

Alumni Meet Draws Fine Attendance

Elon College alumni, who gathered on the campus on Saturday, January 15th, for their annual mid-winter meeting, heard with interest and enthusiasm reports of the past year's progress by the college and the growth in membership of the alumni organization itself.

Dr. Leon E. Smith sketched for former students the plans for the building of two new dormitories and a new dining hall as a feature of his annual report. Dr. J. E. Danieley, dean of students, and Miss Hazel Walker, college registrar, reported on the record enrollment at the college and on various phases of student life.

The alumni also heard Prof. Scott Boyd and Coach Sid Varney report on the fine marks set by Elon athletic teams during the past year, along with a sketch of future prospects of the Christian teams in Football, basketball and baseball.

Mrs. Ruth G. Boyd, executive secretary of the alumni association, submitted her mid-year report, which indicated new interest this year on the part of many of the old grads.

In her report on memberships in the Alumni Association this year, Mrs. Boyd pointed out that no less than eleven of the Elon graduating classes between 1891 and 1954 have already surpassed their quotas for membership and fees. Classes already over their quota include those which graduated in 1892, 1893, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1907, 1908, 1910 and 1911.

The alumni who attended the business session in Whitley Auditorium on Saturday afternoon remained on the campus for a dinner meeting that was held in the college dining hall under the sponsorship of the Elon Booster Club. Dr. John R. Kernodle, of Burlington, president of the club, was master of ceremonies for the dinner meeting, which was followed by an Elon victory over Catawba in basketball.

A special feature of the afternoon gathering was the nomination of candidates for alumni association officers for the coming two years. Candidates named included Eugene A. Gordon, of Burlington, and James F. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., for president; Mrs. Clarke F. Cullers, of Front Royal, Va., and Mrs. Lyman Wilkins, of Durham, for first vice-president; and Dr. Glenn Lewis, of Gibsonville, and William P. Wilkins, of Norfolk, Va., for second vice-president.

Medical College Tests Are Set

College students who expect to be candidates for admission to a medical school in the fall of 1956 are advised to take the Medical College Admission Test in May, according to an announcement by the Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the test for the Association of American Medical Colleges.

These tests, required of applicants at almost every medical college throughout the country, will be given twice during the present calendar year. Candidates who take the test in May, however, will be able to furnish test scores to their desired institutions in the early fall, when many medical colleges begin the selective acceptance of their next entering medical class.

Candidates may take the MCAT on Saturday, May 7, 1955, or on Monday, Oct. 30, 1955, at the more than 300 local centers throughout the country. Medical college administrators advise students to take the May test if they expect to enter medical studies in the fall of 1956.

ELON CAMPUS BENEATH BLANKET OF SNOW



The Elon College campus is pictured above under its first snow blanket of the 1954-55 winter season, the picture having been snapped last Wednesday, January 19th, following the first snow of the winter, a fall which virtually covered all of North Carolina from the mountains to the sea. The snow covered the campus to the depth of about five or six inches, and remnants of that storm were still visible several days later. Even more beautiful in its after-effects and appearance was the fall which covered the Elon campus and its environs last Sunday night, but the later fall of snow was of such a nature that it melted quickly beneath the warming rays of the winter sun. The above view portrays the south facade of Alamanee Hall, as viewed from in front of the Mooney Building.

Increase Announced In Scholarship Awards For High School Contest

Increased interest and perhaps an increased attendance at the sixth annual "High School Day" on the Elon College campus, an event that has been set for Wednesday, February 16th, loomed as a possibility after Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of the college, announced an increase of more than thirty per cent in the value of the scholarship awards for the contest that has become an annual feature of the high school gathering on the campus.

The scholarship contest, which was inaugurated in 1953 as a feature of the fourth annual "High School Day" program, has attracted wide interest, and the number of entries increased by more than twenty per cent last winter over the number of entries attracted to the first scholarship contest the year before.

Eight four-year scholarships, totalling \$4,400 in value, were presented lucky winners of the contest last year and the year before, but the college administration has announced an increase of \$1,600 this year, swelling the total of the awards to four fortunate boys and as many girls to a total of \$6,000 in scholarship grants.

The top scholarship awards last year and the year before amounted to \$1,000 for both the boys' and girls' divisions, which included a \$250 grant for each of four years of the college course. The top awards this year will total \$1,200 for both the first-place boy and the first-place girl, representing awards of \$300 for each of the four years of the normal college course.

Awards for the second, third and fourth-place winners in boys' and girls' divisions have been for \$600, \$400 and \$200 in contests held during the past two years. These awards have been increased to \$800, \$600 and \$400 for each of the divisions this year.

Invitations have already been extended to more than 300 high schools to send their senior classes for the "High School Day" event and to enter outstanding boys and girls in the annual contest for scholarships. Already responses are being received in the office of Field Secretary Roger Gibbs.

The regular "High School Day" program will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, climaxed that night by a varsity basketball game between Elon and Lenoir Rhyne, but the scholarship contest itself

President Smith Named Member Of Commission

Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of Elon, was one of three North Carolina presidents to be honored with special appointments at the forty-first annual convention of the Association of American Colleges, which was held in Washington on January 11th, 12th and 13th.

The re-appointment of Dr. Smith to the Commissions on Academic Tenure and Academic Freedom was made public at the final session held on Thursday, January 13th. Other North Carolina college leaders chosen for commission posts were Dr. John R. Cunningham, of Davidson College; and President W. J. Trenton, of Livingstone College.

has been set for Monday, February 14th, when the boys' and girls' contestants from various schools will report to the campus for tests in scholarship and personality.

Coffee Hour For Chapel Speaker Set

Rev. Milos Strupl, of Salisbury, a native of Czechoslovakia, who is scheduled to address the students of Elon College at the regular chapel program on Friday morning, February 11th, will be the honor guest at a coffee hour, which is to be held in the Home Economics Department immediately after the chapel program.

This was announced by officers of the Home Ec Club, following a meeting of the group that was held on Thursday, January 20th. The club, composed of students in the Home Ec Department, is sponsored by Mrs. Mary P. Shockey.

In addition to the Czechoslovakian speaker, other honor guests at the coffee hour will include all foreign students who are now attending Elon College. An invitation has been extended to all Elon students and to all friends of Rev. Strupl to attend the coffee hour gathering.

Newspaper Chooses Outstanding Elon Alumnus As 'Tar Heel Of The Week'

Hugh Rankin, an Elon College graduate of the Class of 1949, was named "Tar Heel of the Week" for the week that ended on January 16th, being chosen for the honor by the Raleigh News and Observer from the ranks of more than four million people in North Carolina.

The former Elon student, who is a native of Reidsville, was chosen by the Raleigh paper as a result of his historical and literary activities while studying for his Ph. D degree in history at the University of North Carolina, where he went after completing his Bachelor of Arts work in Elon five years ago.

Rankin's particular field of interest is the American Revolution in North Carolina, and he has done a number of very fine pieces of writing about Tar Heel events during America's war for independence. In fact, his work has been good enough to earn for him the

R.D.W. Connor Award for the best writing in the North Carolina Historical Review.

He did his master's thesis on the Green and Cornwallis campaign in North Carolina in 1781, a campaign that was climaxed by the Battle of Guilford Court House. He is following up that work in writing his doctoral dissertation, which is a full-dress biography of General Nathaniel Greene, the first life of that famous general to be done since the early 1800's.

Rankin, who became one of the first winners of a Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina in 1951, first received that award for two years and was later given an extension of two years to enable him to complete work for his doctorate.

A native of Reidsville, Rankin is a descendant of Revolutionary soldiers on both paternal and maternal lines. After completing his high school work at Reidsville in

May Queen And Court Are Named By Students In Campus Balloting

Greek Group Plans Winter 'Bid Night'

One of the most colorful events of the Elon College year is set for Saturday night, February 12th, when eight Greek-letter fraternities and sororities conclude their winter rushing season with the second of the semi-annual "Bid Nights" of the current college year.

It is on the occasion of the semi-annual "Bid Nights" that the members of the four fraternities, rejoicing over the addition of new members to their respective groups, rally forth from beneath the West Colonnades to sing midnight serenades to their sister sororities members of which await the musical greetings on the upper balconies of West Dorm and Ladies' Hall.

Leading up to this winter "Bid Night," the four fraternities and four sororities are just now in the midst of a series of parties and suppers, which are furnishing entertainment through a ten-day rushing period for the boys and girls that are being sought as "brothers" and "sisters" in one Greek-letter group or another.

The first "Bid Night" of the current year, as is the case each college year, was held last fall, but the winter event is always the more important and the more colorful in that members of the freshman class become eligible for the first time to join the Greek-letter group of their choice, provided that they have maintained a "C" average or better on their scholastic work for the fall quarter.

The rushees sought by each fraternity and sorority are invited to attend the various social gatherings sponsored by the various groups during the ten-day rushing period, and acceptance of an invitation to the "Bid Night" party staged by any one of the groups constitutes an acceptance of the bid to become a member of that particular group.

The fraternities participating in the competition for members include Alpha Phi Delta, Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu, and Sigma Phi Beta. The sororities taking part in the rushing season are Beta Omicron Beta, Delta Upsilon Kappa, Pi Kappa Tau and Tau Zeta Phi.



HER MAJESTY
MARY SUE COLCLOUGH

Mary Sue Colclough, a senior from Elon College, will reign over the 1955 May Day Festival, which will be held on the college campus the first Saturday in May. The honor, for which she was chosen in a special election on Tuesday of this week, climaxes the many honors she has won during her four years as an Elon student. A member of Delta Upsilon Kappa Sorority, the newly elected May Queen was one of twelve Elon seniors who were selected for a place in Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities.

Elon Players Will Present Ibsen Show

With a cast of actors almost entirely new to the Elon stage, the Elon Players will present "An Enemy of the People," one of Henrik Ibsen's greatest dramas, as the next show on their 1954-55 program. The presentation is scheduled for Whitley Auditorium during the last week in February.

The show, which presents a stinging indictment of corrupt society, is based upon the fact that the lot of the would-be public benefactor is often made quite difficult by fellow citizens.

It is the story of Dr. Thomas Stockman, who has a plan to construct public baths, using the beneficent waters of his native town, only to discover that the town is badly polluted by refuse from the tanneries and is spreading typhoid fever.

Unwilling to give up his idea, he seeks to remedy the situation, but the remedy will cost the people thousands of pounds, and he meets with bitter opposition from the mayor, the newspaper publishers and a majority of the townspeople, all of whom turn against him and denounce him as an enemy of the people.

Curtis Young, of Durham, gets his first starring role with the Players in the role of Dr. Thomas Stockman; with Rebecca Stuckey, of Graham, appearing as his wife. Their children are Betty Carson, of Greensboro, and Wesley Batten, of Elon College.

Wright Williamson, of Norfolk, Va., who has starred in a number of student stage productions, will play the part of master tanner, foster-father of Mrs. Stockman.

The burgomaster, or mayor, is to be enacted by Thomas Lewis, of Chadbourn; with William Walker, of Durham, appearing as the editor of the People's Messenger. Others in the main cast are Roger Rush, of Burlington, as a newspaper staff member; William Turner, of Greensboro, as a ship captain; and Edward Robbins, of Greensboro, as a printer. Jane Davis, of Raleigh, will be assistant director, working with Prof. Charles W. Cox.

Local Senior Will Reign Over Festival

It will be Queen Mary Sue and King Charlie for the annual Elon College May Day Festival, which is to be held on the campus the first Saturday in next May, since the students in a special election held on Tuesday of this week chose Mary Sue Colclough, of Elon College, and Charlie Crews, of South Boston, Va., to rule over the event.

Chief attendants for the King and Queen for the day's festivities will be Peggy McKee, of Rougemont, and Luther Barnes, of Portsmouth, Va., who were selected by the students in the same election. Both the King and Queen and their chief attendants are members of the senior class.

The students also balloted for two senior girls and two junior girls, along with an equal number of senior and junior boys as escorts. These four couples will serve as court attendants for the May Day royalty.

The senior girls chosen are Peggy Miller Michaux, of Fayetteville, and Arlene Stafford, of Burlington. Their senior escorts are J. C. Disher, of Winston-Salem, and Stacy Johnson, of Dunn.

The two junior girls named as attendants are Jo Ann Wright, of Burlington, and Shirley Cox, of Elon College, and they will be escorted by Nick Theos, of Charleston, S.C., and Nick Thompson, of Burlington.

The annual May Day program is staged each spring as a project of the girls physical education department, working in cooperation with the college music department. The program for this year will be planned and staged under the direction of Miss Louise Moseley, director of the women's physical education work. No theme has yet been announced for the 1955 pageant, but it will probably be staged on the south campus of the college, as has been the case in recent years.

Marine Officer Group To Visit Elon's Campus

The Marine Corps Officer Procurement Team will be on the Elon campus on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15th and 16th, to interview student who desire to earn a Marine commission while completing college.

Freshman, sophomore, and juniors are eligible for the platoon leaders' class, with training conducted during two six-weeks summer classes. Candidates are paid \$149 for the first class they attend and \$183 for the second class, with uniforms, meals and travel allowance furnished. Members of the class are deferred from induction and are commissioned second lieutenants upon graduation.

Seniors and graduates are eligible for the officer candidate class, with the opportunity to earn a second lieutenant's commission after ten weeks of training.

Officers commissioned through either program receive an annual pay of from \$3,200 to \$4,500 and receive additional training in one or more service schools leading to an assignment in the infantry, aviation, artillery, engineering, supply or sea duty.

The girls may also inquire about the women's officer training class, which is similar to the male programs, with the same rank and pay available.