

Barter Players Present Shakespearean Play On Elon Campus

CANDIDATES FOR ALUMNI PRESIDENT



EUGENE A. GORDON



JAMES F. DARDEN

The candidates for presidency of the Elon College General Alumni Association are pictured above. At the left is Eugene A. Gordon, of Burlington, a graduate in the Class of 1941, and at the right is James F. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., a graduate with the Class of 1943. Balloting for the position by Elon alumni will be by mail, and the winner of the post for the coming two-year term will be announced at the annual Alumni Day exercises during the 1955 commencement.

Elon Alumni To Choose Leaders By Mail Ballot

Black Wins In Contest In Germany

Ronnie Black, of Burlington, a member of Elon's 1954 graduating class who is on Army duty in Germany, used his Elon musical training to good advantage when he won first place in an Army talent contest staged at Bad Krensnacl, Germany, on Sunday, March 13th. Winning with a baritone rendition of "Anywhere I Wander," the Elon graduate topped a field that included six other vocalists and a number of other contestants with varied talents. The event was an area contest, and the winner moves on into more advanced competition.

Black is to fly to Kaiserlauten, Germany, this weekend, for semi-final competition, and victory there would advance him into European Theatre finals at Munich, Germany, late in April. Victory in the finals would mean a flying trip to the States in June for the All-Army Talent Contest.

A music major while a student at Elon, Black was for four years a soloist with the Elon College Choir.

Members of the General Alumni Association of Elon College, voting by mail ballot this spring in their biennial election, will choose between Eugene A. Gordon, of Burlington, and James F. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., in naming an alumni president for the coming two-year term.

Eugene A. Gordon, who graduated from Elon with the Class of 1941, later attended the Duke University Law School and is now one of the outstanding young lawyers in this area. Active in the civic and religious life of this area, he is now county attorney for Alamance County. He had four years of army service during World War II, being discharged in 1946 with the rank of captain.

James F. Darden, who graduated from Elon with the Class of 1943, entered the Midshipman's School at Northwestern University immediately after graduation and saw Navy service during the remainder of the war, being released to inactive duty in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant. He was secretary of the Elon Alumni Association from 1946 until 1951, resigning to accept a business position. He is now in business in Suffolk, Va.

The Elon alumni will also vote in the biennial election on candidates for first and second vice-presidents. Candidates for first

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Touring Actors To Offer Modern Version Of 'Macbeth' In Whitley

Witches and boiling caldrons and flood and death, set against a background of deep-sunken legends and Scottish superstitions, are all found in the Shakespearean tragedy of "Macbeth," which will be presented by the famous Barter Players of Virginia in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock tonight. A large audience is expected, since Elon students will be admitted with their student activity tickets.

The Barter Players are not new to Elon theatre-goers, for the famous group of professional actors has been appearing on the Elon campus annually for several years, sometimes with a presentation of one of Shakespeare's theatrical masterpieces and sometimes with a modern stage success.

Last year the visiting actors chose "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," one of Shakespeare's finest comedies, but Bob Porterfield and his group chose this year to turn from comedy to tragedy, and they selected "Macbeth" for Elon presentation. The play has already been given at a number of college campuses in this area, and critics have hailed the show as one of the best in history of the Barter Players.

Unusual interest attaches to the showing of this play, for "Macbeth" is one of the plays taught in

senior literature courses in high schools of this state, and for that reason its story is quite familiar to the great majority of students who will see it.

Attesting to the widespread interest in the play is the fact that Elon authorities have had a number of inquiries from high school classes in neighboring schools about tonight's show, and several large groups of high school English students will be in the audience to see the Barter Players' interpretation of the Shakespearean tragedy.

The show will be presented under the personal direction of Owen Phillips, who has been associated with the Barter Players for many years. He has been termed a real genius in production of Shakespearean plays, having more than any other director the gift for making audiences forget that the works of the great English Bard were ever the subject of school-room assignments.

In "Macbeth" the Barter group gives a gripping recital of the horror and terror that was lost upon Scotland by Macbeth and his wife, doffing the traditional mood of sombre brooding to become a swift-paced, incisive dramatic experience.

Revised for better understand-

ing by modern theatrical patrons, his 1954 version of "Macbeth" moves with vivid precision through two acts and fourteen scenes in portraying the saga of violence, treachery and revenge. It features rich acting against striking and colorful backgrounds, and the story of the murderous Macbeth and his sinister wife and their fearful misdeeds is retold with flashing eloquence by an outstanding staff.

Severn Darden, one of Barter Theatre's most talented actors, presents an excellent performance in the title role. He portrays a vigorous young general, lit with evil and merciless ambition, a character of almost maniacal savagery.

Jenny Davis, who has had a rich background of stage experience, will appear in the role of Lady Macbeth, and she presents a compelling portrait. Her emotional gifts are especially effective in the episodes prior to and following the cruel murder of Duncan and in the famous sleep-walking scene. Supporting roles will also feature a number of fine and experienced actors.

Despite the fact that "Macbeth" is widely known to students of Shakespeare, the play has not been produced as frequently in America as some of the other Shakespearean works.

Student Nominations To Be Made April 4th

The annual hurry and scurry of campus politics looms just ahead for the Elon College students, for barely ten days remain before the students will be called upon to nominate their candidates for the various student body officers. The student constitution provides that nominations for student body officers shall be made in chapel on the first Monday of April.

Since the first Monday falls on April 4th this year, there is just one week and a half before nominations are to be made, although one would never know such to be the case when viewing the lack of excitement on the campus. One observer recalled campus campaigns of some years ago that the hit the boiling point almost as soon as spring holidays were over.

The student body constitution provides that the nominations on the first Monday in April shall be followed by a campus-wide primary election to be held on Tuesday after the second Monday in April, just one week and one day after the nominations are made. He chosen for the contested position.

The first Monday nominations

It is also provided that this primary shall narrow the field of candidates to two for each office, unless more than one person is to and the primary are designed only to select student body officers and members of the Student Council and Honor Council. The rules specify that officers for the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes shall be nominated in

Mass Photograph Of Elon Students

The first mass photo of Elon College students and faculty members in recent years was snapped on Monday morning, March 14th, when a goodly percentage of the students and the majority of the faculty members gathered to pose for the shot on the south lawn of the Alamance Building.

The huge group photograph is reproduced below, with no attempt being made to identify the individual students and faculty members. The reproduction is offered so that everyone may have an opportunity to see the picture and perhaps be able to pick out himself or herself in the crowd.

LEADING ACTORS IN BARTER SHOW



Pictured above in the authentic costumes of early Scottish royalty are Severn Darden and Jennie Davis, who will appear in the leading role of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in the Barter Theatre production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," which is to be given in Whitley Auditorium tonight.

Winter Term Honor Roll Lists 115 Elon Students

One hundred eighteen Elon College students are named on the Dean's List that was released this week. The list includes those who made no grade less than "B" on any course taken during the Winter Quarter just ended. Fifteen of the number made no grade less than "A" and are on a special list.

The "A" honor group includes Don Allen, Burlington; Jimmy Bell, Burlington; Pat Chandler, Fayetteville; Terry Emerson, Lewes Beach, Del.; Sarah Johnston, Burlington; Paula Loy, Burlington; Diane Maddox, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jerry Moize, Gibsonville; Mary Anne Paris, Graham; Robert Phelps, Fort Smith, Ark.; Ann Puckett, Burlington; Joe Ryals, Dunn; Larry Smith, Elon College; Marie Tomlinson, Swepsonville; and Mary Walker, Burlington.

Those making "B" or above on all courses include Aubrey Agnew, Haw River; Irvin Aldridge, Yanceyville; Peggy Allen, Burlington; Elaine Baker, Lakeport, N.C.; Robert Baxter, Burlington; Grace Bozarth, Yankton, S.D.; Gilbert Clark, Durham; Anita Cleapor, Burlington; Jean Coghill, Henderson; Patricia Coghill, Henderson; Mary Sue Colclough, Elon College; (Continued on Page Four)

Class Groups Plan Dance On Saturday

The freshman and sophomore classes are joining together this weekend to sponsor a semi-formal dance in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium from 8 until 12 o'clock Saturday night. Music for the event will be furnished by Jimmy Johnson and his orchestra from Chapel Hill.

Arrangements for the event have been carried out under the direction of the two class presidents, Grover Biddle for the freshmen and Don Johnson for the sophomores. They state that admission to the dance will be \$1 for couples or stags.

The decorative theme will be "Stardust," with decorations in charge of a committee that includes Don Johnson, Bobby Johnson, Margaret Patillo, Ann Puckett, James Biggerstaff, John Biggerstaff, Jane Williamson, Jimmy Layton and Leslie Johnson.

