

# Panoramic View Of Damage Done By Fire In Elon Player Storage Room Last Saturday Afternoon



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# Fake Bomb Call And Fire Provide Excitement On Campus

## Girls Dorm Evacuated On Warning Of 'Bomb'

Two women's dormitories on the Elon College campus were evacuated about 10 o'clock last Thursday night when an unknown person telephoned that a bomb had been placed in the buildings. It was another of the series of "fake bomb" calls which have plagued schools and other institutions in Alamance County within recent weeks.

The call, which came just before 10 o'clock, was received by a student worker in the office of the West Dormitory, who notified the college authorities at once. The caller, who spoke in a muffled voice, hung up quickly.

Mrs. Marjorie Hereford, dean of women, and Mrs. W. D. Florence, her assistant, immediately set in motion evacuation plans which had been pre-arranged early in December when other such calls were being received in this area. All the girls in both West Dormitory and Virginia Hall were transferred quickly to Alamance Hall, central classroom building on the campus, while a search was being made.

Search teams were formed quickly, and working with assistance from a number of the girls in the dormitories, both buildings were completely searched. No evidence of any bomb was found, and the occupants of the two buildings returned to their quarters.

Assistance in the search was given by Chief Henry Hilliard of the Elon police department, Chief William Clark and others from the Elon fire department, by Chief Jesse James and four members of the Building police department, and by three deputies from the Alamance County sheriff's department. Large numbers of students also participated in the quest.

President J. E. Danieleley, commenting the next morning on the incident, said, "We regret the inconvenience and trouble caused by this criminal act, and we hope that the guilty party will be apprehended and punished."

"We are grateful," he continued, "for the dedicated public servants who came out in freezing weather, to help search the buildings. The policemen and firemen rendered a fine service, and we appreciate their assistance. We also appreciate the calm, sensible and cooperative attitude on the part of the students. Without their assistance the incident could not have been handled in such an orderly manner."

### FRAT SWEETHEART



SANDRA NEIGHBORS

Sandra Neighbors, freshman girl from Forest City, has been elected "Sweetheart of Sigma Mu Sigma" for the 1958-59 college year. A major in music and specializing in piano, she is a member of the Elon College Choir. She is a graduate of Cool Springs High, where she was active in the band, a member of the student council and in journalism.

### College Is Host To Elon Firemen

The Elon College administration was host to members of the Elon College fire department and members of the town's board of commissioners at a dinner in McEwen Memorial Dining Hall on Tuesday evening of this week as a token of appreciation for fine cooperation given to the college by the groups.

President J. E. Danieleley welcomed the guests and spoke briefly of the college's appreciation for the efficient services rendered by the firemen on the occasion of two fires which have struck Mooney Building within the past month. Dr. H. H. Cunningham expressed appreciation for the cooperative spirit of the town board.

Fire Chief William Clark responded for the Elon firemen and accepted a gift which the college authorities had made to the department, and Mayor John D. Schmidt responded for the commissioners and expressed appreciation for the dinner.

## Fifteen New Members For Masonic Frat

The Lambda Chapter of Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity, Masonic affiliated social and service group on the Elon College campus, has just added fifteen new student members and has extended honorary membership to two members of the college faculty and staff.

The new student members include Jack Newman, David Matthews, Bobby Boswell and Curtis Bare, of Burlington; Ken Rogers, of Sanford; Thomas Sears, of McLeansville; Leonard Riddle, of South Boston, Va.; Joseph Boyette, of Carthage; Lewis Boyer, of Winchester, Va.; Dick More, of Brunswick, Me.; Donald Rankin, of Miami Beach, Fla.; Earle Miller, of Glenolter, Pa.; David Horn, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob King, of Supply; and Pete Curtis, of Durham.

The two faculty and staff members inducted as honorary members are Dr. James M. Hess, member of the English faculty, who has held Masonic membership for 37 years and who has held numerous Masonic offices; and William B. Terrell, alumni secretary, who has been a 32nd degree Mason since 1938 and a member of the Sudan Temple of the Shrine.

Officers of the Lambda Chapter are Guy Lambert, president; Bobby Wilkins, first vice-president; Gordon Yancey, second vice-president; Grady Radford, treasurer; Wynn Riley, secretary; Edward Wilson, guide; Walter Bass, guard; Charles Howell, athletic manager; and Prof. John Graves, faculty advisor.

### Home Ec Group In Regular Meet

Plans for a constitution for the Home Economics Club were discussed at the regular January meeting of the group, which was held in the departmental lounge on Tuesday night, January 13th. Eleven members and one visitor were present with the club advisor.

It was agreed that a constitution is needed, and a committee was named to consider such a document, the committee consisting of Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Shoffner, and Jerrie Nall.

A number of club projects were also discussed, after which Helen Forrest presented an interesting program.

### FIRE SCENE

The damages to Elon Player stage scenery and equipment in last Saturday's fire on the second floor of the Mooney Building is pictured in graphic style in the panoramic picture at the top of this page. The picture, made by revolving the head of the Maroon and Gold camera to various sides of the storage room, indicates the extent of the blaze.

### Elon Professors Attend Meets

Several members of the Elon College faculty attended meetings of learned societies during the recent Christmas vacation, with two of them taking in meetings in Washington and two others attending gatherings in New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Konstantinos Avizonis went to Washington for the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington from December 28 through December 30, and Dr. Richard M. Haff attended sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Anthropological Association on December 27.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Sloan were delegates to four meetings in New York. Dr. Sloan attended the sessions of the National Association of Biblical Instructors; the Society for Biblical Literature and Exegesis and the American Schools of Oriental Research, held from December 29 through December 31. Mrs. Sloan attended the meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, held December 29 and 30.

### Fire Inspection Held On Campus

All buildings on the Elon College campus were given a thorough inspection for fire hazards on December 16th and 18th, with the inspection directed by Captain James Moore, official of the Burlington Fire Department, who was accompanied by Dr. J. E. Danieleley and representatives of the college staff and student body.

The campus inspection, started just one day after a fire had struck the Mooney Building, was promoted by the student safety committee, composed of Ernest Linehan, chairman, Bill Oliver, Carl Fuller, Jo McAdams and Lester McCaskill. Hazards discovered at the time are in process of correction.

## Night School Government Is Changed

The Evening School is no longer part of nor under the control of Student Government, according to an announcement made by Dr. H. H. Cunningham, dean of the college, at a meeting held in his office on Tuesday, January 13th. A similar announcement had been made to the faculty earlier.

The suspension of student government in the night classes was due to lack of interest and support on the part of the evening students, most of whom have full time jobs and thus have little time for participation in campus activities.

At a meeting which included President Ronnie Bergman and Vice President Linwood Hurd, of the Student Government organization, along with departmental heads and other faculty members, had met and discussed this severance of the Evening School from student control, and it was unanimously agreed that it was the best thing to do, according to the announcement from the dean's office.

It was pointed out that there is no application of the honor system to evening classes and that there appears no community feeling among night students for such a system, such as is felt among the day-time students.

President J. E. Danieleley spoke to the night students on the subject, pointing out that there is no unfavorable reflection against their group, but simply a recognition of the fact that such an organization appears difficult in view of existing conditions. It was pointed out that night students still have the power of petition.

### Plan Tests For Night Students

Placement tests for new Evening School students, who plan to enter Elon at the opening of the second semester on January 26th, have been set for Wednesday night, January 21st, with the math tests to begin at 7 o'clock and the English tests to start at 8:30 o'clock. Registration of the night students will be held at 6:30 o'clock on Thursday, January 22nd. Class tickets will be picked up at 6:30 o'clock on Monday, January 26th.

## Mooney Building Is Hit By Fire Last Saturday

### RESUMES DUTIES



MRS. MARJORIE HEREFORD

Mrs. Marjorie Hereford, Elon's dean of women, resumed her duties on the college faculty when the faculty and students returned to the campus after Christmas holidays. She had been at her home in Louisville, Ky., for several weeks recuperating from injuries which she sustained in an automobile accident near the campus on October 23rd. She was in a local hospital several weeks after the accident.

### Elon Student Is Hold-Up Victim

Sam White, Elon College student from Pittsboro, had an unsought bit of excitement during the Christmas vacation when he found himself looking a gun in the face as a trio of robbers held up his father's service station two miles east of Pittsboro on January 2nd.

The robbery occurred about 8:45 o'clock that night as White was alone at his father's place of business. The robbers entered the place, and one of them asked for a package of cigarettes and then drew a gun and ordered the Elon student to get into the back room of the station and stay there.

They made off with about \$35 in cash, and when they had gone White called the Chatham County sheriff's office. A roadblock was hurriedly arranged, and the three robbers were halted and captured near Chapel Hill about half an hour after the hold-up took place. All three of the robbers were Negroes.

There's an old adage that troubles never come singly, and members of the Elon Players would vouch for the truth of the saying after the Elon College dramatics department on the second floor of Mooney Building was hit Saturday afternoon by its second fire within the afternoon, its second fire within four weeks.

The blaze, which was discovered about 4:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon, occurred in a small room on Mooney's second floor in which the student dramatic group had stored stage properties, costumes and supplies. The room was barely three doors down the hall from the Mooney Chapel Theatre, which was the scene of a similar fire on Monday, December 15.

Through prompt action by the fire departments of both Elon College and Burlington, the Saturday afternoon blaze was confined to the small storage room in which it started, and the damage was confined largely to the theatrical properties stored there, although there was some smoke and water damage to the other portions of the building.

This limitation of damage was possible because of fire-proof construction of the three-story brick building. Just as was the case in the December blaze, the concrete floors and the masonry interior walls proved their value.

Circumstances surrounding the Saturday fire were somewhat similar to those of the one in December, for Prof. M. E. Wooton, faculty director of dramatics, had been working in the storage room earlier in the afternoon and had seen no evidence of fire when he emerged and locked the door behind him.

Again there was no clear indication of the cause of the fire, but Dr. J. E. Danieleley, Elon College president, stated afterward that "due to the fact that two fires have occurred in the same building and within the same department in such a short time, the Elon College police authorities have been requested to seek assistance from the state fire marshal for an investigation of the cause of the blaze."

Vestigation of the Saturday fire, the state fire authorities have already begun a close check into the circumstances involved, but no information was available at this writing concerning evidence uncovered.