

Nominations Made For Student Government Posts

May Day Pageant To Be From International Theme

One of the most interesting May Day pageants of recent years at Elon College is being planned for the annual observance this year, an event which is set for Saturday afternoon, May 1st, with a program that is to be staged with an international theme.

Tentative plans for the event, which have been formulated under the direction of Miss Betsy Haley, head of the girls' physical education program, call for a pageant which will picture the observance of May Day in various portions of the world.

The May Day pageant itself will be only one feature of the weekend, according to plans that are in the making by officials of the student government. They plan a full weekend of entertainment, to be climaxed by the annual Spring Formal on Saturday night after the May Day program.

Ruling over the May Day festivities and the pageant itself will be Judy Ingram, of Greensboro, and Gary Sears, of Portsmouth, Va., who will be queen and king for the event, with Betty Thompson, of Burlington, as maid-of-honor, escorted by Woody Stoffel, of Stratford, N. J.

Other members of the royal court include Virginia Jernegan, of Godwin, and Ernestine Bridges, of Lawndale, senior attendants, escorted by Phil Mann, of Cypress Chapel, Va., and Dud Ivey, of Aberdeen; and Arlene Stafford, of Burlington, and Mary Sue Colclough, of Elon College, junior attendants, escorted by J. C. Disher, of Winston-Salem, and Charles Crews, of South Boston, Va.

In outlining plans for the pageant, Miss Haley stated that the special dances for the event will be presented this year by the girls of the four sororities. The sorority groups and the nations which they will represent are Beta Omicron Beta for England, Delta Upsilon Kappa for Scandinavia, Pi Kappa Tau for Palestine, and Tau Zeta Phi for Switzerland. The concluding dance will be the traditional winding of the May Pole.

The May Day program each spring is a cooperative effort by the girls' physical education department and the music department, and the latter department this year will present suitable choral selections to be used along with the various dances.

Choir Sings In Cantata Palm Sunday

Appearing as one of the highlights of the Easter season in this area, the Elon Choir will present its eighth annual rendition of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" in Whitley Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock next Sunday evening, April 11th. Scripture reading for the program will be by President Leon E. Smith.

The famous Easter cantata, which is one of the musical masterpieces of Theodore Dubois, is based upon the scriptural story of the sufferings of Christ upon the cross, and music lovers of this section have come to look forward to its presentation at an outstanding feature of the Lenten season. Each year it attracts one of the largest crowds of the year to the Elon campus.

Those who have heard the presentation several times have learned especially to love the highly dramatic climax of the cantata, which has the singing of the last "Word" followed by an organ interlude and the formation of a lighted cross by the choir in the darkened auditorium.

The cantata, which will be directed by Prof. John Westmoreland, will feature student soloists, chosen from the ranks of the Choir. The list of student soloists for this weekend has not yet been announced. The selections will be made public after this week's choir practices.

President Smith Discusses College Financial Problems

Appearing as a guest speaker before the Greensboro Kiwanis Club at a luncheon meeting last Thursday, Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of Elon College, advanced a plan for state aid to all college students upon an individual basis as an answer to the continuing financial difficulties that now beset privately endowed colleges.

Under the plan, he advocated that the state appropriate a fixed amount for each student in the state who wishes to enter college within the state, at the same time making the student free to choose the college he or she would attend either public or private. Such an appropriation would be used to cover part of the costs of instruction.

He pointed out that such a plan would extend upon an equal basis the state aid that is now given indirectly to individuals who attend state-supported institutions, and in support of this statement he cited the fact that the state is now paying amounts that range from \$218 to \$615 per student for instruction in the state-supported colleges.

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in two packages, one for capital improvements and the other for current needs. The current needs funds are used to help defray instructional costs for the students. He further pointed out that these funds are derived from taxes levied upon all the people.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION



Members of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, who were present for the recent meeting to consider plans for an early beginning on the construction of new dormitories and a dining hall on the Elon campus, are pictured above at the meeting, which was held in the office of President Leon E. Smith. Those pictured, reading left to right, are Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, of Durham; Mills E. Godwin, of Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. T. W. Chandler, of Virginia, Va.; Clyde W. Gordon, of Burlington; W. Cliff Elder, of Burlington; W. J. Ballentine, of Fuquay Springs; L. L. Vaughan, of Raleigh; D. R. Fonville, of Burlington; Dr. John R. Kernodle, of Burlington; George D. Colclough, of Elon College; Thad E. Eure, of Raleigh; Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president; R. A. Maynard, of Burlington; S. T. Holland, of Windsor, Va.; Harold Johnson, of Fuquay Springs; and V. R. Holt, of Burlington.

Trustees Consider Plan To Start Construction On New Dorms Soon

Chemistry Group Formed At Elon

Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society completed recently the organization of the new Elon Chem Club at a meeting held in the Student Affiliate room in the Science Building. Membership is limited to chemistry majors with at least a "B" average and holding membership in the Student Affiliate group.

Chairman for the new club is York Brannock, with Jimmy Bell as vice-chairman, and Edith McCauley as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Paul Cheek is faculty sponsor. Other members of the club include Don Allen, Richard Newman, John Womack, Charlie Phillips, George Held and Roy Duckett.

Legislature Passes Two Money Bills

Plans for the May Day program and the spring dance were the topics of discussion at the curtain rang down on the final meeting of the 1953-54 student legislature. The next meeting will be for the new 1954-55 group.

Phil Mann, chairman of the dance committee, requested a legislative appropriation of \$275 for the spring dance, and a motion was made that the money be granted on condition the dance be semi-formal. An energetic discussion followed, but the motion was defeated, and the original request was placed and motion and passed.

Another request was made for the appropriation of \$25 to finance the May Day program, and this was passed quickly without discussion.

Speaker Tom Targett closed the meeting by expressing his enjoyment in working with the legislature this year, saying that he felt that the members had done an excellent job.

Prospects for the immediate erection of two new dormitories and a dining hall at Elon College were one step nearer realization after a special meeting of the college's board of trustees, which was held in the office of President Leon E. Smith on Wednesday, March 24th.

The trustees, in the meeting called to consider the new building program, voted to proceed with the construction of the new buildings as soon as funds can be made available, and present plans call for the building operations to begin during the coming summer.

The program includes the erection of one new dormitory for young men, one new dormitory for young women, and a new dining hall. The plans also call for the complete reconditioning of West Dormitory, which at present houses the young women students on the campus.

In an effort to speed the program, the trustees authorized the building committee and the executive committee of the board to determine the architecture of the new buildings as soon as possible. It was announced that William Henley Detrick, of Raleigh, is the architect for the new structures.

The proposed addition of the two new dormitories and the new dining hall are part of the long-range improvement program for the Elon campus, which was inaugurated back in 1946 when a great ten-year campaign was launched to raise \$2,500,000 for needed expansion.

Already several units have been added to the Elon College plant under the long-range plan. A new power plant was built in 1949, and the new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, which houses the physical education program of the college, was completed in 1950.

Also a part of the expansion plan was the series of faculty homes and apartments, which have been constructed within the past five or six years to fill a long-felt need for faculty housing. The new dormitories and the dining hall will only continue the plan that has already added much to the effectiveness of the Elon College educational program.

Players Will Give 'As You Like It'

The Elon Players will present as their final stage production of the year a 40-minute version of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," according to an announcement made this week by Prof. Charles W. Cox, who became director of the student dramatic activities here this year.

He stated that try-outs are already in progress for parts in the show, and he urged students to try for the cast which includes ten men and three women. He pointed out that a number of excellent roles are still open.

Eminent Jewish Churchman To Speak Here Next Week

Rabbi Harry Caplan, of Raleigh, one of the outstanding leaders in Jewish church activities in North Carolina, will visit the Elon campus next week and will address the student body in chapel exercises next Wednesday morning, April 14th.

His visit was announced by Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, who is chairman of the program committee for chapel exercises. Dr. Reynolds stated that the visiting speaker will also speak to two or more of the classes in religion.

The Jewish leader was graduated from the Hebrew Union College in 1924, and after ordination he held pastorates in Allentown, Pa., Natchez, Miss., and Albany, Ga., before he came to his present position in Raleigh.

In addition to his ministerial service with the Jewish church, Rabbi Caplan also holds a resident lectureship under the auspices of the Jewish Chatauqua Society at Shaw University in Raleigh.

Primary Balloting Planned Next Tuesday, April 13th

The nomination of candidates for various student government offices in chapel on Monday morning of this week was the opening gun in the annual campus political campaign, which will continue with the primary balloting on Tuesday of next week and conclude with the final election on the following Tuesday.

Thirty-three candidates were nominated for the various executive posts and for positions on the Honor Council and the Student Council, but one withdrew to leave thirty-two in competition. The rising sophomore, junior and senior classes will name candidates for class offices later.

Three were nominated for president of the student body, including Jerry Lowder, of Burlington; Stacy Johnson, of Dunn; and Ned Jones, of Franklin, Va.

Candidates for the vice-presidency of the student body are Ken Lambert, of Norfolk, Va.; Luther Barnes, of Portsmouth, Va.; Phil Carter, of Liberty; Bill Fredericks, of Clifton Forge, Va.; and Terry Emmerson, of Morehead City.

There are three candidates for the post of secretary-treasurer of the student government, including Nannette Matchan, of Charleston, S. C.; Shirley Cox, of Elon College; and Don Swinson, of Jacksonville.

Twelve were nominated for five positions on the Honor Council, with two seniors, two juniors and one sophomore to be chosen. Next year's freshmen will name their member next fall. Rising senior nominated include Gilbert Brittle, of Wakefield, Va.; Hazel Sherman, of Oxford; Arlene Stafford, of Burlington; Hank Hamrick, of Draper; and Sherrill Hall, of King. Rising juniors listed are Meryle Mauldin, of Winston-Salem; Lois Scott, of Elon College; and Nick Theos, of Charleston, S. C. Rising sophomores nominated are Ann Puckett, of Burlington; Fred Prior, of Laurel, Md.; Wanda Dofflemeyer, of Elkton, Va.; and Clark Dofflemeyer, of Elkton, Va.

Nine were nominated for five posts on the Student Council. Candidates for the two men's posts are George Starkey, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Charles Mason, of Henderson; Curtis Young, of Durham; and Glenn Beal, of Norfolk, Va. Women's candidates are Mary Sue Colclough, of Elon College; and Betsy Johnson, of Fuquay Springs. Candidates for member-at-large are Pat Chandler, of Fayetteville; J. C. Disher, of Winston-Salem; and Dalton Parker, of Suffolk, Va.

Dr. O. S. McColl, retired minister from Woodford, Conn., will be the speaker at one of the workshop gatherings in the afternoon, and he will also be the principal speaker for the banquet that evening. The other workshop speaker will be Rev. Wofford Timmons, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church at South.

His activities extend beyond the church, too, for he is chairman of the Good Will Group in Raleigh and is also a member of the committees that direct the work of the Library Board, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, the Community Chest. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and other Raleigh civic groups.

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Services Are Planned For Holy Week

Plans are complete for a series of special church services, which will be held on the campus next week as a feature of the Holy Week observance, according to Rev. Howard P. Bozarth, pastor of the Elon College church.

The series of services will begin next Sunday evening with the Palm Sunday presentation of the Choir's annual Easter cantata, and they will continue each evening through Thursday, April 15th.

The services each evening will be conducted by the pastor, who stated that the concluding service on Thursday evening will be an observance of communion. There will be special music by the choir each evening.

In announcing the Easter Week services, the pastor has urged that each student and each member of the church in the community set aside the Holy Week period as a time for Spiritual Renewal.