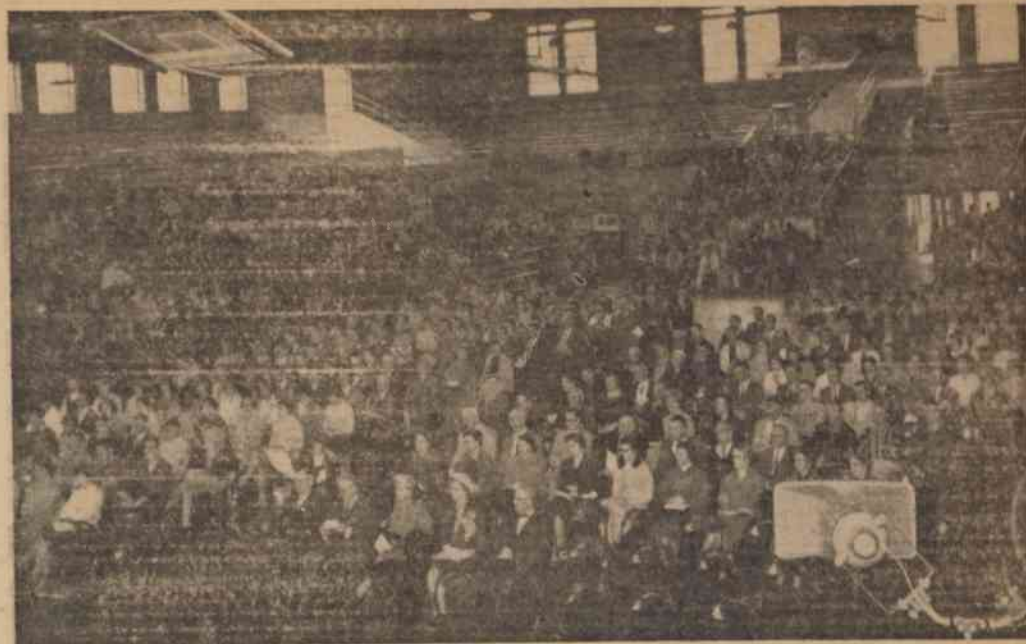




## Scenes On Founders' Day

Dr. Walter J. Peterson, dean of the graduate school of the North Carolina State College, is pictured left as he addressed the Founders' Day audience in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium as Elon College observed the 75th anniversary of its founding. Pictured right is part of the audience of students, faculty, alumni, trustees and friends, who gathered in Elon's beautiful gymnasium to pay tribute to the Congregational Christian Church leaders who laid the foundations of Elon College seven decades ago. Dr. Peterson stressed the problems that face the people of America in the present scientific age.

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## Challenge Of Science Age Is Voiced On Elon Founders' Day

### Trustees Told Of Elon Progress At Gathering

### Player Show Is Termed Interesting

By PROF. CLYDE McCANTS  
(Guest Critic)

The Elon Players added last week another to their growing list of interesting dramatic presentations with the performance of Tennessee Williams' play, "The Glass Menagerie."

"The Glass Menagerie" was a significant play for its age, heralding Broadway's overboard period of inevitable inaction. The historian of the theater will always be interested in "The Glass Menagerie," and anyone seriously concerned with the development of modern American drama can hardly afford to miss this opportunity of seeing the play because of its importance in one of the major movements of the 20th century theatre.

The Elon Players' performance was a faithful one, preserving carefully the basic nature of the play, a play in which the dim, static past is more important than the active present. There was much of honesty and art in what the director, Prof. M. E. Wooten, Jr., did with this play. The acting area was bathed in an ever-changing series of soft lights, and never for a moment was the atmosphere broken in the staging.

Under Mr. Wooten's intelligent direction, the actors moved in and out of the lights as if entering the memory suddenly out of the shadow of the past, and he escaped successfully any unnecessary underlining of what was perhaps the weakest part of the play—Williams' superficial attempts at underdeveloped symbolism. Wherever humanly possible, he scrupulously avoided over-playing the sentimentality, and he obviously conveyed to his actors a uniform sense of the value of words. A good director, in other words, can do a great deal to breathe life into a dead play.

The actors themselves were consistently competent and occasionally excellent. Mrs. Lucille Tate as Amanda was obviously sympathetic in the play's most difficult role, and Chuck Oakley as her son performed with his usual effective professionalism (if perhaps not quite so effectively as he has done in the past when presented with better opportunities). Ikey Farleton in the role of Laura, was a fine young actress of genuine

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Continued progress at Elon College was the keynote of Dr. J. E. Daniele's annual president's report to the college's board of trustees, which held its annual spring meeting on the campus on Wednesday of last week.

In his report Dr. Daniele cited the increased emphasis on academic standards, with more selective admissions and the requirement of good work to remain in school.

Pointing out that Elon continues to emphasize its mission as a Christian college, he expressed appreciation for the excellent service rendered by members of the faculty and staff during the year, and he pointed out several improvements in the campus appearance. While reporting the college in sound financial condition, he indicated the need for more funds if the college is to achieve desired standards of excellence.

In addition to hearing reports, the trustees also acted on several matters concerning the operation of the college, including a vote to change the day-class program from the quarter system to the semester system. Evening classes at the college have been on the semester system for several years.

Recognizing the increased costs, the trustees also voted a raise in tuition and fees, raising day-student costs from \$405 to \$450 per year and raising from \$885 to \$930 the average yearly costs for dormitory students. There was no increase in room or board charges. The trustees approved plans for the renovation of the Student Union to include a lounge, self-service equipment for the sale of books and supplies, erection of student mail boxes and new equipment for the soda fountain. Plans were also approved for renovation of Mooney Chapel, which was damaged by fire on December 15.

Other board action included approval of a recommendation that the college employ a chaplain to give at least one-half time to the work of the chaplaincy and the remainder of his time to teaching, and the re-election of faculty and staff members for the 1959-60 academic term.

The group re-elected Thad Eure, of Raleigh, as chairman and Clyde W. Gordon, of Burlington, as secretary of the group. Eight trustees re-elected to four-year terms as board members included S. H. Basnight, of Chapel Hill; T. S. Earp, of South Boston, Va.; W. L. Gregory, of Virginia, Va.; W. D. Rippey, of Burlington; Royal H. Spence, Jr., of Greensboro; Dr. Millard Stevens, of Southington, Conn.; Walter Wilkins, of Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. C. B. Wilkins, of Virginia, Va.

### Danieley Reports On Trustee Meet

Commenting on the recent actions of the Elon College Board of Trustees in regard to adoption of the semester system and other measures, President J. E. Daniele released the following statement this week:

The Board of Trustees voted on several matters at its meeting on Wednesday, March 4th, which are of concern to the students.

(1) A COLLEGE CHAPLAIN. Professor John S. Graves was asked to serve as Chaplain of the College giving at least one-half of his time to service in that capacity. He will assist in planning and coordinating the religious program on the campus.

(2) STUDENT LOAN FUND. The Board approved the action of the Administration in securing funds from the federal government and setting up a special student loan fund. It was also agreed that the College would apply for further assistance in subsequent fiscal periods.

(3) MOONEY THEATRE. Plans were approved for the renovation of Mooney Chapel, which was damaged by fire on December 15th, and repairing the dramatics storeroom which was damaged by fire on January 10th. Tentative plans call for arranging Mooney Chapel so that it will be suitable for arena type productions as well as traditional, "on stage" drama.

(4) STUDENT UNION. A self-service bookstore, a student lounge, student mail boxes and new facilities for the soda foundation were included in plans approved for the renovation of the Student Union. This work is expected to get underway soon and to be completed before the opening of the fall term of school.

(5) INCREASED COSTS. Although the Congregational Christian Churches are contributing more to the annual budget of Elon College than at any time in the history of the College, and friends of the College are continuing to invest in the program of the College, it is necessary to raise tuition and fees, if we are to maintain the type of program which is now being operated and continue to make progress toward a greater Elon College. The Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition and fees by \$45.00 for the academic year. This means that day students taking 15 hours of work would pay \$450 per year and dormitory students would pay approximately \$930. The increase will be effective September 1, 1959.

(6) THE SEMESTER SYSTEM. Much has been said about the semester system. It is quite true that there are some disadvantages to the semester system; the same thing can be said about every schedule which has been arranged. There are some problems which have not been solved; these can be worked out. The Board of Trustees, aware of the fact that there are those who oppose the semester system and who are quite sincere and honest in their opinions, voted to adopt the semester system for the day classes. Their action was taken because it was the judgment of the Board and of the administrative officials who recommended the change, that such a system would be in the best interest of the total program of the College.

## Doc Mathis Resigns After Decade As Elon College Basketball Coach

Coach Graham L. "Doc" Mathis, who has directed the Elon College basketball squads for the past decade, submitted his resignation to President J. E. Daniele on Monday of this week, completing a ten-year regime during which the Elon College cagers have three times carried Maroon and Gold colors to the National NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

In announcing his resignation, Coach Mathis indicated that he would go into graduate work to complete his master's degree, and President Daniele in accepting the resignation also said that he had "encouraged Coach Mathis to continue his graduate work." The resignation is effective June 1st, and until that time Mathis will continue his duties as an instructor in the physical education department.

In accepting the resignation of Coach Mathis, President Daniele stated that no steps had yet been taken to secure a replacement, but he indicated that efforts will be made to secure another man to head up the Elon basketball program within the near future, "by early summer at the latest."

Coach Mathis, who was a star in football, basketball and baseball and Davidson in his under-



COACH DOC MATHIS

graduate days, came to Elon in the fall of 1949, and since that time he had guided the Christians to high rank in the North State Conference. His Christian quint won the North State Conference tournament in 1956 and went to the tourney finals in 1950 and 1953. It was in the Conference semifinals in 1951, 1952, 1954 and 1955.

Under his direction the Chris-

tians also won the championship of the Carolinas District of NAIA in 1952, 1956 and 1957, going to Kansas City in each of those years to represent District 26 in the national tournament. The past two seasons had been lean years after losing eight of nine men from the great team of 1957, but Coach Mathis' over-all record for ten basketball seasons showed 162 wins and 118 losses, and four times his teams won 24 or more games in single seasons.

Coach Mathis also served as head coach of the Christian baseball squad for three years, during which time the Elon baseballers won 47 games, lost 18 and tied one. He took over as baseball coach in the spring of 1954 and won the North State Conference championship in that initial campaign. His diamond outfit ranked as a top contender the following year, when the Christians were eliminated from the play-offs on a technicality.

In addition to his duties in basketball and baseball, Mathis was line coach of the Elon football squad for each of the ten years, and under his direction the Christian forwards always gave a good account of themselves in the red-

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### State College Dean Is Speaker At Elon Event

The challenge presented by the world's current situation was emphasized by Dr. Walter J. Peterson, dean of the graduate school of North Carolina State College, who was the featured address of the Elon College Founders' Day program, which was held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here last Thursday morning, March 5th.

Addressing an audience which included faculty, students, alumni, trustees and friends of Elon, Dr. Peterson declared that "the primary and possibly total challenge of our time rests in the existence of weapons capable of our complete or near destruction."

He cited three headlines in one of the state's morning newspapers, all of which centered in one way or another with "the rapid emergence of Russia as an impelling and all-pervading force in a greatly fore-shortened world," and he cited the fact that America is facing an implacable and able competition that will require Americans to strive mightily and intelligently.

"We must recognize," he said, "that intellectual achievement is as important for survival as a high standard of living and material prosperity," and in this connection he urged the importance of science, quoting a world traveler who has said that "the nations of the world agree only on the one topic that science and technology are important for the future."

In discussing the importance of and the contributions of science to mankind, he declared that "we are approaching a position in which the dimensions of knowledge and power appear so great as to place the destiny of man in his own hands," and he further declared that "science more than any other field has demonstrated the almost limitless resources of the human mind."

Dr. Peterson, who is himself an eminent chemist, admitted many people express concern over possible over-emphasis on science, and he cautioned that scientists themselves must recognize "that science is only one of the great disciplines that are vital to our society." In so saying, he declared his belief that science and the humanities are complementary in the field of learning.

Addressing himself in particular to the Elon College students in the audience, he stressed the opportunities they have in associating with their college professors, calling this opportunity an adventure and citing it as one of the fruits of such an institution as Elon College, which is now observing the 70th anniversary of its chartering by the North Carolina legislature in 1889.

### Snively Is Visitor On Elon Campus

Dr. Guy E. Snively, a former president of Birmingham Southern College, who is now executive emeritus of the American Association of Colleges, was a visitor on the Elon College campus Monday and Tuesday as a special consultant in regard to the program of self-study which is now in progress at the college.

In addition to his services as president of Birmingham Southern, Dr. Snively also served for eleven years as executive secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges, and for seven years as executive director of the American Association, the post in which he now holds emeritus status.

While on the Elon campus, Dr. Snively held consultations with college administrative officials and with a number of faculty members. He addressed the Faculty Committee on Institutional Self-Study at a luncheon meeting in McEwen Memorial Dining Hall at noon on Tuesday.

He spoke briefly on the fine record of service by Elon College during the intervening seven decades and declared that "we have no reason to be doubtful or faint-hearted about the awesome prospect looming ahead," but he cautioned all of his hearers that "we must not take ourselves for granted."

Dr. Peterson was introduced by Dr. J. E. Daniele, Elon College president, who cited the speaker's fine contributions in the field of science and education. Dr. Daniele himself has also attained eminence in the field of chemistry.

The Founders' Day program opened with an organ prelude by Prof. Fletcher Moore, of the Elon College music faculty; the invocation by Dr. William J. Andes, pastor of the Elon College Community Church; and two selections by the Elon College Choir, which sang under the direction of Prof. Charles Lynam and Prof. Patrick Johnson.

Following the program in the gymnasium, the college was host to all guests for the occasion at a buffet luncheon in the banquet room of McEwen Memorial Dining Hall.