

## MAROON AND GOLD

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### SPIRIT OF PRIDE NEEDED ON THE ELON CAMPUS

The need for team pride and its consequent will to win was stressed for the Elon College football team when the Christian grid candidates gathered for the beginning of the 1967 winter football workouts under the new coaching staff, and it would appear that the need for pride may belong to the student body in general as well as the members of the football squad.

There was a time in years gone by when Elon students were proud to be members of the Christian athletic teams, and the Elon student body in general seemed to take greater pride in supporting the team. Some say that this lesser degree of pride and school spirit today may be attributed to ill fortunes that have dogged the college's teams in some recent seasons, but it also seems that the lack of pride was evident in some comparatively recent teams that were winners.

A comment was heard some days ago that one never sees an Elon athletic monogram being worn on the campus any more. Ten years and more ago such a comment would not have been true, for everywhere one went he saw Fighting Christian players in all six letter sports wearing their monogram sweaters constantly and proudly.

At that time the Monogram Club was a lively and active organization and exerted a strong influence in student body affairs. In fact, the support of the Monogram Club members was valued and sought by any and all students who were candidates for campus offices.

Someone also commented recently that perhaps the absence of monograms about the campus may be due to the fact that the pull-over sweaters, upon which letters were usually worn, are no longer in style for the well-dressed man about the campus and that college boys today prefer to wear jackets or other type of apparel. It was also pointed out that the traditional "Senior Jackets" that the college has always presented to senior athletes are not awarded in time for the boys to get much use of them during their campus residence.

Whatever the reason, it is a fact that one seldom sees anyone wearing a letter, and it would seem desirable that something be done to encourage those young men who are good enough to make the teams and to represent Elon in the sports world to display this traditional monogrammed evidence of their skills. Perhaps it might induce others to try out for the teams and thus improve Elon's athletic fortunes through new talent.

If the fault lies in the style of letter sweaters or jackets which are given, then perhaps it would be well for the college's sports leaders to consider making some changes in the types of monograms presented to the boys.

The recent organization of the new Varsity Club, which was announced recently to replace the long defunct "E" Men's Club, would seem to be a step in the right direction. That club was formed for the purpose of promoting the sports program in general and to improve the communication and relationship between the athletes and the rest of the campus, and certainly it is a worthy aim.

## ADVOCATUS DIABOLI

By TOM PEARSE

The typical student never made a wise statement nor did a foolish thing. He or she is Joe College personified. They wear button-down minds on their sleeves. What do they contribute to campus life? Could be their social graces, it's doubtful. Their social grace goes about as far as the intensity of their stare at the opposite sex. Their main concern is not with academic rigors but with mediocrity. They should be likened to the twenty-mule team of Death Valley fame. But not the lead mule; the fifth one is a closer resemblance, the mule which sees the same thing day in and day out.

This is the student who lacks moti-

vation. Look to your right and then to your left, and that's him standing next to you. We have an over abundance of them here. Students are not alone in the realm. They have plenty of company in higher ranks.

The lack of school spirit permeates the entire campus, from the lowest school function to the highest. The Liberal Arts Forum recently had as the guest speaker Dr. O. B. Hardison, of Carolina. Dr. Hardison was picked by Time Magazine as one of the ten great professors of the country. There were very few students and even less faculty and none of the administration to hear what this famous man had to

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## Elon's Seal Means Much To College

Since the annual observance of Elon College Founders' Day is set for March 13th, it is quite fitting that attention should be called to the Elon College seal, which was adopted several years after the college was founded in 1889. A large replica of the seal has recently been installed in the foyer of the new William S. Long Student Center, and this fact has aroused interest in the seal.

This official Elon seal means much to the college, for it appears on all official documents, upon the college stationary and upon much of the public relations material, all of which makes it necessary that those interested in the college should know something of its origin.

The Elon College seal was designed by the late Dr. Walton Crump Wicker, who was at one time the head of the department of mathematics and who was an integral part of the college from its founding in 1889 until his death fifty years later in 1939. He completed the design for the seal in 1908, and it was approved by the board of trustees at their annual meeting in September of that year.

The minutes of the committee, which included Dr. Wicker's interpretation of the seal, were destroyed when the old Elon Administration Building was burned in 1923, but the significance of various symbols is generally known, since they are of Masonic origin, and the interpretation now given to the seal embodies much

of the same meaning as the original.

Numen Lumen, the Latin motto of the college, has been translated as "New Light," but a recent comment states that a more appropriate translation would be "Divine Light." The two columns represent strength, and the eye pictured above the lighted urn and the open book, is the All-Seeing Eye, shining down upon the Urn of Truth and Book of Knowledge. This represents the guiding principles upon which the college was

founded.

The circle enclosing these figures represents the eternal circle, unbroken from eternity to eternity. Eighteen hundred and eighty nine, the date included in the seal, is the date of the founding of Elon.

Wherever the use of color is possible, the symbols are of maroon upon a gold background, these two colors having been from the beginning the traditional colors of the college.



## Campus Group Saddened By Thomas Death

The Elon faculty, staff and students were deeply saddened by the death of Edward Raymond Thomas, well-known Burlington man, who passed away in a Burlington hospital on Friday afternoon, February 17th after more than a year of failing health and a week of critical illness.

He was well known to many on the campus through their acquaintance with his wife, Mrs. Mary D. Thomas, who has for some years been secretary in the office of Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon College president.

He was also the father of Amy Thomas, who is now a student at Elon College; and of Raymond Thomas and Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, both recent graduates of the college. Mrs. Johnston is known for her fine work in Elon musical programs both before and since graduation.

Funeral services were held at Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington on Sunday afternoon, February 19th, one of the officiating ministers being the Rev. John S. Graves, Elon's campus minister.

## Slavic Speech

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as a member of academic and Quaker religious missions to Russia, Egypt, Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia and other Old World nations.

He holds membership in the Committee on Slavic Studies of the Council of Learned Societies, in the American Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies of which he was president and also on the executive council of the Modern Language Association.

He has edited several volumes of Slavic studies and is the author of a number of books, among them "Leskov and Russia's Slavic Brethren" and "The Penetration of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature Into Other Slavic Countries."

## A CHOICE TO BE MADE

By DON KING

As a college student, you young men here at Elon represent available manpower for the armed forces of the United States. The military action in Viet Nam has brought the need of manpower into constant discussion, and you seniors who are soon to graduate will soon be listed in this available manpower. This poses a decision for you as to how you will go about handling this problem.

Since you are a student here at Elon College, you are probably listed as 2-5. To obtain this 2-5 classification, you must be a full time student and also "a student in good standing." This description as "a student in good standing" also applies to your chances of entering graduate school for advanced study or obtaining an immediate career in business.

As a graduating senior, you have three choices:

- (1) To enter graduate school.
- (2) To accept a job and hope for the best.
- (3) To enlist in the armed forces.

In facing this choice, your first question to yourself should be, "Which is the best for me?"

Graduate schools have witnessed an increase in applications for advanced study. This is either caused by the draft pressure and the desire to dodge service or the ability to foresee that an advanced degree normally furnishes a higher starting salary.

Some graduate students hope to stay in graduate school until they reach the age of 26, hoping that they will then fear no more the possibility of being drafted. However, the graduate student can no longer linger in

his graduate studies. New rules for those with a 2-5 deferment state that two years is the maximum time allowed to obtain a master's degree and that no more than three additional years is allowed for a Ph.D. degree.

The second choice of accepting a position in business after graduation also presents a problem. Many companies find themselves caught in the middle of the draft problem, just as is the case with individuals. The jobs are available, but should a company hire a recent college graduate and then lose him to the armed forces?

Large corporations do not want to invest a great deal of time and money into the training of a new employee and then lose him for six months or two years. They cannot be assured he will want to return to the company after his military obligation is fulfilled. Some jobs are draft deferrable. The basis for this status is that it is more in the national interest to keep a man on his job than to draft him for armed duty. All occupational deferments are subject to periodic review, and continued deferments are not guaranteed.

If you decide to work in business after graduation, consider whether (1) how you will be considered by this particular company, (2) what are your chances for military deferment and (3) how long you will be able to work without being drafted. Companies will hire men with even 1-A classifications, but they want to be assured that these men will stay with the company after military obligations are completed.

And finally, you can always enlist and not have to worry about the draft at all!

## Language Lab Equipment Bought

Announcement has just been made of the purchase of new equipment to be installed this spring to improve the instructional program in the lab.

The new equipment includes tape decks, microphones and earphones for the twenty-eight individual booths for the use of the students, along with a new console which feeds the instructional material. The improved equipment was made possible by a

grant of \$8,250 under the federal government's Higher Education Act of 1965, a grant which represents half the project cost.

The Elon language laboratory was installed eight years ago and was one of the earliest of its type among the colleges of the area, and during the intervening years it has done much to improve the calibre of the modern language program on the campus.