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A CERTAIN FRESHMAN

A certain Freshman entered the college of his choice to prepare for Life.

Now this Freshman, as most Freshman, was filled with a desire to prove himself—to show the folks at home that while he had not done his best in high school he had the ability within him to do better and he would dig in and make the grade.

And this Freshman, as most Freshmen, had ideals. He had come from a home in which love was to be found. He had great hopes, great dreams, great ambitions.

"Don't take Geology from Dr. Rock," they said; "he's hard!"

"Don't get Dr. Atom for Science, if you can help it," they said; "he'll split you!"

"Watch out for Dr. Propkicker in Religion," they said; "if you flunk the final you'll flunk the course."

"You'll never make it in English under Dr. Keatson," they said; "if you split a comma you've had it."

"Beware of Math under Dr. Thagoras," they said; "he'll reduce you to a simpler term—like zero!"

In due time, this Freshman, as most Freshmen, began to doubt his ability. After all, "they said," and they were upper classmen. They knew!

In a strange environment this lonely homesick Freshman, as most Freshmen, sweat it out for two weeks. He was ripe for the killing. Old Scuttlebut was doing its job.

And then one day, this Freshman, as most Freshmen, decided to confide in someone—the Dean, his Advisor, the President of the Junior Class or the Campus Pastor—and this Freshman laid his fears on the table.

"Isn't it strange," said his counselor, "that these upper classmen are still here?"

"What do you mean?" asked the Freshman.

"Well," replied the counselor, "if Dr. Rock is so hard and Dr. Propkicker flunks everybody who flunks the final, isn't it strange that so many Freshmen passed last year?"

And then this Freshman, as most Freshmen, said, "You mean . . . ?"

And his counselor replied, "Yes, never let an upper classman scare you. This is the worst form of hazing we have in this college. To be sure, the courses are not easy. But you didn't come here for easy courses. You came here to prepare yourself for Life and Life is never easy. To be sure, you'll have to study as you never did in high school, but you know that. Any student who can enter this college can graduate from this college if he works at it."

And so this Freshman, as most Freshmen, realized that the day of the left-handed monkey wrench, the knibblin pin and the snipe hunt was not over and that he had been taken in. And he buckled down to work and passed everything!

And the next year, this Sophomore, as most Sophomores, said to a lonely Freshman wearing the dink, "Don't take Flycasting from Dr. Baits. You'll surely flounder!"

And that Freshman—as most Freshmen—fought it out stayed.—CLIPPED.

Wisps Of Wisdom

Triumph is just "umph" added to "try." Too many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

Don't worry about finding your station in life. Someone will tell you where to get off.

It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

To make a long story short, there's nothing like having the boss walk in.



a view from the oak

By MELVIN SHREWES

Politics On Campus

Between now and the General Election in November, the Elon campus, like the entire nation, will be as lively as a bee hive in the middle of the honey season. Friends will argue among themselves; roommates will maintain their distance. Politics will be in the air.

The Maroon and Gold and its staff will be busy too. We plan to cover the activities of the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans as closely as possible, but we too will maintain our distance.

During the campaign, the Maroon and Gold will follow a non-partisan policy toward the candidates, the issues, the platforms, and the parties. But we are not going to just stand still while the parade goes by.

Together with the Public Relations Bureau, the Student Government Association, and Dr. H. H. Cunningham's Political Science 49 class, the Maroon and Gold will introduce The Oakland Survey. The survey will publish the results of campus samplings on political preferences among three major groups on campus: the student body, the faculty and staff, and the Poly Sci 49 class.

The survey team will be under the leadership of Oscar Fowler, a junior from Whaleyville, Virginia. A story explaining the survey appears in full on page one of this issue.

On behalf of all involved in this survey, the Maroon and Gold respectfully requests the cooperation of everyone approached to help compile the results. Unless the answers given on the questionnaires are sincere, these efforts will be fruitless. So please cooperate.

One more thing about the campaign. The question now is "Who will be the next president of the United States?" In 1787 the question was different. One hotly debated question before the Constitutional Congress was "Should we have a president?"

The Congress finally decided to have a president. Now we must decide who will be the next president. What can you do in this presidential year to help elect the next president?

As part of our campus-wide "get out the vote" campaign, the Maroon and Gold suggests this five-point program: (1) know the candidates and the issues; (2) enroll in a party and support it; (3) make a contribution of money or time to your party—your donation and those of others can keep your candidate on the campus campaign trail; (4) be a "campaign committee of one"—talk up your candidate to your family, roommate, classmates, friends, and co-workers, and remind them to vote. But do not listen to or spread unfavorable rumors about any candidate; (5) finally, don't you fail to vote. Remember, when you go to the polls this November, you'll be an employee choosing the best man to handle one of the world's toughest jobs—President of the United States.

A Few Changes

On the non-political scene, Elon has changed a little during the past four months. A new "dorm-house" has been added, the dining room has been air-conditioned, a bell with an academic tone has replaced the siren with the air raid shrill, there have been some administrative changes, and new faces, both faculty and student, now grace the interior of our oaken campus. It looks as if all the changes are for the good.

Orientation

I think that most people concerned with the orientation of Freshmen this year will agree that things went off fairly smooth. Those who have worked with orientation before know what a pain it can be.

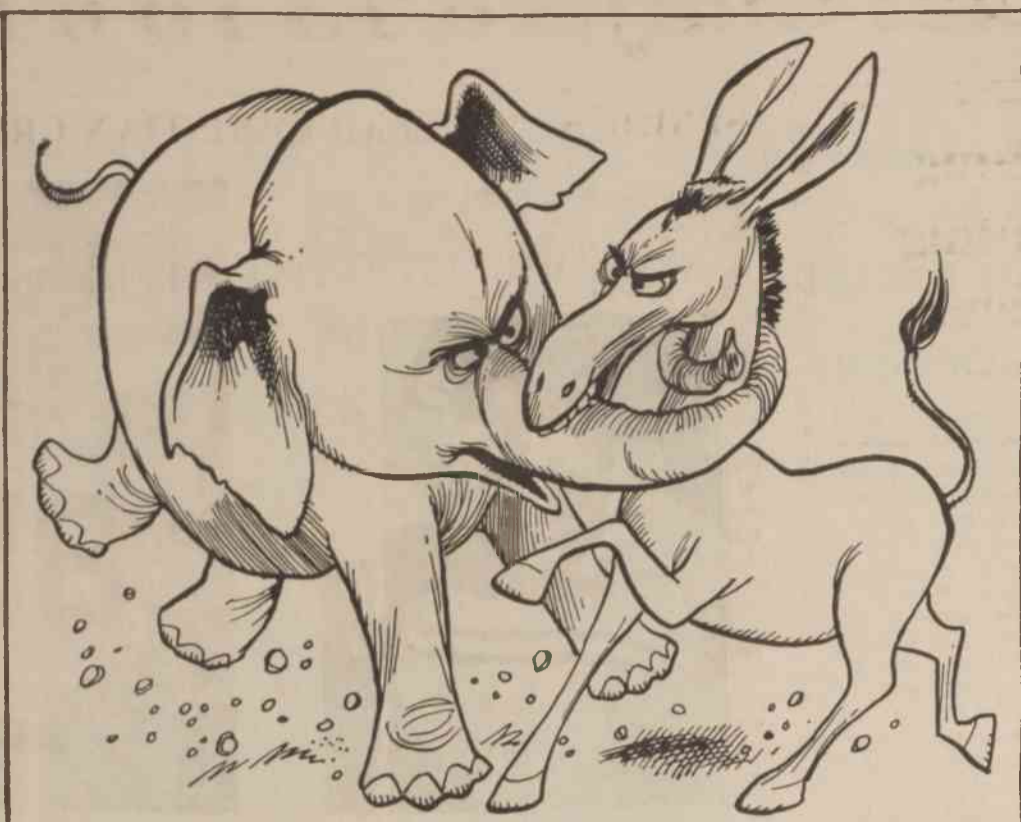
The freshmen seemed to be impressed too. The new folder was quite attractive and very helpful during these first hectic days. It also helped the office staff since it contained many things which at one time were handed out during registration one piece at a time.

The handbook was colorful and had been revised. A new Student Handbook of Clubs and Organizations was also made available through the Student Government Association, and it will be a big help throughout the year.

Those placement tests we had to go through in years gone by have been eliminated this year, and this was a time-saver, too. It also shows that Elon is selecting higher quality freshmen for admission—those who do not need remedial courses in English and other courses.

The YMCA party sponsored by the Student Government Association was a big success, and received words of praise from freshmen, orientation leaders, and administrators alike. The event was well worth the money, and it helped to introduce the freshmen to the Burlington community.

IT'S 'VOTERS CHOICE' — SO TAKE YOUR PICK



The cartoon above is symbolic of the Titanic political struggle now in progress in the United States and in North Carolina, and no public event in recent years has seemingly attracted greater attention on the Elon campus, where students loyal to each of the political parties have already perfected their organizations and are campaigning in enthusiastic style for their favorite candidates. The Maroon and Gold is cooperating with the Student Government Organization and with the Political Science classes in a campuswide student opinion survey and later in the staging of a mock election.

Newcomers Join Elon College Faculty

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from the University of North Carolina and the master's degree from East Carolina College. In addition to high school teaching, he has

taught as a graduate fellow at East Carolina.

Prof. Lewis R. Drumm, who joined the Elon faculty as an assistant professor of natural sciences, holds the A. B. degree from Susquehanna University and the master's degree from New York University. He has had long experience in the public schools of New Jersey and as an instructor at Panzer College.

Prof. John P. Gerlach, a graduate of Center College in Kentucky and holder of the masters degree from Wake Forest College, comes to Elon this year as an assistant professor of mathematics after having served for two years as a laboratory instructor at Wake Forest.

Prof. Vincent Lamphier, who also came to Elon as an assistant professor of mathematics, holds the A. B. degree from Manhattan College and the master's degree from Wake Forest. He has also done additional graduate work at the University of Michigan and was a computer programmer for the Inter-

national Business Machines Corporation.

Prof. Blair H. Plunkett, who was named assistant professor of Span-

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MISS BETTY JANE BRANDON

History



MRS. JEANNE S. BRIDGEWATER

German



PROF. DONALD B. CATES

Geography



PROF. LEWIS R. DRUMM

Natural Science



PROF. JOHN P. GERLACH

Mathematics



PROF. VINCENT LAMPIER

Mathematics



PROF. BLAIR H. PLUNKETT

Spanish And French



MRS. MARTHA S. SMITH

English

over the bar

By PAUL ROBINSON



A man will die without air, water or food. For this reason most men rank these natural elements as fundamental necessities for life. But by also being a creature of rational endowment, he evaluates perpetually each act within his physical experiences. Man avoids touching fire and swallowing acids because these actions inflict pain. On the other hand he eats candy, goes to the beach, and watches movies because these experiences are pleasing.

Physical experiences, therefore, are easily evaluated, the standard being our inclination for pleasure and our particular intolerance for pain. There are also prevalent within our realm of living many non-material yet equally affecting experiences. These are events that arouse man's emotions. They touch on his passions and prejudices. They are abstract and intangible. Love, hate, jealousy, faith, morality and honor are but a few that are prevalent within our everyday experiences. The latter abstract noun serves as the cornerstone of this column. In each issue a particular element of honor will be discussed.

Man is older than honor itself, for it is a product of his more highly developed mind, perhaps finding its origin in the age of the Neanderth Man. Honor is often a dominant emphasis in various religious writings, yet honor in itself is an abstraction and cannot be tasted, felt, touched, seen, nor smelled. What, then, is this concept which lasts down through the ages of civilized man and which acts as the lighthouse guiding much of man's literature and conservation. The following is what several great men have said about honor:

"Honor is the moral conscience of the great." — Sir W. Davenant.

"Honor's a lease for life to come." — Samuel Butler.

"Honor — The strong idol of man's mind." — Sir Phillip Sidney.

"If I lose my honor, I lose myself." — Shakespeare.

"The purest treasure moral times afford is spotless reputation; that away, men are but gilded loam, or painted clay." — Shakespeare.

"Honor is like an eye, which cannot suffer the least injury without damage; it is a precious stone, the price of which is lessened by the least flaw." — Bossuet.

"And as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds, so honor peareth in the meanest habit." — Shakespeare.

"Now the man is thought to be proud who thinks himself worthy of great things . . . If we consider him point by point we shall see the utter absurdity of a proud man who is not good. Nor again would he be worthy of honor if he were bad; for honor is the prize of virtue and it is to the good that it is rendered." — Aristotle.

If the thoughts of these several great men can be accepted as evidence, then honor itself can be readily accepted as an important a consideration in our moral lives as air, water and food is in our physical lives.

Some have been heard to say that man must eat first and worry about religion, morals, social custom and honor secondly. In a primitive society this order of preference is acceptable, because physical existence was the sole necessity of life. Twentieth century man, however, lives in a completely different environment. We live in a highly developed culture which is totally interdependent where every citizen has an obligation to contribute his share of effort in an ever increasingly specialized manner.

Being so highly dependent as each of us is on everyone else doing his share of work, it becomes necessary for certain standards to be established to guide the total organization of society. If an individual violates a statute he is apprehended by professional policing agents and tried before that society's court. A murderer is charged, a speeder loses his drivers license, a thief is sentenced to a prison term and so on. In each case the violator is punished because he broke a law, but reflecting further we can say that he has acted dishonorably. He has in effect injured his society. A man without honor cannot be allowed to live freely in society at the expense of all of his fellow citizens. His freedom is not only unfair to everyone else but it also threatens the stability of the society itself.

For the college student these are unique years. While on campus he is living outside of the mainstream of the greater society of American living, but at the same time he is living in many respects in a miniature of that same greater society. It is during these sampling years that our destinies will be defined.

Academic excellence can lead to great opportunities later. Athletic adeptability may

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