

Drive For \$100,000 To Finish Elon Gymnasium

The "Big Push" for the completion of Elon's magnificent new gymnasium is scheduled for the first week in November. At that time the college will launch a campaign in the home county of Alamance to raise funds that will make possible the finish work on the structure.

The new gymnasium, which will mean much to the students of Elon College, and to the people of Alamance County as well, is already well underway, but another \$100,000 will be needed to finish it and furnish it for use. The goal is to have it ready for use during the coming basketball season.

The gymnasium was designed to cost \$225,000, and over half of that amount has already been subscribed. The faculty and students paid or subscribed about \$50,000, and the alumni of the college added another \$75,000. The November campaign will give the people of Burlington and Alamance County an opportunity to contribute.

College officials, as well as the students, have long realized the great need for a bigger and better gym at Elon, and the first step toward realizing their dream came last May when the cornerstone of the structure was laid.

When completed the new Elon gymnasium will be one of the best in North Carolina. It is designed to seat 4,250 persons at basketball games, and it is thus exceeded in size by only three others in the state. The only ones larger will be those at Carolina, Duke and State.

Plans are almost complete for the \$100,000 campaign in November. "Easy" Jones, Burlington radio man, is to be general chairman for the drive, and individual solicitation will be in charge of Royall H. Spence, Jr., president of the General Alumni Association of Elon, and James V. Simpson, president of the Alamance County Alumni chapter.

Radio Club Has New Equipment

The Elon College Amateur Radio Club became the proud possessor last week of two transmitters, each capable of delivering 300 watts of power. President Ray Hayes stated that the transmitters are lacking in some parts and that the club members will gain both pleasure and knowledge in building the power supplies and modulators for them.

Other equipment has also been obtained, and actual class instruction in the International Morse Code is expected to get underway today. President Hayes stated that the club is still receiving members and issued an invitation to any student to join "the world's greatest fraternity."

Hailey Leader Of Ministers

The Ministerial Association, composed of Elon students majoring in Religious Education, is off to a fine start on its new year, with more than thirty members enrolled. Meetings are held each Monday night at 8 o'clock in Mrs. Haff's classroom.

Jim Hailey, who hails from Leaksville, is the president of the club this year. Other officers are Warren Johnson, of Jersey City, N. J., vice-president; Helen Jackson, of Winston-Salem, secretary; Oliver Howell, of Sanford, treasurer; and Fleeta Moffett, of Greensboro, deputation team chairman.

SEEKING FUNDS



ROYALL H. SPENCE, JR.

Royall H. Spence, Jr., of Burlington, recently elected president of Elon's General Alumni Association, will be in charge of general solicitation in the forthcoming campaign of funds to complete Elon's new gymnasium. He will be assisted in this phase of the drive by James V. Simpson, president of the Alamance County Alumni Chapter.

Elon Players Give Show In Three Weeks

For their first production this season, the Elon Players will present the farce comedy, "Room Service." The play will be offered in Whitley Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2nd and 3rd.

Try-outs have been held, and "Room Service" is now in rehearsal. This play has had a notable history for getting laughs, both as a play and as a Marx Brothers movie vehicle.

The play revolves around a shoestring theatrical producer, played by Robert Rubinate. He, with his director, Ken Jacob, and the director's handyman, Robert Walker, is trying to produce the great American drama, "Godspeed," which is written by a hayseed author, Nash Parker.

Unfortunately, the producer has his cast living on doubtful credit in the White Way Hotel, which is managed by the producer's brother-in-law, John Vance. Barging in on the group and discovering the \$1,200 bill owed to the hotel, Robert Wright, as a hotel examiner, locks the actors out of their rooms.

While the hotel examiner rages, a backer for the play puts in an appearance with \$15.00 to invest. This angel is played by Roger Wilson. The problem facing the producer is that of staying in his hotel long enough to close the deal with the would-be backer and thus keep from losing his author to a rival producer.

Further complicating matters, the director and his handyman are evicted from their lodgings and are forced to move in with the producer. This shrewd trio the nuse every devious method on record to keep their room in the White Way Hotel.

In addition to these characters, Sue Edwards will be seen as the secretary who is hoping to star in "Godspeed," and Al Pierce as the waiter who has played in the Moscow Art Theatre. Fleeta Moffett plays the part of the hotel manager's secretary, and Jerry Allen will appear as the hotel doctor. Al Godwin will be seen

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HELP A FRIEND IN NEED!!

"Chips For Chips!"

Such might well be the slogan for a three-day campaign, which Elon's varsity athletes are starting on the campus today to raise a fund to help Chips Chabalko, former Elon basketball and golf star, who is now battling for his life at his home in Norfolk, Va., against a rare and strange virus disease.

Chabalko (known as Norfolk as Robert Ward, since his father changed the family name) entered Elon College after his graduation from Norfolk's Granby High in 1947, and he soon gained a place for himself on the campus, where he was a member of both the basketball and golf squads.

He went home from Elon last May and was stricken ill, supposedly with pneumonia. After fifteen days in a Norfolk hospital, he was discharged. Later in the summer he be-

came paralyzed and returned to the hospital, where he remained for six weeks. He failed to overcome the virus, which was draining his vitality, and the Navy flew him to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, where specialists worked on his case in vain, and he was returned recently to his home to continue the fight for life.

Chabalko's family is not a wealthy one, and his parents are said to have used up all their savings and even sold the family automobile to meet the mounting hospital costs. They have recently been trying to sell their home to save their son.

One of the Norfolk civic clubs has recently started a drive for funds to help Chips Chabalko (Ward) and his parents in their fight for his life, and the campaign that starts today on the Elon campus parallels that one.

Chips' fellow athletes, members of the "E" Men's Club of Elon, are sponsoring the drive. To start it off they have voted a donation of \$50 from the Club treasury, and now they appeal to all Elon students to join the effort. All remember the gay courage and competitive spirit which Chabalko displayed when he wore the Maroon and Gold, and they have planned this effort to bolster that courage for the biggest and toughest fight of all.

The drive will get underway today and will continue through Thursday and Friday, according to plans revealed by Pete Marshburn, president of the "E" Men's Club. A booth will be set up in the rotunda of Alamance, manned each morning by one of the club members, and all monogram men will wear their letters throughout the drive in an effort to stir in-

Watermelon Gives Scare

An ordinary North Carolina watermelon gave Ireland Upchurch the fright of his life on Sunday night, October 2nd, when both he and the watermelon were involved in the wreck of Marion Adams' car a short distance east of Graham.

Upchurch was riding in the front seat with Mr. and Mrs. Adams when the car went out of control and catapulted the watermelon from the back seat and burst it over his head. He did not feel the impact, but when the car came to rest he felt carefully to see if he was hurt.

The examination in the darkness revealed the fact that something liquid was flowing down the side of his head, and his first thought was of blood. Trying to get out of the car, he dropped his hand to his side and felt something cold and clammy, and his next thought was raw flesh.

It was almost more than he could stand, and he was relieved to find that he could still leap from the car to the ground. He confesses that, for one time, he had water on the brain—and not blood!

NEW HISTORY PROF



PROF. R. F. HUNTER

Prof. Robert F. Hunter, of Richmond, Va., is one of two new men added to the staff of the History Department this year. He is a native of Charleston, West Va., and was graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1942. After serving in World War II as a naval aviator, he entered the University of North Carolina and awarded the M. A. Degree there in 1947. He has since pursued advanced study at Columbia University, and he is now a candidate for the Ph. D. Degree from that institution.

High School Day Planned

Plans are virtually complete for a special "High School Day" here on Friday, November 4th, when Elon will battle the High Point Panthers in the annual "Home-Coming Day" football game. Invitations will be extended to all seniors in a great number of high schools, and several hundred high school youngsters are expected to attend.

The plans are being formulated under the direction of Prof. J. Earl Danieley. The high school guests are expected to begin arriving on the campus early that afternoon, and they will be conducted on a tour of the college and given a chance to observe student life. They will then be guests at the football game that night.

The plan was introduced at the regular October faculty meeting, which was held on Monday night, October 3rd, it being pointed out that such an event will give the high school students of North Carolina and Virginia an opportunity to become better acquainted with the educational advantages which Elon College has to offer.

The various departments of the college will plan special exhibits (Continued On Page Four)

THREE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO ENGLISH STAFF



PROF. WILLIAM H. STRUHS

Three new members have been added to the staff of the English Department this year. They include Professors William H. Struhs, John F. West and William S. Osborne.

Professor Struhs is a native of Charleston, S. C., and he attended the College of Charleston in that city, graduating in the Class of 1946. He received his M. A. Degree from the University of Iowa in 1948, and last year he taught at the South Dakota State Col-



PROF. JOHN F. WEST

lege. While in college he participated in glee club, dramatics and sports.

Professor West, a native of Western North Carolina, attended Mars Hill College and then graduated at the University of North Carolina. He received his Master's Degree at the same institution this year. Much interested in creative writing, he has had a number of works of fiction published in popular magazines and has also some poetry accepted for



PROF. WILLIAM S. OSBORNE

publication.

Professor Osborne is a native of New York state, but he came South for his college work. He first attended Atlantic Christian College and then graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1947. He returned North and received the Master's Degree from Columbia University in 1948. While an undergraduate he was active in both dramatics and on the college newspaper.

Religious Campaign To Begin Here On Sunday

HERE NEXT WEEK



DR. AARON N. MECKEL

Dr. Aaron N. Meckel, eminent Congregational Christian minister, will inaugurate a series of evangelistic services here on Sunday, with worship scheduled twice daily through next Friday in annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week. Dr. Meckel has been for two years pastor of a large church in St. Petersburg, Fla.

College Band Enlists Many New Recruits

With thirty-eight members already enrolled and an unofficial goal of sixty members set, the prospects for the Elon College band have assumed a rosier hue, and indications point to a musical and marching organization to rival the best in the state.

Prospects took a definite upward trend last week when practically every resident of the Club House joined up as the first step in a student-conceived drive for a bigger and ever better band. Fifteen new members were enrolled in three days, and one of the original members came back to swell the total to thirty-eight.

Prof. Eugene M. Jacobowsky, in announcing the increased membership, expressed his appreciation for the rising interest and declared that any student interested will be welcomed, whether the student be boy or girl. Full band rehearsals are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 until 5:30 o'clock, and ensemble classes for the wood winds, brasses and percussion meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 until 4:30 o'clock.

Original members this year include Jack Castle, drum major; Doris White, secretary; J. Maurice Prevette, librarian; Roy Berry, John Hall, Bill Klivett, Albert Lake, Andy Meredith, Robert S. Moore, Frank Moses, Jr., Ray McKenzie, Page Painter, Charlotte Rothgeb, Jimmie Scott, George Shackelford, Paul Shepherd, John M. Sturdivant, A. C. Sutherland, Lois Walker, Don Wiles, Roberta Winstead and Graham Momack.

The new recruits and returnees include Dallas Berry, Hiram Coble, Carlos Harte, Jack Hunley, Ed Mercer, Arthur Mizell, Ralph Neighbors, Emmett Nesbitt, Richard Painter, Alvin Pate, Jimmie Rhodes, Earl Todd, Moon Tolley, Dorothy Vernon, Bob Williams and Roger Wilson. These members join Director Jacobowsky in urging other students to join the "Big Parade."

Did you ever notice that Dr. Smith's "go-buggy" doesn't have an Elon College sticker on the windshield? All together now... three cheers for Elon!

The annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week will get underway at Elon College next Sunday, October 16th, when Dr. Aaron N. Meckel, pastor of the First Congregational Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., will inaugurate a series of evangelistic services in the Whitley Auditorium.

Dr. Meckel will open his series of services with 11 o'clock worship next Sunday morning and will continue with two services each day through Friday, October 21st. He will speak at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening and at the same hour each evening until the following Friday night. He will also speak at 10 o'clock each morning from Monday through Friday.

The Elon College Choir, with Prof. John Westmoreland directing and with Prof. Fletcher Moore at the organ, will sing at both morning and evening services each day.

These services, which offer a collegiate version of the old-fashioned "revival meeting," form part of an annual and nationwide program, for similar meetings are held at some time during the year in all American colleges and universities, including those sponsored by the state as well as church-supported institutions.

Dr. Meckel, who is noted for the inspiring quality of his messages, was born in Luverne, Minn., one of five minister sons of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Meckel. He received the B. A. degree from Mcalester College, the B. D. degree from the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Divinity from Northland College, Ashland, Wis.

He was formerly pastor of the Clark Memorial Church at St. Paul, Minn., the Faneuil Congregational Church in Boston, and of the First Congregational Church in Boston, and of the First Congregational Church in historic Braintree, Mass. He has held his present post in St. Petersburg, Fla., since January, 1948, and there he ministers an average congregation of 1,500 persons from all over the United States and Canada. A member of the

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Johnson Named Frosh Leader

Charles Johnson, of Suffolk, Va., is the president of Elon's new freshman class, having been chosen to that post by his classmates at a meeting held in Whitley Auditorium on Tuesday, September 27th. The election was held under the direction of Art Fowler, president of Elon's student government.

Other freshman officers, chosen at the same time to direct the Class of 1953, through its initial year, include Bobby Leigh, of Hampton, Va., vice-president; Cristel Burns, of Siler City, Route 3, secretary-treasurer; and Anne Strole, of Chadbourne, as freshman representative to the Student Legislature.

Book Store To Levy Sales Tax

The long arm of the state revenue department has reached out to tap patrons of the Elon College Bookstore, according to an announcement by Harry Keaton, manager.

Starting this week it will be necessary for students to pay the North Carolina sales tax on all purchases in the Bookstore.

When asked for comment, Keaton acknowledged "You can't beat death or taxes."