many languages is valuable, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in one is priceless.



shades of elon

By HINSON MIKELL

Within these sheltered walls we find ourselves once again experiencing the thrill of fall and the beginning of a new school year. For most of us it has been a long, tedious summer, and the Elon scene, bubbling with the warmth of familiar faces, is a welcome sight. The atmosphere having been chilled and colored by that most glorious of seasons, predicts much enthusiastic activity to be expressed in fun and of course in many hours of intellectual endeavor.

Obvious enough to all of us who attended Elon last year is the fact that many of our old friends are not back again. Some of them having completed their course of study here have advanced to graduate school, while others are now battling the cold reality of our work-a-day world. Truly, their absence leaves a noticeable gap in our lives, but because constant turnover cannot be denied as part of life itself, this must be accepted and new friends sought for to fill this gap. As someone once said, "The only thing that never changes is change itself," and I believe this is true.

Now let us look toward our freshman class, extending to them a heartfelt welcome: You, as all the rest of us, are fortunate in being a part of the community of growth and brotherhood that is Elon. It is here that you will spend the best years of your life and it is your responsibility to live these years to their fullest.

In order to lead a successful college career, a student must be conscientious about his academic work. It is certainly difficult, for newcomers especially, to settle down in an environment so conducive to social activity; if, however, we begin our year with a particular resolution to apply ourselves, it can be accomplished.

The majority of poor grades is most often the result of negligence, when otherwise intensive application would have made great difference. Because college work is conducted on a high level—and we realize it—we should be all the more challenged to excel in our work.

A very interesting and useful part of our college life is the program of extra-curricular activities which is open to those who seek additional application of themselves and expression of individual qualities. One of the foremost of them this fall is the Elon College Band under the leadership of Prof. Jack O. White, who is serving his first year as a member of the Elon College music faculty.

Professor White has newly organized this band and has not only obtained for it a band room in society hall but has also been successful in acquiring several thousand dollars worth of basic new instruments. These instruments fall into the categories of percussion, bass, and woodwinds. With the securing of this new equipment and the addition of new members, the band has better balance and an overall brighter sound than ever before. This year, for the first time in several seasons, our band will be marching on the football field during halftime at several games. Although not everyone can be a member, we can all do our best to support it (and our team) by attending the football games and yelling full force.

Let's win this game,
Go onward Elon, go;
Never to lose a victory to the foe,
On to the goal, a gain on every play;
Let's fight, fight
Win this game the same old way.

For the benefit of freshmen and transfer students who are not familiar with fraternities and sororities on campus, I feel obliged to say a few words appertaining thereto. There are four social fraternities at Elon. In alphabetical order, they are: Alpha Pi Delta, Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu, and Sigma Phi Beta.

Each fraternity identifies itself with a sister sorority; they are: respectively: Pi Kappa Tau, Beta Omicron Beta, Tau Zeta Phi, and Delta Upsilon Kappa.

Rush week for upperclassmen and transfers is held in the fall; for freshmen, it is held in the spring. During this rush period, each group is permitted to hold social functions for those who might be interested in becoming brothers or sisters. In this way, potential pledges are provided an opportunity to know the groups better and vice-versa.

After the rushees have been carefully considered, each fraternity or sorority sends out its bids. Upon acceptance of these bids, the new members are welcomed to the groups on what is known as bid night during which each fraternity serenades each sorority. The initiation, which is con-

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A View From The Oak

By MELVIN SHREVES

the faculty and under their supervision."

This foundation is the same as it was in 1928. However, that does not mean some of the regulations built upon this foundation cannot be changed or altered.

Dr. Danieley, when approached on the subject, said that the fraternities and sororities, under the Pan-Hellenic banner, now have the opportunity to act as a "go-between" the faculty and the social clubs. If the Pan-Hellenic Council can present a worthwhile constitution to the Student Affairs Committee, some changes in the regulations can be talked over and probably changed or altered.

One or more of the social clubs have said that they would like to become a chapter in one national fraternity or another, and have been advised to try and do so by the administration. However, obtaining a national charter is not an overnight thing. The group, or groups, must have a good scholastic standing, a strong membership, and substantial funds in the treasury.

Of course, the administration makes no limits on how high a scholastic average any fraternities or sorority may have. However, regulations do limit the number of members a club may have and the total cost of mem-

bership. In order to obtain a charter, most nationals require from thirty-five to forty members, and annual dues of anywhere from sixty to one-hundred and fifty dollars per member per year.

It is a known fact among the Greek clubs that something must be done to attract students to join their groups. The main thing standing in the way is the low scholastic standings of the students do not have this average. If the fraternities and sororities had something better to offer, let's say a national chapter, then perhaps the students would work harder to achieve acceptable scholastic standings.

The solution of the fraternity-sorority system's problem lies from the most part in the hands of the Greek groups themselves acting through the Pan-Hellenic Council. What is to be done and how it is to be done is their problem, and let's hope that they come up with a solution that will be of benefit to everyone involved.

Freshmen Orientation

What has happened to freshmen orientation? Why aren't freshmen required to wear their beanies? Why don't the freshmen show more respect for the upperclassmen?

It wasn't too many years ago

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a voice from the corner

By

DON TERRELL



We of the Maroon and Gold would like to extend a welcome to all Elonites. To the freshmen and transfer students, goes a special and initial welcome and a sincere hope that your life at ole Oak U. will be an enlightening one.

The time is rapidly approaching when the new Class of '66 will select a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, five Senate representatives, and an Honor Council representative. I would seriously like to issue a challenge to the class. In the past three years, Freshmen class elections have been rather spirited. A great deal of interest has been shown and a lot of hard work evident. I wonder if this year's class can approach, equal, or surpass the "rat class" spirit of past years. What can you do?

Now that you are in college, past glories are forgotten. All students, whether active or conservative in previous high school or prep school activities are together on an even plateau from which an almost entirely new life and outlook can be formed. Little do you know of each other's past accomplishments or capabilities. Success is to be gained by those who honestly and diligently seek it. Several of the ambition-sparked frosh have already unofficially announced their candidacy. Be an active participant, and your college life will mean so much more to you.

Fraternities and Sororities

Invariably during college life, a student is faced with the problem of pledging a fraternity or sorority. Should I join, and if so, which one? These are questions most all of us have to answer. Naturally, each of the groups will answer in favor of themselves. Before you seriously consider a fraternity or sorority, be sure that you have carefully observed all the groups first. Get to know as many people in the particular groups as you can, then through an observation of the overall offering of the group, make your selection. Many students feel they should wait for a year or so before joining a fraternity or sorority. I do not feel this way at all. Most of us now in fraternities feel that being affiliated with our groups has been as much a scholastic boost as a social boost. I heartily recommend scoring high grades now in order to become eligible. Your scrutinization process can be a current thing, and come February, it will be party time.

The Elon Players

For those newcomers who possess dramatic abilities, the first scheduled production will be Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid." This is a three-act farce, which allows the actors true expression of movement, gesture, facial manipulation, and pantomime. It requires art to do Moliere. I'm sure Professor Day will be interested in interviewing those newcomers who have had previous experience and those others who are interested. In the past, we have been fortunate enough to boast a fine theatre season. This year should be no exception.

Pan-Hellenic Council

The Pan-Hellenic Council should be commended for the work of the membership. This Year, under the leadership of Demus Thompson, the group has a renovated constitution and new by-laws for consideration by the faculty-administration committee on fraternities and sororities. This is one segment of control which we very much hope will be returned to the Student Government Association.

Liberal Arts Forum

For those more literary minded, the Liberal Arts Forum has tentative plans to sponsor the British novelist, John Braine, who has been associated by some critics with the 'Angry Young Men' movement in British literature.

Many of you are familiar with the popular book and hit movie, "Room at the Top", which starred Lawrence Harvey and Simone Signoret. Miss Signoret won the Academy Award for her acting performance in the movie.

Braine will be in the United States during February and March, and the Liberal Arts Forum is currently negotiating with the writer's agent.

Also, the Forum plans to sponsor the award-winning Italian film, "La Strada," which stars Giulietta Masina and Anthony Quinn. This film was a grand prize winner at the Venice International Film Festival. From personal experience, I can easily say that this is one of the most dramatic and moving films I have ever seen. The story is sensitive and the acting superb.

I recon' I'd better mosey on back to the dungeon and put the voice back in its secret hiding place. So for now, adios youse guys!