

Founders' Day Event Is Set For Campus Monday

MAIN SPEAKER

North Carolina's Governor Luther Hodges will be the featured speaker as Elon College observes its annual "Founders' Day" event in an all-day program that is to be held on the Elon campus next Monday, October 15th. The occasion will mark the sixty-seventh birthday of the college and the completion of more than three score years of service to young people of the Southland.

Plans for the Elon birthday celebration are complete, and President Leon E. Smith has stated that the day will be dedicated this year to the college itself, to its past growth and its future development. In previous years the "Founders' Day" programs have been dedicated to personalities, honoring individuals for their service to the college.

This 1956 "Founders' Day" will point up the story of Elon's growth to its greatly increased enroll-

Governor Hodges Will Be Speaker As Million-Dollar Drive Is Opened

ment in recent years and to the recent improvements in the college buildings and campus facilities, and it will serve too as a time for launching a new program of growth and development in that it is to mark the opening of a new Million-Dollar Fund-Raising Campaign.

First event of the all-day program will be a meeting of the college's board of trustees in the office of President Smith that morning, but the principal meeting of the day is set for Whitley Auditorium at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, when Governor Hodges and other speakers will address the assembled students, faculty,

These speakers and the groups they represent will include Martin Garren, of Greensboro, for the Southern Convention; James F. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., for the Elon College Alumni Association; Mills Godwin, of Suffolk, Va., for the Elon Board of Trustees; Dr. John Robert Kernodle, of Burlington, for the people of Alamance County; Mayor Paul Craig, of Burlington, for the people of Burlington; and Charles Meyers, of Greensboro, for industry and the great foundations.

Hon. B. Everett Jordan, of Saxonapahaw, member of the board of trustees, will introduce Governor Luther Hodges at that time as the

speaker of the day. The governor will keynote the program, which is to signal a new step forward for Elon College.

All those attending the "Founders' Day" program will be guests of the college at a picnic luncheon, which is to be served on the southwest campus near the new McEwen Memorial Dining Hall, and immediately after the luncheon the group will be conducted on a tour of the Elon campus, which will include visits to the Carlton Library, Whitley Auditorium, the Alamance Building, the Duke Science Building, Mooney Building, Carolina Hall, Virginia Hall and the West Dormitory, now in process of renovation.

At the conclusion of the campus tour, there will be a tea in the banquet rooms of the McEwen Dining Hall, at which the wives of the board of trustees and other special guests will be honored.

PLANS MEET



DR. LEON E. SMITH



GOV. LUTHER HODGES

Let's Give Elon Grads A Fine Homecoming Day

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Elon To Welcome FHA Groups Here Saturday

HOME EC LEADER



MRS. MARY BUTLER

Approximately eight hundred high school girls, all of them with a major interest in home economics, will be guests on the Elon College campus on Saturday when the college Home Economic Department plays joint host with the Elon College High School to a district rally of the Future Homemakers of America.

Mrs. Mary G. Butler, head of the college's home ec program, will join with Mrs. Paul Everett, home ec instructor at Elon College High School, in directing the all-day rally on the campus.

The rally is to draw delegations from more than 60 high schools in six counties, according to the local directors. Counties to be represented include Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham.

Interviewed in connection with the event, Mrs. Everett, who is a graduate of Elon College, stated that the rally was held last year at the Cobb Memorial High School near Reidsville, with a total of 688 girls in attendance. She expects about 800 girls and adult advisors to be present on Saturday.

The program for the all-day session will get underway with registration of delegates, to be held at the south entrance to the Whitley Auditorium at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The morning session will include a report from the national FHA convention, held this summer in Chicago, and also a number of skits to be presented by clubs.

These skits will illustrate the steps necessary for an FHA member to progress through the three degrees in the Future Homemakers organization. These degrees, in order of rank, are Junior Homemaker, Chapter Homemaker and State Homemaker.

There will be a picnic luncheon served on Elon's southwest campus near the new dining hall at noon on Saturday, to be followed by an afternoon session that will feature a fashion show of dresses and other items of apparel.

Chief speakers for the occasion include Mrs. Faye Coleman, of Raleigh, state advisor for FHA Chapters; and Miss Louise Lowe, home economics instructor at Woman's College. Student representatives are also slated from Woman's College and from Greensboro College.

Officers of the host chapter at Elon College High School are Penny Fuqua, president; Della Vickers, vice president; Amy Littell, secretary; and Brenda Marlette, treasurer.

THEY LED FRESHMAN CLASS AT ELON THIS YEAR



William H. "Buddy" Touchberry, of Burlington, seated center in the above picture, is the president of the new Elon College freshman class and will lead the first-year class in its activities this year. Recognized as an outstanding leader in his high school years at Burlington's Williams High School, he was chosen freshman president at a recent class meeting held on campus. Other officers of the freshman class, pictured left to right in the picture, are William Byrd, of Durham, treasurer; Dale Barnwell, of Pleasant Grove, secretary; Margaret Honeycutt, of Durham, representative to the Student Legislature; and Bob Skinner, of Suffolk, Va., vice president.

New Actors And Student Director To Feature 'Rainmaker' Production

Many new actors and a new director will characterize the Elon Players' production of N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker," which is to be presented in Mooney Chapel in November as the second major production of the dramatic group this year.

The new play will be directed by William Watson, of Sanford, an Elon senior, who will have charge of producing the great Broadway play as part of his requirements for a major in dramatic arts. He will, of course, have the advantage of Prof. Melvin Wooten for consultation and advice, but the responsibility for the success for "The Rainmaker" will belong to the Sanford senior.

Watson, who has starred in a number of Elon Player productions since his enrollment at Elon, will interpret the play and will direct the actors. He will also design the settings and supervise their construction and will lead a campaign to sell as many tickets as possible outside the student body.

Although the cast for "The Rain-

maker" will contain a number of seasoned and familiar actors, it will also list a number who are new to the Players' growing audience. Jerry Loy, of Graham, as Bill Starbuck, the male lead, is not new to the Elon stage, but this will be his first appearance since he returned this fall from two years of military service.

Lloyd Farthing, of Mocksville, a transfer from Appalachian, will appear for the first time on Mooney stage as H. C. Currie; Sam White of Pittsboro, is making his bow to the Elon audience as Flee; and Eddie Robbins of Greensboro, after more than a year's absence from this stage, will be seen as Jim Curry.

Other characters in the new play will feature actors who had major roles in Player productions either this year or last. Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek, magnificent in her portrayal of Regina in "The Little Foxes," will have the female lead as Lizzie Curry; Prof. Clyde McCants, Elon faculty member, fresh from triumphs in "Harvey"

and "The Tempest," will be seen as Noah Curry; and Bo Riddle, of Burlington, seen in "Dial M for Murder," will be Sheriff Thomas. Those who have seen early rehearsals of "The Rainmaker" have predicted a choice bit of entertainment for the second week in November.

The play itself is a romantic comedy that has its setting at the time of a paralyzing drought in the West. Heroine of the show is a girl whose father and two brothers are worried as much about her becoming an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. The truth is that Lizzie Curry is a plain girl, and the brothers try every possible scheme to marry her off, but without success.

Nor is there any sign of relief from the dry heat, and then suddenly there appears out of nowhere a picaresque character with a mellifluous tongue and the most grandiose notions a man could imagine. He is a rainmaker, and he promises to bring rain, for \$100.

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Old Grads Invited Back To Elon For Weekend

Despite the lack of a regular alumni secretary this year, preparations are well underway for what can well become the biggest "Homecoming" celebration in the history of Elon College, for the college student groups are joining hands under the leadership of Student Body President Larry E. Barnes to carry on with an event that has become traditional each year.

The festivities will get underway on Friday evening, October 19th, when the annual "Homecoming Ball" will be staged in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. Advance plans will make this dance a royal welcome to the old grads returning to the camp.

Students were to ballot this week in choosing a "Homecoming Queen" and a maid-of-honor, each of whom will be presented during the weekend celebration more than once. Coronation of the queen will be held at the ball on Friday night, and she will again be presented at the time of the annual parade through the streets of Burlington on Saturday afternoon and at the half-time of the football game on Saturday night.

A full-day of festivities is set for Saturday, beginning with judging of the "Homecoming" dormitory decorations on Saturday morning. Additional judging will be on deck for Saturday afternoon, when specially designated judges will select the winning floats from those showing in the parade.

A large number of student organizations, including all of the campus fraternities and sororities, most of the clubs and the dormitories, have already signified their intention to enter floats or decorated cars in the parade. Practically all groups will choose sponsors to serve as members of the queen's court at the Friday night ball and at the Saturday game.

Student committees designated to work with the Homecoming preparations include the dance committee, headed by Janet Crabtree; publicity committee, by Bo Riddle; invitation committee, Marie Stone, and Carol Earle; decorations committee, with Jane Davis and Doris Gaddis as co-chairmen; lighting committee, headed by Bill Walker; committee on sponsors and flowers, by Linda Simpson and Margaret Patillo; refreshments committee, led by Tommie Boland and Dot Keck; and master of ceremonies, Chuck Oakley. The parade committee includes Prof. J. R. Brashear, Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, Carl Burke, James Biggerstaff and John Biggerstaff.

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PLANS HOMECOMING



LARRY E. BARNES

'Bid Night' Re-Set For November 10

The annual autumn "Bid Night" for the four fraternities and four sororities, originally set for this coming weekend, was postponed until Saturday night, November 13th, by vote of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The postponement was decided in view of the conflict with an away-from-home grid game with Presbyterian this weekend. The new date falls on the weekend of the Lenoir Rhyne game. In announcing the new "Bid Night" date, the Pan-Hellenic Council stated that rush season will embrace the two weeks just prior to the new date. That will make rush season begin on Monday, October 29.

Members of the Pan-Hellenic Council include one representative from each of the eight Greek-letter social groups. Among them are Joyce Myers, Beta Omicron Beta; Faye Weaver, Delta Upsilon Kappa; Marjorie Englebright, Pi Kappa Tau; Shirley Womack, Tau Zeta Phi; Bob Blanchard, Alpha Pi Delta; Clark Dofflemeyer, Iota Tau Kappa; Wayne Taylor, Kappa Psi Nu; and Charles Foster, Sigma Phi Beta.

The same rules will regulate the rush season and "Bid Night" that prevailed at the regular date.

SCA Begins Active Year With Meet

"Christian Ways For College Days" was the theme for the first weekend retreat of the Student Christian Association, which was held recently in an over-night gathering of college students at Moonelon.

The discussion, based upon a book of that same title, was led by Prof. John Graves, who became SCA advisor after joining the college faculty for the first time this fall. He had been youth worker for the Southern Convention for some years prior to joining the college faculty.

The SCA has also been featuring a series of interesting programs at its Sunday evening meetings. Joyce Myers showed slides portraying her trip to the National Student Fellowship meet at La Foret, Colo., and Rabbi Rippins, eminent Jewish leader from Greensboro, was another speaker.

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