

Elon May Day Observance To Be Weekend Event



Carolyn Abernathy, Queen Of May

Elon History Majors Win Scholarships

Four Elon seniors, all of whom have majored in history and all members of Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honor society, have been awarded graduate scholarships for the coming 1956-57 college year, according to an announcement from Dr. H. H. Cunningham, chairman of the Elon History Department.

Terry Emerson, of Lewes Beach, Del., has been awarded one of five regional scholarships by the Duke University School of Law. The awards, based upon a candidate's character, personality, leadership and intellectual ability, is for \$1,000 and is renewable for two succeeding years.

Kenneth Lambert, of Norfolk, Va., has a choice between the Goodwin Memorial Law Scholarship at William and Mary, valued at \$1,000 annually and renewable for two additional years, and a \$1,200 graduate fellowship in Southern History at the University of Georgia.

Robert Baxter, of Burlington, has been awarded a \$700 scholarship in the Duke University School of Law and will enter the freshman law class there in September of this year.

Robert Robertson, also of Burlington, has been awarded a regional scholarship valued at \$550 per year or \$1,650 for three years study for the Bachelor of Law Degree at the Tulane University School of Law. Such scholarships are open only to honor students of selected American colleges, and there is keen competition for such awards.

President Smith Names Commencement Speakers

The announcement of speakers for Elon's 1956 commencement has been made by President Leon E. Smith, who stated that the commencement program will open with the annual Commencement Ball on Friday night, May 25th, and will conclude with the graduation exercises on Monday morning, May 28th.

Scheduled to deliver the baccalaureate address to the graduating class on Monday, May 28th, is Congressman Walter Judd, of Minnesota, who was at one time a medical missionary. Congressman Judd has delivered the commencement address at Elon on two previous occasions.

The baccalaureate sermon, which is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 27th, will be delivered by Dr. John Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, ranked as one of the nation's outstanding church leaders. The speaker, who will be making his first speaking appearance at Elon, was a Princeton classmate of Dr. Smith, Elon's president. Both graduated at Princeton Seminary in 1915.

Named as "Alumni Orator for 1956" is Dr. John Robert Kermode, of Burlington, who is prominent in medical and surgical organizations and a state leader in the fight against cancer. He will be the featured speaker at the annual alumni banquet, which will be held at 6 o'clock on Saturday night, May 26th.

The alumni day program on Saturday will also feature reunions for eleven Elon graduating classes of earlier years, and also the annual spring meeting of the alumni association.

Chemistry Group On Kinston Trip

The Elon College Chemistry Club, composed of students with major interest in chemistry, went to Kinston last Wednesday to visit the DuPont plant.

Approximately 20 members of the student group, which is presided over by Jimmy Bell, of Burlington, made the trip.

SCA Installs Leaders Sunday

The Student Christian Association will install its new officers for the 1956-57 college year at special ceremonies planned for next Sunday, May 6th. The new president is Sylvia Smith, of Henderson, who succeeds to the post held this year by Meryle Mauldin, of Winston-Salem. The Student Christian Association sponsors many of the religious and social programs that are held for students on the Elon campus.

Other SCA officers are Pat Coghill, of Henderson, vice president; Martha Langley, of Staley, secretary; and Louis Wilkins, of Lenoir, Va., treasurer. Commission chairmen are Guy Lambert, of Providence, R. I., Religious Life; Joyce Myers, of Philadelphia, Pa., Campus Affairs; and Douglas Albert, of Lahore, Pakistan, World Order.

Talent Show, Two Dances Are Planned

A talent show and two dances will add much to the festive fun for Elon College students during this traditional May Day weekend, according to plans made public by Furman Moseley, who is winding up his service as president of the student government with a gala program.

The May Day pageant itself is set for Saturday afternoon, but the weekend fun will get off with a bang at 8 o'clock Friday night with the "Elon Follies of 1956," which is to be staged in Mooney Chapel. The follies will take the form of a talent show, in which members of various student organizations will be competing for cash prizes.

In announcing plans for the talent show, President Moseley stated that representatives from Delta Upsilon Kappa, Tau Zeta Phi, Pi Kappa Tau, Iota Tau Kappa, Alpha Pi Delta, Sigma Mu Sigma, the Science Club, the Day Students and the combined Ministerial Association and Student Christian Association will compete for cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10.

The "Follies" will be followed Friday night by an informal dance in the Student Union, with dancing to the tunes of the "Rhythm-naires" until midnight. Both the talent show and the Friday night dance are new features of Elon's May Day weekend.

The weekend celebration will be climaxed Saturday night by the annual "Spring Formal" from 8 o'clock until midnight. Music for this dance will be by "The South-erners," who have proven popular in dance engagements at State. Carolina, Wake Forest and Woman's College this year. Tables and chairs will be provided for 400 people, with decorations to follow the "Modern Dance" theme of the May Day pageant.

AT INAUGURATION

Dr. J. E. Danieley, dean of students, represented Elon College at the inauguration of Dr. William H. Plemmons as the new president of Appalachian State College. The inauguration was held at Boone on April 23rd (with representative in attendance from practically all of the North Carolina colleges.

Church History Portrayed By Players At Convention

The hundred-year history of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was brought to life in vivid style in a pageant, entitled "An Epic In American Christianity," which was presented at the Union Ridge Church north of Burlington at 8 o'clock last night.

The pageant was staged by the Elon College Players, with the cooperation of the Elon College Music Department, and it was an outstanding first-night feature of the Southern Convention's three-day centennial meeting, which is being held at the Union Ridge Church from Tuesday through Thursday of this week.

Prof. Melvin E. Wooten, director of dramatics at Elon College, along with Prof. Fletcher Moore and Prof. John Westmoreland, of the Elon Music Department, were the co-directors of the pageant,

THE KING AND THE DIRECTOR



FURMAN MOSELEY



MRS. JEANNE GRIFFIN

Furman Moseley, pictured left, who has guided campus affairs this year as president of the Student Government, will reign as king with the Queen of May on Saturday. Directing the May Day festivities will be Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, pictured right, director of women's physical education.

Barnes Is New President For Student Government

The Elon College students, voting last week in the college's annual campus-wide election, chose Larry Barnes, a rising senior from Portsmouth, Va., as president of the student government organization for the coming 1956-57 college year.

Other student body officers elected at the same time were Doc Alston, of Reidsville, vice-president; and Patricia Chrismon, of Reidsville, secretary-treasurer. They succeed to posts held this year by Furman Moseley, of Columbia, S. C.; Jerry Moize, of Gibsonville; and Margaret Patillo, of Burlington.

Chosen as members of the Student Council were Ronald Bergman, of Uncasville, Conn., and Bobby Johnson, of Burlington, men's representatives; Evelyn Fritts, of Lexington, and Jo Ann Atkins, of Albemarle, women's representatives; and Robert Orr, of Burlington, representative-at-large.

Selected as members of the Honor Council for the new term were Margaret Patillo, of Burlington, and Jerry Slaughter, of Lexington, representing the senior class; John Apepos, of Monessen, Pa., and Johnny Oakes, of Greensboro, representing the junior class; and Douglas Albert, of Lahore, Pakistan, representing the sophomore class. The incoming freshman class will name its Honor Council member next fall.

Don Johnson, of Dunn, was elected president of the rising senior class. Other senior officers include James Crump, of Aberdeen, vice-president; Jennie Keck, of Alamance, secretary-treasurer; and William Watson, of Sanford, class representative to the Student Legislature.

President of the rising junior class is James Biggerstaff, of Burlington. Other junior leaders are Louis Wilkins, of Lenoir, Va., vice-president; Patricia Coghill, of Henderson, secretary; Carl Burke, of Burlington, treasurer; and Betty Sue Ammons, of Burlington, class representative to the Student Legislature.

Leading the rising sophomores as president will be Gilbert Watts, of Laurinburg. Other sophomore leaders are William Joyner, of Franklin, Va., vice-president; Norie Luce, of Riverhead, N. Y., secretary-treasurer; and Linda Simpson, of Elon College, class representative to the Student Legislature.

All the newly-elected officers assume their duties next week at inauguration ceremonies provided in the student constitution. They will operate the student government through the remainder of the current year, acquainting themselves with their duties while their predecessors are still on campus for consultation.

Fellowships For Chem Students

Jimmy Holt Bell, of Burlington, and Albert Cale, Jr., of Windsor, senior majors in the field of chemistry, have just been awarded graduate fellowships for advanced study in chemistry, according to an announcement to the faculty of the Elon Chemistry Department. Each of them have been honor students and active leaders in the Chemistry Club.

Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bell, of Burlington, has a \$1,500 fellowship at the University of North Carolina; while Cale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cale, of Windsor, has a \$1,200 fellowship at the University of South Carolina. Each of them plan to pursue advanced work in chemistry next year. The awards to Bell and Cale marked the third successive year that Elon chemistry majors have received attractive graduate fellowships.

Pageant Set As Feature On Saturday

The story of the development of modern dances will form the theme of the annual Elon College May Day pageant, which will be presented in the oval on the South Campus at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The pageant, centering about the coronation of the May Queen, furnishes the highlight of a festive weekend.

Ruling as Queen of May over the annual festivities will be Carolyn Abernathy, with Furman Moseley sharing royal honors as the king. Little Pamela Jordan, of Burlington, will be flower girl for the event; while Gray Griffin, whose mother directs the pageant, will be crown bearer.

Chief attendants for the royal pair will be Shirley Cox, as maid-of-honor, escorted by Warren Allen, while the senior attendants will be Barbara Carden and Ann Puckett, escorted respectively by Hugh City and Bobby Green. The junior attendants will be Evelyn Fritts and Margaret Patillo, escorted respectively by Eddie Bridges and Jimmy Crump.

Preliminary to the coronation will be a concert by the Elon Band at 3 o'clock, directed by Prof. Dewey Stowers. Promptly at 3:30 the National Anthem will herald the arrival of the royal court, after which the queen will be crowned by Larry Barnes, newly elected president of the Elon College student government.

Larry Barnes will also serve as narrator for the pageant, which will be staged as entertainment for the king and queen and their royal attendants. The pageant itself will center about Mary Eakin, who does the Dreamer's Dance and then dreams the other dances that follow. Other modern dances include the waltz, the polka, the Charleston, the Big Apple and the jitterbug. Closing number will be the traditional winding of the May Pole.

Dancing the dreamy waltz will
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Players Plan Shakespeare Production

The Elon Players are preparing their fourth and final feature production of the 1955-56 college year, and the Prof. Melvin E. Wooten has announced the completion of the cast for Shakespeare's "The Tempest," which will be a commencement weekend feature on Saturday night, May 26th. There has also been discussed a project to present the play in one or more road engagements.

Members of the cast for the Shakespearean production include Bill Watson, of Sanford, as Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan; Ann Stoddard, of Braintree, Mass., as Miranda, his daughter; Chuck Oakley, of Roxboro, as Ferdinand, Prince of Naples; Roger Rush, of Burlington, as Ariel, servant of Prospero.

Prof. Clyde McCants, of Elon College, as Caliban, spawn of the devil; James Sheppard, of Haw River, as Alonso, King of Naples; John Meadows, of Jacksonville, as Sebastian, brother of Alonso; Bill Walker, of Durham, as Antonio, Prospero's brother; Orville Light, of Spray, as Gonzalo, good old Lord; Lee Chaney, of Concord, as Trinculo, Alonso's jester; and Ben Barr, of Taftville, Conn., as Adrian, the King's drunken butler. There will also be a chorus of eight dancing girls.