

Flemming Is Speaker For Annual Founders' Day Observance

Committee Visit Marks Closing Of Self-Study

The visiting committee of the Commission of Colleges and Universities, representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, was on the campus of Elon College last week to consult with the Elon administrative officials and faculty in the final stage of an Elon self-study program that was begun in the winter of 1958.

The visiting group, composed of faculty representatives from four other member colleges of the Southern Association, included Dr. G. E. Metz, assistant to the president of Clemson College, Clemson, S. C.; Dr. Cornwell Anderson, president of Judson College, Marion, Ala.; Dr. Ralph Lyon, dean of Livingston State College, Livingston, Ala.; and Dr. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C.

The visiting educators arrived at Elon on Sunday night, February 26, and they were here for three days reviewing with the Elon administrators and faculty the results of the Elon College self-study, which was begun two years ago with the idea of planning the Elon program for advancement in higher education during the coming years.

Dr. J. E. Danieley, president of Elon College, set the stage for the visit by the Southern Association committee when he spoke to the faculty and students of the college in a chapel convocation, at which time he paid tribute to the members of the Elon faculty for their cooperation in the two-year self-study program.

Dr. Danieley, while stating that the continued accreditation of Elon by the Southern Association depended upon the results of self-study, stressed the fact that the lengthy study had brought a new evaluation of Elon's present position in the educational world and had furnished a springboard from which Elon can plan and project its program for the years ahead.

Citing the fact that the self-study idea is new in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Dr. Danieley pointed out that Elon is one of the first group of colleges to complete such a project, and he paid tribute to administrative officials, faculty members, alumni, students and friends of the college who have cooperated in the study project.

Elon Student Organist Is Rated Tops

Richard Apperson, Elon College sophomore from Newport News, Va., won first place in a statewide contest for organists of college age, which was held two weeks ago in St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury under the auspices of the department of music of Catawba College.

For winning the contest, which is part of the program of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, Apperson will receive a cash award and will also represent the North Carolina colleges late in March at a Southeastern contest to be held at the University of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla. There he will compete with winners from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The statewide contest, which featured the works of Bach, Mendelssohn and Messiaen, featured entries from a number of North Carolina colleges, who performed on the new three-manual Casavant organ in Salisbury's historic St. John's Church.

He further expressed the opinion that the self-study project, which reached its climax last week, will be valuable in determining Elon's financial resources and needs, determining just what changes and additions are most needed in the physical plant of the college and additions to the administrative and faculty personnel which will most enhance the Elon program of the future.

In connection with the Elon self-study, President Danieley admitted certain frustrations which he had felt during his three years as president in regard to Elon's physical plant, student body and faculty, but he also declared his satisfactions with the cooperative spirit of students, faculty and administration, with the students who have done outstanding academic work and with the progress made in improvement of the Elon physical plant. He also expressed his high hopes for the future of the college.

Richner Plays In Joint Piano And Organ Recital

Dr. Thomas Richner, eminent New York musician, a member of the Columbia University music faculty, appeared in a joint piano and organ concert in Elon's Whitley Auditorium at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, appearing as another in the series of Elon College lyricum programs.

Recognized as one of the world's outstanding authorities on Mozart, Dr. Richner featured the works of that composer in the first half of his program, which was on the piano; but the second half of the Tuesday night concert was on the organ and included a varied program of works by Selby, Bach, Franck, Langlais and Alain.

Dr. Richner is a native of Pennsylvania, where he began studying piano at an early age. After receiving his bachelor's degree at the University of West Virginia, he continued his studies in New York and received the master's

and doctor's degrees from Columbia University.

He has received numerous distinguished awards, including the Naumburg, the McDowell and the New York State Federation Awards, and he has concertized extensively in the United States and Europe, where he has done annual concert tours in England, France, Austria, Holland and the Scandinavian countries. In all of those countries, he was received with high praise by critics, with special praise in Vienna for his Mozart recital.

In addition to his worldwide recognition as a concert musician, Dr. Richner is also recognized as one of the foremost music educators today, and he has also gained acclaim as a writer in the music field for his book entitled "Orientation for Interpreting Mozart's Piano Sonatas."

SOUTHERN EDUCATORS VISIT ELON'S CAMPUS



The quartet of educational leaders from other southern colleges, who visited the Elon campus last week as a committee for the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, is pictured above. Shown left to right, they are as follows: SEATED — Dr. Ralph Lyon, dean of Livingston State College, Livingston, Ala.; and Dr. G. E. Metz, assistant to the president of Clemson College, Clemson, S. C. STANDING — Dr. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C.; and Dr. Cornwell Anderson, president of Judson College, Marion, Ala. The four visitors were here to consult with local administrative officials and faculty members as concluding feature of a two-year self-study on the Elon campus.

Elon Seniors Get Outstanding Scores On Annual Graduate Record Testing

May Day Will Be Hawaiian This Spring

The annual Elon College May Day pageant, which will be staged on the campus the first Saturday afternoon in May, will follow an Hawaiian theme this year, according to Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, director of women's physical education, who will once more have charge of the observance.

Already, working through her class in rhythms, which is always offered during the spring semester, Mrs. Griffin has begun preparations for the event, which promises to be one of the most colorful staged at Elon in a number of years.

In announcing the Hawaiian theme for the May Day, Mrs. Griffin stated that William Hughes, a junior boy from Mebane, will be chief choreographer and will plan the dance routines for the program. He replaces Tommy Elmore, who graduated last year after serving as May Day choreographer for the past three years.

Able assistance in planning the dances will be given by Gail Bond, a freshman girl from Gales Ferry, Conn., who resided in Hawaii while her father was there in the armed service, and her personal observations and experience will prove of great value in making the Hawaiian theme truly authentic.

Already Mrs. Griffin has announced a number of Hawaiian songs which will be featured in the program, among them being "Hawaiian Wedding Song," "Hawaiian Cha Cha," "Hawaiian War Chant," "Lovely Hula Hands," "My Little Grass Shack" and "Sweet Leilana."

In keeping with the Hawaiian theme and music, the May Day costumes will also be of authentic types, with dancers wearing and using such items as the mumu, the lava lava, the holoku, the poi pounder and the traditional grass skirts.

There were a number of Elon College seniors who scored high on the recent Graduate Record Examinations, which were administered here and at universities and colleges throughout the United States and which furnish a basis for comparing Elon students with those of other institutions of higher learning in various parts of the nation.

Three of the Elon seniors stood out in the Social Science Division, among them being Barnard Burgess, of Elon College, who is majoring in history, and Herbert Hawks, of Louisville, Ky., a physical education major, each of whom had a score of 610 on the

PLAN DANCES



WILLIAM HUGHES

William Hughes, a member of the Elon junior class who resides in Mebane, will serve as chief choreographer for the annual Elon College May Day pageant and will plan the dance routines for the event that is set for the first Saturday afternoon in May. Although Hughes resides in Mebane, he attended high school in Haw River and later attended junior college at Campbell College before entering Elon this year. In announcing that Hughes will be choreographer, Mrs. Jeanne Griffin also stated that the May Day pageant will follow an Hawaiian theme.

test, high enough to rate them in the top 15 per cent in the nation; and Randolph Williams, of Burlington, a mathematics major, who had a score of 598, enough to rate in the top 20 per cent nationally.

Burgess also scored well enough in the Humanities Division to tie with John Williams, of Virginia Beach, Va., an English major, for the top score of 510, a score which placed them in the highest 11 per cent in the United States. Also scoring high in the humanities was Danny Gee, of Burlington, who is a major in history and business administration, with a score of 600 and placement in the upper 13 per cent in the nation.

Completing a truly outstanding record on the series of tests, Burgess was also the highest ranking student in the Natural Science Division of the tests, making a score of 700 and gaining a place in the top 4 per cent in the nation. Kenneth Price of Danville, a., who is a chemistry major, was close behind in this division with a 690 score and placement in the top 5 per cent nationally.

There were also six of the Elon seniors who scored high on the advanced tests in various areas. William Parham, of Henderson, was in the upper 18 per cent in chemistry; Barnard Burgess, of Elon College, was in the upper 20 per cent in history; Herbert Hawks, of Louisville, Ky., was in the upper 20 per cent in education; Annie Edwards, of Gibsonville, and Anne Vickers, of Ridge-way, Va., were both in the upper 24 per cent in education; and Kenneth Price, of Danville, Va., was in the upper 27 per cent in chemistry.

The statistics were compiled and released from the office of Dr. H. H. Cunningham, dean of the college, under whose direction the examinations were administered on the Elon campus. Following a policy adopted several years ago, all members of the senior class at Elon are required to take the Graduate Record Examination each year.

Tribute Paid Founders In Program Yesterday

Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, newly named president of the University of Oregon, who was formerly Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, used the topic of "The Pursuit of Excellence" when he appeared as the featured speaker at the annual Founders' Day observance on the Elon College campus yesterday.

The man who directed the operations of the United States Office of Education in President Dwight Eisenhower's cabinet from 1958 until two months ago, stressed the need for quality in the field of American education as Elon commemorated the issuance of the Elon College charter by the North Carolina legislature on March 11, 1889.

Although the occasion was not planned for that purpose, the Elon Founders' Day program also served as a third anniversary of Dr. J. E. Danieley's inauguration as the college's sixth president, for President Danieley was installed in formal ceremonies on March 11, 1958.

The principal convocation in the Founder's Day observance was held in Whitley Auditorium at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when Dr. Fleming was the featured speaker. The program, which was opened and closed with the invocation and benediction by Rev. Robert M. Kimball, of Burlington, also featured remarks by President Danieley, a prayer by Dr. Ferris Reynolds and music by the Elon Choir, which was directed by Prof. Charles Lynam with Prof. Fletcher Moore as accompanist.

Among the guests for this gathering for the buffet luncheon which was held afterward in the banquet room of McEwen Memorial Dining Hall were members of the Elon College board of trustees, who had held their annual spring meeting on the campus on Wednesday of this week. Also attending were faculty and students and Elon alumni and friends from this area.

Dr. Fleming, the featured speaker, was born in Kingston, N. Y., on June 12, 1905. He received his undergraduate training at Ohio Wesleyan and earned the Master's degree at American University, also holds honorary doctorates from both of those institutions and from no less than eleven other universities and colleges.

New Members Initiated Into Dramatics Group

The Elon College chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity, has just held its second initiation of the current college year, taking into its membership four additional students who have distinguished themselves in campus stage productions.

Those initiated at ceremonies held on February 20th included Roger Bednarik, of Bayside, Va.; Vic Hoffman, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rosalie Radcliffe, of Carversville, Pa.; and Bill Troutman, of Lewisburg, Pa.

Roger Bednarik, who is a member of the sophomore class, gave outstanding performances in three appearances on the Elon stage last year. He had roles in "Ah, Wilderness," "Pajama Game" and "Othello."

Vic Hoffman, who is a senior, has not been active in recent productions, but he had excellent roles in previous years in "Our Town," "The Crucible" and "Inherit The Wind."

Rosalie Radcliffe, who came to Elon this year as a transfer stu-

Three Music Students Get Scholarships

Three Elon College students have just been awarded scholarships for musical study, according to an announcement from Prof. Fletcher Moore, chairman of Elon's department of music.

Richard Apperson, sophomore from Newport News, Va., and Hinson Mikell, freshman from Charleston, S. C., have been awarded scholarships, which were granted by the Presser Foundation of Philadelphia, Pa., for students preparing to become teachers of music; and Eleanor Smith, of Winston-Salem, another first-year music major, received a tuition grant from the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, following her selection as "Queen of Music" for North Carolina.

Apperson, who recently won the annual statewide organ contest for North Carolina college students, serves as student accompanist for the Elon College Choir and is also organist for the Davis Street Methodist Church in Burlington, Mikell, in addition to his college work, is organist for the Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church in Burlington.

Miss Smith won her statewide "Queen of Music" title and the Federation scholarship when she was chosen by votes of high school senior girls in schools of North Carolina.

After a distinguished career in journalism with nationally circulated magazines, Dr. Fleming has also served as president of Ohio Wesleyan and has held numerous appointive positions with the federal government, most recent being when he joined Eisenhower's cabinet as secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Fleming was vice-president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America from 1955 until 1954 and has served as trustee or director of a large group of institutions and organizations. He is a member of a number of honorary fraternal groups.

dent, already held membership in Delta Psi Omega. She appeared with the Elon Players this year in the one-act Christmas play, entitled "A Cool Yule", and she had one of the leading roles in "The Doctor in Spite of Himself."

Bill Troutman, another senior, played with distinction in "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" this year and had previously had starring roles in "Othello" and "Ah Wilderness," having been nominated for one of the Player "best actor" awards for his part in the latter play last year.

The initiation of these four students brings the present membership of Alpha Psi Omega to twelve. Other members are Eta Britt, of Burlington; Millie Fletcher, of Glenolden, Pa.; Tom Kelly, of Henderson; Richard Milteer, of South Norfolk, Va.; Jane Morgan, of Greensboro; Margie Reynolds, of Elon College; Don Terrell, of Richmond, Va.; and Sam White, of Pittsboro. Prof. E. Ray Day, director of dramatics, is advisor for the group.