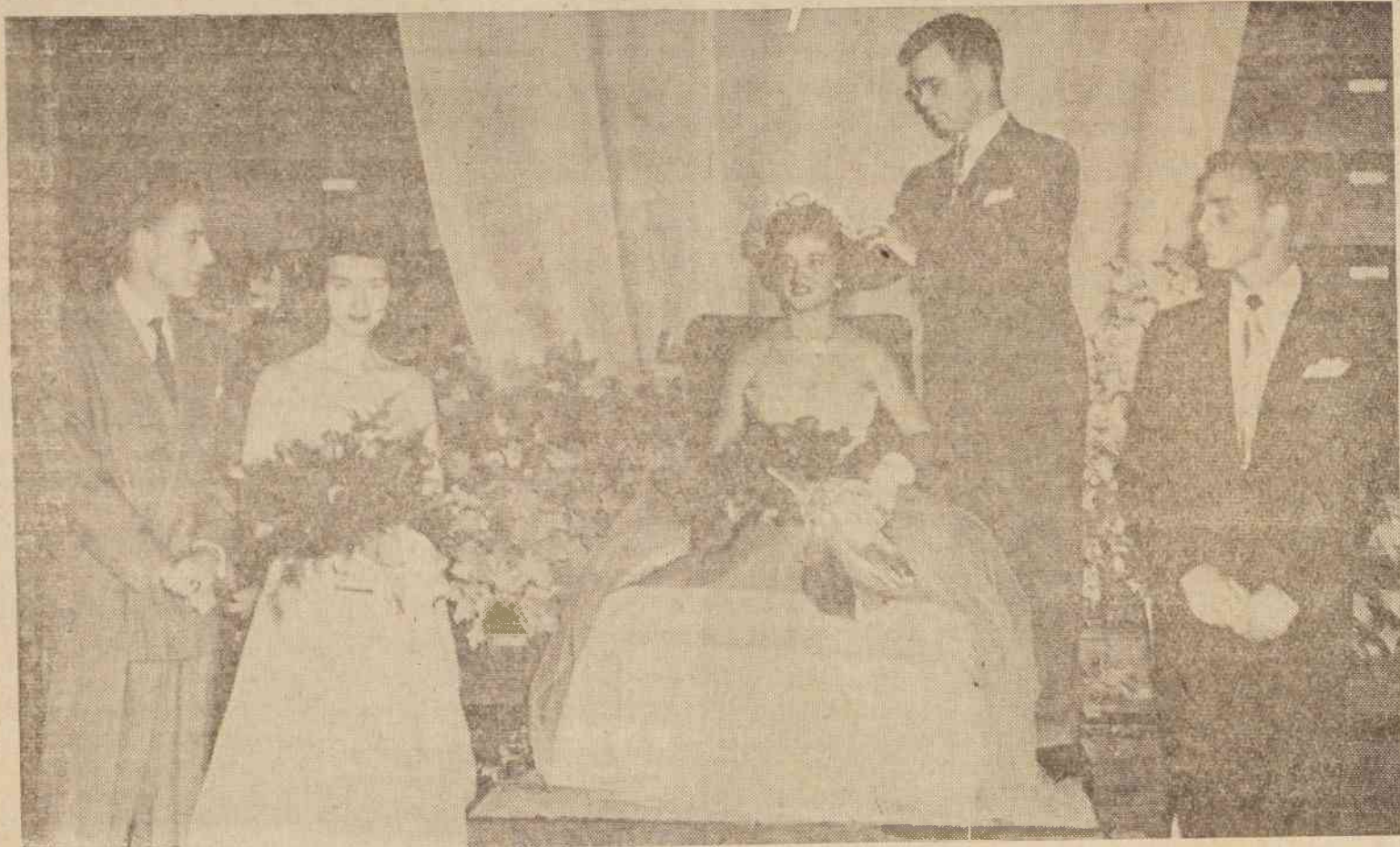


Elon Has Her Most Successful Home Coming

CORONATION OF QUEEN FEATURES HOME COMING BALL



The coronation of Queen Christine Toumaras to rule over the 1950 Home Coming festivities at Elon was a big feature of the annual Home Coming Ball in the Elon Memorial Gymnasium last Friday evening. Robert Wright, president of the Elon student body, is pictured above as he placed the golden crown upon the head of the queen, who is seated upon the throne. Others in the picture, standing left to right, are Deward Hooker with Martha Ellen Johnson, Maid of Honor of the queen, and Harry Farmer, who escorted the new ruler to her throne.

Large Crowd Fills Gym For Tex Beneke Dance

The largest crowd ever to attend a dance in Alamance County turned out Tuesday night, October 17, when Tex Beneke and his Glenn Miller band appeared at the Elon College gymnasium. The dance was sponsored by the Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

An estimated 750 people attended the one-hour concert, which was given from 8 o'clock until 9 o'clock, and about 1200 were present for the dance.

Playing from a decorated platform, the Beneke group rendered music in the familiar, mellow, Miller manner, which, after years of being heard, still affects audiences as it did in the past. Several of Miller's more distinctive numbers were played, and in spite of the bad acoustics in the gym, the clever arrangements and excellent playing did not fail to draw great applause.

Bill Leloudis, chairman of the project for the sponsoring Jaycees, said that although the club made no money on the dance, "we feel that through the cooperation of Elon College we have been able to give residents of Alamance County an opportunity to see and hear one of the nation's outstanding musical organizations."

On the Elon campus everyone concerned was extremely pleased with the affair and the manner in which it was conducted. In the light of the fact that the dance was by far the best affair of its nature that had ever been held at Elon, a pleased administration announced that, in an attempt to make up the regrettable loss suffered by the Jaycee dance, the college will make a suitable adjustment to the price of the gym.

Officials of the Jaycees stated that this cooperation on the part of the college marks a definite step toward improving relations between Elon College and various civic organizations in Burlington, and that possibilities of more such events in the future are strongly increased.

Elon Choir Is Planning Radio Work

The series of weekly radio appearances of the Elon College Choir will be resumed in the near future, according to plans made public last week, and work has already been started to make possible the broadcasts by transcription over a number of stations.

The Elon musical programs, which will once more be offered on Sunday afternoons, will be carried this year over Station WFNS in Burlington, rather than over Burlington's WBBB, which has carried the broadcasts in previous years.

The choir started experimenting ten days ago with a recording set-up, which will enable the group to record several programs at one sitting, with the series to be spread out over several weekends. This will relieve the choir members from the necessity of being on campus each and every Sunday afternoon.

Transcription of the programs in advance will also make it possible for the Choir to be heard over additional stations, and plans are virtually complete for the singers to be carried over stations in the home towns of individual members. The station in Mason City, Iowa, home of John Vance, will carry the programs, and other stations have expressed an interest.

The Choir in recent years has gained a large radio following, and many people will look forward to the beginning of the 1950-51 broadcasts, which will feature the full choir of approximately sixty voices.

Band Adds New Ideas And Stunts

The rejuvenation of the Elon College Band continues to move ahead at a fast pace, as evidenced by the appearance of the band at the Home Coming battle with Catawba last Saturday night, when it appeared as a marching unit and with a fine display of showmanship.

The membership of the band continues to increase, and the added showmanship was made possible by the addition for first time in some years of a corps of drum majors and majorettes, along with acrobatic performers to give color to the half-time performance.

Prof. John Westmoreland and his student band assistant, James Heffinger, brought forth a number of fine ideas for entertainment, including a sparkler stunt in a darkened stadium.

Marching with the band as drum majors and majorettes were Jack Castle, of Schoolfield, Va.; Lynn Cashion, of Sanford; Jane Upchurch, of Durham; Faye Caddell, of Elon College; Phyllis Tucker, of Kannapolis; and Edna Burke, of Pittsboro. Lefty Taylor, of Thomasville, Ga., and Carl Coley, of Burlington, furnished an added acrobatic feature.

Education Majors At Teachers Meet

Several members of the Education Club attended the recent Northwest District meeting of the North Carolina Education Association, which was held in Greensboro on October 12th, the future teachers thus getting a glimpse of what their future work and life may be like.

Attending the meeting, along with the club members was Prof. J. C. Colley, club sponsor. Prof. Earl Danielley, on leave of absence this year and attending the University of North Carolina, was one of the speakers before the mathematics section of the teachers' meeting.

Opera Class Is Underway On Campus

The new opera workshop, which brought grand opera to the Elon campus on a permanent basis two weeks ago, will hold its second meeting of the year at 1:30 o'clock today, according to Prof. John Westmoreland, of the music faculty, who stated that students may still enroll for the extra musical work.

Prof. Westmoreland, in discussing the opening meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, stated that there were about a dozen students who attended the first session, along with a number of outside musical enthusiasts.

Already plans are underway for the casting of portions of several operas, which will be used as experimental productions by the workshop students. These will give the students much needed experience and the opportunity to acquire poise before an audience. They will also be given training in operatic costuming and scenic design and construction.

Colorful Social And Sports Events Are Staged For Returning Alumni

Coronation Of Queen On Friday

Soft lights, music, dancing and the coronation of a beautiful queen blended to lend enchantment to the 1950 Home Coming Ball, which was staged on the spacious floor of Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Friday evening.

Students, alumni and faculty formed the audience as Queen Christine Toumaras, escorted by the knights and ladies of her court, moved into the gymnasium in a stately procession for the coronation ceremonies, which were to grant to her the regal power over succeeding events of a gala weekend.

The coronation program came at an early intermission of the dance with Worth Womble, who directed Home Coming arrangements as chairman of the Entertainment Committee, at the mike as master of ceremonies.

The sponsors for various fraternities and campus groups entered with their escorts and were grouped about the royal throne to await the entrance of the queen. The sponsors wore gold-lettered ribbons for their sponsoring groups and carried bouquets of gold chrysanthemums which were tied with maroon ribbon.

The sponsors, in order of appearance, with name of their organization and escort, included Reita Durham, for Delta Upsilon Kappa, with Larry Gaither; Peggy Johnson, for Sigma Phi Beta, with Dave Mondy; Flora Gilbert, for Oak Lodge, with Elmer Thomas; Phyllis Tucker, for Vets' Court, with Archie Morgan; Lucille Cameron, for Club House, with George Etheridge; Dolores Evans, for Kappa Psi Nu, with Billy Matze;

Emma Jean Clayton, for Sigma Alpha Chi, with Ned Jones; Martha Rose, for South Dorm, with Henry Borneman; Charlotte Rothgeb, for West Dorm, with Ronald Fogleman; Rachel Matthews, for

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HALLOWEEN PARTY DATE POSTPONED

The Halloween Party, which had been planned and announced to be held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday night of this week, has been postponed due to conflicting arrangements for the use of the gymnasium. This was announced by Emma Jean Clayton, chairman of the SCA committee which planned the festivities.

She stated that the SCA will sponsor another autumn activity early in November, with plans and date to be revealed later. There is a possibility that the SCA may substitute a "Sadie Hawkins Day" program to take the place of the projected Halloween party.

Day Students Name Leaders

The Day Students' Organization, which automatically includes all day students now registered at Elon College, held its first meeting of the 1950-1951 session on Thursday morning, October 19th, when officers were elected and plans laid to make the group more influential on the campus than it has ever been in the past.

Named president at this initial meeting of the year was Bill Seawell, of Snow Camp. Other officers chosen at the same time were Jimmy Cates, of Burlington, vice-president; Joan Summers, of Gibsonville, secretary; and Walter C. Feltman, of Hillsboro, treasurer.

A goodly representation of the day students was in attendance at the gathering, but leaders of the group pointed out every commuting student in the college should and must attend if the organization is to attain and hold its proper place in campus life.

The first activity planned for the day students will be the annual election of Day Student representatives to the Student Legislature, which will be held at a meeting in Whitley Auditorium tomorrow (Thursday, October 26), at 10 o'clock.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IS SHOWING NEW VIGOR AND VIM

The Student Christian Association, operating this year under the sponsorship and guidance of Rev. Howard P. Bozarth, minister of the Elon College Community Church, has been transformed for the 1950-51 session into one of the liveliest and most active groups on the campus.

The past four weeks have seen the SCA in a process of organization, which began with the "retreat" meeting at Quaker Lake Camp on September 22nd and 23rd. This "retreat" followed a meeting of outstanding student leaders with Charles W. Whitworth, secretary for the Southern Area Regional Council of the national Student Christian Association, which is a functional part of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

At that time tentative plans for the year were drawn, and those attending the "retreat" served as a temporary cabinet, with Eugene Johnson as chairman until

permanent officers could be named. That temporary cabinet laid the foundation for the year's program, and set a final organizational meeting on Sunday, October 8th.

Following that gathering an election was held, which resulted in the choice of Joe T. Stephens, of Roanoke, Va., president; Bill Hopkins, of Hampton, Va., vice-president; Charles Johnson, of Suffolk, Va., treasurer; and Betty Long, of Elon College, secretary.

The SCA is set up this year with three departments, called Commissions, to channel the work of the organization on the Elon campus. William "Moon" Tolley heads the Commission on Christian Faith and Heritage, Emma Jean Clayton leads the Commission on Campus Affairs and Personal Relations, and Henry Hoppe heads the Commission on Social Relations.

The program for the months

ahead has been outlined, with the religious activities group being responsible mainly for the Sunday evening meetings, to be known as the Elon Student Fellowship. As soon as practicable these meetings will be held in the Student Union, but they have been held so far in Society Hall at 7:15 each Sunday evening. The final Sunday of each month will be entirely social, with a supper at 5:30 o'clock.

These meetings feature a student-lead devotional and song service, followed by a business session and a speaker or movie. Dean D. J. Bowden was the first speaker on Sunday, October 15th, taking as his subject, "The Elon College I Dream About." Alumni Secretary James F. Darden spoke on the same subject last Sunday evening. A special committee from the three Commissions will plan the programs, with occasion-

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Decorations And Parade Are Features

Not even the contrary whims of the Weather Man could spoil the success of Elon's great 1950 Home Coming, a two-day program staged on Friday and Saturday of last week, which marked a new high in student planning and campus entertainment.

The program, which got underway with a lively pep meeting held at 6:30 o'clock on Friday evening, was rendered the more successful by the many alumni who returned to the scenes of their college days to renew old acquaintances and to mingle with the present-day students.

The pep meeting on Friday night, under the leadership of Chief Cheerleader Patsy Milam and her assistants, was followed by the Home Coming dance. Several hundred danced in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium to the tunes of Jimmy Perkins and his Orchestra and watched the coronation of Christine Toumaras as Home Coming Queen.

A gaily decorated campus was the scene of a full program on Saturday, which got underway on Saturday afternoon with a square dance sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association, and a gigantic parade through the streets of Burlington.

There was an "Open House" in the home of President Leon E. Smith from 4:30 until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the alumni, parents of students and special guests, and the college itself was host to the returning alumni and other guests at Saturday night supper in the dining hall.

Special guests at this Saturday night supper included returning members of three of Elon's great football teams of past years. They were the team of 1909, first and only team to carry Elon's colors to the football wars before World War I; the fine team of 1922, which won high honors for the college; and the North State Champions of 1941, the last Elon team before the sport was discontinued during the World War II

The real climax of the two-day program was the sixteenth annual renewal of the classic Elon-Catawba football rivalry, which was staged on the wet turf of Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday night. The game was marked by elaborate half-time ceremonies, which included the

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French Club Picks Leaders For Year

The French Club held its first meeting of the year last week at the home of Mrs. Pearl S. McDonald, the club's sponsor, for the purpose of electing officers, reading the French Club constitution and laying plans for the year's activities.

Officers elected were: President Sam Webster, of Burlington; vice-president Rita Durham, of Burlington; secretary, Martha Ellen Johnson, of Graham; and reporter, Charles Joyner, of Zuni, Va. A special feature of the meeting was a series of songs rendered in French by Geneva Cooper, and refreshments of coffee and doughnuts were served.