

## College Gets Go Sign On Gymnasium

Elon College was last week given the go-ahead sign by the Board of Trustees to begin construction of a new gymnasium whose ultra-modern plant and seating capacity of more than 4,200 will make it one of the finest gymnasiums in the South. The announcement was made by President L. E. Smith.

The new gym is to be built from contributions of Elon alumni "as a memorial to the Elonites who sacrificed their lives in World War II." Building cost is estimated at \$200,000.

According to President Smith, the building should be completed in the early fall of next year. Approximately \$100,000 worth of building materials will be stockpiled on the building site during the winter, with actual construction scheduled to begin March 1. Grading is to begin at once.

Plans for the building call for the latest in conveniences for athletes, spectators and the press. The seating capacity for basketball games will be 4,200, but for occasions at which spectators can be seated on the main floor, more than 6,500 can be accommodated. In addition, there will be offices, class rooms, storage rooms and a large, well-equipped radio and press box.

"The building is planned," President Smith said, "so that a swimming pool can be added." Tentative plans call for the addition of a swimming pool immediately upon completion of the gymnasium, he declared.

The new gym has been planned for three years. Jimmy Darden, Alumni Secretary, revealed that nearly half the building costs have been raised through alumni contributions since Sept., 1946, when the campaign for raising funds began.

Plans for the gymnasium were placed in the hands of contractors for bids Oct. 5. Later, at a joint meeting of the building committee of the Board of Trustees with a building committee of the Alumni Association, it was decided that all bids were too high.

This week the Board of Trustees authorized the college to act as its own contractor, President Smith said, and recommended that preparations be made through the winter for actual building to begin in the spring.

The new gymnasium will be constructed on a site north of the main campus on N. C. Highway 100, directly across from the Carleton Library. An architect's drawing of the building is expected to be available for publication within a few days.

## Adult Education Program In The Making

A program in adult education is slated to start on the campus in January in an effort on the part of the college to make a further contribution of this community and to Alamance County.

The courses offered in the program will be planned to meet the expressed desires of the adults of the community. Classes will probably be offered in English, history, religion, practical chemistry, geography, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and sociology.

Members of the faculty committee now making a study of the problems and drawing up tentative plans are: Dr. W. W. Sloan, Chairman, Mrs. Emily C. Johnson, Prof. C. W. Paskins, Prof. John Westmoreland, Prof. H. S. Bruton, and Prof. J. E. Danielely.

## Big Doings Scheduled At College For Homecoming Week-End; Elon Meets Catawba Indians In Saturday Night Highlight

### Christians Seek To Even Score

It's Elon and Catawba who hold the lion's share of North State Conference championships, with Catawba edging Elon on the all-time record book 6-5. A Christian victory tomorrow night would even the score.

The two teams have been conference foes since 1940. In their first game, played at Salisbury, Catawba rolled over the Christians 38-0, which, incidentally, was last year's score.

From 1933 to 1936, the Elon team, with Coach L. C. Walker at the helm, had a run on conference honors, bringing home the bacon for four years in a row.

Until last Saturday, when Appalachian upset Catawba 20-13 at Winston-Salem, Elon held the distinction of being the only North State Conference team to pin back the ears of the Indians in seven years.

Immediately after Elon's 8-7 victory in 1941, the Indians went wild, and it has been the ambition of every conference team to lift their scalps ever since.

Unquestionably the Redskins lost a little fur when they tangled with the Mountaineers last week, but they still haven't relinquished their seven-year strangle-hold on the conference championship.

In inter-conference play, the Tribe has been reminded occasionally how it is to be defeated, but they have apparently forgotten completely how to play a ball game without scoring. They have drawn blood in 81 consecutive games to date.

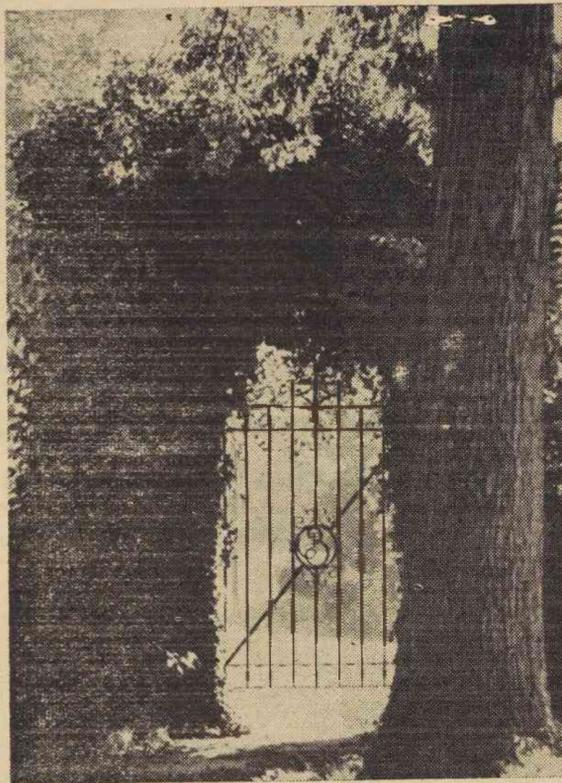
The Tribe this year is on the war-path with the same club, with the exception of the tackles, that flayed Marshall College in the Tangerine Bowl last New Year's Day.

### Norman Cordon Lyceum Appearance Cancelled

Norman Cordon, baritone who was to be the first of the entertainers appearing in the Lyceum Series, will be unable to appear Oct. 25, as previously announced.

Because of conflicting engagements, Mr. Cordon's program must be switched to an earlier or later date. As yet, no Lyceum program has been substituted for the date left open by Mr. Cordon's cancellation.

Through Any Gate, Alumni, Welcome Home!



### Saturday's Pre-Game Rally To Feature Bonfire and Torch Parade

More pre-game sound and fury is scheduled for the Catawba affair than for any other game this year, with students slated to parade in Burlington tomorrow afternoon, then stage the year's biggest pep rally around a bonfire just before the game.

At 3:00 p. m., Saturday, students will gather back of Alamance building to board cars for Burlington and the parade. All cars are to be decorated with maroon and gold paper, which is to be obtained in the Alumni office.

The pep rally, scheduled for 6:45 p. m., is planned to be the most exciting of the year. A bonfire is to be lit on the site of Elon Memorial Gymnasium, across the highway from Carleton Library, and a snake dance will be held around the fire.

The college band will be on hand for the rally, and will lead a parade from the fire to College Park. It

has not yet been confirmed whether or not torches will be carried in the parade to the football field.

In addition to brushing up the students on traditional yells, the cheerleaders plan to introduce several new yells at the re-game pep rally. One of these is to be the "trumpet yell," done by students to the accompaniment of trumpets in the band.

Another feature of the rally is to be the appearance of the "Fighting Christian" in full regalia. It will be the first appearance in many years of this "symbol of our fighting spirit."

Cheerleaders are highly optimistic over the possibility of an impressive appearance at the game of the students en masse behind the band.

Students with cars are requested to be on hand shortly before 3:00 o'clock tomorrow to facilitate transportation of others to Burlington for the parade.

### Festivities Open Tonight With Student Body Social In Gym

#### Open House In West Dormitory Saturday 3:30 To 4:30, For Alumni And Students

There will be receptions, noise, decorations and what have you for alumni returning today and tomorrow for the big homecoming weekend centered around tomorrow night's football game.

#### Campus Traditions— Senior Oak, Cow In Bell Tower, The White Mule

By Virginia Davis

Many of you have been strolling on the campus and noticed the beautiful oak that stands on the lawn at the southwest side. Having inquired, you were told that was the famous "Senior Oak."

It has been the setting and the binding of many a happy romance as the ring was placed on the third finger, left hand and sealed with a kiss. But for the Senior Oak story, we must go back to the year 1889.

When the site of our college was being cleared, the trees that were cut down were hauled by mule sled to the site that is now the railroad station, where it became fuel for the trains. One of the mule teams inadvertently struck a young oak sapling located near the center of the campus.

The founder of the college told his son, Will S. Long, that he must cut the injured tree. However, instead of cutting the tree, Mr. Long gave it first aid. This caused the curving trunk which through the ages has produced the weird contours of "Senior Oak."

Cow In Cupola

Several years later, Burlington sent to our alma mater as students the two Moser boys. The dormitory in which they lived had the appearance of a barn-like shed. It was located near the old heating plants which served the college in the past.

Having decided that their menu was not adequate, they brought with them a cow who was to augment their meals. One cold, bleak, wind-swept night, several students stole the cow, and by some strange method lured her up the stairs to the cupola of old Alamance building where they tied the animal to the bell rope. The cow paced and mooed and pulled the bell back and

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Still, the event remains predominantly a student diversion, with alumni enjoying exclusively only the right to "come home."

Festivities begin tonight with a student body social in the gymnasium from 8:00 to 11:00 p. m. A four-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

Tomorrow morning students will be decorating their respective dormitories. The displays are to be staged outside so that alumni and students may make tours of inspection, and all decorations are to be judged. Pictures of the winning displays will appear in the "Alumni News" and possibly in the "Phi Psi Cli."

In the afternoon, open house is to be held in West dormitory for alumni and students.

This year visiting alumni will eat in finer style than was their lot as students. Most of them will be seeing the new dining hall, with its modern steam cabinets and semi-cafeteria service, for the first time.

It is estimated by Jimmy Darden, Alumni Secretary, that more than 1500 alumni live in nearby vicinities. The appearance on the campus of a fair percentage of this group, with those coming from farther away, could easily make this weekend the biggest homecoming in the school's history.

### Creative Writing Contest Announced

New York, N. Y.—The National Five Arts Award, Inc., a non-profit organization, designed to discover, aid and stimulate creative writing in the Colleges and Universities in the United States has announced the first of its annual contests for its Awards and Fellowships totalling one hundred thousand dollars.

Open to all writers, the contests are primarily for new, college-age writers in the fields of the full length play, the radio script, the popular song, the screen original, the short story and short short. There are six cash awards in each category, a \$2,000 first prize, a \$1,000 second prize, and four prizes of \$500 each. In addition \$70,000 of the total Awards will be granted in the form of 140 Fellowships of \$500 each.

The Fellowships, like the cash prizes, will be awarded on the basis of merit alone, rather than age or academic degrees, and will be granted to writers of talent and promise. Further, such writers may use the fellowship money in whatever manner will best further their writing careers, for it is not conditioned upon project outlines or specific writing or study commitments.

Closing date of the contests is January 31, 1949. Announcement of the Normandy Pen Awards and Fellowships will be made April 1, 1949, or as soon thereafter as possible.

The address of The National Five Arts Award, Inc., is 715 Fifth Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

### MAJORETTES WILL BE STEPPING HIGH TOMORROW NIGHT



Celia Edwards      Phyllis Tucker      Frances Ferguson      Virginia Rebbick      Virginia Davis      Jean Ray

"Lights Out!" will be the command from drum major Jack Casland when he leads the pretty majorettes pictured above and the Elon College band onto the field during halftime of the football game between the Elon Christians and the Catawba Indians here tomorrow night.

The pick of the student body, these six majorettes will make

their third appearance before the Elon fans.

The Indians are bringing their band with them from Salisbury. In a pre-game demonstration, a mass formation of the two bands will march to the two sidelines, form letters representing each college and play the college songs. Still in formation, the bands will march to the middle of the field, form a

large "U. S." and play "The Star-Spangled Banner."

For the first time in its history, the Elon College band will parade in the dark during halftime. The field will be completely blacked out except for the lights on the band members' hats. What formation the band will make is being kept as a surprise for the spectators. It is rumored that the band will play

a popular song as it executes an appropriate formation.

It is not known whether or not there will be speeches by prominent alumni who are expected to attend this Homecoming Game.

No announcement has been made from the Physical Education Department regarding the "powder puff" football game played by the girls during halftime in Homecoming games in previous years.