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A THING OF BEAUTY

John Keats wrote "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." At the moment he penned these words, he must have envisioned a place very similar to our Elon campus in spring-time; because, in reality, our campus is a thing of beauty at this time of the year. Everywhere the trees and flowers are being resurrected by the warmth of the wonderful sunshine, and the spacious lawns are taking on a beautiful blanket of fresh green grass.

It behooves everyone, both faculty and students, to foster and keep that appearance of loveliness which the campus is rapidly assuming, and one of the finest ways to do just that is to pay heed to the signs, some of them in foreign languages to attract extra attention, which urge everyone to "Keep off the grass."

Across and about the Elon campus, hundreds of dollars worth of concrete has been poured out in the most conspicuous places, having been poured there to form nice and neat places on which to walk. Yet, it is surprising how many persons apparently fail to see the above-mentioned signs and even to see the walkways. Instead they take the liberty of cutting corners wherever they choose.

Perhaps these broad walkways may recall for some the Biblical injunction that the broad way leads to destruction, and the memory of that injunction may inspire them to follow the straight and narrow path wherever they choose to go. Instead, think of Keats and resolve that the "loveliness" of the Elon campus shall not pass into nothingness through careless short cuts.

WHAT GOOD WILL ONE VOTE DO?

Much has been said about how to vote in the upcoming campus elections, but it might be worth while to say a word about just voting. It is interesting to note that only 100 Elon students cast their votes in last week's balloting concerning constitutional amendments, and that is a very low ratio of student interest in a question so important.

Frequently a person, who neglects to vote in either a campus election or in state or national elections, excuses himself with the thought that his one vote will not change the outcome. For one who has such a thought, it might be well to ask himself, "What can one vote mean in this election?"

In answer to that question, it is well to recall from American history that Thomas Jefferson was elected president of the United States by one vote, and so was John Quincy Adams and Rutherford B. Hayes. The first two were thus chosen in elections which went to the House of Representatives for decision, and Hayes was named by a single vote by an electoral commission that decided a disputed election.

It is interesting to note that the decisive vote for Hayes was cast by a man who had been named to Congress by one vote, one of his friends who rose from a sick bed to go to the polls. Other instances of important single votes were those which gave statehood to California, Oregon, Texas and Washington, thus making the millions who live in those states today Americans by a single vote.

WISE MEN SAY

The man who wakes up to find himself famous has not been asleep.

The old-fashioned parent is one who believes that stern discipline means exactly what it says.



shades of elon

By HINSON MIKELL

My compliments to the Elon Players for a job well done last weekend. On March 22nd and 23rd our campus dramatics group performed the classic Maxwell Anderson play, "Bad Seed." This play which was adapted from William March's novel is a fine product of the modern stage. It was produced on Broadway in 1954 and was later made into a movie with Patty McCormack as Christine.

On March 21, after dress rehearsal, I had the pleasure of interviewing June Biddle, who played the part of Christine on the Elon stage. An enthusiast of the theatre, June was married last fall to Larry Biddle, who is president of the junior class. She is originally from Philadelphia, where she began acting in high school. June then moved to Dover, Delaware, and for three years she was a member of the Theatre Guild there. During this time, she acted in such plays as Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" and "Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams.

"Bad Seed" is a play in two acts, each having four scenes. It is based on the false premise that heredity, as opposed to the influences of environment, is all important to human character and behavior. This idea is carried out by Rhoda Penmark, who supposedly is born evil. The part was played convincingly by Gay Yule, a talented and unusually small-cut person. The inherited tendencies of Rhoda can be traced into her family background through her maternal grandmother. This woman, who had mysteriously disappeared, was bad throughout her entire lifetime. Good environment is constantly a compensation to Rhoda; she has a good home and understanding parents and is well thought of by her teacher at the exclusive Fern School. Despite these advantages, her innate character does not change.

Rhoda's easy-going personality gives her a "waxed rose-bud" appearance. All through the play, for example, Rhoda is adored by their landlady, who accepts her completely at face value. Only Christine can bring herself to the realization that her daughter has murdered Claude Daigle, a classmate, out of jealousy of his penmanship medal.

The play, as described by June, is a shock. In the end Christine desperately poisons Rhoda and shoots herself. Strangely, Rhoda comes out alive; she seems as unconcerned with her mother's death as with the murders she has committed throughout the course of the play. In short Rhoda is a vicious, spoiled child. Furthermore, because every one alive at the end is oblivious to her true nature, the play leaves a depressing effect.

June is thankful for the opportunity to appear in "Bad Seed"; this, she said, was her first chance to act in about a year. To her, the stage presents a "challenge to be able to improvise." When things go wrong it's very gratifying to be able to carry on under a depressing role, although it is a good part, noticed. According to June, Christine is a She stated that the premise in "Bad Seed" involving the dominance of heredity has been disproved by medical and scientific research. I agreed that the significance of environment is most important in the "formative years". That no one is born evil is as obvious as the fact that no adult is without some good point.

In closing, I would like to recognize Olivia Corder who played the part of Monica Breedlove, the garrulous pseudo-psychologist who is landlady to the Penmarks. Miss Corder is a novice on the stage but did a very commendable job.

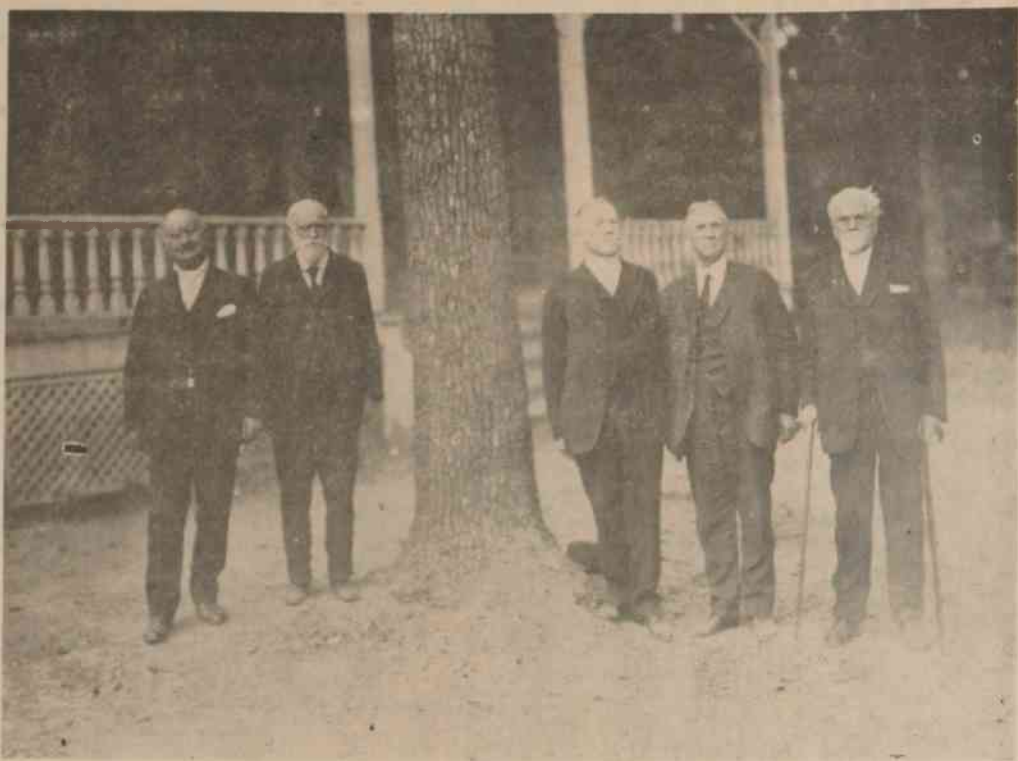
A convention of the NSSGA is to be held on the Elon Campus on April 20th and 21st. The ten member schools of NSSGA will be represented at this convention in addition to several other invited schools being considered for membership.

The purpose of the North State Student Government Association, as set forth in the preamble to its constitution, includes perpetuating a high standard of conduct, facilitating the exchange of ideas, and achieving common understanding among member schools.

According to Bill Whittenton, vice-president of the organization, this convention will "function as a co-ordinating center for the assimilation of data and to provide stimulation and guidance in establishing specific goals and ideals for member student government associations."

"Presently the member student governments of NSSGA lack goals, aims, and ideals. This can be corrected by the application of pressure to foster student opinion on national, state, and intramural levels and by a general effort toward improvement. The honor system, for example, could be improved by the exchange of ideas with member schools."

THEY WERE AMONG 'TRUE FOUNDERS' OF ELON



As a follow-up for the annual Elon Founders Day, it is highly appropriate that modern Elonites be given a view of some of those men who were the true founders of the college. Shown above are the five men who were appointed by the Southern Convention of the Christian Church to choose the location for the college. They are shown above, standing in front of East Dormitory and beside a lone gum tree that stood in the grove of oaks that gave Elon its name. Left to right, these "True Founders" are Col. Junius H. Harden, of the original trustees; Dr. George S. Watson, also an original trustee; Dr. William S. Long, first president of the college; Dr. J. Pressley Barrett, one-time editor of "The Christian Sun;" and Dr. James W. Wellons, another original trustee, who lived to be more than 100 years old, spending his last years on the Elon campus, where he preached a sermon on his 100th birthday.

In Brief Founders Day Talk . . .

Danieley Tells Of Elon's Future Plans

Pride in the past achievements of Elon College and hope and confidence for the future were the key ideas expressed by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, in brief remarks made the college's annual Founders Day Convocation held in Whitley Auditorium on Thursday morning, March 21st.

Using "The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Year" as his topic, he pointed out that Elon College begins at this time its seventy-fifth year of service in the cause of higher Christian education and announced that the college plans a year-long program which will be climaxed next March with celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the granting of the Elon College charter.

Citing the fact that the college charter was issued by the North Carolina Legislature on March 11, 1889, Dr. Danieley recalled with pride the accomplishments of the college since that time and paid tribute to the Christian Church leaders who founded and fostered the institution.

He announced plans for a fund-raising campaign to be conducted

during the college's "Jubilee Year" as he recalled for his hearers the great progress made during the past decade. He then cited figures which define in graphic style the progress made by the college since 1953.

During that ten-year period, the college's enrollment has increased by 60 per cent from 762 to 1,238 students, the institution's annual income has increased from \$425,000 to \$1,120,000, its endowment has grown from \$472,000 to \$1,150,000, and the total Elon College assets have mounted from \$2,734,000 to \$5,160,000. The same decade has found the college building and occupying five magnificent new buildings, including McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, Carolina Hall, Smith Hall, Virginia Hall and New Dormitory.

While citing this recent progress, Dr. Danieley declared that these fine additions to the college's physical plant are still not adequate, and he listed among Elon's needs in the immediate future the renovation of the main buildings on the campus, improvement of the sci-

ence building in particular and an expanded library. He also cited the need for another new dormitory for men, housing for married students, a swimming pool and tennis courts.

Speaking of the financial progress in recent years, the Elon president declared that Elon needs additional endowment funds to provide increases in faculty salaries, additional scholarship aid for worthy and needy students and stable income for operational expenses.

In this connection, he stated that plans are taking form at present for a great financial drive with an immediate goal of \$600,000, which will be only the first phase of an overall development campaign. This campaign will be a major feature of the program for the "Jubilee Year."

As a closing statement, he said, "We can look backward with pride and appreciation, but we must look forward with optimism and determination, with the objective of making Elon College an even greater institution as a liberal arts, church-related and Christian college."

A View From The Oak

By MELVIN SHREVES



in the best interest of the students and the college.

There are several points about each candidate that should be considered before the time to vote comes. Some points that come to mind are:

1. What previous experience has he had in Student Government work?
2. Is he seeking this position to help strengthen this position or is he just after the "glory"?
3. If he has had previous experience, what type of job has he done?
4. Will he have the time that is necessary to do the job right?
5. Is he sincere in his intentions?

Our Student Government has come a long way in the past thirteen years, and this year has been a very significant one. While many good things have been written on the credit side of SGA's ledger page, one big debit stands out - Student Government has tried to do too much too fast and those things which have been done could have been done better.

Next year Student Government is going to have to slow down and take those assets which it has and

polish them up so that they will be worth having.

But our main job as the elections draw near will be to elect those candidates who we think will be able to do the best job. When you go to vote, consider the candidates carefully with next year in mind, and then when the candidates are elected, support them in making Student Government stronger.

The Literary Magazine
If everything moves along as planned, material for the Spring edition of the Colonnades will be in the printers' hands next week, and the magazine will be out in the middle of May.

The editors are now combing through the many poems and short stories that have been submitted in an effort to have one of the best literary magazines that Elon has ever had. The art department of the magazine is busy working on a new cover and on illustrations that will appear throughout the publication to make it more attractive and interesting.

Campus Combo
After hearing all of the favorable comments about the performance

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a voice from the corner

By DON TERRELL



At the end of the Greek letter "Hell Week", I noticed the return of smiles, and gaiety to several individuals who during the week, had obviously lost their desire to eminate their better personalities. All in all, it is certainly worth the sacrifice to be a part of a fraternal association.

For some this is the initial opportunity to really find a place in life or society which is void of parental influence. The decision one makes to affiliate himself or herself to a fraternity or sorority is usually one of the first real important decisions he or she will make on their own. Very few ever regret making this decision.

There are many people who have left here and gone on to greater glories who are proud to say that this association was one of the most valuable experiences of his college career. As have many others before me, I have made friends here within my fraternity who will be some of my closest friends for the remainder of my life.

It is certainly a great and special feeling to know that there is a greater than average relationship between another group of guys and yourself. I seriously believe my college life would have been lacking without this relationship. I believe I speak for almost every fraternity man on this campus when I say that.

To every pledge who has just completed "Hell Week" undaunted, I issue my personal congratulations for your endurance and sincere desire to simultaneously contribute and derive something good to and from your particular group. I hope that you will be able to say the things I am proud to say about my group when you reach your final year at Elon.

This past week I received from the Bann Management Corporation a copy of one of their recent surveys. This particular one was entitled "U. S. College Man Profiled." I thought it would be of interest to some of the students to learn the interests of an average American college man.

He is 20.6 years old. Twelve chances out of a hundred, he is married. He spent \$68 in refurbishing his back-to-campus wardrobe. It's an even bet that he owns or has full-time use of an automobile. He makes a point of being well-groomed and has already accumulated much of the gear of the good life. He is Joe College, 1963.

The survey shows that 11.8 per cent of today's undergraduates underwrite all of their college expenses, while 17.2 per cent do not contribute at all to their college support. Of the students interviewed, 29.3 per cent belong to a social fraternity. As to outside jobs, the study shows that 52.8 per cent work during summer only, while 30.3 per cent work both during the summer and school year. There are 14.6 per cent who do not work at all.

When asked about alcoholic beverage consumption, 66.8 per cent of the male students who were questioned responded affirmatively. In the survey group, 60.5 per cent drink beer while 50 per cent drink liquor. In the tobacco lines, 50.4 per cent of the male students surveyed answered that they smoked: 41.8 per cent cigarettes, and 14.8 per cent pipes. Filter types were the favorite cigarette brand.

The wardrobe was of special interest to me. While the median expenditure was \$68.07, 32 per cent spent over \$100 and 8.7 per cent over \$200. The typical student wardrobe consists of 2.6 suits, 2 sports jackets, 6.5 pairs of slacks, 3.8 pairs of shoes, 6.2 dress shirts, 10 sports shirts, 1.1 topcoats or overcoats, 4.7 sweaters, 8.3 ties, 2.7 belts, 14.6 pairs of socks, and .7 dress hats. Just how well do you measure up to the typical American college male in wardrobe items? I'm afraid they left me feeling rather unprepared for typical college appearance.

Questioned as to what magazine they read "regularly" (try to read every issue), 34.5 per cent said "Playboy," 33.3 per cent "Life," 29.5 per cent "Time," 25.1 per cent "Saturday Evening Post," and 21.1 per cent "Sports Illustrated." As to magazines read "occasionally" (not every issue but more than three times a year), 43.4 per cent of the students indicated "Life," 34.3 per cent "Saturday Evening Post," 29.6 per cent "Look," 28.4 per cent "Time," 21.5 per cent "Newsweek," and 20.7 per cent "Playboy."

I hope this proved of interest to you. It was very interesting to me to read of the tastes of the average college student, and see just how well I fitted into the pattern.

God needed only six days to create the world, but he had the advantage of working alone.