

## SOPHOMORE-FROSH RECEPTION TONIGHT

## RICHARD HARKNESS BEGINS PLATFORM SERIES

### Commentator Addresses Large Audience Here

"Because only an enlightened public can go forward for a permanent peace, it is of vital importance that the American people get the truth in the news." Richard Harkness, NBC's Washington commentator, told a large audience of students and Alamance county citizens in Whitley Auditorium Thursday evening, October 11.

The speaker, brought here by the American Business Club of Burlington as the initial guest in a series of artists, stressed the importance of truth in the news.

Speaking of his experiences as a Washington reporter, Mr. Harkness told of the difficulty in bringing "straight" news to the public. He pointed out examples of "tug-of-war-coating" the news and the attempts of some reporters to go behind the scenes and bring out the facts.

Touching briefly on a variety of subjects, he stated that it was not beyond us (Americans) to solve the world's problems and that the United Nations' conferences were a big step in this direction, and to the success of the post-war world. He asserted that most of the troubles between nations are really minor difficulties, such as the misunderstanding of languages. He scoffed at the idea of Russia's desire for war, saying that Russia desired peace as much as other nations. He warned of the danger in propaganda against Russia brought to the people by certain reporters, and enumerated amusing incidents showing the differences between Russia and the United States. He advised that each country must give up a little of its desires and asserted that Stalin was asking too much for Russia in the division of the war spoils.

Turning to the situation in America, he spoke of the success President Truman has had since he came into office, and compared the late President Roosevelt and President Truman. He pointed out that Truman has turned definitely to the left in his governmental policies, and Congress to the right, and predicted that this situation should lead to a "middle-of-the-road policy" by the administration.

In closing his lecture, Mr. Harkness made this statement: "You should look for this one fundamental truth from Washington—that we are coming to an economic crossroads. The government must move in if depression comes, and this situation would mean state-socialism rather than free-enterprise. We must keep the free enterprises for which our men fought and died."

Next lecture will be by Anna May Wong on November 2.

### COLLEGE SPONSORS

#### WAR FUND DRIVE

As the MAROON AND GOLD goes to press, results from the recent United War Fund and Community Chest drive are beginning to come in. The drive, which was in charge of Dr. Hans Hirsch, began October 8 and had as its goal two hundred dollars.

Results from the various college divisions are as follows: West Dormitory in charge of Margaret Rawls, \$16.12; North Dormitory, Fred Register, \$11.30; East Dormitory, Martha McDaniel, \$8.20; Day Students, Bill Clapp, \$5.00; Ladies Hall, Bettie Sue Lloyd, no report; Oak Lodge, Sara Brewer, no report; faculty, Dr. Hirsch, \$31.50.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS, who will play host to the Freshmen at the annual Sophomore-Freshman Reception tonight. Pictured above from left to right are Jane McCauley, Waverly, Va., newly-elected vice president; Ermine Davis, Durham, treasurer; Betty Benton, Norfolk, Va., newly elected president; and Faye Rickard, Elon College, secretary. This is the second group of all-girl class officers in the history of the college—the first being the Senior officers of last year.

## Coxe And Inman Win Student Body Offices

### NEW MEMBERS ARE INITIATED BY PANVIO LITERARY SOCIETY

Sixteen new members were taken into the Panvio Literary Society at a regular meeting of that organization held last Wednesday evening in Society Hall. Those initiated during the candlelight ceremonies were Hattie Ann Green, Erna Nell Carter, Ann Foster, Helen Jones, Marian Jackson, Faye Burke, Dorene Tyson, Miriam McKenney, Verna Lee Kernodle, Ruby Willis, Brownie Bradshaw, Fleeta Mofitt, Gladys Rakestraw, Dorothy Salmans, Jean West, and Grace Ward.

Maragret Rice was elected to be the new secretary.

Mrs. H. A. Hunter, Elon College, guest speaker, told something of her travels in France. Helen Gunter spoke on "Panvio in the Past," and Sarah Brewer followed her discussion with "Panvio in the Future."

### KERNODLE SELECTED AS FROSH PREXY

Donald Kernodle, of Ossipee, was selected president of the Freshman class at the first meeting of the "class of '49" held Tuesday morning in the Little Theater. Orville Robinson, Wilmington, was chosen to be vice president; Jean West, Hampton, Va., secretary; and Helen Ayscue, Henderson, treasurer. Dorothy Shackelford, of Hampton, Va., was named representative to the Student Council, and Keiser Glascock, Virgilina, Va., was selected to be the Student Senate representative. Dr. Merton B. French was named sponsor.

### BETTY BENTON TO HEAD SOPHOMORE CLASS

Mary Coxe defeated Hazel Cole for treasurer of the student body and Kermit Inman won over Betty Benton for student body secretary in the finals of the fall election held last Tuesday morning in Dean Bowden's office. In the primary held the week before, two candidates for treasurer received an equal number of votes and the count for the secretary's position was close. The fall election is held to fill office vacancies left by those who transferred or did not return to college this year. Mary Coxe will take the place of Jack Morgan, and Inman will fill the vacancy left by Frances Detrick.

Other officers elected were Betty Benton, sophomore class prexy; Jane McCauley, sophomore vice president; Catherine Cooper, treasurer of the junior class; Ethelinda Griffin, Senior Council representative; Thomas Hoffman, day student representative to the Senate; and Kathleen Young, day student representative to the Council; Kathleen Young, day student representative to the Student Council; and Mary Coxe and Hazel Cole, Junior representatives to the Council.

Emerson Whatley, president of the student body, Elizabeth Parker, president of the Student Council, and Junius Peedin, president of the Student Senate, were in charge of this election. The Australian ballot system was used.

### EARL DANIELEY TO HEAD FUTURE TEACHERS

#### DR. DESKINS ELECTED VICE- PRESIDENT N. C. E. A.

When the future teachers and education students met recently to organize and elect officers for the year's work of the Education Club, Earl Danieley was elected president and Elizabeth Holland, vice president. Hazel Cole was named secretary-treasurer and Elizabeth Braddy was elected publicity chairman. Dr. S. C. Deskins, head of the Education Department and recently elected vice president of the Northwestern district of the North Carolina Education Association, is to guide the organization as sponsor. The club, which meets monthly on the first Thursday evening of each month, plans to secure local and visiting educators to speak.

### MARGARET RAWLS ELECTED PRESIDENT PI GAMMU MU

Margaret Rawls was elected president of Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science fraternity, at the first meeting of that organization this year, held in Dr. Hirsch's classroom. Ed Daniel was chosen to be vice president and Elizabeth Braddy, secretary-treasurer. Plans for the next meeting, which will be held next Thursday morning, were discussed. Letters are to be sent to those students who are eligible for membership in the society.



MARY COXE, Wagram, newly-elected treasurer of the student body.



KERMIT INMAN, Freeland, newly-elected secretary of the student body.

## Frosh King And Queen To Reign At Celebration

### ELEVEN PLEDGED BY SORORITIES

Climaxing rush week, eleven girls were extended bids to campus sororities last Saturday night, October 11, on the first bid-night of the year. The four Greek letter social clubs, Beta Omicron Beta, Tau Zeta Phi, Delta Upsilon Kappa, and Pi Kappa Tau, observed bidnight in the usual manner, by singing their songs, exchanging the names of their pledges, welcoming old members back on campus, and feasting through the night. The absence of the brother fraternities was noticeable, but the presence of a number of former fraternity members as visitors helped make the bid-night festivities more like those of pre-war days. The fraternities disbanded for the duration.

Girls accepting bids were Ruth Everett to Delta Upsilon Kappa; Hilda Neese and Helen Cobb to Tau Zeta Phi; and Pattie Cochran, Vivian Coble, Vivian Walker, and Elizabeth Johnson to Beta Omicron Beta, and Carrie Stanford, Dell Burkhead, Janice Frazier, and Ruth Clarke to Pi Kappa Tau.

Initiation, or "hell week" is proceeding in the traditional manner and will end Monday night with formal ceremonies.

### LT. FRED GILLIAM REACHES HOME

Home on a rest and rehabilitation leave after one and a half years overseas duty, Lieutenant Fred Gilliam, Elon College, visited the Elon campus last week.

Lt. Gilliam, a member of the 313th Troop Carrier Group, received his A. B. Degree in business administration from Elon in 1942 and immediately entered the armed services. After two years of training and acting as an instructor in the United States, Lt. Gilliam was sent to England where he spent a year with General Burton's First Allied Airborne Troops, flying on airborne missions and carrying supplies to General Patton's Third Army and other troops on the continent. While flying on the continent he had missions in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany; and he adds monthly on the first Thursday evening of each month, plans to secure local and visiting educators to speak.

In September of 1945 he was assigned as educational officer for his entire group and kept this assignment until his return to the States in mid-September.

Lt. Gilliam wears the E-10 ribbon with 4 battle stars and he has 2 battle stars to be assigned. He also holds the Air Medal and clusters, a presidential citation and the Bronze Arrowhead medal, given to airborne troops who landed behind enemy lines.

At Antwerp when the first V-bombs were dropped and in on the mopping-up operations at Brussels, he has had many unusual experiences; but he says perhaps the highlights were fighting along with the British 21st Army in Holland and a week's rest and relaxation spent in General Rommel's luxurious suite on the famed Riviera coast of southern France.

While overseas Lt. Gilliam met a number of former Elon students. He was in the same squadron with Warren Burns in southern England and he ran into John Pollard and Wade Lowe. Having heard that Captain Preston Townes, who was since killed in action, was nearby when they were in Holland, Lt. Gilliam tried to contact him and one night he "dug in" at Captain Townes' command, post but he did not get to see him.

After his leave, Lt. Gilliam will return to his group which is stationed at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He hopes to be out of the army in June, 1946, and when he returns to civilian life, he plans to do post-graduate work in business administration.

The annual Sophomore-Freshman reception will be held tonight at 8:00 in Society Hall. The king and queen of the Freshman class, chosen by the Sophomores as best all-around and most popular, will be crowned by Betty Benton, president of the Sophomore class. The Grand March led by the king and queen will start the fun.

The receiving line will include Betty Benton, president of the Sophomore class; Jane McCauley, vice president; Faye Rickard, secretary; Ermine Davis, treasurer; Don Kernodle, president of the Freshman class; Orville Robinson, vice president; Jean West, secretary; Helen Ayscue, treasurer; and their respective dates. Miss Ida M. Greenfield, Dean of Women, Lacy Adcox for the Sophomore class and Dr. Merton B. French for the Freshman class, will be the sponsors.

The committees which are responsible for the affair are the following: Plans: Betty Benton, chairman; Patsy Wrenn, Faye Rickard, Kermit Inman, Ella Mae Morgan, and Ermine Davis.

Decoration committee: Ermine Davis, chairman. Ronald Grinstead, Patty Cochran, Helen Gunter, Paige Eaves, W. D. Little, Sarah Harris, Mary Yarborough, Florine Chandler, and Erna Nell Carter.

Entertainment: Patsy Wrenn, chairman, Kathy Young, Lem Allen, Ruth Everett, Helen Scott, and Bill Copeland.

Refreshments: Jo Earp, chairman; Erna Nell Carter, Maxine Cole, Helen Gunter, Virginia Porter, Ann Griffin, and Lois Mintz.

Invitation: Dell Burkhead, chairman; Martha Yarborough, Vivian Walker, Jane McCauley, and Alice Brewer.

Clean-up: Kermit Inman, chairman; Frances St. Clair, Elinor Argenbright, John Sutton, Emery Gilliam, Archie Braxton and Ralph Long.

### ELON PLAYERS DISCUSS BROADWAY PRODUCTIONS

The Elon Players met last Thursday morning in the Little Theater for the regular meeting. Tickets for the production, "Moor Born," were distributed to members of the Players; each person selling five tickets gets a complementary ticket.

Kathy Young, president, read the constitution of the Players; and Jack Sunburn gave a very interesting talk on plays that are now being given attention on Broadway. The interest of Shakespeare's plays seem to be greatly aroused. Other plays that he mentioned were: "The Southerner," which is about the hardships and trials of the lower class of people in the South; "Things to Come," an early musical; and "I Remember Mamma," a play which was run on Broadway for about twelve months and is again returning. It seems that many of the old time plays are being brought again to Broadway.

### ELLIOTT JAMES WILL LECTURE OCTOBER 24: SCIENTIST DEMONSTRATES LIQUID AIR

Elliott James, who has appeared at the Hall of Science, Century of Progress and other national fairs, will lecture on "Liquid Air" at 8:00 p. m. in Whitley Auditorium, Elon College, on October 24.

Kerosene oil will be solidified in a tube so that it may be used as a candle. Rubber will be frozen so that it will shatter when thrown. Mercury will be frozen by liquid air so that it may be attached to a handle and used as a hammer. Many other remarkable properties of liquid air will be demonstrated.

This lecture will be free to the public. It is part of the general cultural and educational program.