

## Players To Offer New Show In Mooney Next Week

### SCENE FROM NEW STUDENT SHOW



One of the truly dramatic incidents near the end of the forthcoming Elon Player production of Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes" is pictured above, a scene in which Alexandra Giddens, enacted by Carolyn Duncan, of Woodsdale, casts aside her role as a wistful and submissive daughter, and defies her mother, the overbearing Regina, who is portayed by Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek. The incident is one for which the audience has been hoping from the rise of the first curtain.

### Dramatic Group Opens 5-Night Stand Tuesday

In a highly dramatic portrayal of greed and selfishness, the Elon Players will present Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes" in Monday Chapel for five nights next week, beginning on Tuesday, January 31st and continuing through Saturday, February 4th.

This play, which critics have called one of America's truly great dramatic productions, tells of the unscrupulous greed of the Hubbard family, members of which do not even hesitate to rob one of their own number to satisfy their desires.

It will be with mixed emotions that the audiences view the new Player show. There will be disgust and anger for the warped and cruel Hubbard brothers and their sister, who outwits her brothers in their bid for wealth, but there will also be deepest sympathy for downtrodden members of the Hubbard clan.

There'll be no sympathy for Oscar and Ben Hubbard, roles to be enacted by Prof. William D. Goodrum, of the Elon faculty, and Bill Watson, of Sanford. Nor will there be any sympathy for Regina, their unprincipled sister, to be played by Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek. She finds that her brothers are robbing her own husband, and then she uses that knowledge to blackmail the brothers into giving her a lion's share of the new industrial plan which they are building in the old home town.

By contrast, however, the heart-strings of the audiences will be touched at the plight of the ailing brother-in-law, Horace Giddens, portrayed by Eugene Harrell, of Suffolk, Va., who finds even his own wife involved in the plot to secure his funds.

Other touching characters, all of whom enlist the sympathy of the viewers, are Birdie, the lonely wife of Oscar Hubbard, to be played by Helen Gilbert, of Burlington; Alexandra, the wistful daughter of Horace and Regina Giddens, whose part is played by Carolyn Duncan, of Woodsdale; and Lee, the browbeaten son of Oscar Hubbard, enacted by Roger Rush.

Other roles of interest are those of Mr. Marshall, Chicago businessman, taken by Tommy Lewis, of Chadbourne; Cal, the man of all work, by William Davis, of Gresham, S. C.; and Addie, the servant girl, played by Betsy Watson, of Burlington.

This play will be marked by different from "Out of the Frying Pan," which drew record crowds in a five-night stand in Mooney Chapel early in November; for the Players are turning in this second show from their masterful presentation of comedy to a more ambitious undertaking in producing Lillian Hellman's story of industrial growth in the Deep South.

The sets and costumes for the new play, all designed in mode of half a century ago, are reported to be masterful creations. Not in many years have the Elon Players featured such setting and costuming, and advance reports indicate that the show next week will add much to the reputation of the student dramatists and their director.

### President Smith Requested To Remain For Added Year

#### ELON PRESIDENT RECEIVES CHECK



Dr. Leon E. Smith, center above, was caught in a jovial mood when the photographer snapped the picture above, and it is no puzzle to figure the smile when it is revealed that the paper he holds in his hand is a \$5,000 check. The check was a gift presented to Elon College on January 12th from the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, presented by Claude V. Long, right, vice-president in charge of the Burlington office of the Wachovia organization. Flanking Dr. Smith at the left is B. E. Jordan, of Saxapahaw, a member of the board of trustees for the Alamance County Hospital, which also received a gift of \$5,000 from the bank. The hospital leader is also a member of the board of trustees for Elon College, so he had double reason to smile at the announcement of the gifts.

The board of trustees of Elon College, at its annual mid-winter meeting on the campus on Tuesday, January 17th, requested Dr. Leon E. Smith, now in his twenty-fifth year as Elon's president, to continue in service as president until July 1, 1957.

The request was made by the board upon recommendation of a special trustee committee named last summer to select a suitable successor upon Dr. Smith's retirement from the presidential post.

Dr. Smith had requested earlier last summer that he be retired in 1956, or later at the pleasure of the trustees. His request for retirement was in keeping with a board ruling that set a definite retirement age, after which active service for Elon faculty members would be terminated.

The trustee committee, reporting in regard to a presidential successor, stated that several letters and suggestions had been received from interested persons. However, the group stated that selection of a suitable candidate would require additional time and that, should such a candidate be selected, he would probably not be available to assume presidential duties before mid-summer of 1957.

The committee which reported on this matter included Mills E. Godwin, Jr., of Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. J. H. McEwen, of Burlington; Clyde W. Gordon, of Burlington; Reid A. Maynard, of Burlington; and S. T. Holland, of Windsor, Va.

At the same meeting the Elon trustees heard a report on the progress being made upon the new dining hall and two new dormitories now rising on the campus. They also acted to speed the fund-raising campaign begun by the college last fall, expressed pleasure at the recent grants to Elon by foundations and business groups, and acted to clarify an earlier stand by the board on enrollment limitations at Elon.

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### Dr. Paul Cheek Named To Post

Dr. Paul Cheek, member of the Elon College chemistry faculty, has just been installed as chairman-elect for the Central Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society. He will become leader of the group next year.

Membership in this organization is composed of technical and research chemists in both educational institutions and industrial plants in five counties in this section of North Carolina, with regular meetings held to discuss problems and new discoveries in the field of chemistry.

### Alumni Hear Of Progress On Campus

An informative series of reports featured the annual mid-winter meeting of the Elon College Alumni Association, which was held in Alamance Building on the Elon campus at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 14th.

In the absence of the alumni president, James F. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., the meeting was presided over by Dr. W. G. Lewis, of Gibsonville, vice-president of the association.

After the invocation by Dr. John G. Truitt, of Elon College, the executive secretary's report was presented by Mrs. Ruth G. Boyd. She reported a slight increase in membership in the alumni organization and a general spirit of cooperation among Elon's former students and graduates.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, also reported to the assembled alumni on the progress being made on the campus building program and on the fund-raising campaign. He told of recent grants to the college by the Ford Foundation.

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### Graduate Record Exam Requirement Explained

Announcement was made recently that members of the 1956 graduating class at Elon College would be required to take the national Graduate Record Examination, and the announcement occasioned widespread student comment both on and off the campus.

Since much of the student comment was apparently arising from a misunderstanding of the purposes behind the move, the Maroon and Gold requested Dr. J. E. Danieley, dean of students, to issue a statement concerning the step. His statement, which is published in its entirety below, makes it clear that the results of the Graduate Record Examination will not in any way affect the impending graduation of students who take it.

In his statement, Dean Danieley makes it clear that the giving of the examination is aimed more at an evaluation of the Elon teaching program than at the measurement of the students themselves. He also makes it clear that its administration here can quite well result in a convenience and a saving to those who may at any time go on into graduate schools for advanced work. Dean Danieley's statement follows—

"In the fall the Faculty of Elon College voted to require the Graduate Record Examination of all who expect to graduate. Notice of such requirement had previously been published in the 1955-56 catalogue, which was released in March, 1955. The requirement is being put into effect for the first time for the graduating Class of 1956.

"It should be pointed out that this examination does not determine whether a student graduates from college. It is, rather, a measure of the effectiveness of the teaching program of the institution and of the intellectual maturity of the student. National

norms have been established for the examination, and when the student receives his or her score, it may be compared with other seniors in similar colleges all across the country.

"As part of the self-evaluation of Elon College by the faculty, these scores which our students make on the Graduate Record Examination will be extremely helpful. It will mean that we will be able to see how our students rank with similar students from other colleges of the same size and with the same general type of program.

"Graduate schools have for some time been requiring their entering students to take this examination. Seniors who expect to do graduate work and who take the examination during its administration at Elon will have the necessary scores available for graduate school and will do so at a considerably reduced rate. We appreciate the fact that we are able to furnish the exam to the students at this saving.

"It is true that some of our academic departments are allowing their major students to take the Graduate Record Examination in lieu of the regular comprehensive examination. This is provided they make a satisfactory grade, and this is a matter which has been left to departmental discretion. It is not standard in all departments of the college.

"The first day for administration of the examination is February 10th. This is normally a class day, but the seniors will not have classes on that day and will spend the morning taking the Graduate Record Examination.

### Busy Meet By Campus Lawmakers

Plans for a Valentine Dance and for a series of smaller dances after Saturday night basketball games during the winter quarter payed a big part in the mid-January meeting of the Student Legislature.

The campus lawmakers approved the plans for and appropriated the money for the Valentine Dance, tentatively set for the third weekend in February. Advance reports indicate that Russ Carlton and his Band will furnish the music for this dance.

The legislators also approved plans for the Saturday night hops after the Catawba game and for other dances after Saturday cage games on the first three Saturday nights in February.

The legislature also heard a report on the possibility of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Elon College, being told that the Elon application could not be processed in time for the national honorary committee to consider it this year.

There was also discussion of a used book service for students, of plans for a campus clean-up day this year and of the question of increased legislative representation for the Day Student Organization and for the two new dormitories that are being built on the campus.

### Two New Grants Made To Elon During Month

The gift to Elon College of \$125,700 by the Ford Foundation, which was announced a month ago and reported in detail in the last issue of the Maroon and Gold, was followed in mid-January by the announcement of two additional grants or gifts, one from the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the other from the Esso Foundation.

The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, with headquarters in Winston-Salem but with branch banks in a number of the larger cities of North Carolina, announced on Thursday, January 12th, that it was making a gift of \$5,000 to Elon College as part of its extensive program of philanthropy.

The gift of \$5,000 to Elon College and the gift of a similar sum to the Alamance County Hospital was made through the Burlington office of the Wachovia organization. Delivery of the pledge was made by Claude V. Long, vice-president in charge of the Burlington operations of the banking organization.

In making the gift to Elon College and to the hospital, Long declared that the Wachovia officials are "happy to have a part in the support of two institutions which bear such a vital part in the future of Burlington and Alamance County."

In accepting the gift to the college, President Smith said, "This gift by Wachovia highlights the widespread support and generosity that has been displayed by individuals and businesses. This action by the Wachovia Bank, which is certainly commendable, serves as additional reminder of the spirit of the community in meeting the financial needs of worthy projects and programs."

The other January gift to Elon College was a \$2,000 grant from the Esso Foundation, the philanthropic organization that represents the gigantic Standard Oil Company. Elon was one of six North Carolina colleges to receive grants from the oil company's Education Foundation, sharing in the national distribution of \$1,067,900 to educational institutions throughout the United States.

President Smith was advised of the Elon grant in a telegram which he received on January 11th upon his return from a national meeting of college educators in St. Louis. The gift was in the amount of \$2,000, and it came unsolicited and unrestricted.

The Esso Foundation's distribution included 226 different grants, with 193 privately supported institutions receiving a total of \$556,000 of the entire fund. Only condition attached to the gifts was that they be expended for the expenses of undergraduate education, a fact which made it possible for college administrators to apply the grants where the money was most badly needed.

In addition to Elon, other North Carolina colleges which received the Esso Foundation grants were Duke University, Guilford College, Davidson College, Queens College and Wake Forest College. Wake Forest was one of eleven institutions in the nation to receive capital grants.

The Elon College Board of Trustees at its mid-winter meeting, held some days after the grants were made, paid special tribute to each of the three business organizations which thus showed in no mistaken form their interest in the continued progress and success of Elon College.

### Vets Must Sign Forms On Schedule

All G. I. students, whether in day or evening classes, are requested by Dean J. E. Danieley to sign their Monthly Certification of Training forms (VA Form 7-199 6A) not later than the third day of each month.

In making this request, Dean Danieley stated that it is necessary for the business office to check the forms, for the dean's office to check attendance records and then for the dean himself to sign all the forms in time to mail them to the VA by the seventh of the month. Students who fail to sign their forms before the fourth day of each month will be unable to turn them in until the following month, which would cause a month's delay in receiving checks. Only exception to the mailing deadline, according to the dean, is for students who are ill or otherwise justifiably prevented from being present to sign at the normal time.

Dean Danieley pointed out that his office is happy to provide the mailing service for the veterans, but he urged complete cooperation to prevent undue rush in preparing the forms. There are now about 300 veterans in attendance at Elon, which causes a real clerical task for these working in the dean's office.