

Elon College Players Open Big Season

Dramatic Class Gives Bill of Three Plays

The winter play season has arrived with a flurry of new plays. The first productions were a group of three, two of which were original plays written by the Dramatic Literature class, and the third was first written and produced by the Carolina Playmakers. The first performance was given on last Wednesday evening in the Little Chapel, starting at 8:30. The cooperative effort of the entire class has made the dialogue, scenes, layouts, and properties as successful as they were. The curtain opener was "Sophisticated Freshman" followed by "The Infernal Triangle" and the group was ended with "Funeral Flowers For The Bride."

The play "Sophisticated Freshman" had a quite novel and interesting birth. It began from an anecdote told in class by Nell Tingen. Upon hearing this story the class completed a plot, and chose the actors. Lines were added where necessary to explain the action and thus a play was born. From this small seed of humor sprang the full flower of comedy. The dialogue was retouched to give it greater length and humor, so, as it was presented, it composed three merry, madcap scenes. The result was a thirty-minute comedy from a two minute joke about the tale of a love sick Freshman girl and the humorous situations she became involved in through her attempts to win the love of the school's football hero.

The cast of "Sophisticated Freshman" included: Luvane Holmes as Mary Ann Snyder, a love sick Freshman girl who had been to many Joan Crawford movies. Joe Blanks as Jim Hardman, the football hero and a smoothie who is courting a nice girl for a change. Margaret Nash as Phyllis, a beauty parlor operator and all round nice girl who loved Jim without the knowledge of Mary Ann. Helen Schwob as Jane, a kitten in danger of becoming a cat. Alex Mebane as Fred, Jim's roommate and shadow for the hero, and Roscoe Gilmer as Elmer, the little boy who lived around the corner from Mary Ann.

The second play of the group "The Infernal Triangle" was the other original play by the Dramatic Literature class. The setting was the mountains in the western part of the state. The story concerned a farmer whose bossy and nagging wife made life miserable for him. He often wished the Devil would take her away, which finally came true. Life became a dream for him then, however, his fun was short lived for the Devil found life unbearable with this woman and finally took her back. Elizabeth Newton and Roger Inman held the roles as the Farmers wife and the Devil. The supporting cast included Boyd Clapp as the Farmer and Henderson Britt as the Farmer's son.

The closing play was the non-original one, "Funeral Flowers For The Bride", having been formerly written and produced by the Carolina Playmakers. It is one of their better plays and has for its setting the mountains of North Carolina. The play has an unusual mixture of love, drama, and comedy blended together. The leading roles were played by Jack Foushee and Marjorie Hunter, with the supporting cast including Howard Brown and Tenna Abner.

All who attended this group of productions apparently enjoyed them immensely.



Shown above is the receiving line of the Sophomore-Freshman Reception, which was held last Saturday night in the Y. W. C. A. Those in the receiving line are, left to right: Dean Oxford, Professor Stewart, Sally Avery, Kenny Herbert, Virginia Deese, Dan Barker, Peg Galloway, Jim Ferris, Ilene Phillips, and Seymour Goldblum.

Dr. Johnson Has Hot Dog Banquet in Woods

The "Hot-dog Banquet", sponsored by the Dr. Johnson Literary Society, was a ceremonial affair, as W. T. Walker and Louis Adair played 'chefs'. The members of the society with their dates breathed campfire smoke, sang songs, and digested charcoal hot-dogs, hot coffee, and the rest of a spicy menu. November 6, at the Girl Scout Lodge. Dr. Sprague with his wife, were part of the gang as they munched hotdogs, while chaperoning the occasion.

Debaters Planning Intercollegiate Action Throughout the State

"Should the states of this Western Hemisphere form a permanent union?" That is the vital issue which the students who are trying out for the Elon Collegiate Debating Team are studiously pondering over. The College hopes to enter four teams in the collegiate debates throughout the state this season. Preliminary try-outs are scheduled to come off the third week of this month. Doctor Merton French, faculty sponsor, is enthusiastically backing the program.

Additional students are expected to compete, however, as the program gets under way. The subject this year is of great public interest, as it relates to Uncle Sam's future policies with nations in this hemisphere, during the present international disorganization. The proposal for Although Doctor Johnson's Literary Society and the Ministerial Association are at present most actively participating, all students of Elon are eligible.

debate suggests a union, similar in mechanics to our own representative government, for all countries in the Western Hemisphere.

The orthodox procedure of debate will be used for the most part; an attempt at the "direct-clash debate" technique, which is growing in popularity among debaters, will also be tried. In the direct-clash debate, a definite number of issues, perhaps five by the affirmative and three by the negative, are decided on before hand. These issues are then debated individually for the allotted time, and the judge decides which side has the most points on each of the debated issues. This new system is more direct and effective and is rapidly coming into its own.

Honor Roll Announced For Mid-Semester, Freshmen Class Leads

Eighty Placed on Mid Semester Honor Roll

The Registrar's office announces the honor roll for the mid-fall semester grades. Eighty students made an average of B, and not having a grade below a C. The Freshman class leads the race with a total of twenty-seven, while the Seniors come close behind with twenty-four. The Juniors and Sophomores take the rear with fifteen and fourteen respectively.

Senior honors are given to Carrie Biggerstaff, Joseph Y. Blanks, Howard G. Brown, Silvio Caruso, Mary Claytor, Albert V. Coble, James S. Cox, Robert E. Cox, Christine Eaves, Frederick W. Foushee, Dwight Gentry, Jessie Irene Hook, Oscar D. Moore, Margaret B. Nash, Charles W. Parker, Margaret T. Pennington, Shirley Powell, William J. Reid, Paul Secrest, Earl Taylor, Mae Thornton, Mary Lewis Walker, Nannie V. Walker, and Gladys R. Wright.

Juniors: Mabel Abner, Howard C. Culbreth, Hazel White Dobbs, Margaret Edythe Felton, Frederick Gilliam, Angie Henry, William H. Huffstetler, Marjorie Hunter, Jewell E. Kerns, Marjella L. Rawles, Elliott Schmidt, Claude K. Utt, John B. Walker, Charles H. Walters, Elmer C. Williams.

Sophomores: Rena Black, George M. Bullard, Helen Clodfelter, Marjorie Copeland, James W. Elder, James V. Ferris, William E. Jesson, James W. Johnston, William P. Nash, Amerith L. Nichols, Ada M. Shook, Ross Lee Smith, Thomas Smythe, and Florence K. Walker.

Freshmen: Helen Rose Alred, Sally C. Avery, Miller Basnight, Betty L. Bell, Dorothy L. Chapman, Wiliam E. Coeman, Verona Daniels, Martha Duke, Salvatore A. Festa, Irving Gertz, Keith Harris, James C. Henderson, Elizabeth Hill, Virginia Jeffreys, Robert E. Johnston, Ruth Ad'th Koontz, Mary Louise Little, Betty L. Lynch, Margaret Helen Messick, Colley S. Morgan, Dora E. Muir, Charles W. Randolph, William D. Rippy, Harry A. Stolte, Cora E. Worsley, William P. Zipperer, and Raymond Day.

Sophomore-Freshmen Reception Is Given

The Sophomore Class entertained their former initiates, the Freshmen, with a reception held in the Y. W. C. A., last Saturday night. The guests were met at the door by a receiving line, consisting of Dean Oxford, Professor Stewart, and the Sophomore Class officers and their dates.

The room was decorated with orange and black streamers and paper turkey's were given to the guests as favors. Music for the evening was furnished by the Collegiates, under the direction of Howard Brown.

This reception was held after having been postponed for two weeks ago, in order that Sadie Hawkins Day party might be held. It is reported to have been one of the most successful Sophomore-Freshmen's ever held at Elon.

Education Club Is To Hear Dr. Carson Ryan

Dr. Carson Ryan, will speak to the members of the Education Club, Thursday Night, November 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the Society Hall. Dr. Ryan is head of the Education Department at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Ryan is a noted member of the Educational World and came to Chapel Hill last spring from the Carnegie Foundation, of which he was previously a member.

Elon was most fortunate in having Dr. Ryan on the campus two years ago. He has traveled extensively and is recognized as one of the best informed men in the current field of education.

This is a great opportunity for faculty members, practice teachers, and all students interested in the field of education. Dr. Ryan will inspire his audience in thoughts of educational pursuits of today. His talk will be given in the Society Hall and will be open to all who desire to attend, and students majoring in education are urged to be there. 8:30 in the little chapel he again spoke to the student body and afterwards to the Student Christian Association cabinet. Mr. Moritz was on the campus under the sponsorship of the Student Christian Association.

ANNUAL PRESS CONVENTION ATTENDED BY ELON STUDENTS

Ten Elon Students Are In Who's Who Volumn

Ten Elon Students have been selected to appear in the 1940-1941 volumn of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." Those selected were Mary Clayton of Hillsboro, Dorothy Edwards of Portsmouth, Virginia, Mary Walker of Brown Summit, Christine Eaves of Henderson, Helen Boone of Burlington, Irene Hook of Elon College, Edward Potter of Beaufort, Donald Born of Everett, Penn., Dwight Gentry of Roxboro, and Wallace Kernodle of Ossipee.

These young men and women were chosen on the basis of scholarship, student contact and recognition, dependability, general attitude, persistency in effort and general all aroundness. A write-up of each student will be placed in the "Who's Who" compilation of college and university students throughout America.

Four Students Attend N. C. Press Convention

The three-day Fall convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association was opened on Thursday afternoon of last week at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham.

About a hundred student journalists from some twenty colleges and Universities were registered. Representing Elon College were, Dot Edwards and June Murphey, Editor and Associate-Editor of the PhiPsiChi, and Marjorie Hunter and Bill Hilliard, Co-Editor and Business Manager of the Maroon and Gold.

The first general session of the convention got under way at 9:30 on Friday morning with the appointing of committees for the convention and Progress Reports from each publication were given. For the afternoon session the Editors and Business Managers of the Annuals, Magazines, and Newspapers were divided into group discussions led by C. A. Upchurch Jr., John A. Park, and J. H. Hardison all of Raleigh and Gordon Lewis of Durham.

The convention assembled on the Duke University Campus for luncheon Friday. Adjournment followed the general business session on Saturday morning. A theatre party was given for the delegates on the Duke Campus Thursday night, and a dance followed the banquet Friday night.

The surprise of the convention was tickets to either the Duke-Davidson or the State-Wake Forest football game. The surprise was sprung at the close of the general business session on Saturday.

Granger Delivers Stirring Messages To S. C. A. Groups

Reverend Lanson Granger, one of the youngest, but also one of the most sincere ministers of the North Carolina-Virginia conference, delivered two vital and stirring messages to the student body this week at the two regular morning chapel periods. He will also speak at our chapel next week.

Lanson Granger was a member of the graduating class of Elon College in 1936 — and while here was known and liked for his sincerity and seriousness. After graduating from Elon he went to Yale Divinity school where he graduated in 1939. Since 1939 he has been in Asheboro, N. C., where he is both founder and pastor of the Congregational Christian church.

S. C. A. to Hold Thanksgiving Chapel

In connection with the Thanksgiving season the Student Christian Association will have charge of the chapel service Wednesday, November 27. The association plans to present a program similar to the one formerly given in which Kenneth Utt led.

Moritz Here Last Week

Paul Moritz, a recent traveler in China and a member of a recent graduating class of the University of Kansas, spent the day on our campus, Wednesday, November 6. He was introduced to the student body and faculty at the regular chapel hour. At that time he spoke on "China's Christian Leaven". Afterwards he went to the little chapel where further discussion was held. Mr. Moritz was available for personal conferences in the afternoon.

DR. L. E. SMITH



Shown above is Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, who has played an active role in obtaining for Elon the new stadium.

FURTHER PLANS MADE FOR FIELD

Further plans for the construction of an illuminated football and baseball field for Elon were discussed at a meeting Monday night but no definite action was taken as to a decision on the location of the field.

A committee headed by W. C. Elder, of Burlington, and including C. C. Fonville, of Burlington, and George D. Colclough, of Elon College, suggested that a meeting of alumni be called following the annual alumni football banquet next Saturday night. It is expected that at this time a final choice of the two fields proposed will be made.

Surveys and estimated costs of improving Comer field and the field behind the Club House have been submitted to the committee. The actual raising of sufficient funds and a choice of location are the main problems confronting the Athletic association at present.

APPRECIATION

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty and student body for their kindness and expressions of sympathy during my recent bereavement.

Julius Clayton