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Election Results Prove Interesting

"Hear ye! Hear ye!"—and the ringing of a tremendous bell could be heard all over the campus in the wee hours of Wednesday morning, February 17, 1943, as the long-awaited results were announced uniquely by the electoral committee twosome—Ed Watts and Bill Johnston.

The most important offices on the campus, the Student Body officers, and the honors of present interest were won as follows: President of the Student Body next year will be none other than illustrious Miller Basnight, who came through the finals with flying colors. Handsome Buster Butler will hold the vice-presidency, with the other executives being Margaret Rawls, secretary, and Eliza (Southern-drawl) Boyd holding the job of treasurer.

President of the Senate will be Paul Ridge next year and the Student Council will be headed by Rachel Crowell.

The annual May Day has given way for Play Day this year, and the King and Queen reigning over all festivities will be George Bullard and Helen Margaret Messick. The Play Day court will consist of: Senior Representatives, Ivan Ollis, Joe Tom Stevens, Keron Walker, and Helen Truitt. Buster Butler, Elroy Hooper, Virginia Jeffries and Rachel Crowell will represent the Junior class.

Congratulations to all of them; may their term of office be a successful one!

CHINESE SPEAKER HEARD IN SERIES OF LECTURES

The Chinese scholar and lecturer, Mr. Baen Chu, made a visit to the Elon campus last week. Mr. Baen Chu was a former Y. M. C. A. director in Shanghai, China, before he came to this country. He has been in this country since October 1941, studying at Brown University and at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. At the present time he is traveling in the interest of the Student Volunteer Movement, visiting numerous colleges in the South. His wife and two children are in occupied China, and he hopes to return to free China as soon as possible.

Mr. Baen Chu spoke at chapel on Thursday and Friday. He addressed several classes and held informal discussions; he also spoke twice at the high school and preached on Sunday before he left.

Mr. Baen Chu's popularity as a speaker was due to a variety of topics and the excellent presentation of his material. He did not speak on religion only, but he covered many topics in which the students were interested.

Friday chapel was the best chapel that has been presented at Elon. Mr. Baen Chu discussed the condition of China and made an appeal for help from this country.

TAU ZETAS AND SIGMA PHIS STAGE ANNUAL BANQUETS

The Tau Zeta Phi sorority held its twenty-first annual banquet February 13 in the Wedgwood room of the King Cotton hotel in Greensboro.

The Wedgwood Room is a blue room with mirrored walls. The Tau Zeta colors, yellow and green, were used as the theme for decoration.

The Tau Zetas and their escorts went to Greensboro on the morning train and spent the day there. They had lunch and saw a movie in the afternoon.

The Sigma Phi Beta fraternity held its annual banquet in the Blue Room of Alamance hotel in Burlington, February 13.

Bill Rippey acted as toastmaster. A very interesting program was given, topped off by a splendid address by Lieutenant Marlette from Chapel Hill.

The evening was beautiful, the program delightful, and the occasion will be one of memories to be treasured in the years to come—years when have brought again some measure of liberty for humanity.

These days of war and struggle shall



The Dramatics Department, under the direction of Dr. McClure, brought to a climax its winter activities Thursday evening in the Little Theatre with the production of Henry IV.

Critics present commended highly the Shakespearean production and especially lauded the merits of the actors, who carried on superbly. The greater portion of the cast is

shown above. Left to right they are: Basnight, Nancy Fowlkes, Stevens, Jeanne Hook, Spivey, Edna Truitt, Bullard, Mary Deane Browne, Watts, Peg Galloway, and Darden.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD IN DINING HALL

Forgetting the Fraternity and Sorority banquets which have been a part of the week-ends for the past month, the Juniors and Seniors proved last Saturday that it wasn't necessary to move off the campus to have a successful banquet. The Junior-Senior banquet was held in the local dining hall, resulting in a gala affair.

Bernie Askin, president of the senior class, acted as toastmaster. Music was furnished by Helen Margaret Messick, Miller Basnight, and James Darden, the latter two presenting their own compositions.

Guests of honor included the Faculty, class sponsors, and Dr. and Mrs. Smith.

Dr. C. R. McClure was the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. Smith also made a short impromptu speech.

After the banquet, the Seniors pledged themselves to pay a dollar a year to the Living Endowment Fund, which was started by Edward Shaw, president of the Senior class of 1942. The evening was concluded in the society hall, where the entire student body was invited to the social which was sponsored by the Junior and Senior classes.

TO HONOR SERVICE MEN

Tomorrow morning, a special service in honor of the Elon men in service will be given in the Elon community church. A large number of people are expected to be present for the service.

Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, of the Burlington Congregational Christian church will preach the sermon. Dr. Lightbourne served as a chaplain in World War I. Today he has a son serving in War II.

The honor flag will be unveiled by Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity. Special music will be rendered.

Lt. Claude Lawrence, a graduate of Elon who was wounded in Africa, is back in this country, and is expected to be here. Other Elon men on furlough will be back for the service. President Smith will preside.

Literary Societies M & G Suffers Hold Banquet Staff Shakeup

Perhaps the largest banquet of the year of any of the social organizations on the campus was held last night at the Alamance hotel in Burlington. This was the joint banquet of the two leading organizations on the campus, the Dr. Johnson's and Panvivo literary societies. Approximately 50 people were present at the banquet, including the Sponsors of each society and guests of honor.

This is an annual event and is just as much a part of the societies as the debates, orations, and impromptu speeches which characterize the weekly meetings of the organizations.

Dr. Schultz, sponsor of the Dr. Johnson's literary society, Mrs. Schultz, and Mrs. Johnson, sponsor of the Panvivo, were guests of honor at the banquet. Additional guests included some of the members of the original literary societies on the campus.

HOUSEHOLD ARTS CLUB ACTIVE

The Household Arts Club has done some splendid work this year. Sarah Rice is President; Christine Crutchfield, Vice-president; and Lucille Blacklock, Secretary-Treasurer.

Through the club adviser, Miss Lida Muse, the organization was able to secure Red Cross material, out of which the girls made twenty-five utility bags for the boys in the Armed Forces. These bags were turned over to Mrs. Ruth Rogers, who is head of the Red Cross Unit here in Elon.

The programs each month have been varied and interesting. These include a play entitled, "Information, Please," a discussion of wartime foods, and a movie, "Ever Since Eden."

With the aid of Miss Muse, the girls have covered the white field of the Service Flag with blue stars designating the number of Elon men in the Armed Forces, and have put in five gold stars for those who have died in active service.

Elon Is Site Of World Premiere Of Music Event

Elon College has had the privilege of being the site of an American premiere, February 17, when the Viennese prodigy, Miss Hilde Somer, presented in the Elon College Chapel a brilliant piano recital which was highlighted when she presented for the first time to an American audience, Carmine Duann's "Dance of the Red Cape."

Miss Somer early showed an aptitude for music, and at the age of 11, she made her public debut in Vienna, where she gave a recital in which she played Mozart's A Major Concerto.

She then proceeded to acquire a string of concert triumphs all over Europe. Her concert prestige rose to its greatest height in the latter

part of 1936, when she was the great soloist of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, with whom she rendered a spectacular performance from concertos of Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Liszt.

Upon arrival in this country she immediately renewed her studies at the Curting Institute of Music, where she took special work under her close friend and adviser, Serkin. She won a scholarship and pursued a general music course from which she graduated in 1941.

Miss Somer made her American debut at New York Town Hall, where she immediately won the praise of critics as one of the finest pianists of this age.

In her American tour she is unveiling herself as a true gem of music,

both in the semi-classical and classical fields. Although she so far has had a tendency to adhere to the lighter work, she can easily compare with Kitan and Rachmaninoff in the heavier or more serious works.

Her program consisted of works by Chopin, Gershwin, and other artists. During her performance she amazed her audience with her beautiful technical command of the piano. Her music was such that one almost imagined he was in the presence of one of the old masters rather than a girl of college age. Miss Somer is truly one of the finest artists that has appeared in these Lyceum concerts that are being presented by the Elon College Music Club and the Burlington Community Concert Association.

Pres. Smith and Senator Reynolds Negotiate Plans With War Dept.

ELON PLAYERS PRESENT SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY IV

On Thursday evening, in the college Little Theatre, the Elon Players gave an excellent interpretation of the chronicle-history play, "Henry IV," using a two-hour adaptation cut from the lengthy original. This was an experiment in production which events seem to have justified; it was first an experiment in staging the whole with four sets designed for a small stage—and it was also an experiment in tempo and action with all entries and exits made from the side.

James Darden and Dorothy Galloway gave fine characterization to the swift-moving scenes in which Hotspur and his wife Kate are carried into the revolt against the throne, and to Hotspur's tragic death. Miss Galloway was swiftly entrancing in her change of moods, and Darden convincing in a role that calls for fine acting to show Hotspur's impetuous nature, his swift imagination, his gallantry and humor.

The tavern scenes, always effective when well done, make the heart of the play; and they were particularly well done on this occasion. Miller Basnight caught the comedy spirit of the rogue-clown Falstaff; Mary Deane Browne gave a timely turn to the interpretation of the Dame Quickly; George Bullard and Edna Truitt as the Prince of Wales and his companion; Herbert Spivey as Bardolph, clownish satellite of Falstaff, and Nancy Fowlkes in the role of Francis, gave splendid interpretations of their parts and kept a tempo of action well suited to the story.

Miss Jeanne Hook, as the Welsh lady, wife of Mortimer (played by Tom Stevens) played a small bit up into one of the finest moments of the action. Her voice and song, and her clever handling of the dialogue, warrant the assertion that she is gifted with a fine natural capacity as an actress.

DARDEN'S PLAY TO BE PRODUCED AT CHAPEL HILL

With the name changed to "Sweet Genivieve," and with some final revision of the action, The Elon Players will take James Darden's one-act farce-comedy to the Carolina Playmakers Festival to be held at the University on March 25-27.

No official notification has been received as yet concerning the place given the play in the competition judged for literary excellence alone; but from the news release, and from letters received, it is believed that the play has been awarded second place. Judgment on the acting award will be made at the festival.

The play will be given at Elon before being taken to Chapel Hill. Parts have been tentatively assigned to Miller Basnight, Mary Denson, Howard Cates, Kent Dennen, Edna Truitt, and Fred Grey. Dr. McClure and Darden will direct the staging. Dennen will arrange the set and scenery. Production will go under way as soon as the new quarter begins. The play has excellent acting possibilities, and the ghost scene will be worth watching.

SENATOR REYNOLDS PAYS ELON A VISIT

Elon College was honored Saturday afternoon with a visit by Robert R. Reynolds, North Carolina's junior senator. Reynolds is chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and as such is the most influential member in Congress, with the possible exception of the Senate majority leader.

He was here to confer with President Smith concerning Elon's part to play in the Army Air Cadet training program. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Evalun McLean.

EVENT OF IMPORTANCE

For seven days drilling has been going on beside North dormitory as the new well for the college water supply is being established. The workmen announced they have reached a depth of 175 feet.

Rumors, a dime a dozen hereabouts a few days ago, have finally been subdued by "persons of high authority" concerning the part Elon is to play in our war-training program. Rumors current when we last went to press had the WAACs installed here by the end of the present quarter with all "civilian" students ousted for the duration. Although little credence was given these rumors, it had been reported that Elon had been chosen as a WAAC training center. How the WAACs made such a quick entrance and exit is still a military secret.

Plans discussed last week by North Carolina's junior senator, Robert R. Reynolds, and Dr. L. E. Smith provide for the training of Army Air Cadets here at the college. Numbering a grand total of 350, they are expected to arrive in contingents of 70 each, with the first group arriving about the first of April. The approximate training period for each cadet will average five months. Curriculum will include units in Aviation, Mathematics, Geography, History, Physics, English, and Physical Education.

Dr. Smith has stated that the normal curriculum of the college will not be interrupted under this proposed program. It is understood that no girls dormitories will be taken over for war purposes, and that male students not affected by military training will be provided for. Although many of our present male students will not be with us next quarter, this is good news to those who plan to continue their wartime studies.

It is understood that Elon is better equipped to take care of this number of Air Cadets than they would have been the large contingent of WAACs that were originally considered for training here. The college at present is having a new well dug to supplement the present water supply which when finished should furnish an adequate amount both for the Cadets and for the regular students.

Whether this program will include the CAA-War Service which Elon has at present or whether it will be abolished has not been announced officially as yet. Elon now has ten uniformed C. A. A. trainees on campus and has had larger contingents in the past.

Elon is one of six state institutions which were recently chosen by the War Department for use by the government in its war-training program. It is the second college chosen for training of Army Air Cadets.

As usual, Elon is in the lead with extended cooperation to the government and for any movement forward in the interest of service. Elon, with the nation, moves forward to victory.

MRS. SMITH ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Leon E. Smith, Sr., received at tea on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, from 3:30 to 5:30, honoring her son's wife, Mrs. Leon E. Smith, Jr., of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Maxine Smith, of LaGrange, Ga., a senior at Elon.

Mrs. Smith was here for the weekend with her husband, Corporal Leon Smith, who has been at Camp Croft for more than a year. He is now serving as a non-commissioned instructor. Miss Smith is a niece of Dr. Leon Smith, president of the college. She will graduate with the class of '43.

Mrs. Frank Hayes, Mrs. George Colclough and Miss Lila Newman assisted in receiving. Mrs. Harold Schultz and Mrs. Herbert Donaldson presided at the tea table. They were assisted in the dining room by Miss Eliza Boyd and Miss Margaret Rawls, sorority sisters of Miss Smith, and her roommate, Miss Elizabeth Holland.

The home was simply but pleasingly decorated. A large tray of American Beauty Roses in the center of the living room. The dining room was lighted with white candles, and on the tea table was an arrangement of white lilies, snapdragons and gladioli.

About fifty people were received during the calling hours.