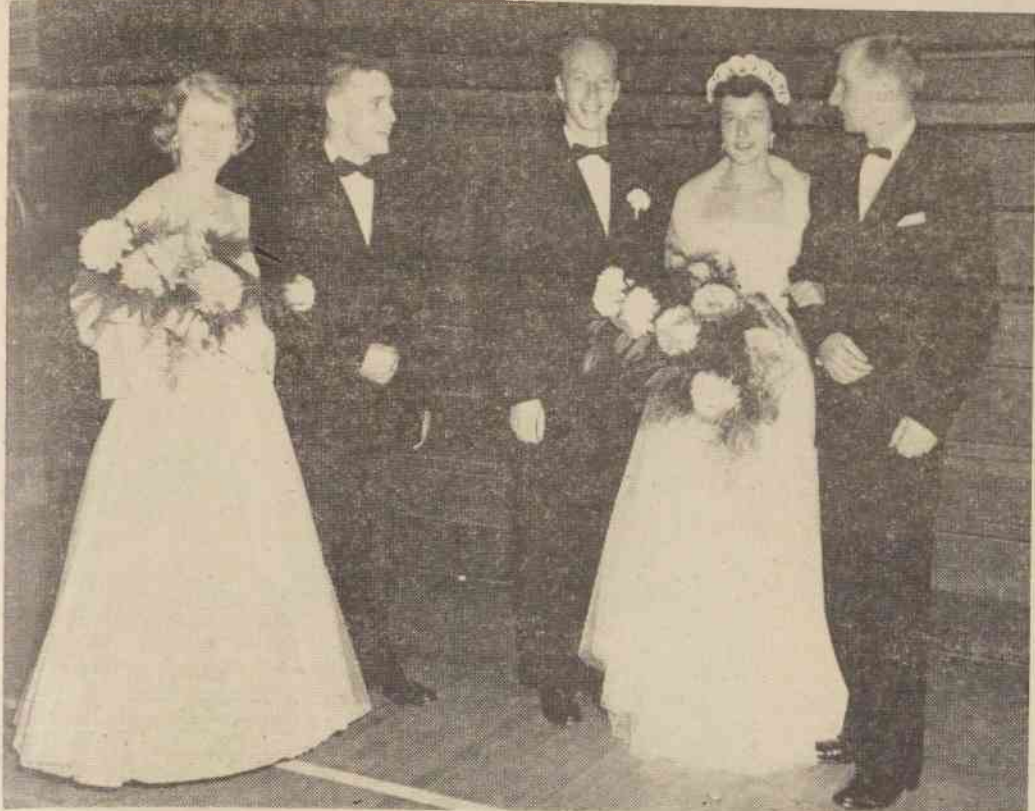


ELON HOME COMING QUEEN CROWNED AT BALL



Smiles were the order of the evening after Lynn Cashion, president of the Student Body, had placed the crown on the head of Elon's "Home Coming Queen" at the annual ball in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, October 10th. Shown left to right above, immediately after the coronation ceremony, are Helen Nott, of Graham, Maid-of-Honor in the royal court; Walter O'Berry, Miss Nott's escort, from Harrellsville; President Lynn Cashion, of Sanford; Rachel Matthews, of Portsmouth, Va., who ruled as queen of Home Coming; and Gary Sears, also of Portsmouth, who escorted her royal highness.

Player Show To Be Given Next Week

The curtain will go up on another Elon dramatic season on Wednesday night of next week, when the Elon Players present the first of two performances of "January Thaw," a laugh-provoking three-act comedy which had a successful Broadway run.

The first of the two performances of "January Thaw" will be given in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock next Wednesday night, with the second and final showing scheduled for the following evening.

Both performances will be under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, who has had a long line of successful shows while heading up the dramatic program here at the college.

The new play, filled with mirth and merriment from the first curtain to the last, will introduce a number of new actors to the Elon stage, and a number of these new campus thespians show promise of becoming outstanding performers. Indeed, more than one of the new actors may bid high for the annual "Oscar" awards in this opening show.

Lynn Cashion, of Sanford, and Ann Wilkins, of Suffolk, Va., are two of the veteran members of the Players in the new play. They will appear as Jonathon and Matilda Rockwell and will have two of the four leading roles, while Dianne Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and J. B. Pickard, of Greensboro, take the parts of Herbert and Marge Gage. Miss Maddox is a newcomer, but Pickard has appeared in supporting roles in earlier shows.

Only other members of the cast of "January Thaw" with previous Player experience is John Truitt, of Elon College, who has had several small parts in previous years. Others in the cast, all new to Whitley stage, include Jackie Newman, of Richmond, Va.; David Crowle, of Glenolden, Pa.; Johnnie Meadows, of Jacksonville; Bob Tyner, of Pine Bluff; Luuk Groot, of Hillsdale, N.J.; Kay Hughes, of Elon College; and Betsy West, of Elon College. The two last-named are students at Elon High School, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Hughes and Prof. and Mrs. John F. West.

Sharp Increase Shown In Student Enrollment

The student enrollment at Elon College for the fall quarter of this year shows an increase of more than 15 per cent over the Elon enrollment at a similar period last year, according to figures released last week by President Leon E. Smith.

The Elon student body at this time includes 665 students, as compared with an enrollment of 578 a year ago at this time. The total of 665 now enrolled does not include 46 members of adult education classes, who meet at night as part of the college extension program. They would push the total over the 700 mark.

The college enrollment, broken down into classes shows a present registration of 102 seniors, 87 juniors, 132 sophomores, 226 freshmen, 47 members of the regular G. I. night classes, 25 special students and 46 commercial students.

A division according to sex discloses that the college now has 162 girls and 503 men enrolled this year. This division by classes shows 14 girls and 88 men in the senior class, 22 girls and 65 men in the special student group, and 44 girls and two men in the commercial class.

It is interesting to note also that there are more than half of the total enrollment who are day students and who commute daily from their homes to their classes. There are slightly more than 300 of the whole student body who live on campus.

Student Election Board Announced

The Student Election Board, which supervises all campus elections held under the auspices of the Elon College student government is composed of seven members. It has already been called upon to direct the election of the "Home Coming Queen" and will direct other balloting during the year.

Bill Blackstone, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the chairman of the election board. Other members include Joe Brankley, of Skipwith, Va.; Max Vestal, of Asheboro; Oscar Holland, of Clinton; Carolyn Abell, of Reidsville; Jane Kerdoodle, of Elon College; and Aleane Gentry, of Timberlake.

RED FEATHER DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW

The Elon College students and faculty are reminded again this week that the annual "Red Feather" campaign for the Alamance County Community Chest gets underway tomorrow and will continue through November 1st.

The community chest campaign is a cooperative affair, in which Burlington and the smaller communities in Alamance County all participate, and funds that are raised will be used to support charitable and civic enterprises in the county.

Corporal James L. Hamrick, better known to Elon students of the present junior and senior classes as "Hank" Hamrick, is still alive and kicking the enemy in Korea with that old Hamrick fighting spirit, but he is looking forward to the day when he can get back to the Elon campus and once more wear the Maroon and Gold in athletic combat.

This was revealed in a letter received recently by Coach Doc Mathis from the former Elon cage and diamond star, who by his sheer fighting spirit earned All-Conference honors at forward in basketball and as a southpaw pitcher in baseball. Hamrick was at Elon for two years from the fall of 1949 through the spring of 1951, after which he was called into service. His letter speaks for itself.

Hi Coach:
I guess you are surprised to hear from me, but I have been planning to write you for a long time. I have just never gotten around to it.

I know you have started football practice by now and are working hard to get the boys in shape. How do they look? I know you will miss the old guys, but with coaches like you and Coach Mallory it will not take long to shape up a good team.

Gee, I have really missed being

Home Coming Highly Successful

Coronation Of Queen On Friday

The annual Home Coming Ball, with its colorful decorations, soft lights and music both sweet and hot, formed the background for the coronation of Elon's "Home Coming Queen" of 1952, which was held on the glistening floor of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, October 10th.

Many old grads joined with students and faculty members to form the audience as Queen Rachel Matthews, escorted by the ladies and knights of her court, moved into the gymnasium in a stately procession for the impressive coronation ceremonies which gave to the queen regal powers over the succeeding events of the Home Coming weekend.

The coronation of the queen came at an early intermission of the Home Coming Ball, with John Truitt, Jr., presiding as master of ceremonies at the mike and introducing each couple as it came upon the floor. The sponsors for the various residence halls and organizations on the campus formed a circle in the center of the floor, within which the coronation itself took place.

The sponsors for the various campus groups, with the name of their organizations and escorts, were Barbara Carden, for the French Club, with Mark Garrison; Ann Matkins, for Sigma Phi Beta, with Jeter Wilkins; Gwyn Coyner, for Sigma Mu Sigma, with Jerry Smyre; Bertie Lewis, for North Dormitory, with Roy Cashion; Betsy Johnson, for the Student Christian Association, with Richard Brady;

Betty Thompson, for the Junior Class, with Billy Harris; Aleane Gentry, for Alpha Pi Delta, with Ted Webb; Shirley Cox, for the Elon Choir, with Jerry Lowder; Joann Newman, for Kappa Psi Nu, with George Barron; Harriett Talley, for East Dormitory, with Richard Newman; Betty Comer, for the Senior Class, with Husky Hall; Meryle Mauldin, for the Elon Band, with Ronnie Earp; Natalie Toms, for the Club

Groomes Recital Opens Campus Musical Series

Miss Virginia Groomes, soprano, who is a member of the Elon College music faculty, will be presented by the Music Department at 8:15 o'clock on Thursday evening of this week in the first of a series of recitals that are planned for the 1952-53 college year. She will be accompanied at the piano by Prof. Jonathon Sweat.

Miss Groomes, who joined the Elon faculty in the autumn of 1949, received the Bachelor of Music degree from Simpson College and later received the Master's degree from Columbia University. She also studied at the Julliard School of Music and at the Columbia Workshop.

She later studied with Robert Shaw and sang with the Collegiate Chorale. For the past two summers she has been a member of the Seagle Music Colony, where she sang leading roles in "The Bartered Bride," by Smetana, "La Traviata," by Verdi, and "Patience," by Gilbert and Sullivan.

While serving with the Elon faculty, she has made numerous appearances in North Carolina, having sung roles in Mendelssohn's "Elijah," in Haydn's "The

House, with Joe Widdifield; Shirley Gerring, for the Commercial Club, with Roger Sawyer; Arlene Stafford, for Iota Tau Kappa, with Ronnie McIntyre; Ann Wilkins, for the Elon Players, with Jimmy Luke; Mary Wiseman, for Oak Lodge, with Bob Robertson; Louise Bemis, for Carlton House, with Joe Parker; Judith Ingram, for South Dormitory, with Charlie Schrader; and Becky Coleman, for the Day Students, with David Forbes.

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Decorations And Parade Are Features

Even the Weather Man cooperated with the Elon College students and alumni to make the 1952 Home Coming program highly successful, for the old man that controls the weather halted the three-day rain that drenched this section on Saturday so that everyone might enjoy the festive events that had been planned.

The program, which got underway with the annual Home Coming Ball in the huge Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, was rendered more successful by the large number of former Elon students who returned to the campus to once more the scenes of their college days and to renew old friendships.

A gaily decorated campus greeted the alumni who were here on Saturday, and a special committee of alumni, appointed by Alumni Secretary Carl Woods, served as judges for the decoration contest in which the dormitories participated.

The girls in West Dormitory were awarded first place in this contest for their display, which featured Coach Jack Boone, of East Carolina, lying in his casket with toes turned to the sky, his casket being surrounded by a miniature cemetery with its tombstone markers for members of the East Carolina team. Second place went to the boys in East Dorm, with South and North Dorms ranked high in the lists.

An outstanding feature of the Saturday program was the huge Elon College parade, which formed on the campus at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and proceeded through Burlington and back to Gibsonville to let the residents of both places know that Elon was in a festive mood.

This parade was led by members of the Elon Band, who furnished the peppy music from their perch aboard one of the college trucks. Further back in line came a fleet of more than twenty gaily-decorated convertibles, which served as chariots for the Home Coming Queen and the members of her court.

The real climax of the weekend celebration was the seventh annual football game between the Elon Christians and the East Carolina Pirates, which was played in Burlington Stadium on Saturday night. The game was marked by half-time ceremonies in which the Home Coming Queen and her court was introduced to the crowd. The only sour note of the entire weekend was the fact that the Pirates won the football game, the first time in all history that East Carolina had ever beaten Elon, and even that fact made at least "home coming" Elon alumnus happy, for the Pirates' Coach Jack Boone is himself an Elon graduate and one of Elon's all-time grid-iron stars.

Clyburn Is Named Choir President

The Elon Choir, one of the most active student organizations on the campus, recently named officers for the 1952-53 college year. James Clyburn, of Charleston, S. C., is the new president of the musical group, succeeding to the post that was held last year by Charles Lynam.

Other officers at the same time were Judith Ingram, of Greensboro, vice-president; and Jerry Lowder, of Burlington, secretary-treasurer. The choir membership includes more than fifty students.

FORMER CHRISTIAN SPORTS STAR WRITES BACK FROM KOREAN FRONT



at Elon and playing ball for the past year, but if nothing happens I will be back this time next year. By my being in Korea, I will get three months knocked off of my time, so I should get out of this man's army sometime in June of '53.

The sooner the better, because I have had enough of it. Boy, if I knew when I was in school what I know now, you couldn't have kept my nose out of the book, but that's the way the ball bounces.

Anytime you catch one of your boys not studying, just tell him

to dig in for me. That goes especially for Ben and John. Heck, I want somebody to be at Elon that I know when I get back.

Well, just in case you are wondering what I am doing or what my job is, I will give you a brief run-down. I am a section leader for two 50-calibre machine guns. It isn't a soft job, but it sure beats being a rifleman. Boy, I mean those riflemen really catch it.

I thought those mountains up in western North Carolina were big, but they are just foothills compared to some of these over here. You would never believe it until you see some of them. You have heard of people going to the mountains for a vacation, but by golly, I never want to see another mountain, much less climb one.

Well coach, drop me a line if you have time and let me know what kind of football team you have and what kind of basketball team you expect.

Sincerely,

"HANK"

It is a certain fact that the former Elon cage and diamond star would appreciate letters from any and all the students now on the campus. His address is Corporal James L. Hamrick, U. S. 53103630, Prov. Co. 7622, APO 613, c-o PM, San Francisco, Calif.