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ELECTIONS COMING SOON

Elsewhere in this issue of the Maroon and Gold there is published announcement of a change in the dates for the annual campus elections, which have been moved to an earlier date than is provided in the Student Body constitution, the change of date becoming necessary because the regular balloting dates fell during the period of the spring vacation.

This announcement of the new election dates means that date is almost upon us when the students of Elon College must once more determine the route which their campus government will follow during the coming year, for it is now barely ten days until the filing of candidates for general officers of the Student Government sets the election machinery in motion.

On Monday after next those students who have ambitions to become general officers of the Student Government will begin filing as candidates, and such an event means that each member of the Elon student group, whether he has ambitions for office or not, should pause for a moment and give serious thought to the events of the next few weeks.

If student government is to function in as efficient manner as it should, it is necessary that both those who run and those who vote should approach the problem with the proper spirit, realizing that good officers must have in a strong degree the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and willingness to serve to the fullest at all times.

It is always commendable that a person should have ambition to become an officer of any group of which he may be a member, but ambition is not enough. Good candidates should realize that ambition for office must carry along with it a full realization of the obligations that go with the office.

It is a sad fact that many times in past years there have been officers chosen for posts in the Elon Student Government who did not fulfill all the obligations of their post. Perhaps this has been true to a greater degree among members of the Senate than in other posts, for all too frequently in years gone by many senators have often been absent when meetings of the Senate were held.

Perhaps this problem has been less in evidence this year than in years gone by, but there have been times in previous years when the Senate found itself unable to act on needed measures due to lack of a quorum, and certainly such a condition should not exist. Attendance at meetings is definitely the easiest of all the obligation to meet, and persons who accept any office and then fail in attendance should never have filed in the first place.

Students who are considering filing for any of the campus posts for the coming year should, then, ask themselves first of all whether they truly want to serve. It is not enough that they are ambitious for a student government title to place beneath their names in the annual.

In that respect, it is the prospective candidates who need to think well prior to the upcoming date for filing, but all students must join in the thinking as they prepare to cast their votes for various candidates, seeking to vote carefully and well for persons whom they know to have the qualities that go with capable and efficient service.

The battle of the sexes will never be won by either side, there is too much fraternizing with the enemy.

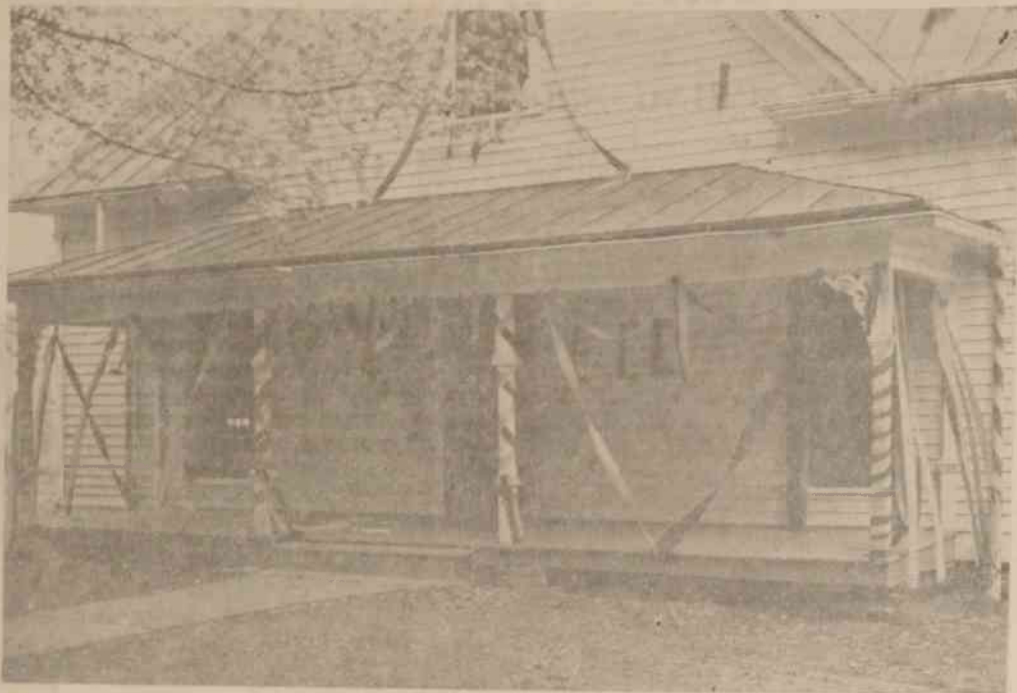


shades of elon

By HINSON MIKELL

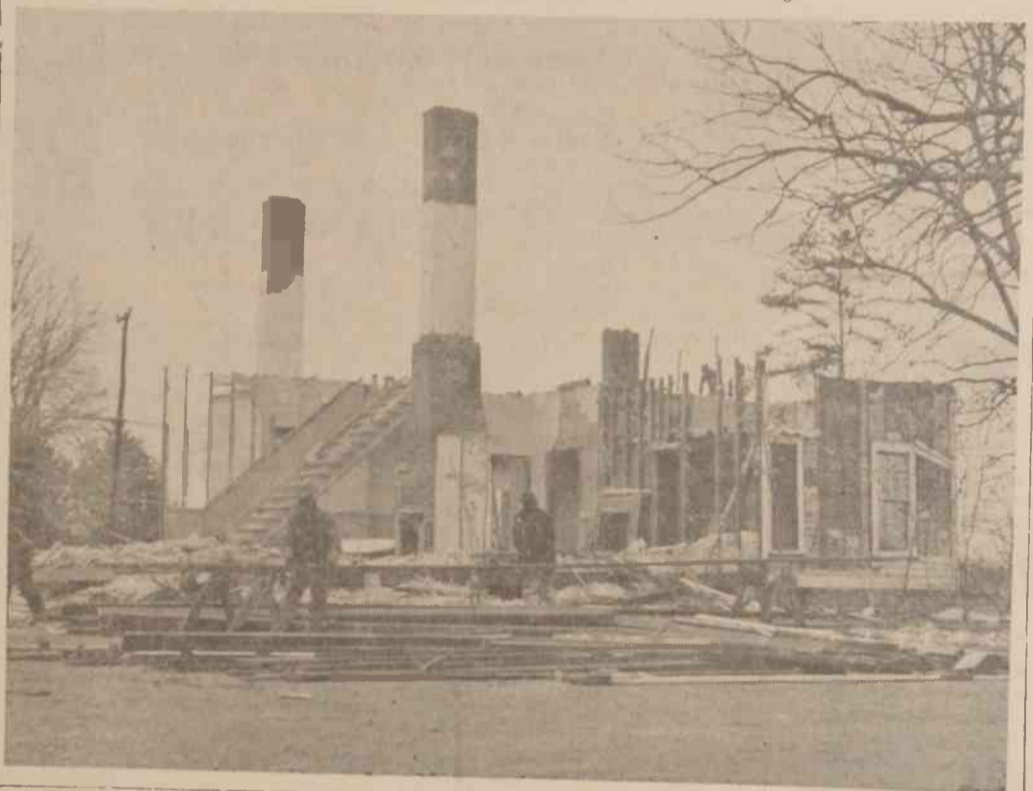
All material for the Colonnades, campus literary magazine, is due today. If you have any polished poems, essays, or short stories protruding from the corner of your notebook or in any other conspicuous location, please submit same to any of the editors. . . . Thanks students and especially fellow choir members for the endorsing remarks I received concerning my last column. This column, you'll remember, discussed the Elon College Choir and its repertoire which lacks secular music. One person has asked me what I hoped to accomplish. Frankly, I don't believe my comments will change anything, or at least I was so informed. Why do I stick out my neck so often? Probably it's because I like fresh air. . . . Bids to fraternities and sororities go out today. To those of you who are recipients, you'll expect me to advise that you be certain it's the right fraternity for you. A week ago I would have done just that but it is too late now. After the initial fury of the typical rush semester has taken place, most students know what "social club" they would like to join. Congratulations to those of you who are receiving bids today! To Demus Thompson: I'm one of the "majority" who heard your letter read and appreciated it. The wording was excellent. . . . Have you heard about the student government radio programs? They are being M. C.'d by Paul Robinson (WBAB) and Mike Bryant (WBAG) and are to feature popular music, interviews, news from the campus and similar material. Our student senate has allocated \$400 for the purchase of a tape recorder to facilitate programming. The first broadcast has tentatively been set for tomorrow night over WBAG. Will you listen? . . . Have you ever had the experience of being billed for a nickel? It happened to me last week when I received a notification from the Charleston County treasurer saying that my check for automobile taxes was received and was short five cents. Since it cost them that much just to mail the bill, the matter seems unbelievable, but it's true. I have decided to send them the payment wrapped securely in several boxes with newspapers, and to bind the package with string and insure it. This way, the county employees will spend at least five minutes of county time opening a package for the collection of county taxes. . . . Why is it that I hear the same people complaining about the dining hall food always. There are among my acquaintances certain consistent grippers, with whom I'm reluctant to sit in the cafeteria. Obviously it is not good manners to snicker and make otherwise repulsive gestures concerning the food. To my way of thinking this type of behavior is the mark of one who is exceedingly ill-bred. Such a situation is deplorable and seems ironical for this reason: by complaining, the person whose background and manners are lacking satisfies a natural impulse to be pretentious. He strives to give the impression of indignance, whether the food be good or bad. This indicates in most cases a pseudo-attempt to cover up for something. Think about it grippers: try not to spoil other people's meals with your "superior" tastes. . . . Speaking of complainers, who is the culprit rumored to have talked thus freely: "One has to be a genius to come out of that course retaining what he knew before he went in." Then there is the newest thought that "Shorthand is slowly becoming prerequisite for some courses on the Oaken Campus — students also have been known to come out of these courses short-a-hand." These ideas have not been proved definitive but they certainly imply that the two R's, Reading and writing, are still being taught. Also, many ambitious students at Elon believe that stimulation is afforded by a personal acquaintance with the "prof" and the attainment of his banner of approval. In many such cases this banner has begat a flag in the final. . . . Have you heard the rumor that Tau Zeta Phi Sorority is considering changing its name to Tau Zitter? Chances are they've been eating too much candy after their recent project. . . . Incidentally, have you ever heard any of the folk lore of East Dorm? I have recently added to this massive volume "A Tale of a Rug", based on my personal experiences. My roommate and I had wall-to-wall carpeting until last week when it fell through a crack in the floor. This crack provides rather good ventilation but we both have vertigo, which makes us anxious about the situation; this is because the crack is almost wall to wall. Our downstairs neighbors who have become a veritable trash can aren't too happy either. Help! The End.

Passing Of A Landmark On Campus



The passing of a landmark on the Elon College campus is shown in these two pictures of the historic Carlton House, which has just been removed to make room for the new home for Elon's president. The picture above shows the old Carlton House in other days, when the white frame structure at the corner of Haggard and O'Kelly Streets was being used as a dormitory for men students. One might almost say in other and happier days, for the fact that the picture itself portrays the old house gaily decorated for an Elon Homecoming weekend, would indicate that at the particular time there was gaiety and joy prevailing within its four aged walls, for such a gala spirit seems always to permeate the students at the time of the annual autumn jubilee. The picture below portrays the destruction of the old house, which had played a part in the life of Elon College, with only a portion of its stark skeleton and the old chimney's standing against the ad-

vance of progress which is represented by the forthcoming erection of a new and modern brick home to house the college's president. The Carlton House was originally built in 1891 by the late Sam Crawford, who moved to Elon College to more conveniently educate his children. It later served as a home for several Elon faculty families before being transformed into a student residence, and then in its final days of usefulness it became an office for the doctor who served the college.



A View From The Oak

By MELVIN SHREVES



Last week when the Board of trustees of the college met on the Elon campus for its annual spring meeting, a number of active participants in Student Government were invited to dine with the board members.

In my opinion, this was a very enlightening experience, for both the board members and the students who were present. The students were very interested in the welfare of the student body, and they discussed with members of the board many of the problems which the students face on the campus.

The students got a chance to air their complaints and grievances with the "Big Boys," and the members of the board got a chance to feel out the opinions of the students on various subjects.

There are very few colleges that give the students and the trustees a chance to meet with one another and talk over problems with which both parties are concerned. The students of Elon are fortunate in that respect, but so are the trustees.

There are too many institutions of higher learning in our state and our nation in which the Board of Trustees, or whatever such a group may be called, is too impersonal. In too many cases, they come, they talk, they leave, and then they forget about what has happened until the next meeting.

I'm sure that this is not true of the Elon Board of Trustees. These men and women are dedicated to this college, and they do whatever they believe is best for the school, they believe is best for the school, comings, and the Board of Trustees of Elon College is no exception.

No person can fully realize the effects of Communism unless he lives where Communist conditions exist. One cannot fully realize the effects of a tax cut or increase unless he pays taxes.

In like manner, no person can fully realize the food or dorm problem unless he eats in the cafeteria or lives in the dorm. One cannot fully realize the trials and tribulations of the science department unless he is working in that department, nor can he fully realize the worth of a teacher unless he has that teacher for a course. And no one person can fully realize the value of fraternity life unless he

has shared this experience.

The faculty or administration cannot fully realize the many problems of the Student Body, because they are not members of that body. The Board of Trustees cannot fully realize the many problems which Elon College faces, because its members do not live or work at Elon.

But you can't ask the administrative officials to stop their work, live in the dorms, go in the classrooms or eat in the cafeteria just like the students do. (Several members of the faculty and administration do eat in McEwen occasionally.) And you can't ask the members of the board to stop their work and spend their time at the college.

So what can you do? Elon has taken a step forward in better acquainting the board members with the students and vice versa by the dinner that was just held. But things cannot stop here.

Why can't the board take a tour of the campus that its members can see the conditions which exist and talk with more students so that a better understanding of the students and the school can be gained?

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



The old calendar has finally flipped enough pages to land us smack dab in the middle of rush season. Paddle packin' pledges will soon be seen meandering hither and thither doing the dingy deeds of the real meanie scum masters.

The following is a combination of the creative "genius" of John Biggerstaff, Maroon and Gold assistant editor in 1957 and yours truly.

Pledge's Dictionary

- KAPPA — A pair. Example: Those girls are a kappa loosers.
- PSI — What they do during a dramatic performance. Example: He heaved a psi.
- NU — Recent. Example: What's nu?
- TAU — A Carolinian footwear. Example: She's a tau heel.
- ZETA — Contraction. Example: Zeta fraternity pin you're wearing?
- PHI — Another contraction. Example: Phi ketch ya, I'm gonna whop ya!
- MU — Love song of a cow. Example: Mu, moo.
- GAMMA — Baby talk for Grandma. Example: What big teeth you have, Gamma.
- DELTA — Used in cards. Example: He delta hand of poker.
- SIGMA — Part of a warning. Example: Watch out, or I'll sigma dog on you.
- CHI — Slang for man. Example: He's one heck of a chi.
- EPSILON — A laxative. Example: Go get me a nickels worth of epsilon salts.
- LAMBDA — A pugilistic phrase. Example: So I lambda guy on da snoot.
- XI — Dialect. Example: Xi in love? I is dat!

In previous issues, I have made remarks concerning conformity and over-conservatism. Since I am currently quarantined to the limiting confines of my room, I would now like to quote a few statements I recently read in Hugh Hefner's "Playboy Philosophy."

"We have tried to show in previous issues how an improper emphasis on security and conformity stifled this country for a generation and we have pointed to signs that suggest to us that initiative and the individual may soon again be receiving their proper due. But there has been another stifling influence in America — far more insidious — that has pervaded our culture since the nation's beginnings, yet most of us are only vaguely aware of its continuing effect on every facet of our laws and our lives.

PURITANISM — as stultifying to the mind of man as communism, or any other totalitarian concept — has been a part of the American culture since the country's earliest settlers landed on Plymouth Rock, or thereabouts. For it matters little if a book is burned because it contains an unpopular political idea or an unpopular moral or religious one — the book has been burned just the same — and society is a little poorer for having lost perhaps just one small voice, one difference of opinion, one divergent thought or idea.

We must never forget that this democracy draws its matchless strength from the continuous free exchange of differing ideas and by keeping open the channels of communication for even the most unpopular points of view. Our founding fathers made the protection of every minority and every minority opinion of paramount importance in both our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They recognized that down through history great men and great ideas have been unpopular in their own time. Man learns slowly and cultural changes that might otherwise take years require generations while those that might require generations sometimes take centuries. Socrates, teacher of Plato, and recognized today as one of the great philosophers of history, was accused in his own time of being without fixed principles and sentenced to die by drinking poison hemlock; Van Gogh, the brilliant and prolific impressionist, sold only four paintings during his lifetime, was driven mad by despair and killed himself; Galileo was twice tried by the Inquisition for daring to suggest that the earth revolves around the sun. . . .

Progress necessarily requires the exchange of outdated ideas for new and better ones. By keeping open all lines of communication in our culture, every new idea — no matter how seemingly perverse, improper, or peculiar, has its opportunity to be considered, to be challenged, and ultimately to be accepted or rejected by society as a whole or by some small part of it. This is the important advantage that a free society has over a totalitarian one. . . . A dictatorship, with its pre-established dogma, is chained to the past; a free society may draw from past, present, and the future."