

# Elon Opera Workshop Will Present Student Program Of Opera Scenes Monday, May 14

The Elon Opera Workshop, which became an official part of the music curriculum of the college last October, will present a program of scenes from famous operas on the stage of Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock on Monday evening, May 14th.

This is the second series of grand opera scenes to be offered by the Opera Workshop this year, and the program will be staged under the direction of Robert C. Bird, of Raleigh, head of North Carolina's Grass Roots Opera Company, who has also directed the local workshop this year. He will be assisted by Miss Virginia Groomes, of the Elon music faculty, and by James Clyburne, student accompanist.

One of the opera scenes planned is from "The Old Maid and the Thief," written by Menotti, the setting of which is a small town somewhere in the United States. The plot revolves about an old maid, Miss Todd, who shows hospitality to a rather handsome tramp. The cast for this scene will include Judy Ingram, as Miss Todd; Annie Laura Albright, as Laetitia; Dolores Evans, as Miss Pinkerton; and Roger Gibbs, as Bob.

The local singers will also present two acts of Mozart's famous opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," which shows Figaro eternally frustrated in his efforts at marriage. Complications result when the Count becomes interested in Susanna, Figaro's fiancée; while Cherubina, a page boy, is madly in love with the Countess.

The cast for these scenes includes Charles Lynam, as Figaro; Miss Virginia Groomes, as Susanna; Jimmy Rhodes, as Doctor Bartolo; Madeline Heffinger, as Marcellino; Geneva Williford, as Cherubina; Roger Gibbs, as Count Almaviva; Jack Castle, as Don Basilio; Justyn Carter, as Countess Almaviva; and Ben Stephenson, as Antonio, the gardener.

ALL DRESSED AND READY FOR OPERA SCENES



All dressed and ready for an opera appearance are six members of the Elon College opera workshop. The singers in the above group, who presented a scene from "The Marriage of Figaro" at a D.A.R. tea at the Alamance Hotel in Burlington last Friday afternoon, are (left to right) Jack Castle, as Don Basilio; Geneva Williford, as Cherubina; Charles Lynam, as Figaro; Miss Virginia Groomes, as Susanna; Roger Gibbs, as Count Almaviva; and Madeline Heffinger, as Marcellino. They will also appear in the opera scenes here on Monday evening, May 14th.

## Varsity Baseball Games

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### ELON 12, SWEPSONVILLE 4

The Christians combined eleven hits with nine bases on balls to defeat the Swepsonville All-Stars in a seven-inning tilt at Swepsonville on Wednesday night, April 25th. The game was close in the early innings, with the teams tied at 4-4 after four innings, but the Christians broke the battle wide open in the fifth with a six-run rally.

Pete Sykes, freshman right-hander, worked a nice game on

the mound, allowing the Swepsonville batters only four hits. Meanwhile, Ben Kendall paced the hitting with a double and two singles in five trips.

Elon	100	360	0	12	11	2
Swepsonville	120	100	0	4	4	1

Sykes and DeSimone, Schrader; Deal, Gentry, Ragan, Teer and Gillespie.

### ELON 9, APPALACHIAN 1

Hank Hamrick southpawed his way to his fourth Conference victory of the season as he let the Appalachian Mountaineers down with five hits in pitching Elon to a 9 to 1 win here last Thursday afternoon, April 26th.

Bob Rogers, Shag Myers and Carroll Reid topped the Elon hitting with two hits each, one of Myers' blows being a triple and one of Reid's hits a towering triple to the left field wall.

Appalachian	000	000	001	1	5	4
Elon	100	400	04x	9	12	0

Whitlock, Estridge and Bass, Whitlock; Hamrick and DeSimone

### COLONNADES COMING

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farewell fight in Mexico, written by Elmer Thomas; "Tired Minds," which makes you wonder when yesterday ended and tomorrow begins, by John Spirko; "Address Unknown," written by Jack Goodwin and which teaches one to check their cards and carry a big stick when sitting into a game with strangers; and "The Wastrel," in which Ed Engles asks the old, old question as to who is the wastrel, the young man who wanders about enjoying life or the worn out man, who has given his life to a machine.

It will also feature three interesting pieces of non-fiction, including "Shore Leave In Molotovsk," in which Ed Engles tells how a young sailor was impressed by the harshness of Communism as reflected in the dull existence of ordinary people in Russia; "Take That, Mr. Smarty Pants Robinson," written under the nom-de-plume of One of Ouh Boys and which defies exact description; and "The Cycle of Sex in Literature," written by the staff and which is a scholarly treatise pointing out that the present mania for sex literature is no new trend, but a recurrence that seems to arrive inevitably after the conservatism of the Victorian Period.

## Student Body Head Issues Statement

Roger Gibbs, newly elected president of the Elon College Student Body, accepted this week the invitation of the Maroon and Gold staff and released yesterday a statement in regard to policies and plans for student government during the coming year. The complete text of the statement, addressed to the students, is as follows:

"In the interest of keeping you well informed of the functions of your student government, this article and others to follow are being published.

"I am sorry that we cannot list at this writing the names of all dormitory officers and the dormitory representatives to the legislature. However, dormitory meetings have or will be called this week for the purpose of electing officers, and their names will be made public when the elections are completed. Also, an election is forthcoming to choose a new head cheerleader, as well as new members of the student council. For the latter, two members are elected by and from the men students and two by and from the women students. The fifth member, Dick Lee, was elected in the general election just past.

"Appointees for the dance committee, the student entertainment committee and the campus orientation committee are already under consideration. A committee to study the constitution with a view to possible revision may be appointed next year. There are some phases of the constitution which are out of date or vague in their meaning and which could well be revised.

"The general policies of this administration were emphasized during the campaign and will be carried out. Other policies or plans have been formulated to help you get better acquainted with the machinery of student government and to encourage school spirit. These will be put into action at times most appropriate to their purpose.

"Though I am hesitant at using this column for personal sentiments, I should like to close with my sincere thanks to you for your support in the election and with hopes for your continued cooperation in student affairs."

### TRACK TEAM WINS

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Crutchfield (G). Time — 21.7 secs.  
440 Yard Dash— Topping (G), Feeney (G), Lewis (E). Time— 56.1 secs.  
Two-Mile Run—Armstrong (G), Lake (E), Watkins (E). Time— 12 mins., 2 secs.  
Pole Vault—Taylor (E), Topping (G), Lake (T). Height—10 feet, 2 inches.  
Javelin—Garber (E), Eval (G), Greenwood (E). Distance— 134 feet, 10 inches.

## Haffs Have New Tenant

Jiminy Cricket is a new tenant in the home of Dr. Richard Haff, of the Elon biology faculty, but the readers must not jump to the conclusion that the new tenant is crowding the Haff family too much, for Jiminy Cricket is a baby rabbit.

Barely six inches long and quite young, Jiminy was discovered by Austin Brewer while he was practicing baseball, and the varsity pitcher presented the youngster to Dr. Haff for use in the Biology Department.

Jiminy was placed in a box for his first night in the Haff household, but the visitor promptly leaped twice the length of his body through an air-hole in the top of the box, and he proceeded to seek new quarters in the Haff living room. Dr. Haff then assigned the young jumper sleeping quarters in the bathtub.

Dr. Haff termed it an interesting experiment to try raising the baby rabbit, and he used the trial-and-error method to determine the visitor's diet. Milk was tried through an eye dropper, but Jiminy Cricket refused. Celery, cabbage and lettuce were tried to no avail. It seems that Jiminy Cricket prefers clover, and he is such an individualist that he prefers to eat in private.

A "Womanless Wedding" will be staged at Elon High School on Saturday night of this week, starring Prof. J. W. Barney as the bride and Prof. A. L. Hook as the groom.

### WINS STATE PRIZE



PROF. JOHN F. WEST

### MAY DAY FESTIVAL

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Fred Grant, Husky Hall, Jesse Hobbs, Charles Johnson, E. V. Jones, Dave Kennedy, Dick Lee, Curtis Martin, Ray McKenzie, Archie Morgan, Leonard Morgan, Charles Norfleet, Parks Norman, Louis Rangel, Billy Renn, Jack Rose, Deward Scott, Alvis Shelton, Edward Shomaker, Jim Snow, Bob Summers, Frank Tingley, and Harold Troxler.

Those slated to appear as either vocal or instrumental musicians in the pageant include Annie Laurie Albright, Justyn Carter, Lynn Cashon, Jack Castle, Dolores Evans, James Heffinger, Madeline Heffinger, Judith Ingram, Andy Meredith, Jimmie Rhodes, Prof. W. H. Struhs, and Roberta Winstead. Members of the Elon Choir will also appear as a group to provide singing and background music.

## West Winner Of Statewide Poetry Prize

Prof. John Foster West, member of the English faculty of Elon College, has just been notified that he won first prize in the state-wide poetry contest, which was sponsored for 1951 by the North Carolina Poetry Society.

The award of the prize in the poetry contest was revealed to Professor West in a letter from Charlotte Young, of Charlotte, who is president of the organization of poets. She informed West that the award would be presented at a banquet in Charlotte on Tuesday night of this week.

The prize for the winner amounts to \$25 in cash, plus a year's free membership in the society. Plans also call for the publication of the winning poem, entitled "Opposites," in a forthcoming anthology of North Carolina poetry.

Professor West has had his work, which includes poems, fiction and non-fiction articles, published in The Atlantic, Life and other national magazines. He was runner-up in the Dodd Mead Intercollegiate Fellowship for Novels while attending the University of North Carolina in 1947, and he has a second novel now being considered by a publisher.

President Leon E. Smith took to the air last week for a quick one-day business trip to Jacksonville, Fla. The trip was made from Burlington Airport in a private plane, owned by Walter Wilkins, business man of Norfolk,

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