

## Campus In Midst Of Annual Political Furor

### Choir Scores Fine Triumph With Cantata

The Elon Choir scored another triumph in its sixth annual presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ," famous Easter cantata by Theodore Dubois. The cantata was presented to an enthusiastic audience in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday evening, April 6th.

The Easter program, which has become one of the annual highlights of the Lenten season in this area, was also presented at the Davis Street Methodist Church in Burlington on Wednesday evening, April 9th, and once more it was received by an appreciative audience.

The program at the Davis Street church was the second appearance of the Elon singers in Burlington within two weeks, for the Choir had previously appeared at the First Congregational Christian Church in Burlington on Sunday afternoon, March 30th, presenting at that time the same concert program that was offered in eleven appearances on the annual northern tour early in March.

The presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ," which was under the direction of Prof. John Westmoreland, featured Prof. Fletcher Moore at the organ. The chorus for the program included forty members of the Choir, with seven student singers appearing in solo roles.

Soloists featured in the performance included Annie Laura Albright, of Mebane, and Judith Ingram, of Greensboro, sopranos; Charles Crews, of South Boston, Va., and Jerry Smyre, of Greensboro, tenors; and Charles Lynam, of Wake Forest, Ben Stephenson, of Fuquay Springs, and Jimmie Rhodes, of Burlington, baritones. For Albright, Stephenson and Lynam, all of them seniors, it was the last student appearance in the Easter program.

The Dubois masterpiece, based upon the scriptural story of Christ on the cross, featured a highly dramatic climax, with the final "word" followed by an organ interlude and the formation of a lighted cross by the choir members in a darkened auditorium.

### Spring Dance Is Planned As Weekend Social Event

The annual "Spring Formal" dance will be held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday night of this week from 8 o'clock until midnight, according to plans made public by members of the student entertainment and dance committees, which have worked together in planning for the occasion.

Music for the event, which will be strictly formal for everyone, will be furnished by Jimmie Perkins and his Orchestra, well-known Burlington musical group. This band has played for many Elon dances and is well liked by members of the student body.

A special feature for the "Formal" this year is the new ruling enacted by the Student Legislature, which decreed that there be no flowers for the girls. This rule was adopted by an overwhelming vote in the legislature, and its supporters believe that it will mean

### THESE FOUR HAVE STARRING ROLES IN PLAYER SHOW



BOB WALKER



ANN WILKINS

Three veteran members of the Elon Players and one newcomer to the Elon stage will enact the four major roles in "Papa Is All," the three-act Broadway comedy that is to be presented in Whitley Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. Bob Walker (upper left), who hails from Kernersville, will play the part of Papa Aukamp, tyrannical father of a Pennsylvania Mennonite family. Lois Walker (upper right), who claims Akron, Ohio, as her home address, will play the feminine lead as Mama Aukamp, in which she joins with her children in rebellion against the overbearing rule of the husband and father. The two Walkers, while bearing the same name, are not the least kin, and it is pure coincidence that they will appear in this performance as husband and wife. Ann Wilkins (lower left), a freshman from Suffolk, Va., who won dramatic honors in her high school days, will appear in the forthcoming play as the Aukamp daughter. The other of the four major roles in the show will be enacted by Joe Brankley (lower right), who is from Skipwith, Va., who has the part of the Aukamp son. The plot of the play revolves around the attempt on the part of these two youngsters to convert their deeply religious father to their more modern ways of thinking and doing things.



LOIS WALKER



JOE BRANKLEY

### Elon Dramatic Group Will Present Broadway Comedy Here This Week

#### STUDENTS APPROVE MUSIC IN CHAPEL

Student expressions of approval have been heard in all parts of the campus in regard to the musical programs, which the college choir presented in chapel on Wednesday and Friday of last week. Many students have expressed a desire for more such programs in the future. Lack of attention in chapel, which has been a major problem for both faculty and student officials, was no problem at all during the musical programs.

Laughter promises to be the keynote of audience reaction when the Elon Players present their newest show in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, for the campus dramatic group has chosen one of the most successful of recent Broadway comedies for their third show of the year.

The new stage vehicle for the Elon Players is a comedy of life among the Pennsylvania Dutch, entitled "Papa Is All," written by Patterlin Greene. Originally produced by the Guild Theatre of New York, the play drew high praise from Broadway critics, and it is expected to be one of the most enjoyable shows seen on an Elon stage in years.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Smith, who has produced many "hit" shows since assuming direction of the Elon Players, has assembled an outstanding student cast for this production, including four actors already well known to Elon theatre-goers and a couple of newcomers who promise to develop into top-flight performers before their Elon careers are ended.

Bob Walker, a veteran with many fine roles behind him, appears as Papa Aukamp, the tyrannical Pennsylvania Dutch father, who holds unbendingly to his Mennonite religious beliefs. It is this fanatical adherence to his religious creed that creates the conflict in the play, conflict which takes the form of a family rebellion against paternal authority.

Lois Walker, another Elon Player veteran and no kin to Bob, appears as his wife in the role of Mama Aukamp. She is personally resigned to Papa's authority, but she connives with her son and daughter to circumvent the family tyrant and gain for her

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### Army Officer Will Be Here Next Tuesday

Dean D. J. Bowden announces that Major Ralph J. Ferree, USAF of North Carolina Military District, Raleigh, will be on the Elon campus next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22nd and 23rd, to interview applicants for pilot training, and for the aircraft observer course of the new program for training young men to become commissioned officers skilled in navigation, bombardment, radar operation, and aircraft performance engineering.

Basic training lasts 27 weeks, and is taken by all students. The advanced phase of training varies in length depending on the specific course pursued, but all successful candidates are commissioned at the same time after approximately 52 weeks of training. As to qualifications, applicants must be 20 to 26 1-2 years of age, and must have completed 2 years of college in an accredited institution. They must be single, and agree to remain so during the training period. Their physical standards are the same as for Aviation Cadet pilot training, except for less stringent visual requirements.

Major Ferree's primary mission will be to interview and give information to all seniors who may be interested in this course. Others will clear through the Dean if desirous of an interview, and to administer the preliminary tests, and forward results with applications to the nearest Air Force base.

### Students Cast Ballots Next Tuesday To Name Leaders For Coming Year

#### Large Crowd At Statewide Youth Rally

A record number of 621 young people from Congregational Christian churches throughout North Carolina was in attendance at the second annual statewide youth rally, which was held on the Elon campus on Sunday afternoon, March 30th.

The church delegation began arriving by noon for the rally, which got underway at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until early that night. The delegates represented churches in all three of the Congregational Christian divisions in the state, including the Western North Carolina, Eastern North Carolina and North Carolina-Virginia Conferences.

Rev. Joe Dabuet, a native of the Philippine Islands, now attending the Theological Seminary of Princeton University under the sponsorship of the Youth Fellowship organization of the Southern Convention, was the principal speaker for the rally, which featured a picnic supper on the campus and a special program by the Elon College Choir in Whitley Auditorium that evening. Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of Elon, was the narrator for the choir's program of sacred music.

The young people also elected new officers for the coming two-year term, naming Phillip Mann, an Elon College sophomore from Cypress Chapel, Va., as president. Other officers elected at the same time were Betty Burt Height, of Lenoir, vice-president; and Louise McLéod, an Elon freshman from Albemarle, as secretary.

The Elon campus is just now in the midst of that annual furor, which arises when the members of the student body go to the polls to choose their student government officers for the coming year, and the political pot will continue to boil until next Tuesday, April 22nd, when the students will cast their ballots in the final election.

The candidates for the various student offices were nominated in a session of Student Chapel, which was held on Monday morning, April 7th, and in most cases it was necessary for the candidates to be voted upon in a primary election before the final slate of office-seekers was chosen. In cases where no more than the necessary number of candidates were nominated, no primary was necessary. In such instances, the nominees move automatically

#### ELON SINGER WILL HAVE OPERA ROLE

Miss Virginia Groomes, member of Elon's music faculty, will sing the part of Leonora in Mozart's "School For Lovers," famous opera which is to be presented in Mebane on Thursday night of this week by North Carolina's Grass Roots Opera Company.

Miss Groomes has appeared in this role before with the Grass Roots company and has also sung other operatic parts with the same group. In appearing with this group in Mebane, Miss Groomes will be singing with two other members of the cast who studied with her last summer at the Seagle Colony, Schroon Lake, N. Y.

#### Faculty Member Ill In Hospital

Dr. William M. Brown, popular member of the Elon social science faculty, who has been on leave from teaching duties for work with the Elon College Foundation, has been confined to the Piedmont Hospital in Greensboro for the past ten days, undergoing treatment for an illness with which he was stricken Tuesday, April 8th.

Dr. Brown was denied visitors during the early days of his treatment at the Greensboro hospital, but members of both the Elon faculty and student body were much interested in his illness, and there were many expressions of pleasure by them and by townspeople when his condition was reported last week to be much improved.

into the final race. This was the case in the campaign for the president of the student body, a race which features Lynn Cashion, of Sanford, and Bill Blackstone, of Jacksonville, Fla. They were the only two nominated for the highest student post, and no choice was necessary in the student primary, which was held on Tuesday of this week.

Four candidates were nominated for the vice-presidency of the student body, including Woody Stoffel, of Stratford, N. J., Phillip Mann, of Cypress Chapel, Va., Charles Phillips, of Elon College, and Ronnie Black, of Burlington. Choice of the final two candidates hinged on this week's primary, results of which were not known in time for publication.

Only one of the general student offices was uncontested, that being the post of secretary-treasurer of the student government. Lone nominee for this position was Walter O'Berry, of Harrellsville, who gained the post automatically in the face of no opposition.

There were no less than fifteen candidates for the five posts on the Student Council, and primaries were necessary to select finalists in the race for the two men's representatives and for the single representative-at-large, but no primary was needed in the three-cornered race for the two women's Student Council seats.

Nominees for the two men's representatives included Oscar Holland, of Clinton, Gary Sears, of Portsmouth, Va., Joe Parker, of Durham, Al Ludwig, of Baltimore, Me., Bobby Stewart, of Sanford, John Truitt, of Elon College, and John Hunter, of Westfield. Nominees for representative-at-large

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### ANNUAL MAY DAY PROGRAM FEATURES FOSTER'S MUSIC

The 1952 May Day Festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, and will be one of the highlights of the spring term on the Elon campus, will be built around the theme of "Beautiful Dreamer," according to an announcement this week from Miss Ruby Adams, head of the women's physical education program, who will again direct the May Day observance.

Work is already well underway on the May Day program, which will be ruled over this year by Reita Durham, of Burlington, who was elected May Queen in a special student election held last November. George Etheridge, of Norfolk, Va., will be king of the festival, sharing royal honors

#### THE QUEEN



REITA DURHAM

Chief attendants for the royal pair will be Jane Peterson, of Norfolk, Va., the maid of honor, and her escort, Dave Mondy, also of Norfolk, Va. They were chosen at the same time as was the royal pair, along with attending couples from the senior and junior classes.

The senior representatives in the royal court include Evelyn Booth, of Roanoke, Va., and Charlotte Rothgeb, of Luray, Va., escorted by Larry Gailther, of Granite Quarry, and Charles Lynam, of Wake Forest. Junior representatives are Carolyn Abell, of Reidsville, and Mary Elizabeth King, of Ramseur, escorted by Billy Blackstone, of Jacksonville, Fla., and John Truitt, Jr., of Elon

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#### THE KING



GEORGE ETHERIDGE