

Plans Complete For Great Homecoming Event

New Opera Class Opens On Elon Campus Today

Grand opera comes to the Elon campus today to stay, for the Elon College Department of Music initiates this afternoon its new workshop course in opera, which is to become a permanent feature of the music curriculum. The course, which is the only one of its type in the South, adds distinction to the Department of Music here, which has for years ranked with the best.

The new course in opera and operatic methods, which is designed for the prospective singing actor, teachers of singing and for concert singers who wish to acquire poise before an audience, will be offered under the direction of Robert C. Bird, of Raleigh, with the cooperation of members of the Elon music faculty.

Mr. Bird brings to his new duties here a nationwide reputation for his work in the field of operatic music. He is a graduate of Ohio University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic group, and of Phi Mu Alpha, honorary music fraternity. He has studied voice in New York with Oscar Seagle and opera dramatics with Enrico Clay Dillon.

He came to North Carolina in the fall of 1949 upon the invitation of A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh businessman and music lover, and for the past year he has directed the operatic program for the North Carolina Grass Roots Opera group.

Members of the Elon faculty who will work with Mr. Bird in a new opera workshop program here include Prof. John Westmoreland, director of choral music; Miss Virginia Groomes, assistant professor of voice; and Lorne Grant, of Greensboro, non-resident instructor of voice.

Students who participate in the new course of training will spend most of their time learning and actually performing opera scenes and complete operas, with additional instruction and practice in operatic costuming and scenic design and construction. Students who qualify will be given an opportunity to sing roles with the North Carolina Grass Roots Opera company.

Meetings of the workshop will be held on alternate Wednesday afternoons, beginning today. The hours will be from 1:30 until 4:30 o'clock, and those desiring it will be granted one quarter hour credit for each quarter of the school year. Fees will be \$3.50 per class session, with a special rate of \$2 per session for auditors.

Education Group Selects Officers

The Education Club, composed of Elon students preparing to teach, has completed its organization for the new year, naming Luther Clapp, of Gibsonville, as president at the first meeting of the year.

Other officers are Tessie Taylor, of Reidsville, vice-president; Joan Summers, of Gibsonville, secretary; and Flo Gilbert, of Dunn, treasurer. Prof. J. C. Colley is faculty advisor for the Education club.

The club at its most recent meeting voted to accept an invitation from the Rockingham County Schools to pay a group visit to the neighboring county and inspect the school plants there.

Greek Letter Groups 'Bid' For Members

The "rush" is on and almost over for another quarter as far as the eight Greek letter social organizations on the Elon campus are concerned, for the first of two semi-annual "Bid Nights" is scheduled for Saturday night of this week to bring to a close the spirited competition for the favor of eligible and prospective members.

The past ten days have elevated the students sought by the fraternities and sororities to the status of kings or queens for a fortnight, with the four fraternities and four sororities feting and dining the rushees one night after another. For some of the more popular prospects it has meant a party tonight, a dinner tomorrow night and sometimes both in the same night.

However, Saturday night marks the close of all the semi-annual partying, and Gant's Cabin, C.T.I. and Brightwood can return to their normal schedule as the first "Bid Night" of the 1950-51 term brings the hour of decision.

The decision of the rushees, both boys and girls, will be signified Saturday night by their acceptance or rejection of the invitation to the final rush party of any fraternity or sorority. Acceptance of an invitation to one of those Saturday parties will automatically signify acceptance of membership of the group giving the party.

That night will also bring, once the parties are over, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the entire college year on Elon's campus, when the fraternity men go forth in groups to sing mid-night serenades to their sister groups on the upper balconies of West Dorm and Ladies' Hall.

SUSTAINING FUND DRIVE SEEKS CHURCH SUPPORT

FLASH!!

Tex Beneke and his famous Glenn Miller band will furnish music for a dance to be held in the new gym Tuesday night, October 17, the dance being sponsored by the Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The program will start at 8 o'clock. Before the dance there will be a one-hour concert, followed by a short intermission.

Admission to the concert and dance will be \$1.80, with tickets being sold at the door that night. It is expected that women students will be given late privileges for the occasion.

The dance will be one of the biggest events on the Elon calendar this year, and a huge crowd is anticipated. The J. C. has announced that any profit realized from the sale of tickets will be used for civic improvement.

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QUEEN



Christine Toumaras



Martha Ellen Johnson

Maid of Honor

Popular Comedy To Be Presented As First Player Show Of Season

WORK IS UNDERWAY ON ELON'S ANNUAL

William "Moon" Tolley, editor-in-chief of the Phi Psi Cli for 1950-51 reports everything underway in fine style on the Elon College annual. All pictures have been taken, with the photographer paying his final visit early this week, and the proofs for the photos that were taken on the first visit of the photographers have been turned over to the students.

Editor Tolley announced that Worth Womble will serve as sports editor for the Phi Psi Cli this year, with James Cates handling the business manager's duties. Cates is already working on the advertising, and final plans will be ready for discussion with the printers at an early date.

The Elon Players, beginning their seventh year under the capable direction of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, Elon dramatic teacher, will present as their first production of the year, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," an extremely popular comedy that played on Broadway for over two years and was finally made into one of the most uproarious movies ever produced. The play will be given in Whitley Auditorium on November 1st and 2nd.

Taking leading roles in the play are veteran players Emma Jean Clayton, Ed Engles and Bob Walker, with strong support being given them by Virginia Davis, Bob Wright, Jerry Allen, Dink Underhill, Ken Jacobs, and Bill Kivett, also veterans of the Elon stage, and newcomers Happie Wilson, Mrs. Delos Elder, Lois Walker, Richard Newman, Betty Jean McLeod, Patricia Gates, Laurence Rockel, Joe Brankely and Virginia Trigg.

Engles, who is best remembered for his role of Chorus in "Antigone," will do the part of Sheridan Whiteside, the man who came to dinner and stayed to almost wreck the home of his host. Whiteside is a brilliant and famous radio personality, lecturer, critic and slob, who contains so little of the milk of human kindness that a single drop of it shows up like a brilliant opal whenever he allows any of it to ooze through the pores of his thick skin.

The part of Maggie Cutler Whiteside's long-suffering secretary and confidante, is played by Emma Jean Clayton. Although the wise and efficient Miss Cutler understands that her irascible boss is mostly bark and very little bite, even she revolts against him when she discovers that he has plotted to break up her love affair with newspaperman Bert Johnson simply because he doesn't want to lose a secretary. The Jefferson role is played by Jerry Allen.

Mr. Ernest Stanley, whose hospitality Whiteside has outrageously violated, and who reacts to it as a normal family man would, is portrayed by Bob Walker. His battle for the possession of his own house is pitiful in its nonfulfillment, as Whiteside checks his every move.

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HOPPE IS CHOSEN VICE-PRESIDENT

Henry Hoppe, of Newport News, Va., is the new vice-president of the Elon College student government, following a special election held on Thursday and Friday of last week. The special election was rendered necessary to choose a successor to Alvin Pate, who was elected to the post last spring but withdrew from office this summer in favor of marriage.

ORGANIZE LEGISLATURE FOR ITS 1950-51 SESSION

The Student Legislature has had a very light agenda at its early meetings this year, with very few matters coming up for action as the group perfected its organization for the 1950-51 term. Earl Todd, speaker pro-tem, has been presiding, pending the election of a successor to Al Pate as vice-president of the Student Body.

Only two bills of major interest have been passed by the legislative group thus far, one of them being to grant approval and to grant appropriation for Homecoming Day plans. The other legislative act was to postpone the date for the annual Fall Formal until December 9th instead of its usual November date.

Members of the Student Legislature, with the groups they represent, include Carl Woods, from the Senior Class; Rosamond Bromley, from the Junior Class; Ned Jones, from the Sophomore Class; John Arwood, from the Freshman Class; Jeter Wilkins and Charles Lynam, from North Dorm;

Bob Oldham and Ray McKenzie, from East Dorm; Durwood Scott and Bill Hopkins, from South Dorm; Earl Todd, from the Club House; Jack Golden, from Vet's Court; Emmett Nesbit, from Carlton House; Worth Womble, from Oak Lodge; Martha Ellen Johnson and Jeanne Pittman, from West Dorm; Zeda Grogan, from Ladies' Hall; and James Burns and James Cates, from the Day Student Group.

Map Two-Day Program To Honor Elon's Alumni

Elon Band Shows Much Improvement

A revitalized Elon College band has been making giant strides this fall, working under the leadership and direction of Professor John Westmoreland, of the Department of Music, who has had able assistance from James Heffinger, who came to Elon this fall as a student from Schoolfield, Va.

The student band leader took over his new task of working with Prof. Westmoreland in developing the Maroon and Gold band after several years of excellent experience in his native Schoolfield, where he worked with both the high school band and glee club.

The band made an excellent showing and added to the student spirit at the opening football game with A.C.C. and was even better at the E.C.T.C. game last Saturday night, when the student aggregation was swelled by the addition of a number of Elon alumni from this section.

Students who have been working daily with the band include Lynn Cashion, Sophie White, Bobby Stewart, Charles Norfleet, David Kennedy, James Bozarth, Gene Cozart, Andy Meredith, Jack Castle, John Vance, Elbert Lake, Harry Hollie, Lois Walker, Norman Dodde, Bill Butler, Roberto Winstead, Page Painter, Bill Kivett, Ray McKenzie, Jane Haney and James Heffinger.

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANS ANNOUNCED

Halloween will not go unnoticed on the Elon campus this year, for the Student Christian Association and the Women's Athletic Association will join forces to sponsor a huge party and festival in the Alumni Gymnasium on Friday night, October 27th.

Plans for the event are as yet incomplete, but grapevine reports are that the affair will be of the blue-jeans and plaid-shirt variety, v

CHOIR-BAND PARTY

Members of the choir, band, and Music Department faculty held a joint party at Friedens Club House in Gibsonville Friday night, October 29, to celebrate the successful formation of the new college band and to create closer relationships between the two main musical organizations of Elon.

The fifty-odd members of both choir and band spent the evening playing bridge and dancing. During the evening coffee and doughnuts were served to all by Miss Hazel Walker and Mr. and Mrs. James Hiffinger.

The faculty members present were Miss Dorothy Pennington, Miss Virginia Groomes, Fletcher Moore and John Westmoreland.

The greatest "Home Coming" celebration in Elon's history is planned for the weekend of October 21st, with the annual Elon-Catawba football classic slated as the climactic event of a program designed to occupy much of two days.

Complete plans for the occasion were formulated by the Student Entertainment Committee, the plans being approved by the college administration and by Alumni Secretary James F. Darden, who is cooperating in the effort to get the old students back.

Homecoming Queen

Christine Toumaras, of Burlington, will rule over the festivities as "Homecoming Queen," having been elected to the royal honor by a vote of the students last week. She will be attended by Martha Ellen Johnson, of Graham, who was the runner-up in the election. The Queen's court for the coronation ceremony, scheduled between halves of the Catawba grid game, will also include girls sponsored by each of the fraternities and other campus organizations and by the various dormitories and residence halls on the campus.

The Homecoming program gets underway with a huge pep rally, scheduled for 6:30 o'clock on Friday evening, and Chief Cheerleader Patsy Milam and her corps of cheerleaders have planned for the biggest and best pep meeting of them all.

The Homecoming Dance will bring the Friday night program to a close, with dancing scheduled in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium from 8 o'clock until 11:15 that night. Music for the dance will be by Jimmy Perkins and his Orchestra.

The Women's Athletic Association will open the Saturday merriment with an outdoor square dance, to be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the campus in front of West Dormitory; and immediately afterwards a huge Elon parade is planned through the heart of Burlington at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Elon-Catawba Game

The annual Elon-Catawba football game will get underway at 8 o'clock Saturday night, with impressive ceremonies planned for half-time, when Student President Bob Wright will crown Queen Christine Toumaras. Worth Womble will be master of ceremonies for the half-time events.

Immediately after the Elon-Catawba game, the students will return to the campus for an after-game dance in the Student Union.

The campus is expected to take on a gala appearance for the Homecoming Weekend, with each of the dormitories decorated for the occasion. An alumni committee, named by James F. Darden, will choose the best decorated dormitory, and a plaque will be awarded as a prize to that unit.

Roane Is Leader Of Science Club

Douglas Roane, of Norfolk, Va., is the new president of the Science Club, long one of the most active organizations on the campus.

Other officers named at the same time for 1950-51 include Yono Mork, of Baltimore, Md., vice-president; Bob Yates, of Chadbourn, secretary; Bill Ivey, of Snow Camp, treasurer; and Ned Jones, of Franklin, Va., reporter. Prof. Paul S. Reddish is faculty sponsor.