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## COLLEGE PREPARES TO WELCOME 350 PRE-FLIGHT TRAINEES FRATS AND SORORITIES OFFER BIDS TONIGHT Twenty - Two Army Reserves Called To Active Duty

### Boys Reported At Fort Bragg Wednesday

The Elon Student body felt the greatest pinch of realization that it has yet suffered, this week when the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the United States Army called to active duty twenty-two reservists who were up until this time regularly enrolled students at this institution. In addition, it is suspected, although not yet confirmed, that three other students who left school earlier were included in the same or a similar group.

Twenty-one of the group reported to Fort Bragg Wednesday, where they were received by the reception center for induction and subsequent assignment to active duty. The other two, Arthur Dickson and Lygwood Floyd, were ordered to Camp Upton, N. Y., and Fort Sheridan, Georgia.

The wholesale departure made a noticeable hole in the male constituency of the student body. The mass exit decreased the number of men enrollees by nearly twenty-five percent, and at the same time pushed the ratio of women to an even greater proportionality.

It is expected, and as announced by the army, that the men will be given basic training consisting of thirteen weeks, after which the greater portion will be returned to schools throughout the country for specialized training leading to commissions or specialist's ratings in various branches of the army. The remainder will go to Officers' Candidate Schools or be placed in the ranks.

The calling of the ERC men caused speculation as to the status of other reserves, but at present it seems almost certain that Naval and Marine Reserves will be allowed to complete the current school year at the schools at which they are now enrolled. Army Air Corps Reserves are expected to be called in the near future, although so far nothing definite has come through on their status. This group has been called at several institutions in this State. The calling of this reserve would not greatly affect enrollment, however, due to the fact that Elon has only three men enlisted.

### SURGICAL DRESSINGS

The feminine half of Elon student body are now beginning to take an active interest in Red Cross work since so many of the boys have gone into active service. Plans are now being made for them to roll bandages at the home of Miss Anne Watson, Elon's Red Cross headquarters, according to Elizabeth Parker, newly appointed chairman of the college group.



Pictured above is Bobby Johnston, who was recently elected to the presidencies of both the Senior class and the Day Student organization by acclamation.

Bobby has made an outstanding record while at Elon. This year he is a lab instructor in the Department of Physics, in addition to being a senate member. He is enlisted in class V-7 of the Naval Reserve.



When news was received on campus last Thursday night of the call to active duty of army reserves at Elon, there resulted quite a demonstration on the part of the student body. The above picture was snapped about 11:30 that night as the boys had gathered in front of West Dormitory with a make-shift band for serenading the girls.

### FACULTY BANQUET IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. SMITH

On Friday evening, the college faculty honored President and Mrs. Smith with a banquet in recognition of their years of service to Elon and in celebration of the achievement of making the college free from debt — free for the first time in thirty-seven years.

Prof. A. L. Hook presided as toastmaster with his usual hearty goodwill. Dr. Brannock, recalling days which he above all of us now can remember, brought both merriment and pathos into his recollections. Dr. Barney, as a classmate of Dr. Smith, also paid tribute to those early days.

The program included the invocation by Deans Messick and Helen Boyd, and toasts mingling wit and seriousness by Drs. Bowden and French, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Hockridge, and Mr. Colclough.

The musical program by Dr. Bartley, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. and Mrs. Loadwick, was excellent and fully in keeping with the occasion. Mrs. Smith was given gracious recognition, and the President's response was a prophecy auguring well for the future of our alma mater.

### POLLARD AND RIDGE TAKE OFFICE

John Pollard, former vice-president, took the oath of office as president of the Elon student body March 8, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Johnston. Dean Messick administered the oath. On March 15 George Bullard resigned his position as president of the Senate and made his farewell speech to the students. Paul Ridge, newly elected head, donned the robe of office and took the oath.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB FORMED ON CAMPUS

A great part of the students, especially girls, on the Elon campus, are commercial students. Also, it is true that a big portion of these are one-year commercial students. Their position, therefore, does not allow them to be eligible for membership in any sorority or fraternity. However, this group is now organizing their own Commercial Club. They

### COMMUNITY SING CONDUCTED BY HAGQUIST

In a special program before the spring holidays, several hundred enthusiastic music lovers assembled in Whitley Memorial Auditorium for a community sing. This event was sponsored by the Elon College Music Club with the purpose of making a vital contribution to the musical life of the citizens of Elon College.

An interesting and varied program of songs was arranged by the committee in charge, Dr. Irving D. Bartley, Dr. Carl Hagquist, Mesdames James Long, J. W. Barney, and J. L. Pierce. After a short introduction by Mayor Long, the assemblage sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America."

Special numbers from Gaul's "Holy City" were rendered by the College Chorus.

Dr. Hagquist's able leadership was instrumental in the success of the program. Dr. Bartley was at the organ, piano accompaniments were provided by Helen Margaret Messick and George Bullard, and Nelson Snyder furnished a horn accompaniment.

### DR. SMITH GIVES RESERVES A DINNER

To honor the Army reserves who have been called into active service, Dr. Smith gave a farewell dinner in the Elon dining hall Friday, March 12. There were approximately fifteen reserves present along with Dr. Smith.

The menu consisted of a salad, steak, green peas, mashed potatoes, pickles, rolls, ice cream and cake.

During the meal Dr. Smith made a farewell toast to the boys, and George Bullard responded, expressing on behalf of the reserves their appreciation for his remembering them. Several other of the reserves spoke a few words concerning their regret at leaving Elon.

hold meetings once every two weeks, and these meetings are, perhaps, carried out in a little more businesslike manner than the usual club meetings, due to the fact that they are future business and professional girls. It is the aim of this club to arrange to present, as a guest speaker, some executive, businessman or secretary at each meeting — people who can give the girls inside hints on secretarial work as a career.

The following girls were elected to

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS SACRED CANTATA

The Elon Festival Chorus of 50 voices under the direction of Prof. Irving D. Bartley, presented Gaul's "The Holy City," Sunday evening, to an audience of nearly 200 people in Whitley Memorial Auditorium. This was the first time that this cantata has been presented here for many years, and the consensus was that it was enjoyed for its variety of ensembles as well as its inspired melodic beauty. The cantata was written by Alfred R. Gaul especially for the Birmingham (England) Festival in 1882 and has since been one of the most popular and beloved of sacred cantatas.

It opens with a tranquil prelude entitled "Contemplation," which was played by Mr. Bartley at the Solo-Vox and Mrs. Loadwick at the piano. The motive found in this introduction is treated effectively later in the work when the chorus enters a number of times during the bass solo "A New Heaven and a New Earth," and finally by a quintet in the concluding chorus "Great and Marvellous Are Thy Works."

Soloists for the occasion were: Miss Frances Du Rant, of Burlington, soprano. The brilliance and flexibility of her voice were evident in her main aria "These Are They." Prof. Frederick C. Loadwick proved himself an artist of high calibre in his rendition of the two tenor arias "My Soul Is Athirst for God" and "To the Lord Our God," both of which are most demanding on the voice of any tenor. Mr. Clarence O. Southern of Burlington sang "A New Heaven and a New Earth" in good oratorio style, with conviction and good full voice. Mr. Southern is director of music at the Presbyterian church of the Covenant in Greensboro aside from having charge of several choirs in this section.

head this club: Bettie Rader, Burlington, president; Mary Jane Foster, Yanceyville, vice-president; Caroline Smith, Rockingham, secretary; and Jessie Thurecht, Elizabeth City, treasurer.

Various committees, including Publicity, Program, Membership, Financial, Social, and Constitution, were appointed to assist the officers in providing the proper entertainment and to aid in furthering a good cause.

### Same Old "Bid Night" Prevails

The eight fraternities and sororities on campus were making plans today for a gala affair this evening as traditional bid night ceremonies take the spotlight. Despite adverse conditions, many old members were gathering for what may be the last bid night at Elon College for the duration.

The scarcity of names on the eligibility list has not hampered the spirit of the occasion. It is rumored in some circles that some of the social clubs, especially fraternities, were taking the rendezvous as an opportunity to write "finis" to their college days and associations and are disregarding the pledging of new members, since this will possibly be the last of such occasions for years to come.

### TWO ELON ALUMNI ARE CASUALTIES; ANOTHER MISSING IN ACTION

The number of Elon's known war dead has soared to seven with the report of two casualties, and another has been given up for lost, although termed as missing in action by the War Department. All three of the men were pilots.

Pilot Van Kennedy of the Royal Canadian Air Forces was killed while participating in a raid over France from an air base in England. Kennedy was a student at Elon two years ago. Lt. Dewey Hooper has been missing in action in the South Pacific area since December 11. He graduated from Elon with the class of 1941 and was a member of Kappa Psi Nu fraternity.

Funeral services were conducted in Greensboro Sunday for Lt. Sam Friedman, who was killed in a plane crash in Alabama last week. Friedman was an instructor, and was killed while on duty. He was among the first group of enrollees in Prof. Hook's C. A. A. courses, which at that time were open to students.

### NEW NAVAL RESERVE CLASS ANNOUNCED

Juniors and seniors, 18 to 28 years old and pursuing a course leading to an engineering degree or to a baccalaureate degree with major in physics, naval architecture, mathematics, or electronics, have an opportunity today to become Navy officer-candidates.

The new program, the first for juniors and seniors since the halting of the V-7 plan with the President's ban on voluntary enlistments last December, was announced by Capt. M. C. Robertson, U. S. N., Director of the Sixth Naval District Office of Naval Officer Procurement, with headquarters in the Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

The accepted candidates will remain on inactive duty in college under the jurisdiction of the Director until placed on active duty for training by authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington.

"With the launching of new warships and the laying of new keels almost daily, the Navy is looking for well-qualified college men for subsequent commissioning in the Naval Reserve, upon satisfactory completion of the Reserve Midshipman Course," Captain Robertson said. "The new program is to be known as Class SV-7."

Applicants may obtain full information or be examined either at the Director's office in the Healey Building, Atlanta, or at the branch offices located at N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C., University of South Carolina library, Columbia, S. C., the Center, Charleston, S. C., or the Lynch Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

### Enlistees Expected On Campus Soon

Preparation for the arrival of a group of 350 army air corps enlisted men on the Elon campus are well under way and plans are rapidly being completed for adequately feeding and rooming the men. In addition, the instruction staffs of the Math and Physics Departments are being enlarged in order to take care of the increased loads to be placed on those departments as a result of the stressing of those two subjects by the army.

First Lieutenants Vickery and Denton and three sergeants have been on the campus now for three weeks baking ready for the army's debut at Elon. They were sent here from Turner Field, Alabama, which will serve as headquarters for the contingent and from which all orders are issued. Lieutenant Vickery is now commanding officer, but will be replaced when the contingent arrives early next month.

North and East dormitories have been vacated for use by the group. It is expected that Oak Lodge will also be made available. All college male residents are now residing in the Publishing House and the Club House.

Perhaps the greatest problem has arisen in the college dining hall, where it will be necessary to increase facilities to take care of the army in addition to two hundred students and faculty members already eating there. Every inch of available space will be needed for seating. In order to partially alleviate the lack of space, a new stock room has been built near the kitchen.

Tentative plans made by the administration have moved up classes one-half hour, which will make them begin at 8 and run straight through on the hour until 12, when chapel will be held. This will allow the student dining hall force to be ready to serve the army lunch at 12. Those students working in the dining hall will necessarily have to be excused from chapel.

No change is expected in the meal hours for any student meals. Although classes have been moved back a half hour, this will not necessitate a change in the breakfast hour due to the fact that waiters will eat before rather than after the other students. Lunch and dinner hours will also remain unchanged according to present plans.



Shown above is the newly installed president of the student body, John Pollard. John stepped into the office after the departure of Bill Johnston for medical school, and was elevated to the position from the vice-presidency.

Pollard becomes the third student body proxy to hold office this school year. He was preceded by Tom Smythe and Johnston.

He is also editor of the Phi Psi Club in addition to holding other student body offices.