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## Student Service Organization Makes Plans For Year

### Two Hundred Frosh Enrolled

As Elon College enters its 53rd consecutive year, its large freshman class of 200 students bring to a close their third week of college life, deeply embedded in the mysteries of the many new courses to which they are being exposed.

A tally of the records of the registrar's office show that nine states are represented in the class of '46 with Virginia in the lead with the exception of Elon's native state. Of the various states represented, the following Atlantic seaboard states are included; Mass., Conn., New York, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida.

Although the war has had its tolls on college campuses, it seems that the youth of the nation are determined to get every bit of education they can, regardless of present conditions, as is exemplified by the fact that the Elon freshman registration held its usual level.

A study of the courses selected by this year's freshman reveals the majority are training directly for work connected with the war effort. Many of the women students are engaged in the commercial department preparing to relieve the urgent need for trained stenographers.

Many of the men students have applied for admission to the Army and Navy reserve, many others have already been sworn into service and are continuing their studies while on inactive duty.

The pleasantness of freshman orientation and the unpleasantness of freshman initiation were officially brought to a close late last week, by the occasion of a party given by the class's honor by the Pan-Hellenic council, a committee composed of representatives of the various fraternities and sororities represented on the campus.

In addition to the freshman class, Elon has registered approximately 225 upperclassmen bringing the student body total to 425, a surprisingly large number considering war conditions.

### Publication Head Eligibility Discussed

Last week the newly selected Publications Board met and discussed the problem of election of the two college publication heads for next year. This Publications Board is composed of Dr. McClure, Judy Holoman, John Pollard, Mr. Colclough, Kent Dennon, and Ed Watts.

Next spring when election time arrives, this Publications Board will have to approve any student before he will be eligible to run for the editorship of the "Maroon and Gold" or "Phippsli". The nominee is not required to be a rising senior but one who has worked faithfully and cooperatively with the other members of the staff the previous year.

In the past there has been interest and competition among the students concerning the positions as editors of the two college publications. No doubt, the same will hold true this year, but it is the desire of the Publications Board to see that these coveted positions are won by merit and not necessarily by political pull.

### Utt Receives Music Scholarship

News was received here yesterday that Kenneth Utt, President of the Student Body 1941-42, had received a fellowship to the Julliard Graduate School of Music. Kenneth, in addition to holding the office of President of the Student Body, was a member of the Kappa Psi Nu Fraternity, a member of the dramatic club, choir, Pi Gamma Mu and a leader in the activities of the campus.

Julliard is one of the finest music conservatories in the country. A student of Julliard won the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air in last year's

### FROSH KING AND QUEEN



Above are shown the king and queen of the freshman class, selected by the civilian pilot trainees on the Elon campus, snapped as Tom Smythe placed the crown upon the head of the king at the

Pan-Hellenic party. Just previously, the queen had been presented a beautiful corsage and likewise crowned, Mary Denson, the queen, hails from Jacksonville, Florida, while the

king, Fred Grey, comes from Charlotte.

The coronation was the climax of the evening's entertainment sponsored by the fraternities and sororities on the campus.

### Program To Be Outlined In Student Chapel On Monday

### Spirited Campus Election Held

Politics, presumably adjourned in our nation's capitol for the duration, but definitely not just a side line on our Elon campus, took the spotlight last week for our second special student body election in as many years.

The resignation of Tom Smythe, student body president started the political fervor rising and not until the votes had been counted and recounted did the local politicians return to somewhere normal.

Despite the issues at stake and the intense interest of some of our party leaders, many of the voters shied away from the polls. A total of 137 votes were counted to record the smallest tabulation of a student body election in recent years. Freshmen were barred from the polls.

Also setting a precedent in the annals of Elon history was the nomination and near election of a girl candidate for the office of president. The main event of the election staged a twelve round bout between Judy Holoman and Billy Johnston, or to be more truthful, between the admirers of the two. Precedents were to be shattered right and left, however, for this contest chalked up the closest presidential vote in current records, with Johnston nosing out Holoman, 69-68. Immediately the two vote decision of Tom Smythe over Bob Sellers in last spring's election was remembered to further demonstrate the close political jockeying on our campus.

Nelson Snyder was chosen to replace Charlie Jones as president of the Sophomore class. This election was necessary after Charlie failed to return to school this fall.

"Buster" Butler was entrusted with the purse strings of the student body replacing Marvin Walker who entered Dental school at the University of North Carolina this fall.

Elections were thus adjourned until the regular nominations next March when once again despite the war, despite the weather, and despite everything else, Politics will again be the gossip of the campus, the key word of every meeting, and will mean another chance for that stab in the back at opponents.

### Elon To Enter Dramatics Contest

Elon will again enter the Carolina Dramatic Association Contest after an absence of one year due to changes in the English Department.

The Carolina Dramatic Association Contest is held yearly in Chapel Hill by the senior colleges of North Carolina. Each school is allowed two entries which are carefully read and checked by impartial judges connected with the University. Of all the plays submitted the judges select the two best. The colleges which entered these winning plays are then invited to present their productions in The Playmakers Theater at Chapel Hill at the time of the annual dramatic festival. Following the production the judges vote to decide which is the winner.

Elon has been fortunate in the past having placed first in 1939 and 1940, and second in 1941. Due to changes in the English department Elon did not enter last year but hopes to make a good showing this year.

The first prize winner Elon had was "Mill Village" by Issiah Sears. In 1940 we again won first place with "Old Ninety Seven" written by a sophomore English class. Then in 1941 second place was taken with "The Will of the Lord" by Dwight Gentry.

On Monday Morning, October 12, at the regular chapel program, the Student Service Organization will introduce its plans for the year.

This organization, which was organized last year, is going to be of great service to the students as well as the surrounding communities. Not only will the students participate in the activities of this organization, but people from all parts of Elon and vicinity have registered to do their part in carrying on the program.

Although the Student Service Organization will formally introduce the plans for the future in Chapel Monday morning, the members of the organization have been making plans since the first week of school. Dr. Hirsch was elected faculty advisor, succeeding Dr. Fletcher Collins, who carried the organization to success last year. Ed Watts was elected president.

The S.S.O. headquarters, which is located in down-town Elon next to the drug store was open for registration last week. Many of the students registered to give their services to the various projects such as Blood Donor, Day Nursery Training, First Aid, Air raid warden, Auxiliary fireman and Red Cross training.

This organization functioned very strongly last year. At numerous occasions the Chief Air Raid Warden from Burlington lectured on the campus. Many of the students learned the technique of extinguishing incendiary bombs as well as directing traffic to and from an air raid shelter. During the spring term there were two actual tests for air raids, the library stacks being the shelter. Other than the air raid work, there were students on the various committees previously mentioned.

With the student body realizing that it is at war, there should be even a greater interest in the Student Service Organization than last year.

### Westhafer In Naval Service

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30—Lieutenant (jg) Robert Lewis Westhafer, Beall Avenue, Wooster, Ohio will soon be performing the duties of a line officer of the U. S. Navy.

He is one of the volunteer officers who is in training at Tower Hall here, undergoing eight weeks of intensive instruction in gunnery, seamanship and navigation.

Westhafer, who was professor of Mathematics at Elon prior to his entrance into the service received his A. B. degree from Wooster in 1932, his A. M. degree from Harvard in 1934 and his Ph. D. degree from Ohio State in 1941.



Pictured above is the new president of the Elon student body, Billy Johnston, who succeeds Tom Smythe. The vacancy was created when Smythe resigned his office to enter a theological seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee.

### CIVILIAN PILOTS COMPLETE TRAINING

This year's present C. P. T. program, which is now nearing completion, has been and is one of Elon's successful contributions to National Defense. The ten trainees of the program are a bunch of swell fellows, all Carolinians hailing from Thomasville to Goldsboro. They follow a daily schedule that few of us would envy, running from 6:30 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. It is a schedule well filled with physical education, class work, flight work, and military drill, with very little time to loaf.

The ten trainees, consisting of six glider and four elementary pilots, are being trained by a capable and efficient staff of instructors. The ground school conducted on the campus consists of instructions for aeronautical subjects, military science and drill, athletics, and physical education. A. L. Hook, in charge of the aeronautical subjects, is instructing the trainees in Navigation, Meteorology, and Aerodynamics. Dr. D. J. Bowden is schooling the boys in the fundamentals and facts of military science and drill. Frank Hayes has them up at 6:30 for physical training and athletics, so as to keep them in top physical condition. After seeing the trainees we can well say that he is doing a good job. The ground work in its entirety consists of 240 class hours.

The instructors for flight work also form a staff of three. They are Dover L. Fogleman, Chief Pilot, Royall H. Spence and C. H. Jordan. These instructors are training the boys in the art of excellent and safe flying. The flight work runs from 35 to 45 hours in length and is usually the part best liked by the trainees.

The present program completes its eighth week on October 3. A new course will follow immediately, beginning October 5 and running for eight weeks.

Some of the best musicians in the country are graduates of this school. Also a student at this school is Thomas Edwards, a former voice instructor here at Elon, under whom Kenneth studied. Mr. Loadwick, our present vocal instructor, is a graduate of Julliard.

### Eleanor Steber To Opon Concert Series

Eleanor Steber, Metropolitan Opera Star, will initiate the winter series of concerts, sponsored by the Burlington Cooperative association, on October 12 in Whitley auditorium.

The young soprano has won an outstanding position among the young artists of the day. She was among the soloists with the New York Philharmonic - Symphony orchestra last year, and she was chosen by Bruno Walter to sing in the presentation of the Mozart Requiem which he conducted on the 150th anniversary of the composer's death. Miss Steber has been heard on the Ford hour, the Coca Cola hour, and Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

Eleanor, a native of West Virginia, attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and, after going to New York, she won the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air. Among her roles have been those of Sophie in "Rosenkavalier" and Micaela in "Carmen".

This tall, slender soprano has made concert tours in many sections of this country and Canada where she was received with enthusiasm.

### Donaldson Presents Initial Recital

Music lovers of Elon College and surrounding community were highly pleased Thursday night with Professor Herbert Donaldson's first public performance here at Elon. He performed masterfully and proved to be a musician in the truest sense of the word.

His program was well chosen and interesting. The number "Devilish Inspiration" by Prokofieff was the most popular among the students; it was also one of the most difficult numbers of the program. The Concerto in G minor by Saint-Saens was the number where he proved to the audience that he was really an artist and a musician. Included in the program was a composition by Professor Donaldson which showed to the audience that he had that flare of imagination and inspiration that makes a good composer.

### PAN-HELLENIC ENTERTAINS

Stars twinkled overhead, sweet music of famous name bands drifting through the air, lovely ladies and handsome gentlemen gliding over the floor... this was the setting of the Pan-Hellenic party held September 19, 1942, which was enjoyed by the students of Elon College.

At intermission, a breathless silence prevailed awaiting the announcement of the Freshman King and Queen, who had been picked by the Civilian Pilot Training students on the campus from the entire Freshman class. At last—"Will Mary Denson of Jacksonville, Florida and Fred Grey of Charlotte, N. C. please step forward and take their places as King and Queen of the Freshman Class?"

After presenting the King with flowers and crowning both King and Queen, the next attraction was a plaque presented to the College by the Sigma Phi Beta fraternity in memory of the Elon College boys in the service who have died in action. On this plaque the first name to be inscribed will be that of Joseph Hopkins, a member of the Sigma Phi Beta fraternity and a well known figure on both athletic field and campus two years ago. President Smith accepted this gift in behalf of the school with a very fitting speech.

### S. C. A. Sponsors Membership Drive

In Monday morning chapel of September 21, the Student Christian Association launched its annual S. C. A. week and membership drive. The entire program of the S. C. A. was explained by the president and chairman of the various committees.

After the chapel program, for the remainder of the day and the following day, the Social Parlor in Alameda Building served as headquarters for signing of pledge cards. During the two days of pledge signing the majority of the student body pledged themselves to do their best in promoting Christian living on the campus.