

Students To Play Santa To Orphanage Children

Elon Delegates At Miami Meet

Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, and Dr. J. E. Daniele, dean of students, were representatives of the college at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which was held at Miami Beach, Fla., for four days from Monday, November 28th, through Thursday, December 1st.

The meetings, which had the Shore Club Hotel in Miami Beach as headquarters, attracted representatives from practically every college in the South, and both Dr. Smith and Dean Daniele reported interesting discussions, with particular attention to the prospects of rapidly increasing enrollments within the next five to ten years.

Pi Gamma Mu Names Five New Members

Five outstanding students in the field of history and social science have been named to membership in the Elon College Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary society.

The Pi Gamma Mu organization, dating back to 1924, is designed to improve scholarship in history and social science, to encourage social service to humanity and to inspire a more intelligent approach to social problems. To be eligible for membership a student must have no failures in any subject and an outstanding record in history and related fields.

New members of the Elon group are Bobby Robertson, Robert Baxter and Edgar Murray, all of Burlington; and Jerry Moize and James Sears, both of Gibsonville. Those already holding membership include Barbara Carden, of Burlington, Terry Emerson, of Lewes Beach, Del., Kenneth Lambert, of Norfolk, Va., and Marjorie Sutton, of Elon College.

Officers for the current year are Terry Emerson, president; Robert Baxter vice-president; and Marjorie Sutton, secretary-treasurer. Dr. H. H. Cunningham, head of the Elon College history department, is faculty advisor for the group.

The members of the local chapter are planning as a special project for this year a review of the work of the United Nations during the first ten years.

The students of Elon College will partake of the real spirit of Christmas tonight when members of the student body join once more in playing Santa Claus to the children at the Christian Orphanage. The occasion will be the annual Christmas party, to be held in the Student Union at 7:30 o'clock.

This Christmas party for the orphanage children is not new on the Elon campus, for the 1955 event marks the ninth year that the college students have entertained the children, and past years have proven that the college students have just as much fun at the annual event as do the children themselves.

The first Yule season party was staged in 1947 under the sponsorship of Alpha Pi Delta fraternity, with individual credit for the idea going to Ralph Edwards, who was at that time a member of the fraternity and president of the Elon student body. The Alpha Pi Delta boys have sponsored the Christmas party each year since

There are now 76 children living at the orphanage, according to a statement this week, the number being almost equally divided between the boys and the girls and with ages ranging from five to seventeen years. A list of their names, with ages and sex, has been available in the College Book Store for more than a week, and college students have been "adopting" them by signing their names beside the names of individual children.

The Pan-Hellenic Council, which includes representatives of the four fraternities and four sororities, has already made plans to provide once more two new bicycles, one for a boy and one for a girl, with recipients of these shiny gifts to be designated by the Orphanage authorities.

The Greek letter groups which will cooperate in staging tonight's party include Alpha Pi Delta, Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu, and Sigma Phi Beta fraternities and Beta Omicron Beta, Delta Upsilon Kappa, Pi Kappa Tau and Tau Zeta Phi sororities.

Chapel Concert Given By Band

The Elon College Band, with appearances limited to the football games during the fall quarter, made its first concert appearance of the year in a chapel service in Whitley Auditorium at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The band, playing under the direction of Prof. Dewey M. Stowers, played a program that featured a number of marches, along with some specialty numbers and Christmas selections. This was the first concert appearance for an Elon band in a number of years.

Large Audience Hears Choir In Annual Rendition Of 'Messiah'

One of the largest audiences of recent years heard with appreciative awe the Elon College Choir in its twenty-third annual presentation of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah," which was presented in stirring style in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday night, December 4th.

There was no distracting sound in the auditorium from beginning to end, for the audience listened with rapt attention to the sweeping recitatives, the arias and the choruses that have thrilled listeners since Handel composed them in 1741.

The solo parts were sung brilliantly this year by a quartet of guest artists, which included two old favorites and two new visiting

stars. Harold Haugh, tenor and member of the University of Michigan faculty, was back for the eighth time in the annual production; and Miss Beatrice Donley, contralto, of Raleigh, a member of the Meredith College faculty, made her third appearance with the Elon Choir.

Miss Maude Nosler, of Chicago, acclaimed throughout the Midwest for her work with symphonies and choruses, was heard with pleasure as soprano soloist. The other new guest was Clarence Southern, bass, director of the Southern Music Studios in Burlington, who agreed at the last moment to take the place of Wallter Vassar, of Greensboro. Vassar was stricken ill and was unable

to make his scheduled appearance. The Burlington singer won high praise for his excellent work on such short notice.

Supporting the soloists and singing the beautiful choruses of the Handel oratorio was the Elon Choir, with returning Choir members swelling the total to eighty voices. As always the mighty "Hallelujah Chorus" was a favorite.

Prof. John Westmoreland returned to the podium after being absent in Europe last year and exhibited his usual perfect control. Adding much to the enjoyment of the hearers was the organ accompaniment, which was played by Prof. Fletcher Moore, chairman of the Elon music department.

Holiday Period To Begin Friday

The 1955 Christmas holidays for Elon College will get underway on Friday of this week, according to an announcement from the office of Dean J. E. Daniele, and the entire campus is aglow and agog with Yuletide spirit.

The Yule season holidays will continue for two full weeks, with classes to resume on regular schedule at 8 o'clock on Monday, January 2nd, with the extra weekend stretching the vacation to sixteen full days.

The exodus of students will begin as soon as each student has finished classes Friday. Many of the faculty will get away at the same time for visits with home folks or friends.

Merry Christmas



Old Santa Himself

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
He placed all the gifts and he turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight—
"Happy Christmas to all and to all a Good Night."

Players Choose 'Little Foxes' For Second Show Of Season

The growth of industrial interest and power in the Deep South about the turn of the century is the theme for Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," which is to be the next stage production for the Elon Players. The Broadway success will be staged in Mooney Auditorium late in January.

In announcing the selection of Miss Hellman's great play, Prof. M. E. Wooten cited the highly successful run which the play had on Broadway with Tallulah Bankhead in the leading role. It was later made into a very fine movie, with Bette Davis as the outstanding

Prof. Wooten who made a highly successful start as director of the Players this year with his very fine production of "Out of the Frying Pan," admitted that the Players are taking an ambitious step upward in choosing "The Little Foxes" for the next show, but he expressed confidence that the student actors are capable of mak-

ing the play equally as fine as the initial show this fall.

The new show is laid in the Deep South, the time being 1900, and its story revolves about the despotic Hubbard family, which is scheming to erect a cotton mill in the home town, and conflict arises over efforts of the Hubbard brothers, Ben and Oscar, to raise the money that is needed to finance the new venture.

The two brothers plan in highly dramatic fashion to obtain the money from their ailing brother-in-law, caring not how the money is obtained. In fact, they even go so far as to steal the money from Horace, the brother-in-law. Regina, wife of Horace and sister of the Hubbards, is quite as unprincipled as her brothers, and she uses the knowledge of the theft to blackmail them into giving her a major interest in the business.

Adding to the complications of the plot is the intimidated and

lonely wife of Oscar Hubbard and the wistful daughter of Horace and Regina, each of whom is entirely out of tune with the unscrupulous tactics of stronger members of the family.

The cast of the new Player show is virtually complete, according to Prof. Wooten, who stated that there is only one minor role to be filled at this time. That part is expected to be filled within a few days.

Already named for parts in the show are William Davis, of Gresham, S.C.; Helen Gilbert, of Burlington; Prof. William Goodrun, of Elon College; Roger Rush, of Burlington; Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek; Tommy Lewis, of Chadbourn; Bill Watson, of Sanford; Carolyn Duncan, of Wooddale; and Eugene Harrell, of Suffolk, Va. No less than five of this group had parts in the production of "Out of the Frying Pan" earlier this year.

Ford Foundation Grant For Elon

With the huge Ford Foundation giving half a billion dollars to privately endowed colleges and hospitals, Elon College is to be one of the beneficiaries of the huge fund. The college is to receive \$125,700 from the huge fund, according to stories in state newspapers yesterday.

President Leon E. Smith was away from the campus yesterday, and the Maroon and Gold was unable to get complete details of the grant and its effects upon Elon College in time for use in this issue. Further data concerning the fund will appear in a later issue.