

Greek Letter 'Bid' Event Set Saturday

One of the most colorful events of the Elon College year is set for Saturday night as the eight Greek letter fraternities and sororities conclude their semi-annual rushing season with the winter "Bid Night" ceremonies.

It is on the occasion of the semi-annual "Bid Night" that the men of the four fraternities, rejoicing over the addition of new members for their respective groups, sally forth from beneath the West Colonnades to sing mid-night serenades to their sister sororities, members of which await the serenade on the upper balconies of West Dorm and Ladies' Hall.

Leading up to the winter, "Bid Night," the fraternities and sororities this week are concluding a gala series of parties and suppers, which have furnished entertainment at frequent intervals during the past ten days to the boys and girls being sought as "brothers" and "sisters" in one group or another.

The first "Bid Night" this year, is the case each year, was held in the early fall, but the winter event is always the more important and impressive in that the members of the freshman class become eligible to join the Greek-letter organization of their choice, provided of course they have maintained a "C" average on all courses for the fall quarter.

Valentine Dance Is Well Attended

The annual winter dance, staged in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Saturday night, February 6th, was acclaimed as one of the most successful in recent years on the Elon campus. Staged against a Valentine background, the dance was attended by one of the largest crowds seen at a Elon dance in recent years.

Adding much to the success of the dance and the enjoyment of the dancers was the music of Russ Carlton and his Orchestra, which offered a varied repertoire of dance numbers both hot and sweet. Included in Carlton's program were several novelty numbers that drew enthusiastic response.

Elon Players Postpone New Show Until March

PLAYS LEAD ROLE



DIANE MADDOX

Diane Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who starred in "The Double Room" last year, will have the leading role of Eliza Doolittle in the forthcoming Elon Player production of George Bernard Shaw's famous comedy of "Pygmalion."

The Elon Players announced this week the postponement until March 25th and 26th the production of "Pygmalion," George Bernard Shaw's delightful comedy of English life. The show had been planned for next week.

The play, which has been a favorite in both America and England for two score years, was written by Shaw after the turn of the century and was first produced in a German version in Berlin, in 1913.

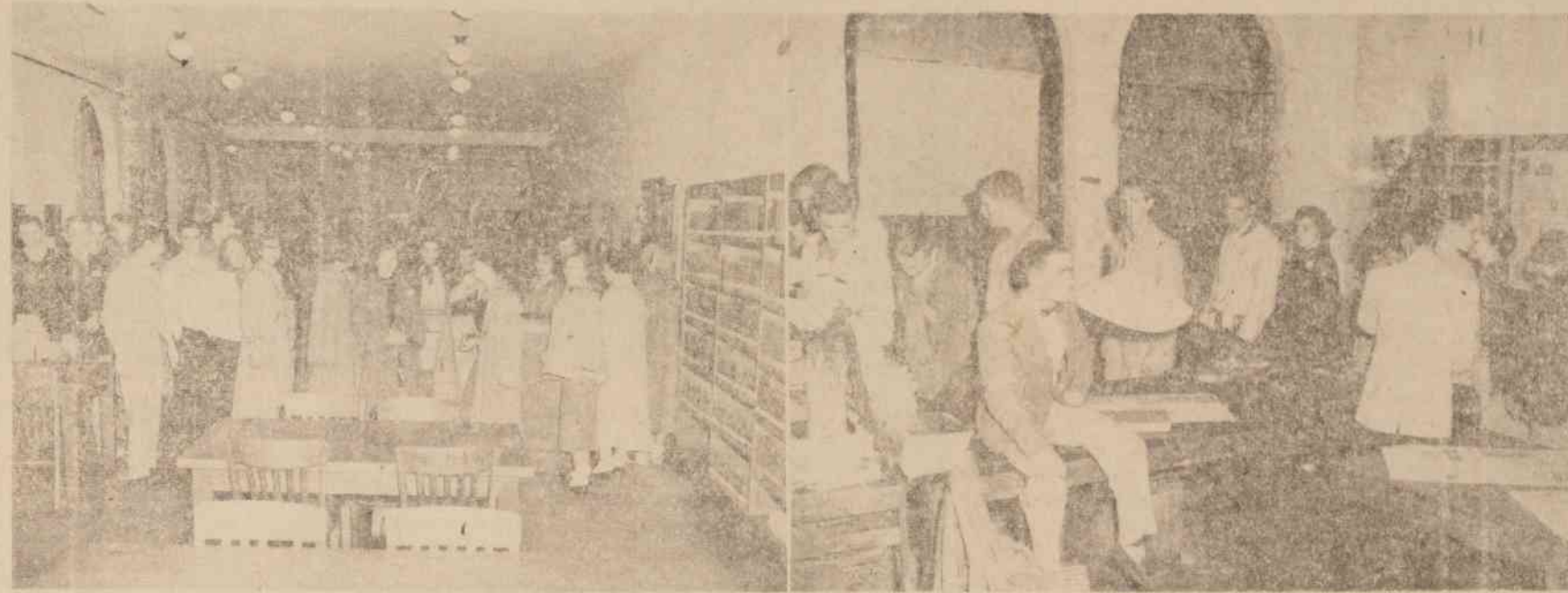
It was introduced in America in the German version in April, 1914, and in that same month it was produced in London in an English version. It was produced as a motion picture in 1938 and received the Academy Award that year. Wendy Barrie and Leslie Howard were the stars of that screen version.

The Elon Players, directed by Prof. Charles W. Cox, are doing the play in modern dress, with Diane Maddox in the leading role of Eliza Doolittle, supported by a cast that includes many actors new to the Elon stage.

Others in the cast include Margaret Harpe, Janice Williams.

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SCENES SNAPPED AS HUNDREDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TOURED ELON CAMPUS



Pictured above are only two of the scenes snapped by the Maroon and Gold's roving photographer as hundreds of high school seniors toured the Elon campus during the fifth annual "High School Day." At the left is shown delegations from several schools as they rambled through the college library. In the foreground are the boys and girls from Summerfield High School, guided by Lois Scott, who may be spotted in the front ranks. The picture at the right was snapped as the senior group from Sumner visited the print shop and inspected the facilities with which the Maroon and Gold itself is printed. Guiding the group was Charlie Swicegood, who may be spotted at the left in his white monogram sweater. These were only two of the many exhibits prepared by the various Elon College departments for the attraction of the high school visitors. Each and every department offered highly interesting displays, and the guides often had to hurry their guest groups along to prevent dallying at some especially interesting exhibit.

High School Event Is Complete Success

New Attendance Records Are Set As 75 High Schools Send Seniors

All records for attendance were smashed as more than sixteen hundred high school seniors from 74 high schools and one prep school were guests of Elon College on Wednesday, February 3rd, for the college's fifth annual "High School Day" event. The figures surpassed the old marks for both attendance and total number of schools represented.

Braving cloudy skies and a drizzling rain that fell through much of the day, the senior groups began arriving by 10 o'clock that morning, and they poured in by bus and car until mid-afternoon, with some of the late arrivals coming just in time to see the Elon-Appalachian basketball game that night.

The inclement weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm, and there were many who had attended each of the annual events and who termed it the most successful of its kind yet held by the college. The 75 schools represented topped the old mark set last year, when 69 schools sent delegations.

There were 21 North Carolina counties represented by school delegations. The Randolph County

representation led with 12 schools, followed by Alamance and Guilford with ten schools sending seniors. Other counties and the number of schools from each included Chatham 6, Rockingham 5, Caswell and Stokes 4, Durham 3, Vance, Surry, Orange, Lee and Person with 2 each, and Moore, Harnett, Granville, Forsyth, Davidson, Montgomery, Polk and Columbus with 1 school each. There was one high school and one prep school from Virginia.

After registration in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, the senior groups were conducted by college student guides on a tour of the campus, during which they viewed displays in each of the college departments. Each of these displays were designed to portray some phase of student life and activity.

Upon completion of the guided tours, the seniors, class sponsors and high school administrators were guests of the college at supper in the college dining hall. The class sponsors and school officials were also entertained at an in-

5 YEAR GROWTH

The growth of interest in Elon's annual "High School Day" is clearly shown by the increasing number of high schools represented each year. The number of senior groups by years follows:

1949-50	43 Schools
1950-51	61 Schools
1951-52	62 Schools
1952-53	69 Schools
1953-54	75 Schools

formal tea during the afternoon.

After supper the guests were all invited to Whitley Auditorium for a program by students of the college's music and dramatics departments. President Leon E. Smith extended a formal welcome to the seniors during this program, which was staged against a background that included an electrified fountain. The program featured group singing by the senior guests themselves, along with selections from "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific" by the Elon Choir.

and a skit by the dramatics group.

Climaxing the day's program was a varsity basketball game between the Elon Christians and the Appalachian Mountaineers, which Elon won 84 to 73 after a thrilling last-half rally. A special feature of the basketball game was the half-time ceremonies, in which President Smith presented eight college scholarships, totalling \$4,400 in value, to eight high school seniors, winners in a competition held on the campus two days earlier.

The top awards of four-year scholarships of \$1,000 went to David Robert Bryant, of Bessemer High School, and to Ann Stallings Wilson, of Bragtown High School. They were crowned by Dr. Smith as king and queen of the "High School Day" festivities.

Two \$600 scholarships went to Michael James Fagis, of Reidsville High School, and Adelaide Schnell, of Aberdeen High School; awards of \$400 went to Charles Reavis, of Graham High School, and Bonny Arrington, of Nathaniel Green High School; and \$200

President Smith Offers

Congratulations To Scholarship Winners



Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, is shown in the accompanying picture as he extended congratulations to Ann Stallings Wilson, of Bragtown, and David Robert Bryant, of Bessemer, who were the winners of the first places in Elon's second annual scholarship contest held here last week. The two winners, who topped a group of fifty-two outstanding high school seniors from thirty-three North Carolina and Virginia high schools, were each presented with four-year scholarships of \$1,000 value. It is interesting to note that the winning boy and the winning girl, both of whom have been outstanding in the life of their high schools throughout their school careers, scored within two-thirds of a point of each other in topping the girls' and boys' divisions of the annual contest. It is also interesting to note that it was the second successive year that a Bessemer High School boy had won

Connecticut Minister Is Elon Speaker

Dr. Elden H. Mills, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in West Hartford, Conn., began on Monday of this week a five-day series of religious services on the Elon campus, and he is speaking twice each day in Whitley Auditorium.

Pastor of one of the outstanding Congregational Christian churches in America and ranked as one of the nation's most able thinkers and ministers, he is on the Elon campus as a representative of the Division of Christian Higher Education and the Commission on Evangelism of the national church organization.

Dr. Mills has long been hailed for his work with college-age youth and his appearance at Elon is only another in a long series of similar appearances he has made on various college campuses. His work has not been confined to colleges of the Congregational Christian organization, for he was a guest of Guilford College on a similar mission last year.

He opened his week-long series of services with his initial appearance in chapel in Whitley Auditorium at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and he is scheduled to appear in the chapel services daily through Friday. He is also conducting evening services in Whitley from 7 until 8 o'clock daily, beginning Monday and continuing through Friday evening.

The campus meeting series will come to a close with the Friday evening service, but Dr. Mills will remain at Elon through the coming weekend, and he is scheduled to be guest minister at the 11 o'clock worship service next Sunday.

Laymen To Meet Here On Sunday

Laymen from Congregational Christian churches throughout the Southern Convention will gather on the Elon campus on Sunday afternoon, at which time they will hear an address by Dr. Elden H. Mills, who concludes a series of campus services on Friday evening. The laymen will also remain on the campus for a supper meeting Sunday evening, when they will hear O. W. S. McCall, nationally known church leader.

Elon Religion Professor Author Of New Volume

Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, professor of religion on the Elon College faculty, is the author of a new book entitled "An Adventure With People," which has just been released from the press and made available to the public through local book stores.

The book, which bears a subtitle describing it as "The Reading, Writing and Arithmetic of Teaching Religion," fits that description exactly, for it presents in clear and concise form the methods that may be used by the teacher of Sunday School classes in churches of all denominations.

Written in simple language that will be clearly understood by every layman, Dr. Reynolds' new volume is rich in illustrative material and explains well how the experiences of every-day life may be used to aid in Bible teaching of every type.

The 96-page book, published by the Christian Education Press, of Philadelphia, brings to its readers the fruits of Dr. Reynolds' own lengthy experience as a teacher

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of religion in both college and church. The Elon professor has for several years been writing a widely-used series of graded Sunday school lessons.