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Believe me, it takes a hefty wad of courage to participate in varsity athletics at Elon.

Academic type instructors, for one thing, scowl at what they believe is preferred status for the sports people.

And another problem is our guys get lost when the newspaper writers put together their daily journals. Elon and kindred schools in the Carolinas Conference belong to a grouping that is different from what they have over at Chapel Hill, Duke and Wake Forest. Sports writers are wont to act as if the entire world whizzes around those schools.

I know that my paper up at Newport News has trouble finding even the line scores of Elon ball games on the wire. Yet, if N. C. State's junior varsity scrimmage, we can expect telephotos. Further, I am positive that C.C. schools -- at least at Elon -- do feed details to the wire services.

And if UPI did, at best, a half-a-posterior job on covering the past C.C. basketball tournament, then I suspect that AP did not even staff the playoffs. We could not get a word from AP, and only partial coverage from UPI. Somebody in the Carolinas Conference administrative level ought to, ahem, get on the ball and convince the news media that Elon could use a few headlines too.

The C. C. officialdom might well take a more realistic look at scholarships. Elon's restrictions place it in the position of having to do with leftovers from the big schools. Nobody cares to admit it, but that's what often happens.

The whole conference needs a re-examination. I mean, how can a group function effectively when schools such as Western, Appalachian and East Carolina wise up to the humpty - dumpty way we're doing business? They quit the C. C. and play elsewhere. That's what.

Now, what I'm about to say has no bearing whatsoever on academic image, because the colleges in point carry respectable scholarly status-- I'm annoyed at their athletic deficiencies. I hope to goodness Carolinas Conference leaders bestir themselves to do something about all the yo-yo colleges in the league.

If High Point, Atlantic Christian and Pfeiffer cannot or don't care to field a full sports program including football, then why not get out of the C.C. and form their

DRAMATIC MOMENT IN 'DON PASQUALE' OPERATIC PRODUCTION



The above scene from the National Opera Company's presentation of Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," which will be given in Elon's Whitley Auditorium at 8 o'clock next Tuesday, March 25th, portrays the fake marriage ceremony in which the elderly suitor marries the beautiful young bride, only to find her transformed into a shrill and demanding shrew. The opera will be performed in English in Whitley next Tuesday night, coming as the next in the series of Elon Lyceum programs.

Elon Nine Features Hustle

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play any of the outfield positions and most of the infield spots. In addition, Drake plans to use him in short relief jobs on the mound when necessary.

"Mike is a good RBI man and will play somewhere. He hits better as a lefty, but he is effective with the stick from either side of the plate. Three other outfielders back from last year are Joe Rinaca, Rick Smith and Mel Cliborne.

"Smith hit .272 as a freshman," Drake said, "but he slipped down some last year. However, he is a good hitter and adequate fielder. Rinaca is a left-handed hitter and gets on base frequently. Cliborne hit .302 last spring and made the All-Conference team, although he did not play regularly."

In summing up his prospects at the opening of the season, Coach Drake said, "Our main asset will be speed. All of our outfielders have speed to burn, and that is a real asset in that big park we play in here at home. They

own league?

They could be replaced with Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb and Wofford, all of which do field football teams.

So, as I said, it takes gumption to play ball in the Carolinas Conference as it exists now -- and a dash of bravado to even write about it. Too many people prefer pussy-footing around on its deficiencies.

have plenty of room to roam in that outfield."

"I am optimistic about our chances in the Conference," Drake continued. "Our biggest problem at first will be lack of pitching experience. If we can get by some of the early games in pretty good shape and let the pitcher get some experience, then things will be all right. Our hitting should improve over that .196 squad average last spring. Our schedule itself is an asset, for we play our non-conference games early and that gives our youngsters a chance to get settled before breaking into the Conference warfare."

TRACK SQUAD

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hand include Rusty Roberts in the hurdles, Dan Linker in the shot put and Bill Walker, who comes back out this spring after lettering two years ago in the sprints. Other candidates are Emery Moore, Rex Davis, Ricky Williams, Gary Colbert, Ronnie O'Brien and Bruce McFerren.

In addition to the Campbell meet, the Christians will also meet Atlantic Christian, Guilford, Sandhills and Catawba, some of them twice, and will enter the Davidson Relays and the Conference and NAIA District meets.

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Life's hardships should make one better, not bitter.

Christian Linksmen Open Season Today

The Christian golf team, playing again under Coach Gary Mattocks, has been working in unseasonable cold in preparation for the opening dual meet with Catawba today and two meets with Campbell and Pfeiffer on Tuesday and Friday of next week.

The Catawba and Pfeiffer meets are on the road, while the Campbell engagement is set for Arrowhead. The Christians face a total of 15 meets during the season, seven-

of them to be triangular affairs.

The candidates for the Christian links squad include Bick Long, Charles Woody, Frank Webster, Rick Bray, Mickey Combs, Bill Dickerson and Jerry Richardson.

Teams which will be met during the golf season include, in addition to the ones scheduled next week, others from High Point, Appalachian, Guilford, Atlantic Christian and Western Carolina.

Wiggins Will Coach Elon Net Squad

Coach Twig Wiggins, who came to Elon as assistant coach of basketball this season, will direct the Elon tennis team this spring, and the Christian netters open their 1969 campaign by meeting Juniata College here on March 31st for the first meet.

Coach Wiggins has not released a roster yet, but the Christians have several from last year's team that had Elon's first winning season in 18 years. A schedule of twelve meets has been listed for this spring.

Net meets are scheduled with Juniata, Old Dominion, Pfeiffer, High Point, Atlantic Christian, Guilford and Western Carolina, along with the Conference tournament.

Elon Antique Show Held March 12-14

Some of the largest crowds of the college year have been attracted to the Elon College Alumni Memorial Gymnasium for the annual antique show that is sponsored each year by the Alamance-Caswell Medical Auxiliary in mid-March each year.

Mrs. Robert Watson and Mrs. Roland Matthews have served as co-chairmen for the 1969 event, which was held on the campus from March 12th through March 14th, and which drew capacity crowds of antique lovers to the Elon gymnasium.

A special feature of the annual antiques fair this year was the art gallery, held in a classroom at the gymnasium.