

New Gymnasium To Be Opened Saturday Night

Burlington Mills Gives \$20,000 For Gym Fund

The Elon Gymnasium Fund received a tremendous boost last week when the Burlington Foundation, a charitable trust of the Burlington Mills Corporation, donated \$20,000 toward the completion of the college's magnificent new athletic and physical education plant, which will be used for the first time on Saturday night of this week.

The large donation from the Burlington Mills pushed the total amount raised in the Gym Fund Campaign, which was inaugurated November 1st, past the \$50,000 mark. President Leon E. Smith and Alumni Secretary James F. Darden revealed this week that the receipts since the drive started now total \$50,561, of which \$36,500 are in cash.

The Burlington Mills gift was presented formally on Wednesday afternoon, January 4th, when Grover Furr, of Greensboro, a hosiery division manager of the Burlington Mills, handed the check for \$20,000 to President Smith. The presentation took place in the offices of the May-McEwen-Kaiser division of the company.

Mr. Furr said that the Burlington Foundation recognized the need for assistance to the college on its gymnasium project and also what the new structure will mean to Alamance County and its young people.

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'Bid Night' Is Set For February 11

The next "Bid Night" has been set for Saturday, February 11th, and the four fraternities and sororities on the Elon College campus are already looking over prospective pledges for the second quarter rushing season, although regular rushing will not get underway for some weeks.

The bidding this quarter will follow the regular form, with each of the social groups sending written invitations to prospective members, and acceptance of an invitation for that final night of the rushing season constitutes an intention to become a member of the group.

Academic requirements for membership in any of the clubs is completion of one term of work and a "C" average. The dean's office will have ready soon a list of students eligible for rushing.

The four fraternities are Alpha Pi Delta, Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu and Sigma Phi Beta, while the four sororities include Beta Omicron Beta, Delta Upsilon Kappa, Tau Zeta Phi and Pi Kappa Tau.

VALUABLE PAPER CHANGES HANDS



Grover Furr (left), an official of the Burlington Mills Corporation, is shown above giving Elon's president, Dr. L. E. Smith (right), a check for \$20,000 as a donation to the Elon College Fund. John A. Boland, Jr. (center), another Burlington Mills official, looks on as the valuable paper changes hands.

Elon Students Choose May Court Royalty In Balloting January 3rd

HERE'S THE QUEEN



NINA WILSON

Stork And Cupid Help Santa Claus

This year Santa Claus was a member of a three-man team that brought Christmas joy to many of the Elon students, past and present. Santa or the stork deposited "little bundles of joy" at four students' homes. The lucky fathers who bought the customary box of cigars were Archie Brigman, Bill Perkinson, Joe Spivey, and Bill Harris.

Cupid has also played his part during the past few weeks. Maxine Abercrombie, Patsy Neal, Harvaline Lindsey, and Betsy Melson have all received, and are proudly displaying, diamonds. Betsy's ring can be credited to Santa Claus, because she is reported to have received it during the Christmas holidays, the others announced their engagements before Christmas.

Christmas day Miss Jean Abell and Max Garrett, both former students of Elon, walked down the aisle together and were joined in Holy matrimony.

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It will be Queen Nina and King Jim in the annual Elon College May Day festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th, since the students in the annual election held on Tuesday, January 3rd, chose Nina Wilson, of Burlington, and Jim Elkins, of Siler City, to rule over the event.

The chief attendants for the King and Queen for the day's festivities will be Dorothy Parker, of Elon College, elected as the Maid of Honor, and George Stanley, of Greensboro. Both King and Queen and their chief attendants are members of the senior class and long active in campus affairs.

The students also balloted for two senior girls and two junior girls, along with an equal number of senior and junior boys as escorts. These four couples will serve as court attendants for the occasion.

The senior girls chosen are Beth Raine, of Harrisonburg, Va., and Shirley Joyner, of Franklin, Va. Their escorts for the day will be Warren Johnson, of Jersey City, N. J., and Gene Haroy, of Reidsville.

The two junior girls chosen are Laverne Russell, of Graham, and Maxine Abercrombie, of Burlington, and they will be escorted in the Court by Billy Hopkins, of Hampton, Va., and Pete Marshall, of Greensboro.

The annual May Court program is staged each spring as a project of the girls' physical education department, working with the cooperation of the college music department. The program this year will be worked out under the direction of Miss Ruby Adams, director of women's physical education work.

No definite plans have been announced so far for this year's program, but Miss Adams stated this week that the pageant will likely be woven around the theme of the United Nations, with choral speakers and with dances and songs to fit the theme.

It is also probable that the pageant will be staged on the South Campus before the south entrance to Alamance Hall, since that has been the location of the festival during recent years.

AND ALSO THE KING



JIM ELKINS

Mrs. Sloan Talks At IRC Meeting

The International Relations Club held its first meeting of the New Year at 7 o'clock Monday night in the club room on the third floor of the Library Building, with Mrs. W. W. Sloan, of the Elon College faculty, as the featured speaker.

Mrs. Sloan told the club members of her trip to Europe during the past summer, stressing in particular the conditions and customs observed while she was in Spain. Her visit to that country included a summer course at the University of Madrid.

Plans are incomplete for the next regular meeting of the IRC, which will be held at the regular next Monday night, January 16th, but club officials indicated that a business session will be held.

Panvio Society In Short Meeting

The Panvio Literary Society, in a brief meeting on Wednesday night, January 4, made plans for a membership drive in the immediate future. The publicity committee also plans to issue a program booklet for all members.

Catawba Is First Foe In New Sports Plant

Senior Class Calls Off Annual Party

The senior class, at a call meeting held in Whitley Auditorium last week, voted unanimously to cancel plans for its annual class party for this spring.

Previously, the seniors had made plans to have a party in one of the nearby supper clubs to celebrate their final year in college. Arrangements were underway to collect necessary finances from the class members and to extend invitations to faculty members. However, Richard Painter, president of the senior class, reported at the meeting that the administration would not permit any off-campus affairs that would involve dancing.

With this announcement, the graduating group was given the alternative of having a party on campus, probably in the Student Union. This suggestion was met with much opposition and rebuff. The vote eliminating all plans for the party followed after a short discussion.

Action will get underway in the beautiful new Elon Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday night, when the Fighting Christians face their old rivals from Catawba in a double-header, which features both junior varsity and varsity clashes.

These games mark the first use of the new gymnasium, but there are still some finishing touches to be added, and the formal opening will be staged later in the season when both interior and exterior work is complete and all equipment installed.

The new gymnasium, with exterior dimensions of 186 feet by 136 feet, offers a clear floor space of 148 feet by 98 feet which provides almost 15,000 square feet for physical education usage. This provides for a central court 94 feet by 50 feet in size, with three smaller courts and six volley ball courts for use in physical education.

The balcony, which encloses the floor on all sides, will seat 2,000 spectators, and collapsible bleachers will provide accommodations for 2,600 additional fans. Six entrances and exits make it possible to empty the gymnasium of a capacity crowd within five minutes in case of emergency, although complete fireproof construction makes such a hurried exit entirely improbable.

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Adult Education Plans Announced By Faculty

PHI-PSI-CLI TO GO TO PRINTERS SOON

According to a statement from Editor-in-Chief Ira Cutrell, the 1950 Phi-Psi-Clis is in the final stages of production, and barring any unforeseen complications the annual will be ready for delivery to the students before the final examination period for the spring quarter.

Most of the material for the annual is already prepared, and some of it has already gone to Edwards and Broughton, the printers who will produce it in their Raleigh plant. The deadline for the remainder of the copy is January 15th, and the staff is working hard to have all the material ready by that time.

Student Church Meet Postponed

A weekend conference of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed students in the various colleges of North Carolina, originally scheduled to be held on the Elon campus during the past weekend, was postponed and will be held at a later date this spring.

The postponement was revealed by Baxter Twiddy, Elon senior, who is chairman in charge of the plans for the gathering. The original plans for the meetings last Friday and Saturday were changed due to a conflict with class schedules at a number of North Carolina institutions.

Christian Conference Here Late This Month

Plans are virtually complete for a Christian Workers' Conference, to be held here at Elon College for four days beginning on Sunday, January 29th, and lasting through Wednesday, February 1. The conference, which draws delegates from Christian churches throughout the area, will be under the sponsorship of the college.

The Conference, which was established at Elon by Mrs. E. E. Holland, of Suffolk, Va., as a memorial to her husband, the late Col. E. E. Holland, will have "Better Churchmanship" as its theme, with emphasis on laymen's work, the ministry, stewardship and evangelism.

Local church leaders who are directing the plans for the four-day conference include Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon College president; Dr. John G. Truitt, president of the Southern Convention; Rev. William T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention; and George D. Colclough, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship.

Several outstanding authorities on Christian work are scheduled to be present and participate on the program, among them being Dr. Martin L. Goslin, of the First Congregational Church, Evanston, Ill., who formerly was Professor of Biblical Literature and Public Worship at Boston University School of Theology; Rev. Roy C. Helfenstein, of the First Congregational Christian Church, Richmond, Va.; Ira D. Black, of New York City, Associate Director of the City Work Department of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches; Walter A. Graham, executive director of the National Laymen's Fellowship of

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CHABALKO RETURNS TO NORFOLK HOME

Chips Chabalko, former Elon student, who was struck by a paralyzing virus early last summer, has left the hospital and returned to his home in Norfolk, Va., and reports reaching the campus are that high hopes are now felt for his recovery.

Chabalko, who has been in DePaul Memorial Hospital for several months, suffered a severe case of pneumonia in December and the pneumonia apparently drove the virus from his system. Hospital authorities hope that he will be able to take physio-therapy treatment by late spring. Students interested may write to him as Robert Ward, North Shore Road, Norfolk, 8, Va.

SCA Group Holds Regular Meeting

At a recent meeting of the SCA cabinet, plans were made to begin the new year with a membership drive, which includes a square dance as a feature of the campaign. Further announcements will be posted on the bulletin board within a few days.

LIBRARY NOTES

Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Elon librarian, called attention this week to the fact that new books are no longer found on the open shelf in the library. She stated that the practice had been discontinued due to the fact that five of the new books disappeared during the fall term when students removed them without checking them at the desk.