

Fun, Football And Fire Features Of Elon's Homecoming Annual Dance Is Scene Of Queen's Coronation

The beautiful coronation ceremony for Elon's Homecoming Queen proved an outstanding feature of the 1951 Homecoming Ball, which was staged against a background of colorful decorations in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, September 28th.

Assembled students, alumni and faculty members formed the audience as Queen Nancy Vaughan, surrounded by the members of her royal court moved in stately procession onto the spacious floor of the gymnasium for the ceremony that officially conferred upon her the right to rule over the festivities of the weekend.

The coronation ceremony was staged at an early intermission of the dance, with Matt Curran, vice-president of the Elon Student Government, handling the microphone as master of ceremonies to announce the entrance of members of the Queen's court.

The sponsors for the various fraternities, dormitories and other campus groups entered from the southern end of the huge gymnasium floor, marching to the strains of soft music to form a huge circle in the middle of the floor. Each of the sponsors wore gold-lettered ribbons and beautiful bouquets carried by each lent added color to the scene.

The sponsors, in the order of the appearance and with the name of their organization and escort, included Anne Abercrombie, for Carlton House, with Luther Barnes; Martha Buggy, for North Dormitory, with Douglas Roane; Jackie Newman, for Alpha Psi Delta, with Robert Coyner; Sue Morton, for Iota Tau Kappa, with Scott Quakenbush; Arlene Stafford, for the Day Students Organization, with Ronnie McIntyre;

Betty Jane Boyce, for Sigma Alpha Chi, with Jimmy Rhodes; Helen Jackson, for East Dormitory, with Charles Joyner; Betty Stafford, for Kappa Psi Nu, with Philip Mann; Rachel Matthews, for Sigma Phi Beta, with Duward Scott; Betty Peeler, for South Dormitory, with Al Bryan; and Rosamond Bromley, for Club House, with Robert Harned.

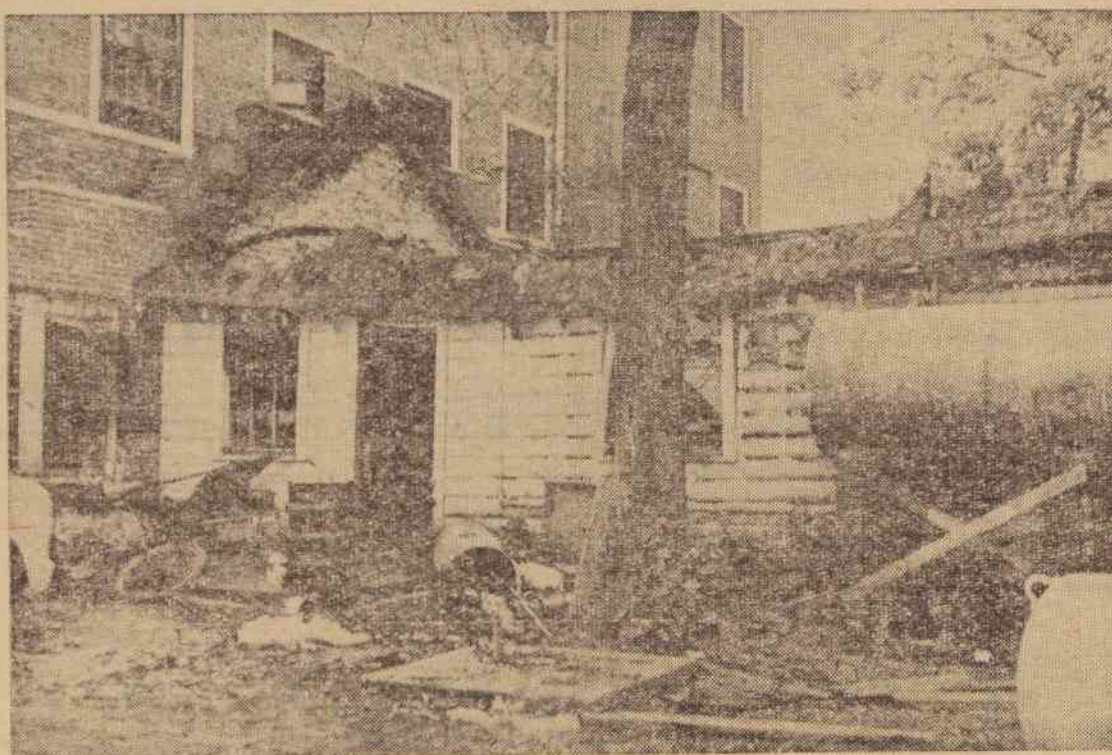
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WORK IS STARTED ON ELON'S ANNUAL

Page Painter, who is editor-in-chief of the Phi Psi Cli for 1951-52, reports that everything is underway in fine style for the new edition of the Elon College annual. Virtually all pictures have been taken, except for a few scattered pictures that have been missed, and proofs were due back this week.

Editor Painter announced that Joe Spivey, who has been sports editor of Maroon and Gold for two years, will also serve as sports editor of the Phi Psi Cli this year. He also announced that Reita Durham is handling the business manager's duties. The engraving will be done again this year by a company in Charlotte, and the annual will once more be printed by Edwards and Broughton in Raleigh.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT AFTER KITCHEN BURNED



Only charred and smoking ruins were left of the Elon College kitchen after firemen had extinguished the blaze that struck on Saturday night, September 29th. The ruins are shown above, with the Mooney in the background. Firemen prevented the fire from spreading into the main portion of the dining hall, which adjoined the kitchen at the right in the picture.

Elon Students Still Eating, Despite Fact That . . .

College Kitchen Is Destroyed By Blaze

Fire On Elon Campus Inflicts Heavy Damage

The Elon students have continued to eat, despite a fire of undetermined origin, which destroyed the kitchen wing of the college dining hall on Saturday night, September 29th, with damages to building and equipment estimated at from \$30,000 to \$40,000 by the administrative officials of the college.

The blaze was discovered about 9:30 o'clock in the evening, while virtually all students and faculty were away from the campus attending the annual Elon-Appalachian football game, and the fire itself was under control before the crowds returned from the game about 10:30 o'clock.

Dinner had been served as usual at 5:30 o'clock on Saturday

evening, and the kitchen workers were finished and gone by 8:00 o'clock, according to R. S. Horvath, college dietitian. Mr. Horvath himself and the kitchen workers first knew of the fire when they returned to campus about 10 o'clock to prepare a late supper for the Elon and Appalachian football squads.

The burned building was a frame structure, built in 1942 to replace an older brick dining hall that was burned early that year. In addition to the building itself, the losses involved much equipment that was destroyed or badly damaged, including three walk-in refrigerators, an ice-cream maker, a meat saw, a large stove, a gas

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FLASHBACK —1942— ANOTHER FIRE

The fire which destroyed the kitchen wing of the college dining hall on Homecoming Saturday night brought back memories of another disastrous fire, which struck the Elon campus nearly a decade ago to destroy the predecessor of the present college eating establishment.

'Twas on January 17, 1942, a frigid cold Saturday morning, that the earlier dining hall was destroyed, and the fact that it occurred in the early morning hours while practically all Elon students were still pounding their pillows was sufficient to cause far more excitement than did the recent blaze.

The old dining hall was a brick wing, extending northward at the rear of West Dormitory, and only a fire wall and the fact that someone closed the heavy doors leading into the big reception parlor in West prevented the big dormitory itself from going up in flames and smoke.

The newspaper reports of that 1942 fire stated that the blaze was discovered by the night watchman about 4:30 o'clock, and there was a graphic description of the excitement as sleepy-eyed and half-dressed students tumbled out into the freezing morning air.

In the excitement following the alarm, many of the girls in West had thrown their clothing out of the windows when it appeared that the blaze might engulf the dormitory too, and there were many articles of wearing apparel still decorating the shrubbery beside the dorm when daylight illumined the scene.

It was quite a coincidence that Elon's athletes met and defeated an Appalachian team on the date of that other dining hall fire, too. In that case it was the Christian basketball team, which left without any breakfast that long ago Saturday morning and went to Boone to defeat the Mountaineers.

Hundreds Of Old Grads Enjoy Festive Weekend

COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN SLATED

The faculty and students of Elon College will be asked within the next few days to contribute to the annual Community Chest campaign, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. W. T. Scott, who is chairman for the drive in the Elon College section, which includes the town and campus and the adjacent communities.

In announcing the Community Chest drive this year, Mrs. Scott stated that the overall national quota has been raised by about 15 percent, with the additional funds slated to go for USO work among the armed forces. She also stated that students are not expected to make large gifts, but small contributions will be appreciated.

Everyone was in festive mood, even the Weather Man, as hundreds of old Elon students returned to the campus for a 1951 Homecoming weekend that was celebrated on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th, beneath clear autumn skies and in weather that had just enough nip of the fall season to be pleasant.

The Student Entertainment Committee, which took over the annual Homecoming observance a year ago with great success, carried on in the same fine style this year, and "Fun and Fellowship" was the keynote of a program that meant much to both present and former students of the college.

The old grads came back to find the campus gaily bedecked in traditional Maroon and Gold, as the various dormitory groups vied with each other for the winner's laurels in a decoration contest that was judged by a special committee of alumni.

First prize in this contest went to the boys of East Dorm, who disguised the historic old structure as a night club, complete with accessories that included a doorman. Second place went to the boys in North Dorm, who decked their huge structure as a theatre and advertised a show that featured the Mallory boys in "The Massacre of the Mountaineers." Third place went to the Day Students Organization, which assumed the task of decorating the Alumni Gymnasium.

The Homecoming program itself got underway with the annual Homecoming Ball on Friday evening and continued Saturday with a gigantic Elon parade through the streets of Burlington. Seventeen open convertibles bore the Homecoming Queen and members of her court, and more than twenty-five other decorated automobiles joined the convertibles in the trek through the city.

Several members of the Elon football team of 1933, first Fighting Christian team to bring home a North State Conference championship, were back as honor guests for the 1951 Homecoming, and the college was host to a number of these former grid stars at dinner in the dining hall.

Trustees Discuss Plan For Building Program

The possibility and prospect of a new dining hall and some new dormitories on the Elon campus in the not-too-distant future loomed bright last week, following a special called meeting of the Elon College trustees, which was held on Monday, October 1st.

The trustees meeting, which had been called prior to the fire that destroyed the kitchen, was nevertheless just at the right time to authorize President Leon E. Smith to start construction at once of a temporary kitchen and to start immediate action to raise funds for a complete new and permanent dining hall.

This step fitted well with the original purpose of the gathering, which had been called to discuss

plans to complete the long-range building program for the college, a program that is estimated to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. New dormitories, long needed on the campus, are an integral part of the long-range plan.

The trustees asked President Smith to negotiate an early settlement with the insurance company for the loss sustained in the kitchen fire, with the insurance funds to be earmarked for replacing the burned structure. The trustees asked that any new kitchen equipment bought be such as would be usable in a new dining hall.

In discussing the long-range building plans, the trustees voted

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STUDENT PRESIDENT CROWNS QUEEN NANCY



Roger Gibbs, president of the Elon Student Government, is shown above as he placed the crown upon the head of Nancy Vaughan who ruled as Homecoming Queen during the final weekend in September. Left to right in the foreground of the picture is Reita Durham, maid-of-honor; Larry Caither, her escort; Roger Gibbs, student president; Nancy Vaughan, Homecoming Queen; and George Etheridge, escort for the queen.

PARADE STIRS ELON SPIRIT FOR GRID GAME



A portion of the gigantic Elon parade, which stirred the Fighting Christian spirit for the annual battle with Appalachian, is shown above as it formed beside the college wall in readiness for the trip through Burlington. Included in the parade were seventeen gaily decorated convertibles, which carried the Homecoming Queen and the ladies of her court. In the foreground is the Queen's car, followed by that of the Maid-of-Honor.