

Players Offer "Inherit The Wind" In McEwen This Week

SAFETY COUNCIL HONORS ELON'S DRIVER OF MONTH



A monthly feature on the Elon campus is the choice by the Student Safety Council of the student "Safe Driver of the Month," the choice being made in cooperation with the Burlington Jaycees and the Burlington Police Department, with the monthly award presented during a Saturday program over Radio Station WBBB in Burlington. In the above picture, Ernest Linehan, left, of Bayside, Va., who is chairman of the Student Safety Council, is shown making the January presentation to Thomas Sears, right, of McLeansville, who was named "Safe Driver" for this month. Sears, who is vice-president of the Freshman Class, is a former high school bus driver, who had previously received special awards for his excellent record in operation of his school bus. The Elon College "Safe Driver" selection is part of the Jaycees' weekly program, which also honors one driver each month from Burlington's Williams High School and two drivers each month from adult civilians of the area.

Greek Letter Rush Season Is Underway

The mid-winter rushing season is underway on the Elon campus, and there is suspense and excitement in the air and social events galore on the calendar as the college's eight Greek letter groups, four fraternities and four sororities, vie for the favor of eligible and prospective pledges.

The fraternities and sororities have already started that gala series of parties, weiner roasts and suppers which go to make the semi-annual rushing seasons times of thrill and enjoyment for members and rushees alike, periods that offer something of the glamor of fictional "collich days."

Topping this and other rushing seasons is the traditional Bid Night ceremonies, one of the most colorful occasions seen under Elon's oaks each year. The winter Bid Night of 1959 has been set for Saturday, February 7th, and already the various fraternity and sorority groups have planned a gay old time for that occasion.

The winter Bid Night each year always assumes added importance, ranking well above the autumn ceremonies that fall in October each year, for it is on the winter date when many of the freshman class become eligible for the first time to membership in the fraternity or sorority of their choice.

This is true due to the ruling that a student must complete at least one full term of college work with an average grade of "C" or better before joining one of the social groups. This being true, members of the freshman class were ineligible for bids last October, except for a very few who had attended summer school.

During the coming ten days of rush season some of the more popular rushees can look forward to a very full social life, with prospects of a dinner one night, a party the next night, and maybe both dinner and a party on some nights. It will end with the hour of decision, a decision made on Bid Night when the individual rushees indicate their acceptance of membership in the group of their choice.

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IN WHO'S WHO



MRS. PEARL S. McDONALD

Mrs. Pearl S. McDonald, associate professor of French on the Elon College foreign language faculty, has just been honored with a place in the new edition of "Who's Who of American Women". A native of western North Carolina, Mrs. McDonald had her undergraduate work at Maryville College and then received the Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina, part of her graduate work having included a term as director of the French House at the University.

Highly Dramatic 'Monkey Trial' Is Reproduced In Arena Style Show

THE DIRECTOR



WAYNE RUDISILL

Wayne Rudisill, senior dramatics major from the little town of Catawba, is the director of the Elon Player showing of "Inherit The Wind," which is a three-night campus feature this week. His work with the play is part of his major work in the field of dramatics.

Dale Shepherd, an Elon Player veteran, appears in the featured role of Scopes; and Peggy Roach appears as Rachel Brown, Scopes' sweetheart. As the daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Brown, a Fundamentalist minister, enacted by Prof. John Graves, she finds her allegiance sorely tried between her father's beliefs and those of her sweetheart.

Joe Medlock gets a choice role in portraying Durrow, the defense attorney, who unsheathes the

razor-edged sword of ridicule and slashes mercilessly at Bryan and the prosecution, pounding the aging Bryan so relentlessly that the old man goes to pieces and collapses at the end of the play.

Opposing him in the role of William Jennings Bryan (or Matthew Harrison Brady in the play) is Johnny Meadows, a veteran of many Elon dramatic roles, who sincerely believes that he is defending the Biblical story of creation and who is the hero of the Fundamentalist people of the Tennessee hill country. His is the tragic role, for, despite the fact that he got a conviction, Bryan collapsed and died within five days after the trial was over.

Another fine role is that enacted by Prof. Roy Epperson, who under the name of E. K. Hornbeck, portrays the great Henry L. Mencken, world-renowned Baltimore newspaper writer. In that role of the booby-baiting Baltimore author, Prof. Epperson uses a fanged tongue and cynical eloquence as he brings to the Elon stage some of the satirical Menckensisms that are classics of American Journalism.

Others appearing in the play are Bobby Bennett, as Meeker; Chris Fayle, as Mrs. Krebs, Roul Craig, as Mrs. Goodfellow; Mary Ann Hartwell, as Mrs. Bannister; Millie Fletcher, as Melinda; Clegg Maye, as Howard; Jeanne Pinkston, as Mrs. McLain; Dianne Harris, as Mrs. Blair; Pat Fayle, as Mrs. Loomis; Bill Bane, as Elijah; James Jones, as the mayor; Ikey Tarleton, as Mrs. Brady; Vic Hoffmann, as Tom Davenport; John Williams, as the Judge; Tommy Caldwell, as the Hot Dog Man; and Chuck Oakley, as the Radio Man.

Linda Simpson And Richard Lashley Will Rule Over Elon's 1959 May Day

College Gets Grant From Oil Company

Elon College was among six hundred American colleges and universities in the United States to participate this year in the Gulf Oil Corporation's Aid to Education Program, according to an announcement from President J. E. Danieley.

The Elon share in the fund this year was \$113.08, which the Gulf officials stated was in keeping with the corporation's plan of making small grants to many educational institutions rather than to make large grants to only a chosen few. All Gulf grants are made on a year-to-year basis, and all gifts are based on a formula which figures the annual current expenditures by the institutions per student and also on the percentage of contributing alumni each school shows during the year.

The Gulf officials state that "through this program, Gulf endeavors in several ways to contribute toward improving the economic well-being of privately operated colleges and universities in the United States, hoping in this way to promote their sound growth and effectiveness."

They also say that "the Gulf corporation, through these grants, sincerely seeks to give concrete evidence of its interest in the free enterprise concept of dynamic and adequate educational opportunities at the college level for the young people of our nation. With the grant go the best wishes of the Corporation for the continuing growth and effectiveness of the work your institution is doing."

In acknowledging the Gulf grant, Dr. Danieley expressed in behalf of Elon College his appreciation for the growing interest of industry and business in the privately endowed educational program of Elon and other similar institutions.

It will be Queen Linda and King Richard in the annual Elon College May Day festival, which is scheduled as a campus feature on the first weekend in May, for the Elon students in the annual election last week chose Linda Simpson, of Elon College, and Richard Lashley, of Leaksville, to rule over the weekend festivities.

The chief attendants for the King and Queen for the spring festival will be Louann Lambeth, of Brown Summit, who was elected

Cunningham Member Of Committee

Dr. H. H. Cunningham, dean of the college and chairman of the history department at Elon College, was recently named as a member of a special committee to determine the exact location of the historic Caldwell Log College near Greensboro, which was one of the pioneer educational institutions in North Carolina.

The appointment and the request to serve with the committee came from Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, of Southern Pines, sister of former presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson. Mrs. Ives is president of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, which has for its purpose the restoration and preservation of historic sites throughout the state.

In writing to Dr. Cunningham in regard to the problem at hand, Mrs. Ives stated that the Edward Benjamin family of Greensboro and New Orleans has offered to donate the site of the Caldwell Log College to the Society for development as a point of historic interest.

Other members of the research committee, in addition to Dr. Cunningham, are Robert Frazier, an attorney and former mayor of Greensboro; Fielding Lewis Fry, an insurance broker and also a former Greensboro mayor; James MacClamroch, Greensboro attorney; and John Harden, well known Greensboro public relations man and official of Burlington Industries.

as the Maid-of-Honor, and Ronald Bergman, of Uncasville, Conn., as her escort. Both the King and Queen and both of the chief attendants are members of the senior class and have long taken an active part in campus affairs.

The students also balloted in the special election for two senior girls and two junior girls, along with an equal number of senior and junior boys as their escorts. These four couples will serve as court attendants for the pageant and other May Day events.

The senior girls named in the balloting are Sylvia Sims, of Winston-Salem, and Becky Matthews, of Broadnax, Va. Their escorts for the weekend are to be a pair of senior boys, Larry Gregg, of South Norfolk, Va., and William Oliver, of Burlington.

The two junior girls named as attendants are Jean Loy and Kay Hughes, both of whom are from Elon College, and they will have as their escorts in the May Court Charlie Maidon, of Cary, and Jimmy Humphrey, of Southern Pines.

The annual May Day program is staged each spring as a project of the women's physical education department, and each year the program proves one of the most colorful of the entire college year and draws a large crowd, which usually includes a large number of returning alumni.

The 1959 May Day pageant will be carried out under the direction of Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, who is director of women's physical education work on the campus. She has not yet announced the complete plans for the event, but details will be worked out in connection with the program of the Spring Quarter class in rhythms. As always, the May Day pageant will feature music and both individual and group dances.

North Carolina Symphony Will Play Three Concerts On Elon's Campus

Trio Appears On Campus February 9th

The Bennington Trio, composed of Lionel Norwak, pianist, Orrea Pernel, violinist, and George Ginkel, cellist, will appear in Elon's Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock on Monday night, February 9th. Their visit is made under the auspices of the Arts Program of the Association of American Colleges and is to be the fourth number in the Elon College Lyceum Series. Students will be admitted with activity cards.

Lionel Norwak is recognized as one of America's foremost composers. In addition to compositions for the piano, his own instrument, his works also include chamber music, orchestral pieces, several large ballets and numerous songs.

Norwak showed early evidence of unusual musical ability, appearing in public at the age of six and performing with the Cleveland Symphony when he was eleven years old. He holds the Bachelor of Music and the Master of Music degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and has studied in Berlin with Edward Fischer and Walter Gieseking.

Orrea Pernel is well known both as a violin soloist and as a chamber music player. She made her orchestral debut in this country with the Boston Symphony, and she has toured extensively in the

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The North Carolina Little Symphony will appear in three concerts on the Elon College campus next week, with two performances scheduled in the huge Alumni Memorial Gymnasium next Wednesday morning and afternoon and a third in Whitley Auditorium at 8 o'clock next Thursday night.

The morning and afternoon concerts next Wednesday, February 4th, will be for the school children of the Alamance County Schools, and the appearance in Whitley on Thursday night, February 5th, will be for adults, including the students of the college, who will be admitted free upon presentation of their student activity cards.

The programs will all be made possible through the cooperative efforts of Elon College and the Alamance County Symphony Association. They are a part of the statewide symphony project, which has for its purpose the carrying of good music directly to all the people of North Carolina. It is a project which annually sends the silver and red buses of the North Carolina Symphony to all parts of the state.

The Little Symphony, which is to play the concerts here, is composed of 25 musicians, will appear under the personal direction of Benjamin Swalin, who has done much to expand the symphony movement in the state.

The concerts will feature varied selections, designed to please every musical taste. The children will hear the Symphony play such numbers as Bizet's Symphony No. 1 in C Major and Jeux Enfants, Mozart's Minuet from the opera "Don Giovanni" and Fiddle Faddle by Leroy Anderson, to list only a portion of the program.

Kenji Kobayashi, talented Japanese violinist, will be a guest soloist with the group for the night concert in Whitley. The violinist

Dr. William S. Long, who was the first president of Elon College, had previously served as president of the Graham Normal College.

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Arts Forum Committee Is Announced

The full membership of the Arts Forum Committee, which was organized recently on the Elon campus, has been announced this week. The group is working under the direction of Dr. Clarence Carson, of the history department.

Other faculty members of the group include Dr. Richard M. Haff, Dr. James M. Hess, Dr. William M. Brown and Prof. John Graves, giving committee membership to representatives of five different college departments.

The five student members are James Elder, chairman, Etta Britt and Danny Gee, all from Burlington; and Ernest Linehan, of Bayside, Va., and Ted Fields, of Asheboro.

The group is now working on selection of an editor for the new campus literary magazine, and an announcement of the selection is expected this week.