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Elon's High School Day Proves Successful Event

Greek Groups Get New Pledges At 'Bid Night'

The second of the semi-annual "Bid Night" ceremonies was held on the Elon campus on Saturday night, February 12th, with the brothers and sisters of Elon's eight Greek letter fraternities and sororities welcoming forty-three new pledges into the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

The intense cold that blanketed the campus that weekend failed to freeze out the gaiety of the "Bid Night" festivities, and the celebrants were still able to get in and out on Sunday morning in the traditional church service.

The forty-three new pledges included twenty-three boys, divided among the four fraternities, and twenty girls, distributed among the four sororities. Sigma Phi Epsilon with ten boys and Beta Omicron Beta with ten girls led the groups in the number of pledges. The other groups listed from two to five new members. The pledges in groups were as follows:

ALPHA PI DELTA—David Frye, Greensboro; Stuart Cass, of Greensboro; Bob Blanchard, of Greensboro; Don Stringer, of Asheboro; and Ted Fields, of Franklin,

No Choir Tour For This Year

With plans for the annual northern tour of the Elon Choir cancelled for this year, the student singers will be able to spend spring holidays at their homes this year for the first time in eight years. The tour was called off this year due to difficulties in lining up an itinerary.

For seven years the student musical group has been making a ten-day tour of the Middle Atlantic and New England states, during which a series of ten or twelve concert programs were presented in widely scattered cities. It has been announced that the choir will probably make a number of weekend concert trips this year in lieu of the northern tour.

Sixty-Eight Schools Are Represented

With a kindly Weather Man furnishing sunshine and a balmy day, Elon's sixth annual "High School Day" proved to be a highly successful event, with more than 1,400 high school seniors and senior sponsors flocking to the campus for the afternoon and evening program last Wednesday, February 16th.

Sixty-eight North Carolina and Virginia high schools were represented among the visitors, who began arriving by bus and car before 10 o'clock in the morning. A few late arrivals checked in just in time for the basketball game and the scholarship awards, which were the climatic feature of the program.

The attendance failed to match the record of seventy-five schools that was set last winter, but conflicts with several county basketball tournaments prevented several schools from sending delegations.

Twenty-one North Carolina counties were represented by school groups, with Alamance and Guilford each having 11 schools listed. Other counties and the number of schools from each were: Caswell 2, Chatham 6, Craven 1,

HIGH SCHOOL DAY SCENES

Scenes from Elon's sixth annual "High School Day" are pictured across the top of the page, beginning at the left with a group of Alamance High School seniors from Guilford County caught while registering in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. Second from left is a group of girls from Goldston High School on a visit in West Dormitory, and third from the left is a group of Haw River High School youngsters watching the Physics Department's exhibit of water from air. The fourth picture portrays Charlie Michaux displaying his domestic skill in the Home Economics Department.

Davidson 1, Durham 3, Forsyth 1, Granville 1, Iredell 1, Lee 3, Mecklenburg 1, Person 2, Randolph 7, Stokes 4, Surry 2, Vance 2 and Wake 1. Two Virginia counties, Norfolk and Halifax, were represented.

After registration in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, the senior

groups were conducted by college student guides on a tour of the Elon campus, during which they viewed displays that portrayed student life and activities at Elon.

The entire group was served supper on the South Campus at 4:30 o'clock, after which the seniors and their sponsors were invited to Whitley Auditorium for a program that featured music by the Elon Choir, a comedy skit by four faculty members and a comedy quartet. President Leon E. Smith extended a formal welcome to the guests at that time.

Climaxing the day's program was a varsity basketball game, which the Lenoir Rhyne Bears won after a thrilling 77-73 contest. Outstanding features of the game program included the performance of more than sixty high school cheerleaders, who worked with Elon's varsity pep group, and half-time ceremonies in which Dr. Smith presented scholarships to eight high school seniors.

High schools which were represented by seniors included Alamance, Alexander Wilson, Allen Jay, Altamahaw-Ossipee, Anderson, Aycock, Bartlett Yancey, (Continued on Page Four)

Elon Players To Offer Ibsen Show This Week

Exams To Begin Next Wednesday

Final examinations for the Winter Quarter get underway next Wednesday, March 2nd, and will continue for three days, with the dark cloud of tests showing its silver lining in the fact that spring holidays get underway at noon on Friday, March 4th. Holidays will continue until Monday morning, March 14th.

All hygiene classes and all afternoon classes will have examinations next Wednesday morning, followed by all 11:30 classes Wednesday afternoon. All 10:30 classes are set for Thursday morning, followed by 9:00 o'clock classes that afternoon. Last exams will be the 8:00 o'clock courses on Friday morning.

In their second full-length show of the 1954-55 stage season, the Elon Players will present Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" in Whitley Auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Curtain time each evening will be 8:15 o'clock.

The play, which is rated one of the best of Ibsen's productions, will feature an almost entirely new cast in the principal roles, but a number of the newcomers to the Elon stage are expected to turn in sterling performances in the play.

The show revolves about the persecution of Dr. Thomas Stockman, who plays to construct public baths, using the beneficent waters of his native town, only to discover that the water is badly polluted by the refuse from the tanneries and is spreading typhoid fever.

The role of Dr. Stockman is played by Curtis Young, of Durham, who is branded as an enemy of the people by his fellow townsmen, who resent his efforts to remedy the situation and continue with his plans to construct the baths.

Thomas Lewis, of Chadbourne, plays the role of Peter Stockman, a brother of the doctor and the mayor of the town. He joins with the newspaper publishers and a majority of the townspeople in opposing the doctor's plan.

Another outstanding role is that of the printer, played by Edward Robbins, of Greensboro. Others in the cast are Rebecca Stuckey, of Graham, as Dr. Stockman's wife; Betty Carson, of Greensboro, and Wesley Batten, of Elon College, as children of the doctor.

Wright Williamson, of Norfolk, known for his work in previous Player shows, appears as the master tanner and the foster-father of Mrs. Stockman. Also appearing in the main cast are William Walker, of Durham, as the newspaper editor; Roger Rush, of Burlington, as a newspaper staff member; and William Walker, of Greensboro, as a ship captain.

A number of others, appearing briefly as townspeople, include Diane Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Anne Stoddard, of Brantree, Mass.; Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek; Edwin Via, of Ridge-way, Va.; Leslie Johnston, of Holland, Va.; Grove Biddle, of Dover, Del.; Nanette Matchan, of Charleston, S.C.; Donald McDaniel, of Fayetteville; Bill Kerman, of Norfolk, Va.; and Hilary Motsinger, of Kernersville.

The show will be presented under the direction of Prof. Charles W. Cox. Working as an assistant to the director will be Jane Davis, of Raleigh. As was the case with the first Player show this year, student activity tickets will be good for admission.

Scholarships Worth \$6,000 Awarded To Contest Winners

In one of the outstanding features of the sixth annual "High School Day" on the Elon campus, the college awarded eight scholarships with a total value of \$6,000 to four boys and four girls who emerged winners in an all-day contest that was staged here on Monday, February 14th.

It was the third year that Elon has conducted the scholarship contest in connection with the "High School Day" event, and the 1955 contest attracted a total of fifty-one outstanding seniors from

thirty-four high schools. The entries, included thirty girls and twenty-one boys.

Interest was increased and competition rendered more keen this year as the college increased the total value of the scholarships from \$4,400 to \$6,000. Top awards this year in both the boys' and girls' divisions were \$1,200, with second, third and fourth-place awards valued at \$800, \$600 and \$400. The awards in each case will be spread over the four-year college course.

John Rex Thomas, of Sanford High School, and Shelby Dill, of Reidsville High School, emerged as first-place winners in their respective groups in the Valentine Day competition. President Leon E. Smith presented them with their awards and crowned them as king and queen of the "High School Day" program in ceremonies held at the half-time of the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne basketball game last Wednesday night, February 16th.

Runners-up and second-place winners were Bobby Layton, of

Jamestown High School, and Nancy Allen, of Bessemer High School; placing third in the event were Thomas Bobbitt, of Henderson High School, and Janie Burch, of Bartlett Yancey High School; and taking fourth honors were Don Adams, of Williams High School of Burlington, and Nancy Hargett, of North Mecklenburg High School.

These eight contestants, along with forty-three others, participated in the competition that got underway with 9 o'clock registra-

tion on Monday morning of last week. The competition itself included two objective tests, one for scholarship and the other for aptitude and ability and a series of individual interviews before committees of judges, who had been carefully chosen and invited to the campus for the event. During the interviews the contestants were rated for poise, personality, expression and appearance.

Throughout the tests and interviews the boys and girls were known only by number, with neither the administrators of the tests nor the judge knowing the names of the entries or the schools from which they came. Each of the three phases of the contest had a possible score of 200 points, and results were tabulated and the winners chosen by number before the names were coded back to the numbered list.

Comments of the contestants following the announcement of the winners were quite interesting. Naturally, the winners were highly pleased, but more interesting were the comments from many of those who failed to win. Without exception they stated that the experience had been highly beneficial, and many cited the fact that they had made new friends among their fellow contestants.

Judges who participated this year included Mrs. John Harden, of Greensboro; Mrs. J. B. Newman, of Burlington; Mrs. J. H. McEwen, of Burlington; Carl Jeffreys of the Greensboro Daily News; Frank Spencer, of the Winston-Salem Journal; and Howard White, of the Burlington Times-News.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, is pictured center above with eight winners in Elon's "High School Day" scholarship contest. The winners, left to right, are Don Allen, fourth boy, Williams High School; Janie Burch, third girl, Bartlett Yancey High School; Bobby Layton, second boy, Jamestown High School; Shelby Dill, first girl, Reidsville High School; John Rex Thomas, first boy, Sanford High School; Nancy Allen, second girl, Bessemer High School; and Nancy Hargett, fourth girl, North Mecklenburg High School.

IOTA TAU KAPPA — Bobby Green, of Brown Summit; Jack Simpson, of Greensboro; Jerry Laughter, of Fieldale, Va.; Tracy Griffin, of Greensboro; and Robert Phelps, of Lexington.

KAPPA PSI NU — Richard Pugh, of Asheboro; Don Johnson, of Greensboro; and Ronnie Qualls, of Burlington.

SIGMA PHI BETA — Paul Yost, of Portsmouth, Va.; Charles Foster, of Burlington; Frank Pattishall, of Burlington; Tony DeMateo, of Hillsville, Pa.; Tony Stump, of Hillsville, Pa.; Richard McCarthy, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Melvin Christian, of Elon College; Bob Hendricks, of Danville, Pa.; Richard Smith, of Brackenridge, Pa.; and Lynn Newcomb, of Richmond, Va.

BETA OMICRON BETA — Jean Coghill, of Henderson; Patricia Coghill, of Henderson; Dorothy Pauldin, of Winston-Salem; Ruth Lloyd, of Sanford; Yvonne Winstead, of Roxboro; Miriam Guy, of Burlington; Carol Morrison, of Burlington; Gail Stratton, of Burlington; Rosalind Toney, of Burlington; and Nancy Hall, of Burlington.

DELTA UPSILON KAPPA — Ann Dula, of Durham; Betty Sue Simmons, of Burlington; and Ann Wilson, of Durham.

PI KAPPA TAU — Audrey Brown, of Graham; Paula Loy, of Burlington; Mary Sherrod, of Bennett; and Emily Scott, of Semora; and Rebecca Stuckey, of Graham.

TAU ZETA PHI — Doris Gardner, of Asheboro; and Jacqueline Dove, of Burlington.