

Elon Plans Annual Commencement May 24-26

College Choir Sings 'Elijah' Sunday Night

An outstanding feature of Elon's sixty-second annual commencement will be the second annual presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," which will be offered in Whitley Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock next Sunday night. The great oratorio was received enthusiastically last year and is repeated this year by request.

The Choir will also stage a full-dress presentation of the great musical on Wednesday night of this week, to which the Elon College students and music lovers of the community are invited.

A. J. Fletcher, prominent Raleigh business man and a moving force behind the North Carolina Grass Roots Opera Company, will appear here as a guest soloist in the baritone role of Elijah. David Witherspoon, Raleigh tenor, will also be here as a guest soloist.

Miss Virginia Groomes, soprano, a member of the Elon music faculty, will have an important solo part, with other soloists chosen from the Elon student body. Student singers with solo parts are Jerry Smyre, tenor, of Greensboro; Annie Laura Albright, soprano, of Mebane; and Patsy Melton, contralto, of Burlington.

The Elon Choir will also render special music for the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, and for the graduation exercises next Monday morning. It will also offer its annual vesper program at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Student Groups Choose Officers For Coming Year

The Ministerial Association and the Women's Athletic Association are two student groups which have just announced the election of new officers, who will direct the activities of the groups for the coming year.

Officers of the Ministerial Association include Sammy Nelson, of LaGrange, Ga., president; Bill Simmons, of Albemarle, vice-president; Hazel Sherman, of Oxford, secretary; and Thomas Madren, of Elkton, Va., treasurer.

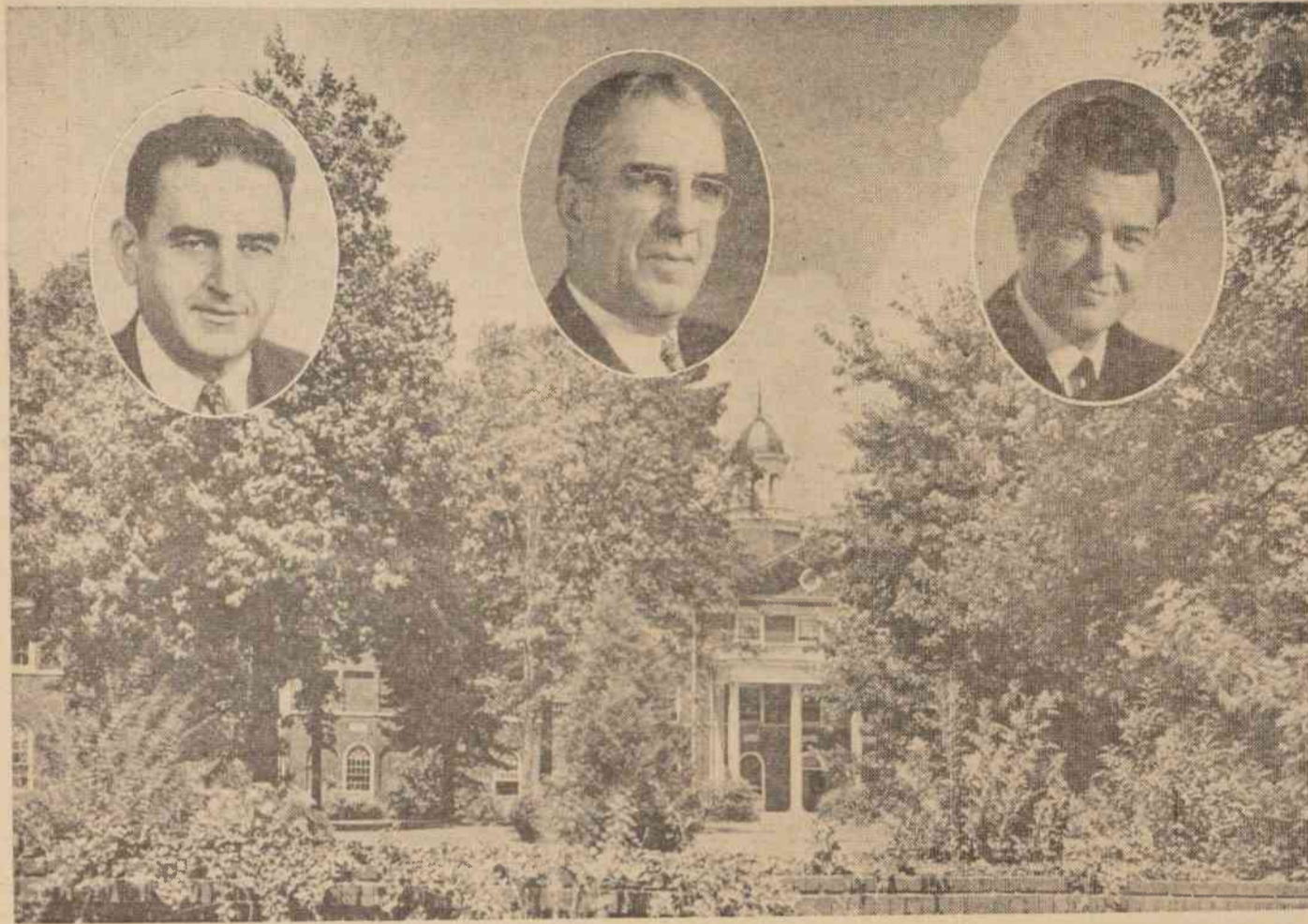
President of the Women's Athletic Association will be Aleana Gentry, of Timberlake. Other officers will be Virginia Jernegan, of Godwin, vice-president; LaVerne Brady, of Robbins, secretary; Ernestine Bridges, of Laxdale, treasurer; and Sue Moore, of Laxdale, point secretary.

Two Elon Actors Get Summer Jobs

Two other members of the Elon Players, student dramatic group, have accepted summer work in dramatics, with Lynn Cashion signed to a contract to appear in "Unto These Hills," historical drama that is offered at Cherokee, and with Ed Engles, contracted for work with Actors Touring Company, for work in touring plays. Bob Walker had already signed for work in "Lost Colony."

Cashion signed a contract last Saturday to play the role of Andrew Jackson in the drama of the Cherokee migration to the West. Engles will play an important role in the touring production of "Born Yesterday," appearing as Harry Brock, who gained wealth in scrap iron during the war.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS FEATURE THREE-DAY PROGRAM



Portrayed against the background of the Elon College campus in springtime are two of the speakers who will feature the sixty-second annual commencement program for Elon College, along with Dr. Leon E. Smith (center), who will guide the college through its 1952 commencement. The speakers shown are North Carolina's Governor W. Kerr Scott (upper left), who comes back to his native county of Alamance to deliver the baccalaureate address at the graduation exercises on Monday, May 26th; and Rev. Martin L. Goslin (upper right), pastor of the First Congregational Church of Evanston, Ill., who will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, May 25th.

SYMPHONY REVIEW PRAISES SAHLMANN

Fred Sahlmann, Elon College music student from Charleston, S. C., was received with great acclaim by music lovers of this area for his work as soloist of the evening with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in its annual concert at Walter Williams High School in Burlington on Monday evening, May 12th.

Sahlmann, who has gained honors in both piano and organ since becoming a student at Elon, was described by critics as playing with the brilliance of a professional, making Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini alive with imagination and humor and flawless technique. The Elon student has played with the North Carolina Symphony numerous times in the past.

Students Receive '52 Annual

The 1952 edition of "Phi Psi Page Painter," editor-in-chief, Reita Durham, business manager, and Joe Spivey, sports editor,

was distributed to the students last week, offering an interesting story in words and pictures of life on the Elon campus during the year just ending.

The new annual, with its pictures of faculty members, students, campus groups and athletic teams, is a testimony to the work done by a staff led by

SUMMER TERM SET TO START JUNE 9

The 1952 summer school will get underway at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, June 9th, according to an announcement from the office of Dean D. J. Bowden, giving a full two weeks of rest and vacation after commencement for students and faculty members who plan to return to the campus for the summer session.

The summer school will as usual offer two six-weeks terms. The first term will continue until Friday, July 18th. There will be no intermission between terms, with the second six-weeks session to start on Monday, July 21st, and close on Friday, August 29th. The regular 1952-53 college year starts on September 2nd.

LARGE GROUP TO GRADUATE WITH CLASS OF 1952

Another senior class will receive diplomas and degrees and join the ranks of Elon College alumni following the 1952 graduation exercises, to be held on Monday, May 26th. A tentative list of 1952 graduates, released from the office of Prof. A. L. Hook, college registrar, includes 95 names, but this list is subject to revision and cannot be regarded as entirely final.

This group is smaller than either of the two classes immediately preceding it, but it must be remembered that Elon held a summer graduation last August for the first time in many years, and degrees and diplomas were granted at that time to more than thirty-five seniors, all of whom would have been graduated with this class of 1952 under the rules in effect for the past few years. Had such a procedure been followed, then there would have been more than 130 seniors receiving diplomas at the forthcoming commencement.

The list of 95 graduating seniors will all receive Bachelor of Arts degrees, but they will graduate in a variety of fields of study. A break-down of major subjects shows 22 with a Business Administration major, 18 in English,

14 in Physical Education, 5 in Mathematics, 5 in Religion, 4 in Social Studies, 4 in History, 4 in Home Economics, 3 in Music, 3 in Chemistry, 2 in Biology, 2 in French, and one each in Physics, Spanish, and Philosophy. Seven have double majors, including 2 in Spanish-English, and one each in Religion-Philosophy, French-English, Biology-Chemistry, Music-English and English-Religion.

The senior roll, as listed by the registrar, includes the following names:

- Harold Ackerman, Burlington.
- James Akers, Alum Ridge, Va.
- James Andrews, Graham.
- Oliver Bailus, Elon College.
- Billy Barger, Burlington.
- Harold Bachelder, Barre, Vt.
- Glenn Bolick, Burlington.
- Evelyn Booth, Roanoke, Va.
- Rosamond Bromley, H'nton, W. Va.
- Vivian Callahan, Graham.
- Graham Carlton, Elon College.
- Eldred Cherry, Draper.
- Luther Clapp, Gibsonville.
- Rosser L. Clapp, Brown Summit.
- Hiram Coble, Snow Camp.
- James Cole, Schoolfield, Va.
- Carl Coley, Burlington.
- June M. Cooper, Graham.
- Elizabeth S. Cooper, Graham.
- Samuel Cooper, Graham.
- Della Crutchfield, Hickory, Va.

Henry DeSimone, Devon, Pa.
Reita Durham, Burlington.

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Larry Gaither, of Granite Quarry, is the president of the senior class of 1952. He has been a varsity basketball player for four years, has played a leading role in campus life during his college career.

- Gaynelle Dyer, Leaksville.
- Raleigh Ellis, Suffolk, Va.
- George Etheridge, Norfolk, Va.
- Harry Farmer, S. Norfolk, Va.
- Walter Feltman, Hillsboro.
- Herman Flynt, Graham.
- Lacala W. Frazier, Liberty.
- Larry Gaither, Granite Quarry.
- Roger Gibbs, Greensboro.
- Charles Gibson, Hampton, Va.
- Jack Gibson, Burlington.
- Billie Greene, Durham.
- Caroline Guthrie, Graham.
- Jean Hamilton, Burlington.
- Beverly Hargrove, Burlington.
- Elizabeth Hoffman, Burlington.
- Murry Holland, Clinton.
- William Hunter, Graham.
- Frank Ingram, Gretna, Va.
- William Ivey, Snow Camp.
- Helen Jackson, Winston-Salem.
- Calvin Jarrett, Graham.
- Edgar Jones, Wilmington.
- Charles Joyner, Zuni, Va.
- Robert Kirby, Rorboro.
- Elbert Lake, Mebane.
- Charles Lynam, Wake Forest.
- Curtis Martin, Fieldale, Va.
- Thomas Matthews, Galax, Va.
- Warren Matthews, Greensboro.
- Harold McRae, Asheboro.
- Alexander Mebane, Burlington.
- Lorena Mittelstadt, Reidsville.
- William Mobley, Reidsville.
- Archie Morgan, Suffolk, Va.
- Danier Motley, Reidsville.

College Is Nearing Close Of Sixty-Second Session

Senior Dance Is Scheduled Friday Night

The Senior Class of 1952 will be honored guests and will be formally welcomed into the fellowship of the alumni on Friday evening of this week when Dr. and Mrs. Leon E. Smith are to be hosts at the annual Senior Dance, which will be held at 8:30 o'clock in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

The dance, which is planned to honor the Elon College alumni as well as the members of the senior class, will be co-sponsored by representatives from the board of trustees, the college faculty, the alumni reunion classes and other alumni.

Carl Woods, alumni secretary, will introduce the senior guests to the co-sponsors in the receiving line, which will be headed by Dr. and Mrs. Darden Jones, of Franklin, Va. Dr. Jones is the president of the General Alumni Association of Elon College. Also in the receiving line will be President and Mrs. Smith, several members of the Elon faculty and a number of distinguished Elon alumni from widely scattered points.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Paul Zimmerman and his Orchestra, and a unique oriental decorative scheme is planned to lend an air of enchantment to the huge gymnasium.

The Senior Class Figure after the first intermission will be under the direction of June Faulconer, of Burlington. In keeping with the oriental decorative scheme and as a tribute to the honor guests, a floor show of oriental dances will be presented through the courtesy of Jo May, also of Burlington.

The dance will mark the formal opening of the 1952 commencement program and will serve as a prelude to the Alumni Day exercises that get underway Saturday morning. Many alumni are expected to return for the dance.

The sixty-second annual session of Elon College will be formally closed with a three-day commencement program, which gets underway with Alumni Day on Saturday, May 24th, and closes with the graduation ceremonies on Monday morning, May 26th.

The senior class and alumni will be honored on Friday evening, May 23rd, at a dance in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, which will set the stage for the regular Alumni Day gatherings on Saturday, when ten Elon College classes are scheduled to gather on the campus for reunions.

Classes scheduled to return at that time are those which graduated in 1947, 1942, 1937, 1932, 1927, 1922, 1917, 1912, 1907 and 1902, along with a number of other alumni who graduated prior to 1900. These groups will gather for reunions at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, followed by the alumni picnic at 12:30 o'clock and the business meeting of the General Alumni Association at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Other class get-togethers are planned for Saturday afternoon, with the annual alumni banquet to be held in the college dining hall at 6:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, of Norfolk, Va., member of the Class of 1917, will deliver the alumni oration. The annual "outstanding alumni" award will also be announced at that time. Immediately after the banquet the Elon Players will present the Greek tragedy of "Medea" in Whitley Auditorium.

Rev. Martin L. Goslin, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Evanston, Ill., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in Whitley Auditorium at 11:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, May 25th. The Elon Choir will present its annual vesper recital at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and that evening at 8:30 o'clock the Elon Singers will offer a dramatization of Mendelssohn's great oratorio, "Elijah."

The commencement program will close with the annual graduation exercises at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, May 26th, when the college will confer degrees upon 95 seniors. The address upon this occasion will be by the Hon. W. Kerr Scott, governor of North Carolina. Rev. W. Millard Stevens, of Norfolk, Va., will have the prayer at this service; and Rev. Duane N. Vore, of Suffolk, Va., will present the Bibles to the seniors. President Leon E. Smith will confer the degrees.

Currin Is Editor For Coming Year

Matt Currin, rising senior from Burlington, has been named editor-in-chief of the Maroon and Gold for the forthcoming 1952-53 college year. Moving up from the post of associate editor, he succeeds Lynn Cashion, of Sanford, who was editor this year.

Announcement is also made of the award of Maroon and Gold charms to four members of the Maroon and Gold staff for services this year. They are Lynn Cashion, editor-in-chief, Matt Currin, associate editor, J. B. Pickard, feature editor, and Roger B. Wilson, circulation manager.

Special mention also goes to Joe Spivey, sports editor, and to Ed Engles, associate editor, both of whom have previously been awarded a Maroon and Gold key. Both have continued the same high caliber of work this year that won them the awards in a previous year.