

## Student Veterinarians Lose Valiant Patient—Injured Campus Squirrel

By JOAN BOLWELL

Four pre-med students had an opportunity to test their skill last Friday, and their patient was not an ordinary one. Friend Henry, campus squirrel and friend of the student body, had been injured by an automobile.

In the "accident" ward of the biology lab, four serious faced young doctors proceeded to get ready for their patient. The operating table was ready and Henry, the patient, was ready. An anesthetic was not available, but the operation had to be performed anyway.

Two of the young men confronted Henry, who was screaming and

struggling with excruciating pain. His two hind legs were broken.

The two fractured legs were put into splints and taped together. Our little friend failed to rally, and soon fell into a troubled sleep. Since the private rooms were filled, Henry was placed in a ward with an owl and a king snake.

Five days later our loveable little bushy-tailed patient passed into the land of nut trees and halos. He was so weak from lack of nourishment that his little heart just stopped. Or maybe it was broken—for what fun would there be for a squirrel who couldn't lead a happy, nonchalant life of dashing up trees and eating nuts?

## Elon Players Elect Year's Officers

Officers for the year were elected in a meeting of the Elon Players last Friday in Mooney Chapel.

After some discussion, the group decided that the officers of last year should be reinstated "in view of their past record of superlative work."

The reinstated officers are: Ed Nash, president; Floyd Boyce, vice-president; Evelyn Moore, secretary; and Bill Hopkins, treasurer.

A motion was passed that a permanent social committee be appointed. Those appointed to the committee were: Bill Hopkins, chairman; Jackie Wentz, Pat Sanford, Joan Bolwell, Robert Wright, and Nash Parker.

John Vance was appointed publicity director for the year, and Bob Wright was appointed as assistant publicity director in addition to being put in charge of the Players' Scrapbook.

Ed Nash, re-elected president, will take the character part of Mr. Ferguson in the forthcoming play, "What A Life." A Senior, Nash entered Elon in March, 1946. He has been a member of the Elon Players since Sept., 1946, and has taken part in the following campus plays: "Junior Miss," "Best Foot

## Players Scheduled To Give Benefit Performance To Orphans

The play, "What A Life," first production for the year of the Elon Players, will be premiered in a benefit performance for Elon Christian Orphanage, November 3, in the afternoon.

Last year, much interest was shown by Elon College students in making the lot of the orphanage children more cheerful. The children, because of the relative inaccessibility of the orphanage and the lack of organized transportation, have little opportu-

ity to enjoy outside amusements.

This state of affairs, coming to the attention of the student body, caused a wave of interest, whereupon the various social clubs and dormitories instigated a Christmas party with gifts which may become traditional.

In keeping with this feeling of benevolence, Mrs. Betty Smith, director and advisor to the Players, disclosed that in the future she hopes many benefit performances may be given for the orphanage children.

## 'What A Life' Curtain Rises Nov. 3 And 4

Henry Aldrich, one of the most human and well-drawn characters of the modern stage, will come to life Nov. 3 and 4 on the Whitley Auditorium stage in "What A Life," a play that has literally made theatrical history.

Produced on Broadway by George Abbott, one of the leading producers in the business and the man responsible for such great hits of recent years as "Best Foot Forward" and "Pal Joey," "What A Life" had a run that threatened never to end. It is the play that made Ezra Stone famous.

Three road companies have done the play all over the United States. One of those companies, sent out by Abbott himself, starred Jackie Coogan and the Players' director, Mrs. Smith.

From beginning to end, Mrs. Smith will tell you, the play touches certain basic chords that make it universally popular. "I have seen the show done before all types of audiences," she says, "and it was always a hit."

Even the small parts in the play are gems, Mrs. Smith declares. "One of the parts, the gym teacher role, has only two lines," she says. "Yet I have never seen those lines fail to get a laugh."



John Vance—Assistant Principal



Robert Rubinate—George Bigelow, High School Campus Shiek

## SCA To Raise Money At Halloween Party For Student Loan Fund

Elon's Student Christian Association will sponsor a big Halloween party at 8 p. m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the gymnasium, according to an announcement made by Todd Ferneyhough, SCA president. Proceeds from the party will be used to establish a loan fund for students.

Booths which are to be sponsored by the various fraternities and sororities will be set up in the gym. Each booth will feature some sort of entertainment to separate students from their loose pennies, Mr. Ferneyhough says.

A main attraction of the party is to be the election of a king and queen. The Halloween royalty will be determined by vote, each vote costing a penny. Prizes will also be offered for the best costume, and some special award will be made to the best dressed couple.

The idea of the loan fund, Mr. Ferneyhough says, is to make available for needy students loans of five dollars or more. Eligibility for the loans will be determined solely by need, and the only security required will be the student's signature.

### FOWL STUFF

"What are you doing in the cellar?" demanded the rooster.

"If it's any of your business," replied the hen, "I'm laying in a supply of coal."

### THOUGHTS OF LOVE

We know a fellow who was so much in love with a girl that he worshipped the ground her father discovered oil on.

## Faculty Houses Soon To Be Occupied

Seven new faculty residences are now being built in the western sector of Elon College township. At their completion, there will be three two-story and four one-story homes.

Built from seasoned lumber obtained from the surplus at Camp Butner, the building was begun the latter part of last summer and should be completed within the month.

The faculty members who will inhabit these new homes are Dr. Ferris Reynolds, Prof. Joshua Colley, Coach James Mallory, Mr. Harold J. Pope, and Mr. Jimmy Darden.

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### SENIOR OAK

forth, causing the bell to ring all night. The next morning the boys were pulled out of bed to clean up the mess in the bell loft.

### The White Mule

Year after year, a stock trick of pranksters was leading an old white mule into the office of Elon's President, where he would be given the run of the place during the night. In the morning, the President would be greeted by a snort or the sight of the old mule looking at him over his desk.

### ANSWERS TO MAROON AND GOLD QUIZ

1. Saturday, Oct. 23.
2. Will S. Long.
3. Elon Jayvees, in a game with the Jayvees of High Point College.
4. Siler, Annas, Lee and Davis.
5. March 1, 1949.
6. 1941.
7. A picture of the display will be printed in the "Alumni News," and possibly in "Phi Psi Cli."
8. They will perform in the dark with lights on their caps.
9. Henry, the squirrel.
10. Children of the Elon Christian Orphanage.



Jeanne Parks—Miss Shea

Henry Aldrich himself, the enthusiastic director declares, is such a thoroughly human character that he immediately wins the sympathy of any audience. His troubles are the more universal, she says, because they arise in a large part from his own innocence.

Trouble starts for the poor boy when he gets a notion to take Barbara Pierson to a dance—and is without the necessary two dollars. To get the money, he has to promise his mother to make the highest grade in history.

That, says Henry, is impossible, for it is an unwritten law that three other students always make the highest grades. However, Henry makes an effort—and complications set in. Not only is he accused of cheating on the exam, but by the end of Act 2, he is accused of stealing band instruments.

Poor Henry had had his heart set on Princeton, but the school principal sees no such bright future for the boy. Henry's choice, the principal tells his mother, is between trade school and reform school. "Princeton's out," he says, "It was out the day he (Henry) was born."

Nash Parker, Mrs. Smith says, is doing a fine job in training for the role of Henry. The Mickey Rooney type, Parker is a natural for the part.

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