

## The Elon Of Tomorrow



Standing before an architect's conception of the "Elon of Tomorrow," Jim Widenhouse, student politician who played an important role in engineering a student government "new deal," shakes hands with Dr. L. E. Smith the morning after the faculty had voted unanimously to approve the new constitution.

## Commencement Program Ready For 114 Graduates

The 59th annual Commencement program surrounding the graduation of 114 seniors, the largest graduating class in Elon's history, will span three days, from Saturday, May 28, to Monday, May 30, and will be highlighted by historic events and the appearance here of outstanding personalities.

Saturday, according to the program, is Class Day and Alumni Day, the feature of which will be the laying of the cornerstone of the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Following this ceremony there will be a picnic lunch served on the grounds, and a reunion of the classes of 1899, 1909, 1919, 1924,

1929 and 1939. The day will be limaxed by a reception given by Pres. and Mrs. L. E. Smith and the Alumni Banquet, the speaker of which will be Dr. David W. Shepherd, '29.

Sunday, May 29, will feature the Baccalaureate Sermon, to be delivered by Dr. Harold A. Bosley, Dean of the Duke Divinity School, and the presentation of Faure's "Requiem" by the Elon College Singers at 8:30 that evening.

Graduation exercises will be held Monday morning at 10:30 with Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Lt. Governor of North Carolina, appearing as guest speaker.

One of the high spots of graduation exercises Monday will be the awarding of three honorary degrees. Governor Kerr Scott will be awarded an LL. D., Clyde Clayton Foushee will receive a D. D., and a doctorate of music will be conferred upon Lilla Belle Pitts.

The following special certificates and diplomas will be awarded the same day: certificate in art to Raymond Maloy Poteat; certificates in public school music to Mary Elizabeth Browning, Norma Jean Edwards, Nola Jean Meredith and Wayne Thompson Moore; diplomas

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## APOLOGIES

The editors of the Maroon and Gold apologize for having missed getting out two issues of the paper since the spring holidays. Had we worked, we would have found more pleasure in our work than ever before, events of the past weeks being what they were.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to go to press. Our printers, who are employees of The Daily Times-News in Burlington, were working over-time at their own machines in order to get out their big Centennial issue.

As much help as the folks up town have given us this year, we hardly feel like complaining.

# Constitution Awaits Trustees' OK; Fowler Is To Head New Government

## Mizell Elected In Landslide To Office Of Vice-President

In another record vote Tuesday during general elections Arthur Fowler, rising Junior from Erwin swept into the presidency of the Student Body with 272 votes against 171 votes for his nearest competitor George Stanley and 99 for Ira Cutrell.

## Elon Active In Celebration Of Centennial

The only college in Alamance County, Elon was featured heavily in the county's Centennial celebration ending last Tuesday night.

In the colorful three-mile parade held Monday afternoon, May 9, the college entered an attractive float designed to suggest the Christian Church school's role as a county institution.

The college booth at the Exposition held in the Carolina Warehouse featured a movie, "Elon in the News," prepared by Prof. A. L. Hook. The "Elon of Tomorrow" was represented by an architect's drawing which included buildings projected in a 20-year expansion program.

Prof. John Westmoreland's Elon Singers were featured in last Sunday night's religious services held in the high school stadium. The Singers, veterans of tours and radio broadcasts, performed before the largest audience ever to participate in a religious service in the county.

A full page of the 168-page Centennial issue of the Daily Times-News was devoted to an historical sketch of Elon College.

Since it opened its door in 1890, Elon has become the Alma Mater for 2,108 Alamance County students.



JEANNE MEREDITH

## Phi Psi Cli Editor Closes Busy Career At Annual's Arrival

Jeanne Meredith, one of the most industrious women in the history of the school, had officially turned the biggest trick of her college career when the 1948-49 edition of Psi Psi Cli, which she edited, was put into the hands of the students yesterday.

This year's annual represents an untold number of man hours, hours which Jeanne, of all students, could hardly afford.

She has been secretary to Dean D. J. Bowden for four years, secretary of the student body, treasurer of the student body, secretary of the German Club for two years, a member of the S.C.A. Cabinet, a member of the constitution committee for student government and a member of the Student Con-

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With his victory Tuesday, the Student Body may have given Fowler more responsibility than has ever been carried by a student at Elon College.

If the Board of Trustees in their meeting May 30 put their stamp of approval on the new Student Government constitution okayed earlier this month by the faculty, Fowler will be one of the few student presidents in the country heading a student government with comparable authority and responsibility.

Arthur Mizell, who was last week elected Speaker pro-tem of the House at the North Carolina Student Legislature meeting held in Raleigh, was elected vice-president by an even greater majority than that recorded by Fowler. Mizell collected 365 votes to 110 for Tommy Howell, his closest rival.

As a result of the increased responsibility to be shouldered by the vice-president under the new system of government, interest has run as high here this week for the vice-presidential candidates as in the candidates for the presidency.

Under the old system of government, the vice-president had little responsibility. Under the system that is expected to become effective next September, the vice-pres. will be speaker of the Student Legislature, in addition to his responsibility for substituting for the president if the need arises.

George Shackelford was elected secretary-treasurer of the student body, besting Maxine Abercrombie by 10 votes. Richard Painter tallied 106 votes for the office to rank third behind Shackelford with 171 and Abercrombie with 161.

Student council members elected were Claude Gentry, Gene Hardy, Sue Edwards and Shirley Joyner. Gentry tallied 208 votes, Hardy 152, Edwards 54 and Joyner 65. Hardy edged out Joe Kent by only three votes.

To the Honor Council, students elected two Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore and one member at large. One Freshman representative will be elected next September.

The Senior members elected are Jim Hailey and Evelyn Moore. Juniors elected are Billy Cook and Sara Foster, and Carl Woods will represent the Sophomore class on the Council. Claude Manzi had no close competition in being elected member at large over a field of nine candidates.

Following is a list of all the candidates for office and their votes:

President  
Arthur Fowler, 272; George Stanley, 171; Ira Cutrell, 99.

Vice President  
Arthur Mizell, 365; Tommy Howell, 110; Jim Burns 93; Arnold Melvin, 56; Jim Cates, 15.

Secretary-Treasurer  
George Shackelford, 171; Maxine Abercrombie, 161; Richard Painter, 106; Virginia Latta, 62; Mildred Sharpe, 57.

Student Council  
Men: Claude Gentry, 208; Gene Hardy, 152; Joe Kent, 149; Jack Hanel, 118; Fleetwood White, 80; Bill Perkinson, 67.

Women: Shirley Joyner, 65; Sue Edwards, 54; Bill Green, 40; Melva Foster, 39; Beth Raines, 33.

Member at large: Claude Manzi.

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ARTHUR MIZELL

## Arthur Mizell To Speak To Junior Solons

Elon's new vice-president Arthur Mizell was last week elected Speaker pro-tem of the House by acclamation at the two-day North Carolina Student Legislature meeting held in the Senate and House rooms of the Capitol Building in Raleigh.

Mizell's unanimous election reportedly took even the Elon delegation by surprise. It was the first time in years that a student school has been elected to a major office.

Realizing that their representation in the Legislature is small, North State schools seldom run a candidate for an important post. The number of students in each school's delegation is in proportion to the size of the school.

Reportedly, Mizell took over from President of the House Gran Chil-

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DOROTHY SHOWE

## Dramatics Department Presents Miss Showe In A Senior Recital

This evening at 7:30, the Dramatic Arts Department will present Dorothy Showe in her Senior dramatic recital in Mooney Chapel.

Mrs. Showe's program will include the "Murder of Lidice," by Edna St. Vincent Millay, and "Cynthia," a monologue in comedy. The recital will last approximately an hour.

An active member of the Elon Players, Dorothy Showe is also a private pupil of Elizabeth R. Smith, professor of Dramatic Arts. She has been seen recently in the Elon Players' productions of "What A Life," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "The Betrayal."

An open invitation has been extended to attend Dorothy Showe's final appearance before an Elon audience.

## Board Decision Is Expected In A May 30th Meeting Here

Hectic weeks of debating, campaigning and voting may end happily for the student body May 30 when Pres. L. E. Smith presents for the Board of Trustees' consideration the new student government constitution approved by the student body and the faculty on the same day, May 3.

Immediately after the faculty had unanimously approved the constitution, which had been drawn up by a committee of 13 students the week before and approved by the student body in a general election May 3, Dr. Smith told the faculty group that he would present the constitution to the Board of Trustees in their meeting here May 30.

"I don't know of any reason why the Trustees would disapprove of the new form of government," Dr. Smith said.

### Begins September

Should the Trustees place their stamp of approval on the new constitution, Elon College will be one of the few schools in the nation placing a comparable degree of authority and responsibility in the hands of the students.

The new government would go into effect next September. Faculty members and students have expressed an awareness of the fact that placing more responsibility in the hands of the student body calls for an intensive program of orientation before the school's opening next September.

All students, not only Freshmen, will likely be drilled in the technicalities of the constitution and in the principles of the Honor Code and the Campus Code.

### Students Initiate Change

The new constitution is the fruit of student political activity that has occupied the better part of two months. Students who were frustrated in their attempts to legislate rules for the dance held last Saturday re-examined their student government and expressed dissatisfaction with it.

On April 23 representatives of the administration and members of the student body met to discuss their mutual problems. It was recommended to the students then that the student body elect a committee which would meet with "faculty advisors of their choice" and frame a statement as to "what the students wanted."

Acting upon this recommendation, a student committee drew up a new constitution which is a replica in principle of the student constitution of the University of North Carolina, adapted physically to make possible its functioning within a smaller student body.

Members of this student committee were: Don Kernodle, Jim Widenhouse, Marion C. Adams, Kenneth Jacob, Virgil Money, Billy Barger, Warren Johnson.

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## THANKS

Before your fumbling editorial staff writes "30" to their efforts for the year, we want to devote a few inches in space and a word of sincerity to saying "thanks" to the men of the Daily Times-News in Burlington.

We are not fooling when we say that without their help our work here would have been impossible.

For every good quality the paper might have taken on as the issues rolled by, we give those men the credit; for every shortcoming of the paper your staff takes full responsibility.

## Top Thespians To Be Named In Award Night

Awards for the best actor and actress and for the best supporting actor and actress appearing in Elon Players' productions this year will be made at the Players' annual banquet scheduled for the Alamance Hotel in Burlington tomorrow night.

A committee of faculty judges handed their decisions to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith early this week. Names of the winners will be inscribed on a plaque, according to custom.

With the original musical comedy staged this week, the Players concluded their most ambitious season to date. Their five offerings this year ranged from farce comedy to serious drama.

Under the direction of Mrs. Smith the Players have grown in dramatic stature and membership, and they have built up an interested following in this area.

A chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic honor society, was established on campus this year through Mrs. Smith's efforts. Players doing outstanding work in any phase of dramatics are invited into membership of Kappa Lambda Cast, the local chapter.

For next year the Players plan to present again a season of five productions including an original show.

## Hughes' Beard Biggest, Best To Compete

By TED PARKER

On Sunday night, May 15, in a closed meeting of the Forty-Niners, an organization of Alamance county's centennial exposition, Muriel Hughes, a student of Elon College, was awarded the prizes for having the handsomest beard in Alamance county.

Mr. Hughes spent nearly thirteen weeks with an itching neck, tending and grooming his magnificent foliage, sweating in the spring heat, in order that his beard might be a thing of beauty.

The awards for Mr. Hughes' efforts in winning the beard contest, which, in the weeks preceding the exposition, was highly touted as one of the more important events of that affair, were: one sport shirt, a number of pairs of socks (1 1-2 sizes too large), and two pairs of women's nylon hose. It may be noted as a sidelight that Burlington, Alamance county's industrial and shopping center, is claimed to be the tenth wealthiest city per capita in the United States.

Also, it might be noted that during the centennial celebration of Forsythe county, the winner of the beard contest received, other than a number of theater passes and some rather expensive articles of material value, a one-hundred dollar U. S. Savings Bond.

Mr. Hughes is non-committal.