

May Day Festival Scheduled For Saturday, May 1

JUDY INGRAM TO RULE OVER MAY DAY FESTIVAL



THE KING



Judy Ingram, Elon senior from Greensboro, who will rule over the 1954 May Court, is shown above. A music major and known for her solo work with the Elon Choir, the May Queen will have the central role in the annual festival to be staged here on Saturday afternoon, May 1st. At the left is Gary Sears, an already graduated senior from Portsmouth, Va., who was chosen by the students as King of May, while at the right is pictured Miss Betsy Haley, director of women's physical education, who is directing the pageant for the second successive year. She has announced that the program will feature the May Day observance and dances of various nations.

THE DIRECTOR



Cast Named For Players' Spring Show

The cast is complete for the Elon Player presentation of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," which will be presented by the Elon dramatic group late in May. The Shakespeare play, which is an abbreviated 40-minute version of the original production, will be presented as an outdoor production on the South Campus. Judith Ingram, a senior from Greensboro, who has gained wide acclaim for her musical accomplishments, will appear as Rosalind while Nanette Matchan, of Charlotte, S. C., will have the role of Celia. Sue Moore, of Hurdle Mills, only other girl in the cast, will play the part of Audrey. Woody Stoffel, of Stratford, N. J., president of the Elon student government this year, will appear as Orlando; with Wright Williamson, of Norfolk, Va., having the part of Touchstone. Others in the cast include Adolph Mellburg, of Elon College, as Duke Senior; Lewis Gwin, of Norfolk, Va., as Oliver; Bill Kerman, of Norfolk, Va., as William; Douglas Edwards, of Middleboro, Mass., as Corin; Jack Garber, of Cadillac, Mich., as Le Beau; Nick Theos, of Charleston, S. C., in the double role of Duke Frederick and Amiens; George Starkey, of Mahanoy City, Pa., also in a double role as Charles the Wrestler and Adam; Prof. Charles W. Cox, as Jacques; and Wesley Eatten, as the page. There will also be two walk-on roles.

President Smith Names Commencement Speakers

Speakers for Elon's annual commencement exercises were announced last week by President Leon E. Smith, who stated that the commencement program will open with the annual alumni gathering on Saturday, May 29th, and will conclude with the graduation exercises on Monday, May 31st.

Night School Honor Roll Is Announced

Ten students in the veterans' night classes at Elon College, each of whom was carrying a full scholastic load of college subjects, made an honor average on all their courses for the winter quarter and have been placed on the Dean's List.

The night class honor list included one with a grade of "A" on all subjects and nine who had an average of "B" or better for all courses. The list forms an addition to the regular Dean's List for day-time classes that was made public earlier this quarter.

Fred Louis Keisling made the "A" honor roll, while those with a "B" average included Lester R. Burke, Otis David Carey, Bobby M. Cates, Carroll L. Craven, John L. Cummings, Kenneth Wayne Heltsley, John Paul Malone, Carl Jennings Oakley and William Douglass Ratliff. All are from Burlington and vicinity.

The Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr., of Suffolk, Va., outstanding Virginia lawyer and a member of the Virginia State Senate, will deliver the commencement address at the graduation program on Monday, May 31.

The speaker, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, is a leader in Old Dominion civic and political life, a past national chairman of the Ruritan Clubs and this year's state chairman of Virginia's Jackson Day Dinner.

The baccalaureate sermon, which is set for Sunday morning, May 30th, will be delivered by Rev. Aaron Meckel, pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a well known figure on the Elon campus, having conducted Religious Emphasis Week services at Elon four years ago. He has also spoken on the campus on other occasions.

Mrs. A. Brown Fogleman, of Burlington, was named as "Alumni Orator" for 1954, and she will deliver the principal address at the annual alumni banquet on Saturday evening, May 29. The banquet will climax an Alumni Day program that will include reunions of a number of Elon graduating classes, some of which graduated before 1900.

Annual Pageant Features Dances Of Other Nations

The customs and dances of other nations will form the central theme of the annual May Day pageant, which is to be held on Elon's South Campus on Saturday afternoon, May 1st. The pageant will be the only one feature of a gala weekend that begins on Friday.

The May Day pageant itself will center about the coronation of Judith Ingram as the Elon May Queen of 1954. Ruling with her will be Gary Sears, an already graduated senior, who will return to the campus to receive the honor which was voted him by student. Chief attendants for the royal pair will be Betty Thompson as the Maid-of-Honor, escorted by Woody Stoffel. Other members of the royal court will be Virginia Jernegan and Ernestine Bridges, as senior attendants, escorted by Phil Mann and Dud Ivey. Junior attendants will be Arlene Stafford and Mary Sue Colclough, escorted by J. C. Disher and Charles Crews.

Narrator for the pageant will be Tom Targett, who will announce the featured dances of other nations. These dances are to be presented by members of the four sororities on the campus.

Presenting the national dance of Switzerland will be the Tau Zeta Phi sorority. Those participating include Marie Weldon, Barbara Weldon, Lou Knott, Shirley Cox, Ann Rawls, Peggy McKee, Sylvia Jones, Patsy Tate, Lois Scott, Shirley Presnell, Ann Puckett, Margaret Patillo, Margaret Boland, Grace Holt, Jo Ann Wright and Kathleen Euliss.

The Delta Upsilon Kappa group, presenting the dances of Scandinavia, will include Mary Wiseman, Ann Kearns, Nanette Matheson, Ginger Ballard, Grace Bozarth, Joyce Perry, Evelyn Fritts, Elizabeth Beckwith, Carolyn Abernathy, Joann Tucker, Ann Clifford, Annie Vince May, Barbara Carden, Sue Moore, Nancy Bain, Kathleen McDonald, Susan Fuchs and Helen Craven.

The Beta Omicron Beta dancers, featuring English numbers, will include Judy Chadwick, Gwen Coyner, Shirley Strange, Martha Walker, Marlene Johnson, Meryle Mauldin, Betsy Johnson, Dianne Maddox, Doris Chrismon, Ann Stoddard, Harriett Talley, Elizabeth Stephenson, Ann Holt and Marissa Caussade.

The dances of Palestine will be presented by a Pi Kappa Tau group that includes Sara Murr, Sarah Miles, Jayne Jones, Edith McCauley, Joan Darling, Marjorie Sutton, Billie Faye Johnson, Polly Payne, Ruth Williams, Clara Sharpe, Janice Williams and Frances Foster.

Spring Dance Will Climax May Festival

Plans are near completion for Elon's annual Spring Formal, which will be held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium from 8 o'clock until midnight on Saturday evening, May 1st, as the climatic event of May Day weekend. The dance will feature a Mardi Gras theme and will be to the music of Paul Zimmerman and his orchestra, which plays out of Martinsville, Va.

The plans for the event are in charge of the Student Dance Committee, which is headed by Phil Mann and Alice Cole, co-chairmen for the group. They have assigned the various tasks to different individuals or groups, named from the remaining members of the committee.

Decorations have been assigned to five persons. Cooper Walker, Nanette Matchan and Holland Taylor are planning the wall decorations, while Ashburn Kirby and Jack Garber will decorate the ceiling of the gymnasium.

Others and their assignments are Wright Williamson, lights; Furman Moseley, band stand; Woody Stoffel and Sylvia Eaton, tables; Mary Sue Colclough, table cloths; Ernestine Bridges, Virginia Jernegan and Annie Vince May, refreshments; Walter O'Berry, finances; and Jayne Jones, invitations.

CHADWICK RECITAL

The Elon Music Department will present Judith Chadwick, junior music major from West Boyford, Mass., in a piano recital in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock next Wednesday night, April 28th.

Lowder Elected Student Leader



JERRY LOWDER

Jerry Lowder, a rising senior from Burlington, is the new president of the Elon College student government organization. He was elected last Thursday, April 15th, by vote of the students in the annual campus election and will succeed to the post held during the present year by Woody Stoffel, of Stratford, N. J.

Lowder was the only regular nominee for the chief executive's post, but space was provided on the ballot for a write-in vote. However, Lowder, who has been very active in student musical activities since entering college, was the winner by a comfortable margin.

New Officers Are Named To Govern Student Body

Elon Singers Are Guests At Churches

The Elon Choir, which attracted an appreciative audience to Whitley Auditorium for its eighth annual presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on Sunday evening, April 11th, is making three guests appearances in churches of this area during the month.

The first of the three guest programs was presented in Muir's Chapel Methodist Church near Greensboro on Friday evening before Easter, at which time the student singers once more presented Dubois' great Easter cantata of the sufferings of Jesus on the cross. This program was in the home church of Judith Ingram, one of the eight student soloists who were featured in the cantata.

The singers will make two guest appearances next Sunday, April 25th. The first of the two programs will be on Sunday afternoon in Laverne Brady's home church at Robbins, followed by an appearance in the First Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro on Sunday evening. The program in each of these churches will be the same which the Choir presented in a series of eleven concerts during its recent 1954 northern tour.

The Elon College students trekked to the polls last Thursday, April 15th, to cast their ballots for student government leaders for the coming year, naming Jerry Lowder, a senior music major from Burlington, to the presidential post.

Other student body officers named at the same time were Phil Carter, of Liberty, vice-president; and Shirley Cox, of Elon College, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the Student Council were George Starkey, of Mahanoy City, Pa., and Glenn Beal, of Norfolk, Va., men's representatives; Mary Sue Colclough, of Elon College, and Betsy Johnson, of Fuquay Springs, women's representatives; and Pat Chandler, of Fayetteville, representative-at-large.

New members of the Honor Council are Sherrill Hall, of King, and Arlene Stafford, of Burlington, from the senior class; Meryle Mauldin, of Winston-Salem, and Lois Scott, of Elon College, for the junior class; and Wanda Dofflemeyer, of Elkton, Va., for the sophomore class. The freshman member will be named next fall.

Stacy Johnson, of Dunn, was elected president of the rising senior class. Other senior officers are Dave Maddox, of Thorsby, Ala., vice-president; Fred Rice, of Burlington, treasurer; and Joe Widdifield, of Winston-Salem, student legislator. A new election will be needed to name the senior secretary.

President of the rising junior class is Dalton Parker, of Suffolk, Va. Other junior leaders are Gary Thompson, of Norfolk, Va., vice-president; Jo Ann Wright, of Burlington, secretary; Grady Drake, of Burlington, treasurer; and Terry Emerson, of Morehead City, student legislator.

Leading the rising sophomore class as president will be Don Johnson, of Dunn. Other sophomore leaders are Margaret Patillo, of Burlington, vice-president; Sylvia Smith, of Henderson, secretary; Danny Thomas, of Raleigh, treasurer; and Fred Prior, of Laurel, Md., student legislator.

Following formal inauguration ceremonies, these new student body and class officers will assume their duties this spring for the remainder of the present college year. This period in the spring serves as an opportunity for the new officers to acquaint themselves with the duties of their respective offices while their predecessors are still available on

Elon Ministerial Alumni Return To Campus

SPEAKERS AT MINISTERIAL MEETING



DR. O. W. S. MCCOLL



DR. WOFFORD TIMMONS

Ministerial alumni of Elon College from throughout North Carolina and adjoining states returned to the campus yesterday for the first annual Religious Leadership Conference, which was staged under the sponsorship of the campus ministerial association.

Student leaders of the Ministerial Association, who worked with the cooperation of the alumni office in planning the event, declared last night that they were well pleased with the attendance and results, and plans are to make the convocation an annual affair on the campus.

Dr. O. W. S. McColl, of Woodford, Conn., who is retired from the active ministry, spoke twice during the convocation, first at a workshop session in the afternoon and again as the featured speaker at a banquet meeting last night. Also speaking at a workshop gathering during the afternoon was Rev. Wofford C. Timmons, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church at Southern Pines.

The presence among Elon's re-

turning ministerial graduates of a large number of outstanding pastors from all parts of the Southern Convention of the Congrega-

tional Christian Church served to show clearly the great value of Elon College to the Convention as a source of trained leadership.