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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Thousands and perhaps millions of people in all parts of the United States questioned the wisdom of the United States Supreme Court when it handed down its ruling some months ago against the use of prayers in the American public schools.

In fact, the questioning and the opposition proved so widespread that the high court justices have announced within the past few weeks that the court will review its ruling and will perhaps alter the decision in regard to religious worship in the public schools.

Granting that it is part of the American system that church and state shall be separate and part, it is not likely that the Founding Fathers in writing the United States Constitution had any intention of banning all forms of worship or religious instruction from the schools of the nation.

It is a matter of general knowledge the motivation for early education in this country was to a great extent influenced by religion. One of the earliest forms of public education was found in the apprenticeship system, with early laws specifying that the apprentices should be taught to write and to read the Bible.

Students of educational history know too that one of the earliest laws to provide public schools was the famous Old Deluder Act in Massachusetts, which proposed to train the children of the Bay State that they might outwit Satan, who was referred to as the Old Deluder.

Certainly there is a great need today for children of this great and populous country to have biblical and religious knowledge as there was more than three centuries ago when Massachusetts adopted that public school provision in 1647.

If there is any doubt of the need for some religious and biblical training, one should study certain figures which came to light in scientifically conducted surveys of Bible knowledge in two states.

In one state 16,000 adults filled out questionnaires, which included ten simple Bible questions that many children know or should know. Only 35 per cent of those adult persons could make a passing grade.

In another state in the South Atlantic area a test was given to 18,000 high school students, and the test disclosed that 16,000 of the group could not name as many as three prophets of the Old Testament, 12,000 of the pupils could not name the four Gospels, and 10,000 could not name as many as three of the twelve disciples of Jesus.

Certainly, in view of those survey results, there would seem to be a great need for biblical and religious teaching in American schools. It might be well for the Supreme Court justices to study those figures before they review their ruling. It might, indeed, be highly interesting to see the results if the justices themselves were given one of the above tests of biblical knowledge.

Short Snips

Give some people an inch and they think they are rulers.

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

Every man must live with the man he makes of himself.



shades of elon

By HINSON MIKELL

Now that homecoming is upon us, there are many students busy in the last minute preparation of floats and decorations. Homecoming, which places particular emphasis upon the return of alumni to the campus, is an annual affair and marks the first big dance of the school year. The weekend begins today, Friday, October 19, with a chariot race between several fraternity groups to be followed by a picnic and a pep rally for the football team. An informal dance, complete with combo, will be held this evening in McEwen.

Tomorrow, the essence of the homecoming spirit will be seen in competitive campus displays set up by most of the fraternities and sororities and by numerous other campus groups. Generally speaking, these displays will be concerned with "stopping the Indians," a theme which I well remember from Homecoming of 1960. It was a moment of sheer excitement for all when, in the last twenty seconds of the game, after the Indians had begun to leave, George Wooten ran the full length of the field for a winning touchdown in that year's game.

After receiving bag lunches from the cafeteria, most of the Elonites will be heading toward Burlington, first, to see the Homecoming parade on Main Street, then to witness what ought to prove an interesting encounter with the Catawba Indians at the Burlington Stadium. The weekend will culminate with a formal dance in the gymnasium featuring The Embers, a nine-piece band. Reigning over the event as Homecoming Queen will be Miss Duane Powell, a senior from Smithfield, Va.

It seems that there was an indifferent response from a cross-section of Elon students to an item in the last edition of Maroon and Gold. At their request, I am taking this opportunity to join them in commending Russ Phipps and his orientation committee for a job well done. This year's orientation program initiated several improvements over programs in past years.

For example, our current "plebe" class was broken down into many small groups, each headed by a member of the orientation committee. These groups provided each freshman a source of reference for familiar with school regulations, policies, and campus life in general. In these groups, questions were raised and answered with fluent discussion on points of interest. In addition, each student was assigned a faculty advisor, with whom to discuss his schedule in terms of an intended major.

There was some criticism in the aforementioned item of freshmen for a laxness in the wearing of beanies and also for a seeming lack of respect for upperclassmen. If this criticism is justified, perhaps ninety percent of the upperclassmen (I included) are simply not very observant. However, it seems more likely that most of the newcomers were cooperative in tolerating the beanie tradition, which might just as well be replaced in future years by a maturer "Bienvenu". As for respect, it's obvious that people show the most respect for those who respect them, and freshmen are to be considered people—aren't they?

On October 2nd the Pan-Hellenic Council met with a faculty committee on fraternities and sororities, and the revised constitution, putting these groups under student supervision. The revision shows many significant changes from those "Regulations" which appear in the current Elon College Handbook. "Rush" is scheduled for the second week in November to be followed by a maximum seven-day initiation period starting in the third week. Sigma Nu Sigma, an honorary fraternity which is governed by Masonic principles, does not rush in accordance with times set for the social fraternities. I am certain that much thanks from all of us who are concerned with fraternities and sororities goes to Demus Thompson and the Pan-Hellenic Council for the fine work.

Before closing, I would like to congratulate those students who are charter members of Elon's new honorary society, the Order of the Oak. To be a member of this society, one must have an academic average of 3.3 or better (a strong "B" average, at least). To students whose cumulative average prohibits membership in the former, the Dean's List ought to issue a challenge. This list, which is printed in the Maroon and Gold at the end of each semester, recognizes those who have attained a "B" average on a single semester's work. This short-range goal, if sought for, certainly ought to stimulate success in college work.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF ORDER OF THE OAK



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Charter members of the newly-formed Order of the Oak, honorary scholastic society on the Elon campus, are pictured above. Those shown left to right are as follows: FRONT ROW—Loretta Hall, Elon College; Carol Trageser, Arnold Md.; Jo Ann Braxton, Graham; Annie Cleapor, Burlington; Eleanor Smith, Winston-Salem; Glenna Smith, Burlington; and Amy Litten, Burlington. BACK ROW—Paul Hyde, Chicago, Ill.; Paul Helsenback, Burlington; Leroy Miller, Burlington; Paul May, Burlington; Leroy Horwath, Burlington; Barbaros Celikkol, Adams, Turkey; and John Reed, Fairfax, Va. Not present when the picture was taken was Helen Rogers, of Burlington.

Group Formed For Honor Students

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plans were adopted by faculty vote when the committee made its final report last spring.

The constitution provides that members shall be elected to the honor society by faculty vote in October and February of each year, at which times the dean of the college shall present a list of eligible students as compiled from grade records in the registrar's office.

Once a student is elected to membership in the order of the Oak, he or she may forfeit such membership if for two consecutive semesters he or she fails to maintain a 3.3 average or in case of conviction of an honor code violation or is suspended from college.

Reinstatement may be obtained by appeal to the appropriate faculty committee and by a two-thirds vote of that committee and by members of the Order of the Oak.

Formal induction of the students elected to the Order will be at a banquet given by the college in the Fall Semester. Both the members who become eligible in October and those who had been named the previous February will be inducted at this banquet.

The dean of the college will serve as faculty sponsor for the group, but student officers of the group will be elected in May of each year for the next academic year, with the officers to include a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer and a historian.

The official insignia of the Order

of the Oak will be a gold oak leaf in the form of a key or pin, along with a certificate or shingle which certifies membership. Members of the Order will have the privilege of purchasing it from an official jeweler which will be named later.

The constitution of the group specifies the duties of each officer. The president shall preside at all meetings and hold in custody all official documents, the vice-president will act in lieu of the president and shall serve as program chairman each year, the secretary and treasurer will perform duties usual to such offices, and the historian will keep a detailed narrative and pictorial record of activities each year, including newspaper clippings, summaries of programs and mementoes of the meetings.



A View From The Oak

By MELVIN SHREVES

well and good, but the Colonnades are not improving over the years.

Actually the Colonnades may not be able to support a new coat of weather-topping. An engineer is supposed to be called in—no one knows when—to examine the structure and make some recommendation as to what should be done. Even when this is done, the matter must be brought before the Board of Directors.

The administration has looked at the figures as to how much it would cost to fix the Colonnades, and they have frowned. One wonders what kind of expression would appear on their faces if they were faced with a law suit for negligence on their part of the decayed structure falls on a student or a friend of the College.

I have all the confidence in the world in Elon's administration and am sure that they will have the Colonnades fixed—eventually. But it seems that if the Colonnades are to be fixed anytime soon, a direct appeal to the Board of Trustees by the Student body will be necessary.

I. D. Cards
The Community Relations Committee, headed by Fred Stephenson, is hard at work, with the help of President Jim Buie, trying to get some kind of I. D. Card system working on the Elon College campus. And they couldn't be working on a more worthwhile project.

The main purpose of the I. D. Card will be to provide identification for Elon students who would like to cash checks in Burlington. At the present time there are only a few businesses in Elon and Burlington who will cash checks, and they do it at a great inconvenience.

In the town of Elon College, the four merchants who will cash checks cash as many as five or six hundred checks a week. On one Saturday this month, one of the merchants cashed over \$1,000 worth of checks for Elon students . . . and he still had to turn down more than half of those who requested that he cash checks for them.

It seems that the business office could do something about this situation. The office is open for cashing checks about six hours a week, but when is it open? That's right: during class or during upperclass or voluntary chapel periods. One hears that the reason no longer time is allowed is to avoid paying the bank for cashing checks on non-par banks. Those checks cost from seven to seventeen cents each and the fewer checks cashed the less expense to the college.

Of course the snack bar in the Union won't cash checks; its business is bringing in money, not paying it out to help the students who make snack bar jobs possible on this campus. And the book store? It appears that cashing checks is too much trouble there.

At the present time the committee is considering the cost of inaugurating a system that would be beneficial. There are several systems that would work well, and the Committee should consider all systems before it makes any definite decision. A good I. D. card would also serve as a Student Activity card and a Student Government card. Without a doubt a card that serves three purposes would cost less than three separate cards. It is a point that the Committee and the Administration should consider.

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



Congratulations are in order especially for Oscar Fowler, the new Freshman Class president and his chief aide, Denny Parker, vice-president, and Diane Hancock, secretary-treasurer. The campaign was indeed a spirited one, and it seems that those in the various offices are student government minded. There may be some real fine talent with which the present administration can work. In addition to the expected campaign posters artistically created by the candidates, there were other crafty mechanisms entered into the race in the Student Union to summon voters.

Orchids are also in order for the fairest of the fair: Duane Powell, our Homecoming Queen and Janet Faulkner, the Maid of Honor.

Honor Key System?

In an earlier edition of the Maroon and Gold, I mentioned the possibility of the college's administration sponsoring a key system for deserving students. Most schools of reasonable size have some form of system similar to the one I suggest. Here at Elon, keys will be awarded for the newly established Order of the Oak, and awards could also be given to members of the Student Senate Council, and for literary and dramatic achievement. Keys are available for those students named to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," Alpha Psi Omega, and Pi Gamma Mu, but the student honored must purchase his own key. It would be nice if the college decided to award not only the privilege, but also the emblem of distinction for certain campus services. The system would add a great deal of prestige to the honors, and the keys would add a definite collegiate look to the wearer. This would be a nice way for the college to display its appreciation for the hard work done by the students of this college.

Student Senate

The legislative branch of our Student Government Association is the Student Senate, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month during the school year. This year the Senate is under the capable leadership of Lynn Ryals one of Elon's most outstanding student government leaders in recent years. It is the duty of each and every student of this college to keep up with the actions and decisions made by your representatives. The Senate is elected by you to propose, act upon, and legislate almost every issue concerning students.

You as members on the outside should regularly check the student government bulletin board, glance over the Senate minutes and see just how active or obviously interested your senators are. If you feel they are not upholding their promise to you, let them know you feel. The office is not merely an honor or distinction, it is a work-job. Those elected should realize this and be actively interested.

Student Affairs

Within the Student Government Association, one of the most valuable and most active working groups is the Student Affairs Committee. This committee meets with faculty and administrative representatives to present problems, likes, and dislikes of the students in an attempt to clarify or correct the established interpretation of the situation. Tom Brady is the committee's more than capable chief. It will be interesting to note the committee's activity by observing the meeting minutes which will be posted on the student government bulletin board.

Elon Players

Professor E. R. Day is currently working on the opening dramatic presentation for the year. This year's initial show will be Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid." The featured actors are Frankie Rich and Carol Trageser, two members of Elon's higher echelon of dramatic ability. The supporting cast is strong, and the show has possibilities of being one of the top shows of the Elon stage. Judging from the past, it will be show well worth seeing.

Speaking continuously of drama, I hope you were among the sparse crowd gathered to see the Italian film, "La Strada," last week. The film was truly what it was promised to be. Those who saw it obviously enjoyed it from the comments I received. It was quite an experience.

Enough of political and dramatic advertisement, I again mention the fact that Playboy is the magazine of the south-east side of the campus. Reduced rates on subscriptions can be obtained from yours truly. Thanks for your attention. I'll see you in just about two weeks (I hope!)