

## 1944 ENROLLMENT IS HIGH FOR WARTIME SITUATION

## DR. BOWDEN IS APPOINTED TO DEANSHIP

### Student Christian Association Making Membership Gains

According to the latest count the Student Christian Association has taken in 146 new members. This is probably a new high and quite remarkable in view of the fact that the men's enrollment is limited so much by the war.

The purpose of this organization is to promote Christian activities on the campus. Walstein Snyder is the new president and he is to be commended for the drive and organization he has put into this effort. The S. C. A. is now the largest and most influential of our campus groups.

The freshmen section is to meet Monday at 8 p. m. in Mooney Chapel to organize. Misses Jeanne Hook and Mary Ellen McCants will be their senior advisers.

The Senior cabinet of the S. C. A. is composed of the chairmen and committees which carry out the varied activities of the association. The work of the junior deacons fits well into the church program. Vespers, the Morning Watch, social programs, and general Christian activities will be directly sponsored by the S. C. A.

Miss Margaret Whittington, of the faculty of the Department of Music, is adviser to this liberal and friendly organization. We are grateful to her and everyone connected with the movement. Their success is ours also, for we are all Elonites.

### IRVING BARTLEY ELECTED DEAN OF NORTH CAROLINA GUILD

Prof. Bartley, Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, has been elected dean of the North Carolina chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the ensuing year. Prof. Stuart Pratt is the sub-dean of the chapter.



MISS NINA A. BOWMER  
Head of the Department of Business Administration

Miss Nina A. Bowmer, of Phil, Kentucky, is the successor to W. W. Howells as head of the commercial instruction Eastern Kentucky State College and holds the degrees of B. S. and M. A. from the University of Kentucky. In addition, she has taken special courses in other institutions and has had a wide experience in teaching in both high school and college departments of commerce and business administration.

Miss Violet Hoffman, who is well known for her efficiency, sense of humor, and her hobby of turning out clever verse, is an associate in this department. Their year's work has gotten off to a good start. The hum of the typewriters makes the commercial room sound sorta like a WAAC office in a movie short. Busy and happy is the motto we subscribe to for them.

### Major Watts In 118 Combat Missions

In reporting the signal fame accruing to our Alma Mater through the exploits of her sons in service, we recognize that much is as yet untold and that all our men share in this ever-growing record of valor. Generously, all for one and one for all, they serve the nation; and we take a common pride in all their deeds. We give you now, however, a brief account of the record of outstanding recent news concerning three men in whom we have been greatly interested.

Major Blanchard Watts left the U. S. A. in November of 1942. He served in Africa when it was hard going against Rommel; over Sicily and Italy; and, more recently in India and in China under Chennault. He was returned to the United States for re-assignment after 118 missions in fighter-plane and dive-bomber battles. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with twelve Oak Leaf Clusters each of these a citation for valor beyond the call of duty. He was the sole survivor of his original African Squadron to remain on duty when the campaign ended there. Not many of the second squadron he joined are still flying. His is a remarkable story and we hope to get more of it soon.

Major Watts is the brother of Mrs. George Colclough of Elon College. Four of his brothers are in service: Seaman Hal Watts in the Pacific; Naval Lt. J. E. and D. T. Watts at Norfolk and Philadelphia (at last reports); and Ensign Ed Watts, former editor of the MAROON AND GOLD, on duty in England.

Major Watts met three former Elonites during his tour of services overseas: John Lee Edwards, J. P. Long, and Erwin Troxler.

Captain Galloway Walker, home address, Elon College, Senior May Festival King in 1939, was then crowned by C. LeGrande Moody of Dillon, S. C., who had been Festival King in 1938. The odd chances of war have brought these men into the news by reason of exploits which occurred during the invasion of Normandy. Captain Walker was the first United States soldier to go ashore from landing craft to the beach. Paratroopers had landed a few hours earlier farther inland. A short time later, on June 25, the all-out naval assault against hold-out Nazi shore guns and strong points saw the U. S. S. Texas, one of our older battleships, on hazardous duty in the English Channel. Lt. C. LeGrande Moody, Chaplain on the Texas, was credited with helping keep morale high during this swift-moving fight. His cool broadcasting and aid to the wounded have been reported in the SATURDAY EVENING POST of September 16.

### S. C. A. PARTY BIG SUCCESS

The Student Christian Association held its annual Freshmen party Saturday evening in Society Hall. Dancing and freshmen talent were the highlights of the program. Refreshments were served.

The S. C. A. will sponsor several parties during the year. Members of the social and publicity committees of the Senior Cabinet this year are Leon Gibbs, Florine Braxton, Emerson Whitley, Edna Reitzel, and Mrs. Wally Snyder.



DR. MARY L. PHARES  
Dean of Women

After a chapel presentation, in which her gift of humor and her fund of common sense immediately won our hearty approval, Dr. Mary L. Phares has entered upon her duties with speed and efficiency. We bid you welcome, Dean Phares, and anticipate that your wide experience and good judgment will bring excellent guidance to Ladies' Hall and East and West Dormitories. Dean Phares has had training in the graduate schools of the Universities of Iowa and Oregon, the Hill-Young School of Speech, and the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. She has traveled widely throughout the United States and studied and traveled abroad in Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Dr. Phares holds membership in several national honorary and professional fraternities, including Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary scholarship and forensic fraternity, the National Society for the Study of Mental Hygiene, the International Congress of Psychology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dean Phares has had a rich and wide experience working among a great variety of types of people. She loves southerners and has indicated a preference to live and work in the South. All this wins our approval, and we'll try to show the same between now and Thanksgiving. Wrong psychologizing suggestion is mentioning Thanksgiving so soon? Well you must make allowances for the MAROON AND GOLD.

### Campus Calendar

- Sunday, October 1: 10:00 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. Church services, Whitley Auditorium. 4:30 p. m. Organ recital by Bartley. 7:00 p. m. Vespers.
- Monday, October 2: 9:00 a. m. Student Chapel. 7:15 p. m. Sororities meet. Band Practice.
- Tuesday, October 3: 7:00 p. m. Choir Practice, Whitley auditorium.
- Wednesday, October 4: 8:00 p. m. Panvio Literary Society, Society Hall. Dr. Johnson's Literary Society, Lecture Hall.
- Thursday, October 5: 7:00 p. m. Choir Practice, Whitley Auditorium.
- Friday-Saturday, October 6-7: 8:00 p. m. Movie: "Lassie Come Home."
- Thursday, October 12: Home Ec. Club Meeting.
- Saturday, October 14: Next issue MAROON AND GOLD.



DR. D. J. BOWDEN  
Dean of the College

The assignment, during the summer, of Dr. D. J. Bowden to the post of administrative dean of Elon College has been received with hearty approval by the student body, the faculty, and the alumni.

Dr. Bowden is a Virginian, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and of Yale University. His Doctorate was completed at Yale in the fields of Religion and Philosophy after he had concluded his work in the Yale Divinity school. This rare background in technical training, including army drill and tactics, education, sociology and philosophy, has been demonstrated to be of value during his years of service here. He is versatile to an unusual degree. During the past two years he has instructed the infantry drill, taught mathematics to the Air Service Training Corps, maintained his department in the college proper, and has served the Congregational Christian church at Graham, Haw River and Longs Chapel. These strenuous duties, moreover, have been carried to successful completion.

The year's work has begun smoothly. We speak for President Smith, the faculty, and everyone concerned as we give Dr. Bowden our best wishes and hearty guarantee of co-operation in making our college greater and better.

### PANVIO LITERARY SOCIETY HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

Wednesday night, September 27, the Panvio Literary Society met in Society Hall. This was the first meeting of the quarter and a large number of members attended.

This society is made up of a group of girls who are active in the social and literary life of the campus, and they have as their objective the improvement of public speaking, debating, and a better understanding of social life. It is a companion organization of Doctor Johnson's Literary Society; and one of the main social events of the year is their annual banquet held at the Hotel Alamance in Burlington.

The officers for the quarter are Betty Sue Loyd, Efland, North Carolina, president; Edna Reitzel, Hillsboro, N. C., vice president; Joyce Smith, Whiteville, N. C., secretary; Evelyn Harrelson, Tabor City, N. C., treasurer.

Members are taken into this society by bids.

### STUDENT RECITAL

The first student recital of the year will be held in Society Hall on Friday, October 6, at 4:45. The public is invited to attend all student recitals.

### Attendance Indicates State-Wide Interest In Higher Education

### Rev. Boyd Hamm Chapel Speaker

"Everything dies to live—not lives to die," was the theme of the address of the Rev. L. Boyd Hamm, pastor of the Macedonia Lutheran church in Burlington, at the Chapel service September 29th. He used St. John: 12-23 as a scripture text.

Rev. Hamm tried to impress on us the fact that most Christians assume that because Jesus died for us, they can repay Him by giving Him just a little attention. But this isn't true.

One of the fundamental ideas on which we build our lives is the belief that our greatest days are coming; and this partial truth may bring destruction.

He asked what we think about one of the principles that is being thrust on us today, the principle of vicarious living. Are we worth the sacrifices that our fighting men are making? Are we afraid of the future enough not to run from it, but to do something about it?

We must develop until we are able to cope with everything that we must contend with in life. For we are "what we are within," not "what we try to appear to be."

Saying that too many people are living on a submarine level, Rev. Hamm explained some wrong ideas which we ought to explode:

1. We wrongly distinguish life by its ability to destroy.
2. We piously attach the supposed approval of God's will to our willfulness.
3. We assume that force will preserve right.
4. We suppose that God is vain and seeking our praise.
5. We believe that success is measured by what a man is outwardly.
6. We believe that, regardless of what we do about it, our world is headed for a glorious tomorrow.

Rev. Hamm also asked that we weigh carefully these ideas:

1. This is God's world—we are his guests.
2. We were born to live; we do not live to die.
3. The cross of Christ is in accord with nature.
4. We are not to accept suffering to endure it; rather to use it to a real end.

In closing the speaker said that our greatest need is a people who are worthy of peace, who will know what to do when it comes.

### DOCTOR JOHNSON'S LITERARY SOCIETY HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Wednesday night, September 27, Doctor Johnson's Literary Society met in the Lecture Room for its first meeting of the year.

The officers for the first quarter are Don Miller, president; L. W. Riley, vice president; Fred Yarborough, secretary and treasurer; Emerson Whitley, sergeant-at-arms.

Bids were extended to William Clapp, Wayne Taylor, Junius Peedin, Bob Graham, Carl Neal, and Joe Franks.

This society serves as a medium for expression of the literary and social potentialities of its members and consists of young men who are alert in all these phases of campus life, and serves as a brother organization to Panvio Literary Society.

According to word from the office of the Registrar, at present there are over 340 students enrolled in Elon College for the school year 1944-45. Needless to say this is an excellent record.

In spite of a number of rumors heard to the contrary, it is true that practically one-third of this total are men students. Even though the effects of war are realized here as well as in colleges the nation over, Elon, without a doubt, shows prospects of one of its best years.

Freshmen Orientation period this fall was cut a bit short because of the infantile perturbation which detained the opening of school from September 5 until September 18. Those assisting in helping freshmen get settled during those first few days were members of the Student Christian Association Senior Cabinet. During the first week, cabinet members met all busses and trains, directed lost freshmen to their dormitories, advised them concerning their registration, handed out first-hand information, and started them in the general drift of college life. The members of the S. C. A. cabinet did a fine piece of work which should certainly be commended.

Orientation period began on Monday morning, September 18, with the registration of freshmen. This was continued after lunch until 5 p. m. On Monday night there was an assembly of all freshmen students giving them an opportunity to hear talks by the administration and by outstanding students. Following an organ prelude by Professor Irving D. Bartley, head of the Department of Music, Dr. Bowden, Dean of the College, made the invocation.

The new Dean of Women, Dr. Mary Phares, was introduced by Dr. Bowden and made an address to the freshmen class. Jeanne Hook, president of the Student Body, spoke briefly to the class and introduced other student government officers, dormitory officers and class presidents. Presidents and representatives of various campus organizations were given the opportunity to inform the freshmen of their duties and organizations. Fred Register, president of the sophomore class, explained rules for freshmen initiation. Final speaker for the evening was Dr. L. E. Smith, president of the college. The program concluded with the singing of the college song.

Upperclassmen registered on Tuesday, September 19, while freshmen made tours of the campus and attended meetings conducted by various faculty members. Coach Adcox explained the physical education department to both men and women students. In the afternoon two addresses were delivered by Mr. C. R. McClure, head of the Department of English, on "The Historical Significance of Elon College," and by Dr. M. B. French, professor of Biblical literature, on the subject "How to Succeed in College."

Tuesday night movies, entitled "Elon, Past and Present" were shown in Whitley Auditorium.

Regular class schedule began Wednesday morning at 8 a. m. An outstanding and long-to-be remembered event of the Orientation Period was the annual faculty reception held Wednesday night, September 20, at 8 o'clock. Following the reception there was a social hour in Society Hall.

With such an excellent start and with so fine an enrollment of students this fall, it is evident that Elon may well expect another outstanding year.