

## College Choir To Sing In Virginia And Northern States This Spring

The Elon College Choir, which in recent years has earned recognition throughout the Eastern United States for the excellence of its performances, will make two personal appearance tours within the coming six weeks.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. John Westmoreland and with Prof. Fletcher Moore as accompanist, will leave next week for the first of the two trips scheduled for it, a trip which will carry the singers into Eastern Virginia for six performances.

This trip will start next Friday, February 17th, and will come to a close on Sunday, February 19th. The bookings for this trip have not been announced, but the appearances will carry the singers into several of the leading Congregational Christian churches in the area about Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Richmond.

Once this trip is completed, the leaders and members of the choir will begin preparation for the more extended tour, which will carry the Elon organization on an eleven-day trip into the Middle Atlantic and New England states.

This trip will be made during the annual spring holidays, the singers being scheduled to leave here on Friday, March 3rd, and return on Tuesday, March 14th. During that time they will present their musical programs in thirteen Congregational Christian churches in the northern states.

These two trips duplicate to a certain extent the two tours made by the Elon Choir last year, and the group was received with appreciation and praise wherever they appeared at that time. Press notices were particularly high in their praise during the New England trip last spring, and churches in that area are looking forward to another appearance of the Elon musical group.

## No Damage From Paint Room Blaze

A fire, thought to be of spontaneous origin, threatened the Science Building on Thursday morning, January 26th, but it was discovered in the nick of time and was extinguished before any damage resulted.

The blaze, which had caught in the paint storage room on the first floor of the Science Building, was discovered by Henry Hoppe, one of the students, who detected smoke coming from around the locked door that leads to the paint storage compartment.

Hoppe sought help from Prof. J. Earl Danieley, who had the door opened and entered the small room with a fire extinguisher, which proved effective in combating the blaze, which was burning merrily away in a pile of oily mops that lay on the floor.

Professor Danieley stated that considerable damage might have resulted if the fire had gone undiscovered much longer, since he observed that the blazing mops were very near to a 55-gallon storage tank that contained highly inflammable paint solvent.

Always the true scientist, he went further and expressed the opinion that the blaze was probably due to spontaneous combustion and explained that heat generated by the oxidizing oil had probably been sufficient to ignite the mops.

Two former high school teammates were opposed to each other when Elon and Catawba clashed. They were Melvin Cooper, of Elon, and Bill Hunsucker, of Catawba, both former High Point High stars.

## COLONNADES ISSUE WILL APPEAR SOON

The new issue of Colonnades, Elon's student literary magazine, is expected to make its appearance on the campus sometime in February, according to Mrs. G. A. Johnson, who is faculty advisor for the publication.

Mrs. Johnson stated this week that copy for the publication is being put into final shape to be submitted to the printers and that the printing itself will then require about two weeks. Melva Foster is editor-in-chief of Colonnades this year.

## Education Club Hears Of China

At a regular meeting of the Education Club, guest speaker Roland Yui gave a very informative lecture on the conditions in present-day China. He elaborated on the educational situation of that country and pointed out that educational opportunities for the masses were sadly lacking.

The club's new constitution was read to the large turnout, which accepted the opportunity to hear Yui's lecture. It was agreed upon that this constitution would be approved or voted down at the Education Club's next regular meeting on February 16th. All members and persons interested in educational work are invited to attend.

## Barter Play Well Received In Whitley

By BOB WRIGHT

Although the Barter Theater company which presented J. B. Priestley's "Dangerous Corner" on this campus last week lacked some of the polish we have come to expect from this group, they gave a creditable performance of this mystery play and were enthusiastically received.

The unorthodox ending employed by Priestley left a variety of interpretations of what had been portrayed in the minds of the audience, but appreciation of the drama was shared by all.

William Kemp's unruffled and polished acting of his role made his the outstanding performance, but Peter Pagan ran him a close second for acting honors. Kelly Flint, Virginia Downing, William Adler, Betty Schultz, and Mary Perry completed the cast. Miss Perry, a trouper of long standing, made her role one of the most delightful contributions to this evening of fine entertainment.

After the performance the Elon Players played host to the Barter company at an informal reception held in the faculty parlor of West Dormitory.

## Former Dean Dies In Florida City

Miss Anna Irene Helfenstein, a former Dean of Women here at Elon, died last Wednesday in a hospital in Sanford, Fla.

Miss Helfenstein, a native of Iowa, was twice a member of the Elon faculty. She first came here as head of the speech department, but she resigned that post in 1910. She later returned in 1922 as Dean of Women

## COLD WAR BETWEEN RIVAL SCHOOLS OVER GRID COACH

The "Cold War" between the United States and Russia had nothing on the situation which arose last week between Elon College and High Point College, when a furor of excitement hit the pages of the state newspapers in regard to the coaching affiliations of Jim Mallory, genial Christian football and baseball mentor.

The international situation, with its Berlin blockade, its frequent exchange of caustic messages and its threats of severed diplomatic relations, found a parallel in the charges and counter-charges, the exchange of newspaper statements and the threats on the part of High Point to sever athletic relations between the Fighting Christians and the Purple Panthers.

Athletic fans all over North Carolina watched the proceedings with bated breath, and apparently the several hundred extra spectators who flocked to the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here for the Elon-High Point basketball game last Thursday night expected to see actual hostilities by way of an added thrill. However, the attack thus far has been limited to a barrage of hard words fired at a range of thirty-five miles.

The situation arose from the High Point quest for a coaching successor to Ralph Jones, who resigned in December his post as director of the Panther sports program. The name of



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Mallory, chosen "Coach of the Year" in the North State Conference after Elon's great football season of last fall, was linked from the start with the High Point job.

The rumors persisted until last Tuesday morning when Coach Mallory was quoted in the

state press as saying that he "would definitely remain at Elon." This was followed the next day by a bitter attack on the part of one High Point sports writer and publication of statements from High Point College authorities that Mallory had committed himself to accept the Panther coaching job and had gone so far as to name his assistant.

High Point College leaders condemned Coach Mallory for his alleged "breach of promise" and threatened to break off all athletic relations with Elon so long as he remained a member of the Christian staff. Mallory himself merely stated that there are two sides to every question and refrained from any comment, except to say that he "is very happy at Elon," and that he has already started winter football in preparation for what he hopes will be a fine Elon team next fall.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of Elon, allowed only one quotation in the state press, saying that "Elon College has never been approached by High Point officials in regard to the employment of anyone on its payroll." Other Elon authorities commented that High Point is already under contract for athletic events through 1950, and the Panthers appear on Elon's 1950 football schedule, which was released this week.

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'OUT OF THE  
FRYING PAN'

Pictured above are three members of the cast of "Out of the Frying Pan," the hilarious comedy hit which will be presented by the Elon Players on February 14th and 15th. From left to right they are Jeff Allen, who plays a dashing young would-be actor who makes the mistake of losing his heart during his pursuit of a career. Carolyn Poythress plays a young lady who is a little less than bright. What's her mental capacity matter, though; her father has loads of money. Emma Jean Clayton had about three lines in her last role, but she is making up for it this time. She not only talks, but she looks into crystal balls. These people find the road to thespianic fame to be a rough and rocky one as they try to make an impression on a Broadway producer who is definitely not interested in aspiring young actors. It is hoped that this return to farce comedy will result in a capacity audience in Whitley Auditorium on February 14th and 15th. Tickets will be on sale at both performances.

## EXAMS SCHEDULED EARLY IN MARCH

With winter quarter examinations only three weeks away, a schedule for the tests was released this week from the office of Dean D. J. Bowden. The schedule calls for the first exams on Wednesday, March 1st, and continuing through Friday, March 3rd, when the quarter will end and spring holidays begin.

On the menu for the first day will be 8 o'clock classes in the afternoon with all English 12 and all afternoon classes that morning. The second day's exams will be those for 9 o'clock classes in the morning and the 10:30 classes in the afternoon, with the 11:30 classes docketed for the morning of Friday, March 3rd.

## Elon Players To Offer Third Play Next Week

With less than a week remaining until the performance date, the Elon Players are busy polishing up their next production, "Out of the Frying Pan," which will be staged in Whitley Auditorium on February 14th and 15th.

Returning to the realm of farce comedy for their third offering, the Players have assembled a talented cast for this hit show which has been tickling the funny bones of audiences ever since its first appearance on Broadway.

"Out of the Frying Pan" tells of the trials and tribulations of six would-be stage folk who, by economic necessity, have been driven into a communal life in one apartment. From this overall situation many moments of high comedy evolve.

Emma Jean Clayton, Nash Parker, Rosamond Bromley, Jerry Allen, Carolyn Poythress, and Dink Underhill are the stage-struck sixsome who carry the show. They are supported by the following: Ann Truitt, their landlady; Virginia Davis, a snippy acquaintance who brings the wrath of an irate father upon them; Robert Walker, the irate father; Ed Engles, a theatrical producer whose life they complicate; and Dick Levine and Bill Kivett, two not-so-bright officers of the law. One hilarious situation after another evolves as these young people progress along their irregular road to fame and fortune in the theatre. Their problems provide an evening of laughter for an audience.

While the actors are busy perfecting their roles, the stage committees are occupied with the task of creating and executing the set, assembling properties, and generally getting the technical side of the production lined up.

"Out of the Frying Pan" does not come to the Elon College audience without critical commendation. A few of the remarks from reviews in the New York press follow: "—A gay bit of nonsense that makes an agreeable evening in the theatre."—NEW YORK WORLD—TELEGRAM. "—Proved to be one of the merriest Broadway events in weeks—it has an underlying ring of truth that makes it human as well as amusing."—NEW YORK POST. "It kept an appreciative audience laughing almost continuously both for its sheer artlessness and humorous situations."—NEW YORK JOURNAL AND AMERICAN.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith and will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, February 14th and 15th, at 8:15.

## MOST FLU VICTIMS BACK IN HARNESS

Despite the balmy weather which has prevailed through most of January and early February, both faculty and student body of Elon College have been hit hard at times by sickness, with the "flu bug" getting a nip at more than one in each group. A quick check, however, reveals that most of those stricken have recovered and are back in the harness of daily activities.

Hit hardest, perhaps, was Prof. E. M. Jacobowsky, who suffered an attack of pneumonia some weeks ago, with a relapse slowing his recovery. He is now reported well on the road to recovery. Among other faculty members hit briefly were Prof. J. W. Barney and Prof. J. F. West, both of whom were away from their duties only briefly. Campus reports were that at one time as many as forty students were ill.

## SCA Membership Drive Successful

The Student Christian Association membership drive, which opened with a square dance on January 27th, has netted a number of new members, according to President Oliver Howell.

The SCA had one of its most interesting meetings of the season when the group heard N. Carl Elder, missionary to the leper colony at Carville, La., lecture on leprosy and the work with lepers. Mr. Elder had previously been heard with interest in chapel. He also showed a film to the association.

Both in chapel and before the SCA, Mr. Elder stressed the educational therapy practiced among the lepers and the fact that leprosy is a disease and not a disgraceful curse.

## Greek Letter Groups 'Bid' On Saturday

The Greek letter organizations on the campus, the four fraternities and the four sororities, will bring the winter quarter rushing season to a close this weekend when "bids" will be issued to the prospective pledges in regular "bid night" ceremonies.

The rushing season has been underway for ten days already, and Saturday night marks the close of a period of parties, wienner roasts and suppers staged by the various fraternal groups to honor the rushees.

The final parties will be held on "bid night," and, according to local custom, the acceptance of an invitation to a party or dinner of any particular fraternity or sorority on that night signifies an intention to accept membership in that organization.

Acceptance of "bids" also signifies the advent of initiation week, and the rushees during that time will find themselves transformed from honored guests to the lower status of a pledge, forced to do the bidding of all the brothers and sisters.

## Drama Group Has Initiation

On Wednesday evening, February 1st, four new members were initiated into the Elon College cast of Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary dramatic fraternity, in the first formal initiation of this group.

Bill Hopkins, Rosamond Bromley, Kenneth Jacob and Martha Veazy were taken into the membership of the fraternity on the basis of credits earned by their activities in the Elon Players.

Officiating in the initiation were Robert Wright, John Vance, Evelyn Graham, Nash Parker, and Robert Walker.

After the initiatory rites were completed, a business meeting was held to discuss further plans for the fraternity, which include the project of suitably furnishing and decorating the office of the director of College dramatics.

## Sigma Alpha Chi Asks For Charter

Under the direction of Dr. William M. Brown, approximately twenty students and faculty members have submitted a petition for a charter from the National Square of the Square and Compass fraternity, known on many campuses by the Greek letters Sigma Alpha Chi.

An outgrowth of the Elon College Masonic Club, this new organization will be able to offer membership to other than Master Masons in good standing.

At the organizational meeting held on Thursday, February 2nd, Prof. Allen C. Spangler was voted the sponsor of this group, which will be the first Greek letter organization on the campus with national affiliation, excluding the honorary fraternities.

Upon approval of the group's petition, the Elon College square of Sigma Alpha Chi will be formally installed by Dr. Brown, a national official in this fraternal organization.

Warren Burns, former Elon cage star, now coaching Burlington High, is catching more than his share of one-point ball games this year, having won or lost several by a single marker.