

Annual High School Day Is Big Event On Elon Campus

'The Gioconda Smile' Is
New Player Production

A tremendously dramatic conflict between the forces of good and evil forms the background for the Elon Players' production of "The Gioconda Smile," which makes its appearance on Whitley Auditorium stage on Thursday and Friday nights of this week. The curtain rises at 8:15.

A complex study of frustrated love turned to psychotic hatred, of calculated murder, of a man's life wasted in the seeking of pleasure, and of a girl trapped into a situation she does not even understand, "The Gioconda Smile," written by Aldous Huxley, presents a challenge to the skills of director Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith and the members of the Players group, a challenge that is met in a fashion that will hold audiences' attention for every minute of the play.

Ed Engles, winner of last year's "Oscar" for his performance in "The Man Who Came To Dinner," portrays Henry Hutton, luxury loving, rich, respected members of the "upper classes," who is forced by his superficial nature into a double life as the husband of a hopelessly ill wife at home, and as the cultured libertine away from home, the man who "... can't let girls alone ..." and who is cynical because he "... enjoys the pleasures of an easy conscience ..."

His neighbor, Janet Spence, a woman who has silently and hopefully loved him for many years while his wife has been ill, is played by Joan Crandall Wickman. Janet, the "Mysterious Gioconda," is an amazing creature, filled with shadowy moods and restrained passion, whose whole existence has been that of a woman struggling to keep up a pretense of jolly good fellowship with a man she has loved for years while his ailing wife kept them apart.

But Janet doesn't know about Doris, the sweet young thing Hutton has been seeing when away from home, and when Doris does come into the picture, Janet's already great problem becomes hopelessly unsolvable, and her mind suffers a strain that warps her into a state of vicious hysteria. Doris, caught in the undercurrent of her love for Hutton and Janet's twisted hate of him, also suffers from the conflict. Rosamond Bromley, "Oscar" winner for her performance in "Antigone" two years ago, enacts the role of Doris.

Of extreme importance is the role of Doctor Libbard, portrayed

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Retailing Group
Inspects Stores

Cooperation between Elon College and Burlington business houses was marked recently by a guided tour for students of Prof. J. H. Brashear's class in retailing through the two of Burlington's largest department stores.

One of the tours was through the Sellars Department Store, with Manager McCabe, explaining the various phases of the business to the students. Manager R. R. Isenhour, of the J. C. Penney Company, was the guide for the tour through that store. The Penney manager also visited and addressed the class here at the college.

Elon Literary
Magazine Due
Late In Year

The Elon College literary magazine, the "Colonnades," which was published last May after being dormant for several years, will make another appearance this spring, offering to members of the student body an opportunity for literary expression.

Prof. John Foster West, who teaches a course in creative writing as part of his duties with the English faculty, will once more serve as faculty advisor for the annual publication, and he is already laying tentative plans for the forthcoming 1952 edition of the magazine.

Ed Engles, former editor-in-chief of the Maroon and Gold, who had several bits of literary work in last year's "Colonnades," is editor of the literary publication this year, and both he and Professor West have expressed the hope that the 1952 magazine may surpass the high standard set by last year's issue.

The magazine last spring featured five short stories, one satirical article, several bits of poetry and a number of brief essays, most of the material being written by members of Professor West's creative writing group.

The contents of the 1952 issue have not been fully planned, but students interested in seeing their literary masterpieces in print are invited to submit material to either the faculty advisor or the editor. Much of the material is expected to come from members of the creative writing course, which is being offered during the Winter Quarter.

The staff is not yet complete for 1952, but announcement has been made that Lynn Cashion will be associate editor and J. B. Pickard associate publisher. The magazine will be published from the college print shop.

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PATHWAY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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speed-up in the educational program for many young people, but more especially for young men who face the possibility of military service.

There was a goodly number of freshmen who began their college work here last June, and their presence on the campus did not change in any way the normal program that is conducted for the benefit of regular Elon College students and in-service teachers of this area. The same will apply during the coming summer.

In regard to the possibility of freshmen beginning their college work in June, the Elon administration points out that any boy or girl who enters at the beginning of the summer and continues to attend both regular and summer sessions each year would

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HEADS COMMITTEE



MRS. JUDITH BURNS

Mrs. Judith Burns, field secretary for Elon College, is chairman of the committee on arrangements for Elon's third annual "High School Day," which will bring hundreds of high school seniors and sponsors to the campus.

College Trustees Discuss
Plans For New Buildings

Plans for a new dining hall and four new dormitories, two for boys and two for girls, were on the agenda for the annual mid-winter meeting of the board of trustees of Elon College, which was held in the office of President Leon E. Smith here on Tuesday, January 15th.

The projected construction of these new buildings on the Elon campus are part of the gigantic new fund-raising campaign, which was launched last November for the purpose of raising \$1,250,000 for the more effective operation and expansion of the college.

This campaign furnished the principal topic of discussion for the trustees in the mid-winter meet, and there was much enthusiasm when President Smith reported that, despite the fact that the organization for the campaign

Seniors To Be Guests
Of College February 6Greek Letter
Group Bid
For Members

The rushing season is underway on the Elon campus, and there's suspense and excitement in the air and social events galore on the calendar as the eight Greek letter social groups, four fraternities and four sororities, vie for the favor of eligible and prospective pledges.

The fraternities and sororities have already started that gala series of parties, weiner roasts and suppers which make up the semi-annual rushing seasons, each of which is climaxed by "Bid Night," the gayest event of all.

The second "Bid Night" of the 1951-52 term will be held on Saturday night, February 9th, and it assumes added importance as many of the freshmen class become eligible for Greek letter membership for the first time. Since a student must complete at least one term of work with a grade average of "C" or better before joining one of the social groups, most of the freshmen were ineligible last fall.

Some of the more popular of the rushees can look forward to a full social life during the next week or more, with prospects of a dinner tonight, a party tomorrow night and maybe both on some nights. It all ends with the Hour of Decision, and that decision will be made on "Bid Night," when the rushees indicate their decision by acceptance of membership in the group of their choice.

That night will also bring, once the parties are over, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the Elon College year, when the fraternity men go forth in groups to sing midnight serenades to their sister sororities on the upper balconies of West Dorm.

The "Welcome" sign will be out in capital letters for the hundreds of high school guests, who are expected to visit the campus on Wednesday, February 6th, for Elon College's third annual "High School Day," and plans are underway to make the event the most successful one yet.

The high school seniors and their faculty sponsors will begin arriving on the campus shortly after noon next Wednesday, with registration to get underway in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium promptly at 1 o'clock. The visiting seniors will be formed into groups there at the gymnasium for tours of the campus.

These campus tours, which will continue from 1:30 until 3:30 o'clock, will carry the high school groups through the various college buildings, where the different departments of the college have planned special displays to illustrate the work done by Elon students. This will be followed by an informal "Open House" in the Student Union from 3:30 until 4 o'clock, with provision for dancing or other amusement for the youthful visitors.

The senior groups, along with their high school superintendents, principals and class sponsors, will be entertained with a supper, which is to be served in the college dining hall between 4 o'clock and 5:30 o'clock. The supper will be followed by another thirty-minute interlude, during which the guests may ramble where they please.

The entire group will be asked to assemble in Whitley Memorial Auditorium at 6 o'clock, where President Leon E. Smith will extend a formal welcome to the Elon campus. Entertainment at this gathering will feature skits by members of the Elon Players and a musical program by the Elon Music Department.

Strictly at 7:30 o'clock the visiting groups will be free to move into Elon's huge Alumni Gymnasium, where the high point of the day's entertainment will be offered in the form of a varsity basketball game between Elon's Fighting Christians and the Mountaineers of Appalachian. The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

The committee on arrangements, headed by Mrs. Judith Burns, field secretary of the college, has mailed invitations to a large group of high schools throughout North Carolina and Virginia, and many of the schools have already signified their intention to send groups. There were sixty-one schools represented by nearly 1,700 persons last year, and it hoped that the 1952 attendance will better that mark.

Elon Professor Is
Speaker For Club

Prof. A. L. Hook, Elon registrar and member of the physics faculty addressed the members of the Pilot Club of Burlington at the Alamance Hotel on Tuesday evening, January 15th, taking as his subject "The Story of the Atom."

He traced atomic history from 1835 to the present time, telling how scientists were driven from Italy and Germany during the 1930's and citing the fact that the atom was split in 1938 and that the Oak Ridge plant was authorized in 1941.

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