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## Founders' Day Observance Attracts Many To Elon

### College Honors Founders; Launches Fund Campaign

#### Thirty-Four In Summer Grad Group

Dr. W. Millard Stevens, pastor of the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va., delivered the baccalaureate address at closing exercises of the Elon College summer commencement, which were held in Whitley Auditorium on Friday night, August 19th.

At that time Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of the college, presented degrees and diplomas to 34 seniors who completed graduation requirements in Elon's record-breaking 1955 summer session, which boasted the largest summer enrollment in the history of the college.

Others who appeared on the summer commencement program were Dr. William T. Scott, who pronounced the invocation; and Rev. Fred P. Register, who presented the Bibles to the members of the graduating class. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered the previous Sunday by Rev. William J. Andes, pastor of the Elon College Community Church. Music for the commencement was by students of the Elon College music department.

The seniors who graduated at that time included Carlton Ashley, Roxboro; William Burke III, Burlington; Otis Carey, Burlington; John Collie, Reidsville; Larry Dofflemyer, Elkton, Va.; Sylvia Eaton, Burlington; Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Burlington; Carl Gibbs, Greensboro; William Gregg, Easley, S. C.;

Winfred Hoover, Reidsville; June Joy House, Newport News, Va.; Bayard Hovdesven, Elon College; Clate Huffman, Burlington; Ruth Kent, Burlington; Ira Mann, Burlington; Eugene McDaniel, Kingston; Roy McGriff, Burlington; Peggy McKee, Rougemont; Retha Morris, Burlington; John Nelson, Burlington; Shirley Phillips, Swepsonville;

John Platt, Kokomo, Ind.; Abraham Ray, Burlington; Katherine Reece, Draper; Frank Splawn, Cliffside; John Stone III, Burlington; William Sutton, Burlington; Leon Taylor, Thomasville, Ga.; Patsy Tate, Efland; Robert Timmons, Mount Airy; Joseph Widdifield, Winston-Salem; Ruth Williams, Haw River; and Atlas Wilson, Greensboro.

A diploma in art was awarded June Wyrick, of Burlington; and a certificate in secretarial practice was presented Rebecca Bradley, of Burlington.

Alumni and friends of Elon College gathered on the campus Tuesday for an all-day "Founders' Day" program, which honored the founding fathers of the college and commemorated the establishment of the institution by the Congregational Christian Church in 1889.

Those in attendance included representatives of Elon's board of trustees and alumni, along with delegates from Congregational Christian churches throughout North Carolina and Virginia. There were both morning and afternoon meetings, held in Whitley Auditorium in each case.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, was the featured speaker at the morning session, which was opened with the invocation by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, president of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, reported at this meeting on the progress of the college's great \$2,500,000 fund-raising campaign, setting the stage for the opening of a new and intensive effort to complete the campaign that has been in progress since the late 'Forties. At this time representatives of the Women's Fellowship, the Laymen's Fellowship and the Pilgrim Fellowship of the various churches and a representative of the Elon College Alumni Association spoke on the parts their groups expect to play in the renewed fund-raising effort.

A special feature of the morning program was a memorial service, honoring Prof. Howard Braxton Holmes, who was an efficient and popular member of the college faculty from 1901 until 1904. His service terminated with his death on August 10, 1904, and announcement was made of a gift to the college by his sister, Miss Ethel Holmes, of a substantial sum of money in his memory. The donation applies to the endowment funds of the college.

Dr. W. Millard Stevens, pastor of the Christian Temple in Norfolk, Va., delivered the featured address at the afternoon meeting. At this same gathering, which opened with the invocation by Dr. Roy Helfenstein, of Richmond, Va., there was a brief historical sketch by Dr. William T. Scott, of Elon College, who is superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. The afternoon meet was followed by several group meetings and by cornerstone ceremonies for the new buildings now rising on the Elon campus.

### THEY HAD FEATURED ROLES IN FOUNDERS' DAY EVENT



DR. HAROLD W. TRIBBLE



DR. LEON E. SMITH



DR. W. MILLARD STEVENS

Playing featured roles in Tuesday's "Founders' Day" program on the Elon campus were Dr. Harold W. Tribble (left), president of Wake Forest College, who delivered the address at the morning gathering; Dr. Leon E. Smith (center), president of Elon College, who directed the day's observance; and Dr. W. Millard Stevens (right), pastor of Norfolk's great Christian Temple, who was the chief speaker at the afternoon gathering.

### Cast Named For Opening Player Show

The Elon Players, student dramatic group, will open its 1955-56 stage season by presenting Francis Swan's delightful comedy, "Out of the Frying Pan," a show which has been a rib-tickler since its first presentation on Broadway.

Operating under the direction of Prof. M. E. Wooten, who joined the Elon faculty this fall, the Players are wasting no time in getting things moving. Mr. Wooten expressed himself as highly pleased with the large group which tried out for roles in the new show.

In announcing the cast for the Broadway comedy, Prof. Wooten described the cast as a talented one, despite the fact that most of the group are newcomers to the Elon stage. Only four of the twelve members of the cast appeared in Player shows last year. However, several of the group had extensive dramatic experience in high school.

Included in the cast are Roger Rush, Burlington; Chuck Oakley, Roxboro; Dorothy Apple, Burlington; Leslie Johnston, Holland, Va.; Jane Davis, Raleigh; Jennie Keck, Burlington; Dorothy Perkins, Roxboro; Margaret Sharpe, Bear Creek; Tommy Lewis, Chadbourne; Bill Watson, Sanford; Donald Howell, Franklin, Va.; and Eugene Harrell, Suffolk, Va. Bill Walker, of Durham, is stage manager.

### Fall 'Bid Night' Set October 15

The annual fall "Bid Night" for Elon's Greek-letter fraternities and sororities is set for Saturday night, October 15th, a week later than the usual date for the event. The later date was set to avoid the away-from-home grid game with East Carolina, making it possible for more members and alumni of the groups to attend pledge ceremonies. The new date follows a home game with Newberry.

### HONORED



HOWARD BRAXTON HOLMES

Honored in a special memorial service held during the annual "Founders' Day" program held here Tuesday was Prof. Howard Braxton Holmes, a member of the Elon College faculty from 1901 until 1904. His service to the college was terminated by his death on August 10, 1904.

### SCA Plans Active Year On Campus

An active religious program for Elon College students is planned for this year under the sponsorship of the Student Christian Association, mapped the year's activities at a weekend student retreat held at Moonelon, the conference recreation center located near the college campus.

Featured in the year's program will be a special Work Day for Christ, publication of a Student Christian Association newspaper, a visit to North Carolina's youth rehabilitation center at Camp Butner and sponsorship of a special project for the Christian Orphanage.

The student religious organization is also planning a special campus clean-up program and will sponsor a group visit to New York during the year.

Officers of the Student Christian Association this year include Meryle Mauldin, Winston-Salem, president; Worden Updyke, Angola, N. Y., vice-president; Jean Coghill, Henderson, secretary; and Vernon Joyner, Walters, Va., treasurer. Faculty advisor for the group is Dr. James M. Hess.

Co-chairmen for the SCA's three activity commissions are Margaret Johnston, Tryon, for the World Order Commission; Patricia Coghill, Henderson, and Lucille Edwards, Franklin, Va., for the Campus Affairs Commission; and Sylvia Smith, Henderson, and Billy Ginn, Charleston, S. C., for the Religious Life Commission.

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### Cornerstones Are Placed For Three New Buildings

Cornerstones were laid Tuesday afternoon for three new buildings, which are rising rapidly on the Elon campus, with the cornerstone ceremonies serving as a climax to a day-long "Founders' Day" gathering of the college's alumni and friends, who honored the institution for its more than six decades of service to southern youth.

The new structures, for which the cornerstones were laid yesterday, include the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, which is also to include facilities for banquets and student social affairs; Virginia Hall, a new dormitory for girls; and Carolina Hall, a new dormitory for boys.

The three buildings were begun in the early summer, following ground-breaking ceremonies that were held during the college's sixty-fifth annual commencement late in May, and the construction has moved rapidly on all three buildings.

Students and faculty were amazed and pleased upon their return to the campus this fall to find the walls of all three buildings going up so rapidly. The contract provides for each of the buildings to be completed and ready for occupancy by the close of the present college year. Construction of the buildings is being done by the King-Hunter Construction Company, of Greensboro.

Assisting in the laying of the cornerstone for Carolina Hall was D. R. Fonville, of Burlington, secretary of the Elon College board of trustees, with prayer being offered by Rev. Silas Madren, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church at Asheboro.

Mrs. J. E. Rawls, of Suffolk, Va., long prominent among the friends and supporters of the college, assisted in the placing of the stone for Virginia Hall. The prayer was offered by Mrs. John G. Trullitt, of Elon College.

Mrs. J. H. McEwen, of Burlington, assisted in the laying of the stone for the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, a structure which is being erected as a memorial and tribute to her husband, the late J. H. McEwen, who was for many years a leader in industrial and civic activities in this area. Dr. J. E. Danieley, dean of students for Elon College, read the contents of the papers which were placed in the stone of this building; and Dr. Leon E. Smith offered the prayer for this portion of the ceremonies.

### New Record Enrollment For Term

With a record enrollment in both the day-time classes and in the Evening School, Elon College is well started on its sixty-sixth annual session. Reporting on the enrollment figures, President Leon E. Smith expressed pleasure in one of the most successful openings in the history of the school.

In revealing the 1955-56 registration figures, Dr. Smith also mentioned the phenomenal growth of the night-class program, and he pointed out that Elon College today really embodies two distinct programs. The day-time program operates on the quarter system, while the night classes meet under the semester system.

There is a grand total of 775 different persons registered for day-time work at Elon this year, of whom 750 are carrying full student-course loads. Figures from the registrar's office reveal that the combined full-time and special students represent the equivalent of 758 full-load students.

The Evening School shows a total of 327 different individuals enrolled, of whom 117 are carrying a full load of five courses and attending five nights each week. The remaining students, some attending as many as four nights weekly and some taking lighter loads, represent 122 full-time and full-load students. The combined figures show a net of 239 full-load students attending night classes.

Combining the day-time and night-class figures, the registration shows a grand total of 1,102 different individuals attending Elon this term. However, in combining the full-load and partial-load students, the figure breaks down to the equivalent of 995 full-time students. This is by far the largest figure in Elon's history.

While separating the enrollment figures of the day and night classes, President Smith pointed out that both the day and night programs operate under the same curriculum, with the same requirements for graduation and offering the same degrees. The complete success of the night program is attested by the fact that a number of students have received diplomas and degrees within the past two years after completing graduation requirements by evening study.