

Elon To Hold Sixty-Ninth Annual Commencement

Amendment To Student Constitution Is Passed

The Student Legislature was transformed into the Student Senate as a result of the student balloting on the constitutional amendment on Monday, May 10th, which changed the method of representation in the legislative body of the Student Government Association.

Under the old system, the Student Legislature was composed of representatives of the four classes, the various dormitories and the day student group, but the new plan will change the method of representation in the Student Senate.

The new Senate will be composed of the three officers of each of the four classes, plus five senators from each of the classes, giving a total legislative group of 32 members.

The class officers for the three upper classes for the 1959-60 term were chosen in the recent elections. Officers of the freshman class will be named next fall. Upper-class officers follow:

SENIOR CLASS — Max Clayton, president; Lacy Slayton, vice-president; and Kay Hughes, secretary-treasurer.

JUNIOR CLASS — Edward Boette, president; Edward Burke, vice-president; and Judy Samuels, secretary-treasurer.

SOPHOMORE CLASS — Tommy Sears, president; Carol Adams, vice-president; and Harriett Hammond, secretary-treasurer.

Following passage of the new amendments, twenty-three persons filed for the fifteen senatorial posts, and the following were elected in an active campaign:

SENIOR CLASS — Lafayette Wilkins, William Welch, Jimmy Humphrey, Carlton Grove and Carol Earle.

JUNIOR CLASS — Susanne Flisk, Glenda Bumgardner, David Plaster, Robert King and Bobby Bennett.

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Mrs. Johnson Will Retire As Librarian

Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, one of the real veterans of the Elon faculty and one of the college's most loyal supporters, will retire from her post as college librarian at the close of the 1958-59 term, but she will remain on the campus as curator of the growing church history room.

Her retirement comes after thirty years of service in the library post, and she was paid tribute by the faculty and library staff at a picnic held recently in the McEwen Banquet Hall, when she was presented a gift of jewelry from the library staff and was given a typewriter by the college, her favorite machine which she has used in her office.

A graduate of Elon with the Class of 1915, Mrs. Johnson first came to Elon from Wake County as a student in 1911, and she has been here most of the time since. Her husband, the late C. C. "Jack" Johnson, was for several years Elon's athletic coach.

It was after his death in Colorado that she returned to Elon as librarian in 1928, first as an assistant and then as head librarian in 1931. Since her first association with the Elon library, Mrs. Johnson has guided it through a period of great growth, with accession books today showing more than ten times as many volumes as when she first knew it.

Budget Set For Student Government

A Student Government operating budget of \$10,000 for the coming 1959-60 college year was approved by the Student Senate at a meeting on May 13th, according to a statement from President Linwood Hurd. The budget is based upon an estimated income from the \$5 per semester Student Government fees for next year.

Largest item in the budget is the \$5,000 allotted to the dance committee. Next largest figure is the \$1,925 set for the entertainment committee, broken down into \$1,200 for weekend entertainment, \$600 for films, \$50 for projectionist salary, \$50 for records and \$25 for miscellaneous expenses of entertainment.

The Liberal Arts Forum was allotted \$1,200 for the coming year's program, other items being \$300 for improvement of the Student Government offices, \$600 for the motion picture improvement fund, \$300 for expenses of two delegates to the U. S. National Student Government Congress, \$100 for office secretary's salary for the Student Government office, \$100 for office expenses and postage, \$200 for May Day program, \$15 for flower fund, \$20 for expenses of elections board and \$25 for telephone and telegraph expenses. There is an unappropriated surplus of \$205.

At the same time the budget was released, there was presented a report on the expenses for the 1958-59 year just ending, based upon a total of \$5,946.72 for the year. Major expenses this year were \$2,551.89 for the dance committee, \$918.77 for entertainment, and \$1,053.51 for contingencies. Recent appropriations, including \$200 for the Tommy Dorsey Band for next fall's Homecoming, leave a balance of \$654.55 in the treasury as the year ends.

KEY SPEAKERS IN ELON COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM



DR. BERNARD BOYD



REV. LILLIAN GREGORY



DR. H. S. HARDCASTLE

Featured speakers for the sixty-ninth annual Elon College commencement are Dr. Bernard Boyd, of Chapel Hill (left), holder of the James A. Gray professorship in religion at the University of North Carolina, who is to deliver the commencement address on Monday, June 1st; the Rev. Lillian Gregory, of Chicago (center), executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 31st; and Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, of Chuckatuck, Va. (right), who will be the speaker for the Alumni Banquet on Saturday night, May 30th.

Player Showing Of 'Our Town' Praised

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There's a lot of living, a lot of loving and a lot of dying—a lot of life itself—in Thornton Wilder's great Broadway play, "Our Town," which the Elon Players presented in masterful style on May 14th, 15th and 16th in the newly remodelled Mooney Chapel Theatre.

It was another stage triumph for the Players, Elon College student dramatic group, as they portrayed with haunting beauty the everyday life in an American small town just after the turn of the century, holding a near-capacity audience in rapt attention throughout the performance.

The Wilder masterpiece, which won a Pulitzer prize when it was introduced on Broadway in 1938, came as a trail-blazer in the annals of American stagecraft, for it is presented upon an almost bare stage, with only the narration by the Stage Manager and gripping dialogue by the cast to picture for the audience the lives and loves and deaths of the people of tiny Grover's Corners, New Hampshire.

However, the Elon Players proved again last night that elaborate stage setting is not neces-

sary for successful theatre, for not one of the Player productions of recent years has held its audience with more rapt attention than did "Our Town." The on-lookers lived through the two hours with the Webb and Gibbs families and their Grover's Corners neighbors.

The success of "Our Town" depends greatly upon the performance of the Stage Manager, who tells the story and Prof. Clyde McCants, of the Elon College English faculty, assured complete success for the show with a truly professional performance from the first curtain until the last.

He has starred in numerous Player shows, but he was never better as he savored usually about the stage with his ever-present pipe, telling the story and manipulating the meager properties in manner comparable to the late Frank Craven, who headed the original "Our Town" cast on Broadway and on the screen.

Rosanna Gant, who was recently honored as the outstanding Player leading lady of the year for her work in "The Heiress," merited well another award for her performance last night as

Emily Webb, with whom the audience lives from high school days through marriage to the grave and back again.

She was paired with Dan Porter, who appeared as George Gibbs, in the romantic leads of the play, and the two of them were convincing all the way in the portrayal of awakening youthful love, culminating in marriage. Miss Gant hit the peak, however, in her lengthy and difficult scene which followed her return in spirit form from the grave.

Other fine performances in major supporting roles were by David Horn as Dr. Gibbs, Mary Ann Hartwell as Mrs. Gibbs, Prof. Roy Epperson as Mr. Webb and Ikey Tarleton as Mrs. Webb, who were never out of character as the parents of the romantic leads.

Much credit is due, too, to other members of an unusually large cast, for several of those in minor roles did outstanding work, among them being Chris Fayle, as Mrs. Soames, Prof. Pat Johnson, as Simon Stinson, the town drunk; Wayne Gardner, as Joe Stoddard; Richard Sisson, as Howie Newcome.

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College To Conclude Year With Three-Day Program

Elon Students Are Honored With Awards

Ten outstanding Elon College students were recognized at the college's annual "Awards Day" program for achievements during the 1958-59 term in fields of personal improvement, religious education, Bible study, dramatics, music, scholarship and athletics.

The annual Monroe Awards of \$50 in cash, given by W. L. Monroe, of Atlanta, Ga., for personal improvement during the year, with emphasis upon the development of the whole person, were presented to Rebecca Matthews, of Broadnax, Va., and James Humphrey, of Southern Pines.

Two other awards of \$50 each, given in memory of the late Jerry Dalton Strader, former religious, education and civic leader in Burlington, were given to Faye Gordon, of Suffolk, Va., for work in Christian education, and to David Horn, of Philadelphia, Pa., in dramatics.

The Baanight trophies, given by Stein H. Baanight, of Chapel Hill, were presented to Doris Fitzgerald, of Burlington, for outstanding work in Bible studies, and to Gilbert Watts, of Laurinburg, as Elon's outstanding varsity athlete of the 1958-59 term.

The Shackley Music Awards, each for \$50 in cash and given by Dr. George Shackley, of St. Petersburg, Fla., were given to Donald Harris, of Elon College, as the student showing most improvement in Piano, and to Stanley Carey, of Burlington, for most improvement in organ.

Still another \$50 award, presented in honor of Dr. Ned F. Brannock, retired from the Elon College chemistry department, was presented for excellence in chemistry to Kenneth Dudley, of Hagerstown, Md. The Underwood Award, a gold medallion given by the Underwood Corporation for outstanding work in business education, went to Phyllis Hopkins, of Reidsville.

Dr. Bernard Boyd, who holds the James A. Gray professorship in religion at the University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address next Monday morning, June 1st, when Elon College closes its sixty-ninth annual commencement with presentation of diplomas and degrees to the Class of 1959.

The graduation exercises, set for 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, climax the commencement weekend that starts with the annual reception and dance for the seniors in the gymnasium at 8 o'clock Friday evening. At that time Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danley will join with alumni as host to the seniors.

The Alumni Day program on Saturday will feature reunions for the Elon graduating classes of 1894, 1899, 1904, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949 and 1954, with the Class of 1958 also urged to return to the campus.

The Saturday program opens with reunion breakfasts for each of these classes in McEwen Dining Hall at 9 o'clock, followed by a picnic luncheon at noon on the West Campus and the annual alumni business session in Whitely Auditorium at 2 o'clock. Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, of Chuckatuck, Va., will be chief speaker at the Alumni Banquet at 6:30 o'clock, when the announcement will be made of Elon's outstanding alumni of 1959.

The all-day program on Sunday opens with the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Lillian Gregory, of Chicago, Ill., executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women. Also set that day is the vesper music recital at 4 o'clock and the singing of Brahms' "German Requiem" by the Elon Choir at 8:30 o'clock.

Kopko Gets Award And Fellowship

John Richard Kopko, Elon College senior from Monessen, Pa., who graduates this spring with a major in history, was presented the Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Award as the outstanding student in the division of the social sciences for the 1958-59 college year. This was announced by Dr. H. H. Cunningham, dean of the college, who is faculty advisor for the group.

The award was presented at the first annual banquet of the North Carolina Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary society, which was held in the banquet hall of the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall. Featured speaker at the banquet was Mayor John D. Schmidt, of Elon College, who spoke on "Problems of Local Government."

Kopko has also been awarded a graduate fellowship by Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, where he will go next year to pursue advanced work in the field of history and social science. He joins the lengthening list of Elon graduates in the department of history and social science who have received graduate fellowships and assistantships in recent years.

Earlier this year, Kopko was honored with a place in "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." His brother, Robert Kopko, who graduated from Elon last year, has been studying on a graduate fellowship at Penn State this year in the field of business administration.

LARGE GROUP WILL GRADUATE WITH CLASS OF 1959

Another large group of seniors will receive diplomas and degrees from Elon College with the Class of 1959 and will move into the ranks of Elon alumni after the sixty-ninth annual graduation program, which will be held next Monday morning, June 1st.

A tentative list of the 1959 graduates has been released from the office of Prof. Alfred Hassell, college registrar, but the list is subject to change as a result of examinations this week, and the list cannot be regarded as final.

The group expected to receive diplomas next Monday will be swelled by the large group which is expected to graduate at the summer commencement in August. Seniors expected to graduate are as follows: Douglas Albert, Lahore, Pakistan; Jesse Andrews, Graham; John Ball, Burlington; Joanne Ballard, Hillsboro; Allon Barnes, Greensboro; Robert Bennett, Sophia; Earl Bradley, Laurinburg; Woodrow Brown, Sumter, S. C.; William Burgess, Shiloh; Carl Burke, Burlington; Fred Christley, Graham; John Coble, Burlington; James Dalton, Elon College;

Claude Davis, Burlington; James Davis, Reidsville; Earl Dees, Graham; Morris DeMatteo, Pottsville, Pa.; Nicholas DiSibio, Inwood, N. Y.; Kenneth Dudley, Hagerstown, Md.; Walter Edmonds, Portsmouth, Va.; Harold Ellen, Fuquay Springs; William Ellington, Siler City; Gary Farmer, So. Norfolk, Va.; Harold Faust, Mahanoy City, Pa.; James Fogleman, Burlington; Katrine Frye, Liberty; Gilbert Gates, Covington, Va.; Bobby Gaydon, Graham; Richard Gulte, New Britain, Conn.; Douglass Hartsell, Burlington; Mary Jane Hawkins, Hurdle Mills; David Horn, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Howell, Townsville; Robert Hultman, Elon College; Robert Huskey, Burlington; Hedrick Isley, Graham; Wallace Jernigan, Godwin; Jesse Johnson, Burlington; Bobby Johnson, Reidsville; Ronald Joiner, Reidsville; Vera Jones, Graham; Robert Jones, Greensboro; Jackie Joyce, Mayodan; William Joyner, Liberty; Donald Klmrey, Burlington; Marvin King, Roxboro; Guy Lambert, Newport, R. I.; Louann Lambeth, Brown Summit; Martha Langley, Staley;

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Richard Lashley, Leaksville; William Lineberry, Burlington; Fred Lloyd, Durham; Robert Lowe, Greensboro; Robert Loy, Burlington; Leonora Luce, Riverhead, N. Y.; Rebecca Matthews, Broadnax, Va.; James McCauley, Burlington;

Silas McCulloch, Burlington; Thomas McDonald, Greensboro; John McKinney, Reidsville; John McLaughlin, Burlington; Wayland Medley, Greensboro; Melba Meletiou, Burlington; Jeffery Melvin, Durham; Wade Montgomery, Burlington; Robert Mooneyham, Burlington; Aubrey Morgan, Suffolk, Va.; Gary Morris, Mebane; Thomas Morris, Burlington; Joyce Myers, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Oakley, Graham; Chuck Oakley, Roxboro; John Patterson, Burlington; Howard Pennington, Elon College; Arthur Pitts, Dillwyn, Va.; Daniel Porter, Fayetteville; Grady Radford, Draper; Robert Rakes, Fieldale, Va.; Baxter Reitzel, Siler City; Robert Rickover, New York City; Bobby Riley, Hillsboro; Raeford Roberts, Reidsville; Marlon Robertson, Reidsville; Vernon Rogers, Mebane; Wayne Rudisill, Catawba; Robert Ruggeri, Clark, N. J.; Donald Salne, Cherryville; Ollie Seawell, Seagrove; Max Sharpe, Burlington; Ronald Sharpe, Burlington; Winstead Sharpe, Graham;

Gilbert Shaver, Carthage; Betty Jo Shepherd, Graham; James Shepherd, Haw River; Mary Sherard, Burlington; Darrell Shue, Burlington; Linda Simpson, Elon College; Ronald Simonds, Burlington; Harold Smith, Burlington; Boyd Somers, Elon College; David Sorrell, Nelson, Va.; Thomasene Sparks, Elon College; Leslie Starr, Greensboro; Nancy Stephenson, Fuquay Sp'gs; Ikey Tarleton, Durham; Rex Thomas, Sanford; Edmund Thompson, Graham; William Thompson, Greensboro; Royce Thrower, High Point; Judson Trent, Leaksville; Mary Ann Turner, Yanceyville; James Umberger, Wytteville, Va.; Richard Vestal, Graham; Albert VonDoenhoff, Hampton, Va.; Carson Wagner, Burlington; Robert Wall, Burlington; Douglass Walton, Central Falls; Bessie Weaver, Durham; Edward Welch, Burlington; Edward Wilkes, Asheboro; Patrick Winston, Clarksville, Va.; Alwyn Wittschen, Charleston, S. C.; Joyce Yancey, Buffalo Junct., Va.; Carroll Yates, Burlington.