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## Elon Approved By War Department As WAAC Center Twenty-Five Superlatives Chosen Through Student Poll

### M & G Staff Expresses Hope No Swelled Head Will Result

Hear ye! Hear ye! The final results in the superlative contest held Monday, February 8, 1943, by the M. and G. are now shown to the public—and the outcome is very interesting to see. We hope that they do not hurt anyone's feelings—or swell anyone's head. These were decided by the student body, and may we all rest in peace!

Below are the verdicts, placed in numerical sequence after their own particular "title."

- Most Popular**  
Boy—Bullard, Askins, and Joe Stevens.  
Girl—Holoman, Boyd, and Jeffreys.
- Most Intellectual**  
Boy—Elder, Schmidt, and Bill Johnston.  
Girl—Whisnant, Rena Black, and Little.
- Most Talented**  
Boy—Basnight, Joe Stevens, and Askins.  
Girl—H. M. Messick, Holoman, and Jeanne Hook.
- Best "Roads Scholar"**  
Boy—Kern, and Hagood.  
Girl—Maxine Smith, E. Holt, and N. Crenshaw.
- Biggest Cupid**  
Boy—N. Snyder, Darden, and Ivan Ollis.  
Girl—Armfield, H. Wrenn, and Walena Smith.
- Best Looking**  
Boy—Buster Butler.  
Girl—Denson, Virginia Wheeler.
- Cutest Couple**  
"Peewee" and "Bonnie"; Gene Poe and Alice Miller.
- Most Outstanding**  
Boy—Bullard, Askins, and Watts.  
Girl—R. Crowell, Nancy Fowlkes.
- Most Likely To Succeed**  
Boy—Bullard, Bill Johnston, Watts.  
Girl—Rawls, Rena Black, Amerith Nichols.
- Best Dressed**  
Boy—Sal Festa, Gene Poe, Kernodle.  
Girl—Jean Brower, Armfield, Denson.
- Biggest Flirt**  
Boy—Riggs, Kern, Askins, and Fred Gray.  
Girl—Rita Messick, Mary A. Critcher, E. Holt.
- Biggest Romeo and Juliet**  
Schmidt and Koontz; T. Festa and H. Walker.
- Most Athletic**  
Boy—Askins, Hagood, Zodda.  
Girl—Crowell, Rumley, Rawls.
- Most Valued to School**  
Boy—Watts, Bill Johnston, Askins.  
Girl—A. Nichols, Crowell, Jeffreys.
- Sweetest**  
Boy—Link Howard, Joe Stevens, Jahu McAdams.  
Girl—Lucille Blalock, M. L. Cannon, Troxler.
- Best Dancer**  
Boy—Strader, Joe Stevens, Chuck Walker.  
Girl—Holt, Rumley.
- Best Personality**  
Boy—Joe Stevens, Senter, Gene Poe.  
Girl—Holoman, Rawls, Jeanne Hook.
- Wittiest**  
Boy—L. Paige, Pollard, J. Elder.  
Girl—Eliza Boyd, Earp, H. Wrenn.
- Craziest**  
Boy—Spivey, Paige.  
Girl—E. Day, E. Holt, P. Armfield.
- Biggest Loafer**  
Boy—Paige, Pollard, Kern.  
Girl—Frances Fowlkes, Walena Smith, E. Holt.
- Biggest "Apple-Polisher"**  
Boy—Kern, Huff, Schmidt.  
Girl—Galloway, H. M. Messick, Frances Fowlkes.
- Biggest Heartbreaker**  
Boy—Hooper, Kern, Watts.  
Girl—Goldie Morris, McDaniels, E. Day.
- Biggest "Big Shot"**  
Boy—Kern, Cheli, Darden.  
Girl—Denson, Maxine Smith, Galloway.
- Least Energetic**

### NEW AIR-RAID SIGNALS GO INTO EFFECT WEDNESDAY

Starting 12:01 A. M., Wednesday, February 17, air-raid signals will be changed to those that the Government has selected.

When the blue light is given, the signal will be a steady, even blast on the college's electric siren. When this signal is sounded, the students should black out their rooms and, if on the campus, they should go to their rooms. This signal is just a warning. There is no need of running and shouting. Keep your radios on for information about the blackout.

When the red signal is given, the signal will be a series of short blasts. Go quietly to the library stacks, which is our air-raid shelter. Do not waste time, for this signal means that enemy planes are in the immediate vicinity.

The red signal will be followed by the blue signal, and the students will be permitted to return to their rooms, but the blackout will continue until the white signal is given, which is three short blasts. This indicates all clear, and lights may go on. Students will continue their normal work.

### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY

Plans are well under way for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, which is to be held in the college dining hall next Saturday evening. An entertaining program has been planned, which is certain to be up to par with such enjoyable occasions as have been these events in the past.

The two classes are following the precedent set last year by making the affair a joint presentation. Instead of having a Junior-Senior and a Senior-Junior as is the custom, the two classes are sponsoring the banquet jointly.

### Election Primaries Run Off Tuesday; Finals Next Week

On Tuesday morning a total of 167 students went to the polls to cast their ballots for student body, student government, and class officers, as well as for Play-Day king, queen, and attendants in the primaries of the general election. Candidates were eliminated to two in each case, and the finals will be run off next Tuesday.

Basnight and Senter were tops in the race for the presidency of the student body while Ridge and Schmidt will be clashing for the Senate leadership. Eliza Boyd and Jeanne Hook remain in the race for Treasurer of the student body. Other candidates' names, too numerous to mention, will appear on the ballots Tuesday.

As was expected by most of the old heads in campus politics, not a great deal of interest is being shown in this year's election, due to the uncertainty of conditions in college life. In fact, many of the officers elected Tuesday will not be around to take the oath of office in the spring.

- Boy**—Pollard, Fred Gray.
  - Girl**—McDaniels.
  - Most Individual**  
Boy—Pollard, Schmidt.  
Girl—Fave Thomas, Koontz, Walena Smith.
  - Most Ambitious**  
Boy—Hagood, Kernodle, Watts.  
Girl—Rena Black, H. M. Messick, Edith McDade.
  - Cutest**  
Boy—R. Casey, D. B. Harrell, Kernodle.  
Girl—Bonnie Davis, Eunice Holt Holoman.
- Well, there they are, folks, the slams and flattery of '43. So until next year, when we will again challenge the opinion of our honest student body—keep 'em thinking!

### Board Of Trustees Hold Mid-Year Meet

Twelve of the 28 members of the Elon College Board of Trustees were present at the annual midyear meeting held on the campus this week. The group included a number of outstanding clergymen, business and professional men, and politicians from throughout the State.

President Smith, Chairman of the Board, was well pleased with attendance considering war exigencies.

Those present were Dr. Stanley Harrell and Dr. J. H. Lighthourne, pastors of the Congregational Christian churches in Durham and Burlington, respectively; W. B. Truitt, president of Truitt Manufacturing Co., Greensboro; W. J. Ballentine, merchant, of Fuquay Springs; Vitus R. Holt, Kirk-Holt Hardware, Burlington; C. D. Johnston, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Clyde Gordon, Secretary and Treasurer of Century Hosiery Mills, Burlington; Dr. C. W. McPherson, Burlington; Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Department of Religion, Duke; Thad Eure, Secretary of State, Raleigh; Kemp Johnson, Fuquay Springs; and D. R. Fonville, Secretary and Treasurer of the First National Bank, Burlington.

### PLAY-DAY ACTIVITIES TO REPLACE TRADITIONAL MAY DAY CEREMONY

The crowning of the King and the Queen on the campus will highlight the festivities of Play-Day here on May 4. According to Dean Helen Boyd, plans are as yet tentative, but the event will be carried on as nearly as possible in the traditional manner. A committee will be appointed in the near future to complete the plans for the afternoon's activities.

The Play-Day Court will be carried out in a much simpler manner this year. There will be no dances performed for the court, but instead there will be a sports festival to which the king and queen will go. At each place where an event is scheduled, a throne will be erected for the royal couple and their attendants.

Coach Pierce, with the assistance of Rachel Crowell and both intramural councils, is planning the sports program. At present plans include such events as a track meet for boys and girls, finals in softball intramural league for boys and girls, finals in the tennis tournament, and finals in intramural horseshoe contest for boys. There will also be demonstrations in badminton, paddle tennis, archery and volley ball.

### EDUCATION CLUB CONDUCTS DISCUSSION ON HEALTH

During its last meeting, which was held February 4, the education club listened to Miss Ruth Moore, from the State Department of Physical Education; Mr. Charles Spencer, Physical Education Consultant from the State Department of Health; and Dr. Henry Jaycox, Coordinator of Health Project, who came from the General Education Board, New York City, as they told of their trips into the local schools to determine the health status of the school children.

Since a large percentage of the nation's doctors have turned their resources to the war effort, there has arisen a need for caring for the petty defects of the children which might develop into serious illnesses. This is the primary purpose of the survey project which is being launched in Alamance and surrounding counties.

Later a nutrition expert will join the doctor and nurse who have already been holding clinics and consultations with school children and patrons.

Some of the work is being done in the classroom, some by itinerant teaching, and some in adult classes.

The group of consultants with Mr. E. Yount, Alamance County Supt. of Education, and Mr. W. P. Saunders, Director of Public Instruction in the county, conducted a panel discussion "Health Coordination in Alamance County." After the panel,

### Players To Present Shakespearean Scenes

On February 25, the College Players will offer an adaptation of Henry IV, Part I. The Elon Little Theatre has necessitated a good many changes in the staging, and no attempt has been made to keep costume or setting within the period, but the action will be, as nearly as possible, as Shakespeare conceived it.

This chronicle history play is dated in the early Fifteenth Century. Shakespeare, as was his custom, took some liberties with fact in dramatizing it. The comic subplot is largely fictional. Falstaff, the old rogue who is the greatest of humorous creations, belongs to the realm of fiction more than to the world of fact; yet he is one of the greatest dramatic characterizations, and the picture of life itself. His tragic end, as told by Dame Quickly in Henry V, is in keeping with reality: for his life, so great in possibility, closes in remorse.

The Falstaff role will be interpreted by Miller Basnight. Difficult as it is for an amateur to do, it is believed that he will present a splendid characterization, and be ably supported by the cast.

George Bullard makes a graceful and light-hearted Prince of Wales Darden an excellent Hotspur; Miss Galloway is Hotspur's wife, and equal to the demands for a swift change of mood in one of the best short scenes in the play; and Miss Truitt as Poin. Miss Browne as Dame Quickly, Miss Fowlkes as Francis, and Spivey as the red-nosed Randolph, will be worth the watching.

Production of the play in the quarter was defeated by loss of part of the original cast to the Army, and by other factors beyond our control. The players have kept heart, however, and will produce for Elon student body amusement and in spite of Adolph Shicklgruber.

A small admission will be charged. The public is invited to this and to other programs now under preparation. A one-act play, The Ghost Plays Cupid, by James Darden and the Elon players, will be offered soon after the Shakespeare play, providing the Army and Navy do not exercise their priority on some of the present cast.

Costumes for the cast are being prepared with the voluntary assistance of Miss Muse and the Department of Domestic Arts. This help has been sincerely appreciated, for the costume wardrobe is in need of considerable attention. We wish to acknowledge this courtesy—a kindness the more welcome to the players because it has been so graciously extended.

### ELON EXPECTS TO PLAY HOST TO MEXICAN VISITORS

On Monday from 12:00 to 1:00, a group of Graduate Students and teachers from Mexico will visit the Elon campus and later inspect schools in the surrounding communities.

Now at Chapel Hill, this group, called an "Open Road" educational unit, is touring extensively in the United States for the purpose of educational survey.

They will meet the students informally in Society Hall from 12:00 to 1:00, and the students from the Spanish classes, sponsored by Miss Hochridge, will act as hosts. It offers an excellent opportunity for students to improve their Spanish and to promote Pan-American good will.

The project is under the mutual direction of Mexican education and the Carnegie Foundation.

Members of the club informally discussed health problems in our community. Miss Weaver and Miss Moore made appointments with practice teachers to demonstrate their work in "screening" children for clinical

### College Is One Of Six State Institutions Included In Program

#### CAMPUS CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN CLIMAXED BY PICNIC

After being handicapped by unfavorable weather for over a week, the clean-up campaign got under way on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Working implements were furnished by day students, town people, and the college. Classes were dismissed, giving every student an opportunity to participate in the event. The large group of students was divided into groups. Some raked leaves some carried tree branches which had been strewn by the storm and others picked up paper and swept sidewalks.

Bill Johnston, President of the student body, was supported one hundred percent by the students when he outlined the clean-up campaign in chapel of Wednesday, Feb. 3. Students from the different classes and the various organizations proved to the President that they were back of him by standing up and talking in favor of the campaign.

Although it required a lot of work to clean the campus, the girls, as well as the boys, had a lot of fun. Realizing the need of a clean-up day and well aware of the fact that help is scarce, everyone who participated felt as though he had done something for his Alma Mater.

Perhaps the greatest thrill of the entire campaign came about 5:30. All the students gathered on the east side of the campus, where a huge bonfire was built from the leaves, twigs, and limbs. As a reward for the work done,

late were served to the work done.

Contributing factor to the need of such a clean-up campaign was the storm of January 29. Heavy ice froze on the trees, affecting practically every tree on the campus. Large limbs were severed from trees and fell to the ground. Many small twigs also covered the campus.

Aside from most of the beautiful trees on the campus being damaged, electric wires were also broken in many places. For three days the campus was without lights. The heat and water systems were also affected.

Mr. Whitesell, chief electrician at the power plant, is to be commended for the splendid work he rendered during the emergency. At one time he stayed up 24 hours working; and on other days he worked from 12 to 4 hours until conditions were improved. The students also showed a grand spirit through the emergency.

#### LIQUID-AIR DEMONSTRATION GIVEN IN CHAPEL

First James, a famous scientist and former instructor, presented a scientific program on the wonders of liquid air in chapel February 1. He illustrated the practical uses of liquid air and demonstrated the peculiar qualities given various substances when subjected to its freezing contact.

Some of the amazing experiments which he gave included freezing of mercury on the end of a handle and using it as a hammer to drive nails; the freezing of pure alcohol and the boiling of liquid air when placed on a cube of ice. Even an ordinary rubber ball, when thrown to the floor, broke a light bulb after exposure to the extreme cold induced by liquid air.

Mr. James performed many brilliant and thrilling demonstrations in combustion, all being made possible by the fact that the nitrogen in liquid air is more volatile than the other gases contained in air, and evaporates first, leaving almost pure oxygen as a residue.

After demonstrations, Mr. James gave a lecture on the everyday uses and the future possibilities of liquid air.

The War Department officially announced from Washington last Saturday that Elon College was among the 281 colleges and universities approved for use by the Government in its war-training program. Other North Carolina institutions included in the list were Duke, N. C. State, Davidson, Presbyterian Junior College, and A. and T. College in Greensboro.

It is not known when the college will be taken over or to what extent its facilities will be utilized. In any event, it is not expected that any trainees will be sent here before the end of the current school year. Also, the college is making plans for full-scale operation next year.

The War Department designated the school as a training school for the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps. So far, Elon is the only school in the State set aside for such purposes.

The investigation in which Elon was being considered as a WAAC training center began on Monday, January 28, when a committee working out of Wilmington stayed on the campus which were available.

#### ELON BOY IS DECORATED FOR HEROISM IN COMBAT DUTY

First Lt. Claude Lawrence, class of 1941, was recently awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and two clusters, for outstanding fighting in combat duty over North Africa. He has just returned to this campus, where he has been wounded in the line of duty. He has miraculously piloted his flying process back just within safe territory.

Lawrence was stationed for a while in England, where he participated in several raids over western Europe. He was transferred to Africa during the November Allied invasion of that territory.

Claude is a native of Mount Airy, and was a member of Alpha Pi Delta fraternity. He is to be wedded soon to a Greensboro girl.

#### Plans For Phi Psi Chi Move Forward

It has just been disclosed that we will have a Phi Psi Chi this year. For a period of time the fate of the annual was the cause of considerable speculation on the parts of the student body, the Phi Psi Chi staff, and the administration. Some of the more pertinent problems considered in the decision of the Phi Psi Chi were the 30 per cent cut in the metals used in engraving, a cut in use of paper, the scarcity of photographic supplies, and a reduced college enrollment. Weighed against these was the desire of the administration and the Phi Psi Chi staff to put out an annual in spite of the difficulties involved because of the importance of the yearbook in recalling in later years persons, things, and events that have gone into the making of one of the most memorable years in the history of Elon. It was this last reason plus the fact that many of the students will be leaving soon for the armed forces that made certain Elon would again have a yearbook, barring unforeseen events.

Of particular interest to those who expect to be called into the service at the end of this quarter is the announcement that arrangements are being made whereby they may receive their copy of the Phi Psi Chi when it is released in late April or May. By paying in full their annual fee they may be assured of having an annual reserved for them or mailed to them if they desire.

The details of the 1943 Phi Psi Chi have not been released yet but it has been ascertained that it will not resemble any of the annuals published here in the past several years and that every effort is being made to keep the quality of annual up to that of previous Phi Psi Chi's in view of the wartime restrictions imposed on such publications.