

Baseballers Open Season With Win Over Catawba

'Sigmas' Win Campus Cage Crown, 70-43

The "Sigma" quint of Sigma Phi Beta rolled out a red-hot offensive assault and turned back their "Phi" brothers, also of Sigma Phi Beta, by a 70 to 43 margin here last Friday night and thus gained the intramural championship of the Elon Campus for the 1965 season.

The two teams had already carried the Sigma Phi Beta colors to the top of the heap in each of the two intramural leagues, and had thus gained the final post-season battle. A preliminary feature of the final game was a battle between two faculty teams, the "Pros" and the "Cons," with the latter grabbing a hard-fought 55 to 49 victory.

The title-winning "Sigmas" rode some fine shooting by John Gozjack to a 34 to 22 margin over the "Phis" by half-time of the intramural finals, and Gozjack continued to pace the attack with able assistance from Fred Stewart and N. R. Franks as they led the champs to the final 70-48 edge.

The final count-down showed that Gozjack had 22 points, while Stewart had 15 and Franks 14 points. Mike Ray paced the "Phis" for the night with 16 points, with Clayton Johnson taking down second honors with 9 counters.

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THREE OF VETERANS WHO ANCHOR ELON PITCHING STAFF



The Elon College baseball squad, which opened a rugged 32-game schedule by topping Catawba College here last Friday afternoon, will depend heavily upon the three veteran mound stars shown above, all of whom were mainstays of Coach Jack Sanford's mound corps last spring. The three lettermen pitchers, shown left to right, are Charles Everett, a senior lefthander from Alexandria, Va.; Herbie Johnson, a junior lefthander from Burlington; and Richard Such, a sophomore righthander from Sanford. Each of the three had truly sensational earned run percentages last season, and the trio combined to win 16 games while losing only eight.

Johnson Pitches 5 To 4 Victory Over Indian Nine

Herbie Johnson, a sturdy junior left-hander, came on in relief and pitched and batted the Elon Christians to a 5 to 4 win over the Catawba Indians here on Friday, March 19th, as the Christian baseballers opened their 32-game season with a fine Carolinas Conference win.

Johnson, a former Burlington High School star, took over Elon's mound duties in the fifth after Catawba had gone ahead 4 to 3 in the top of the fourth, and Johnson held the Indians hitless for the last five innings and chipped in with a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth that clinched Elon's win.

Jerry Maye, ace of the Catawba staff, who was one of the finest pitchers in the Conference last year, was the victim of this Elon victory. Maye suffered by wildness as he hit two batters and walked six men, although he allowed Elon only four safe hits during the tilt.

The Christians used two hit batsmen, a walk, a fielder's choice and three-run triple by Pete Crook to score three runs in the bottom of the first. Catawba came back with two runs in the second and two others in the fourth as he got to Larry Collins, Elon freshman, for eight hits in the four frames.

The line score: R H E
Catawba 020 200 000-4 8 0
Elon 300 002 00x-5 4 2
Maye and Beland; Collins, Johnson (5) and Crook; WP - Johnson.

Baseball Schedule

Elon 5, Catawba 4.	
(Remaining Games)	
Mar. 23—Campbell, home.	
Mar. 24—Williams, home.	
Mar. 25—Williams, home.	
Mar. 27—W. and L., home.	
Mar. 31—A. C. C., away.	
Apr. 1—High Point, home.	
Apr. 2—Lenoir Rhyne, away.	
Apr. 3—Guilford, home.	
Apr. 6—Guilford, away.	
Apr. 7—Otterbein, home.	
Apr. 8—Otterbein, home.	
Apr. 9—West Carolina, home.	
Apr. 10—West Carolina, home.	
Apr. 12—Wilmington, home (DH)	
Apr. 13—Pfeiffer, away.	
Apr. 15—Camp Lejeune, away.	
Apr. 16—Camp Lejeune, away.	
Apr. 17—Camp Lejeune, away.	
Apr. 19—Wilmington, away (DH)	
Apr. 20—Wilmington, away.	
Apr. 23—High Point, away.	
Apr. 27—Catawba, away.	
Apr. 28—Lenoir Rhyne, home.	
Apr. 29—Appalachian, away.	
May 1—Appalachian, home.	
May 4—Pfeiffer, home.	
May 5—A. C. C., home.	
May 7—Newberry, away.	
May 8—Newberry, away.	
May 13-15 — Tournament at Asheboro.	

Spotlighting The Fighting Christians

By TOM CORBITT



Collegiate athletic programs, both big time and small time, are constantly the object of criticism. Despite the recent lauding of Fighting Christian championship teams, the Elon College athletic program is subject to many of the criticisms which are being made about other institutions.

In our affluent society, recognition of the value of athletics is almost universal. The well-rounded individual is a combination of mind and muscle. Moderate, regular physical activity throughout life leads to better health and increases the efficiency of the mind.

Ideally, the athletic program of the college or university will benefit all students. The "major sports" are supplemented by "minor sports," intramural, physical education classes, and by the use of other facilities by the individual at his leisure.

Yet what is desirable in theory is not always true in reality. Critics of modern athletic programs infer that in many cases the benefits of the collegiate athletic program are extended to as few as 75 students: thirty-five football, fifteen basketball and twenty-five baseball players. To the institution, intercollegiate athletics is a business and a source of free publicity that cannot be equaled at any price. Other observers classify physical education classes as glorified play periods, with token instruction and no physical conditioning. It is believed that minor sports and intramurals are not emphasized.

Added to these considerations is the suggestion that athletic programs fail to encourage those physical activities which the individual will be able to continue in later life. Few of us will keep physically fit years from now by being involved in football, basketball, or baseball. Indeed, these games do not keep us physically fit in the "prime of life." Tennis, swimming, and golf are sports in which we will engage throughout life.

Observers of athletics at Elon are in general agreement in rating the athletics program as inadequate.

The Elon athletic plant may be viewed as little more than a basketball arena. Physical education classrooms, dressing space, and football and baseball facilities are lacking. Football, most successful in terms of championships in recent years, lacks adequate dressing facilities, office and storage space, and most importantly in the eyes of many alumni, a stadium. There is general agreement that basketball facilities are ideal.

Baseball, by far the winningest sport over the last eight years, suffers most at Elon. Dressing space is inadequate. Maintenance work on the baseball field, from grading to weed pulling and trash hauling, has to be done by the baseball team before and after home games. Few of the students and fewer of the faculty see the games.

Minor sports exist at Elon on the subterranean level, for spring sports are under-equipped and under-coached.

An excellent example of the inadequacy of the minor sports program at Elon is the track program this year. Track Coach Gary Matlocks had to begin track practice before winter football drills had ended, and the first track meet was scheduled for the Friday before the final winter grid game. The high jumper, the pole vaulter, and the broad jumper had no pits in which to practice. Four years ago Elon College spent \$1,500 for track equipment, little of which has ever been uncrated for use. Space to use the equipment has not been provided until this year, and once the equipment is brought outside for use, there is nowhere to store the equipment when it is not being used.

Golf Coach Alan White was also unable to get out to the golf course until after March 15th, and the first golf match was scheduled for March 19th. Coach White plays golf, but he is the first to state that he feels qualified to do little coaching of the sport.

The tennis team has a 7-match schedule this year and has not won

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Meet The Baseball Players . . .

Elon Diamond Squad Has 12 Veterans

The Elon College baseball squad, which opened its 1965 campaign in practice battles with the Wake Forest Deacons at Winston-Salem on Tuesday of last week, is a veteran outfit with a nucleus of twelve lettermen, and Coach Jack Sanford can field an entire squad of lettermen from the twelve monogram wearers back in camp this spring. The Christian diamond outfit has had more than thirty men working out for the past several weeks, and the roster prepared by Coach Jack Sanford last week showed a total of

twenty-eight men, only twelve of whom are freshmen. The baseball fans among the Elon students and faculty are invited to meet the baseballers through the following brief sketches of the players, who are listed on the pre-season roster

CATCHERS

JOHN CROOK: Better known among Elon students as Pete Crook, this hard-scraping little letterman catcher is a senior from Kensington, Md., who has been playing in both infield and outfield in previous seasons. He is 21 years old, stands 5-9 and weighs 170 pounds. Bats and throws right.

TOMMY NEWSOME: This junior letterman from Burlington, is another small package that packs a lot of fighting qualities. He is 21 years of age, stands 5-8 in height and weighs 150 pounds. Bats and throws right.

JOE DAWSON: Another junior who hails from Sanford, Joe Dawson is better known for his activities as an All-Conference football player, but he has been a valuable reserve with the Elon baseball squad for two seasons. He is 21 years old, stands 5-11 in height and weighs 200 pounds. He bats and throws right.

RONALD FITCH: Only freshman among the four catching prospects, Fitch is 19 years old, is 5-11 in height and weighs 150 pounds. He bats and throws right.

PITCHERS

CHARLES EVERETT: A senior letterman from Alexandria, Va., Everett has done a fine job on the mound for the Christians for three seasons. He is 21 years old, is 5-10 in height and weighs 175 pounds. Bats and throws left.

HERBY JOHNSON: A junior letterman pitcher from Burlington, Herby Johnson did an outstanding job on the mound in his first season with the Christians last year. He is 22 years old, stands 5-10 and weighs 190 pounds. He bats and throws left.

RICHARD SUCH: A sophomore letterman pitcher, who pitched Elon's only "perfect game" in history last year, Such hails from San-

Ferrell Breaks Shot Put Record

The Catawba Indians topped Elon 6 to 4 in a dual track meet at Salisbury last Friday, March 19th, but Elon's Bobby Ferrell stole the

show when he broke the Elon record in the shot with a heave of 45 feet 9 inches.

With this fine heave Ferrell smashed the old mark of 44 feet 7 inches set by Bob Edmundson in 1950, a mark which had stood longer than any other Elon record. The Edmundson mark was also the Carolinas Conference record, so Ferrell bettered the Conference record too, but he can only set a new Conference mark in the annual Conference meet.

Other Elon firsts were by Sonny Pruette in the half mile and by the Elon mile relay team composed of David Oliphant, Bob Gregory, Sonny Pruette, Bill Frank. Frank also tied for first in the high jump.

The summary:
100 YARD DASH: Cook (C), Robbins (C), Ingram (C). TIME: 10.3 secs.
220 YARD DASH: Blackmon (C), Cook (C), Oliphant (E). TIME: 23.3 secs.
440 YARD DASH: Blackmon (C), Frank (E), Groat (C). TIME: 53 secs.
880 YARD RUN: Pruette (E), Robbins (C), Ray (E). TIME: 2 mins. 5.9 secs.
MILE RUN: Humphreyville (C), Crabtree (E), Lewis (E). TIME: 4 mins. 49.5 secs.
TWO-MILE RUN: Humphreyville (C), Lewis (E), Hancy (E). TIME: 10 mins. 58 secs.
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Williamson Named New Assistant Grid Mentor

Bennett Williamson, a native of Clarkton and a former Wake Forest line star, has just been named line coach for the Elon College football squad, according to an announcement made last week by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, who stated that Williamson will assume his duties with the opening of the 1965 grid practice at Elon on September 1.

Williamson, who is now a member of the coaching staff at New Bern High School, where he serves as line coach in football and also coaches wrestling and tennis, joins an Elon football staff which includes Gary Matlocks, recently elevated to the head coaching spot for the Christians, and Alan White, who joined the Elon staff as an assistant last September.

The new Elon line mentor played both football and basketball at Clarkton High School, where he won All-State grid honors in 1957. He was active in various phases of school life at Clarkton, serving as president of his class twice, as president of the Beta Club, and was also active in Methodist youth work in his church.

Coach Williamson went on to Wake Forest on a football grant in aid and made a fine record as a tackle with the Deacons. He graduated in January of 1963 with a B. S. degree in physical education after a fine academic record and after serving as an officer of the Monogram Club and of Phi Epsilon Kappa physical

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COACH BENNETT WILLIAMSON

education fraternity. He had served as line coach for the Wake Forest freshman team during the fall of 1962 while completing graduation requirements.

He then attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina and received his Master of Education Degree at the Chapel Hill institution in June, 1964. In addition to his coaching duties at Elon, he will also teach in the college's physical education department.

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MINOR SPORTS

GOLF SCHEDULE

- Elon 8 1/2, Catawba 7 1/2. (Remaining Meets)
- Mar. 30—High Point and A.C.C., away.
- Apr. 1—Campbell and Wesleyan, away.
- Apr. 3—A.C.C., away.
- Apr. 5—Wilmington, away.
- Apr. 8—High Point, away.
- Apr. 9—Wilmington, home.
- Apr. 13—Appalachian, home.
- Apr. 26—Catawba, home.
- May 7—Appalachian, away.
- May 13—Wesleyan, home.

TRACK SCHEDULE

- Elon 41, Catawba 86. (Remaining Meets)
- Mar. 23—Wofford, away.
- Apr. 6—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 10—East Carolina, away.
- Apr. 24—Davidson Relays.
- Apr. 28—W. and L., away.
- May 4—Guilford, away.
- May 7—High Point, away.
- May 10—NAIA Meet, Laurinburg.
- May 12—A.C.C., away.
- May 15—Conference Meet, High Point.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

- Apr. 22—Guilford, away.
- Apr. 24—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 27—A.C.C., away.
- Apr. 30—High Point, home.
- May 5—Appalachian, home.
- May 7—High Point, away.
- May 11—A.C.C., home.