

'Open House' Is Set For Today

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley will be hosts to both the Elon students and faculty at their annual Christmas "Open House" this afternoon and tonight, in an event which has become an outstanding one on the Yule season calendar on the Elon campus.

The members of the student body are invited to visit the president's home between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock this afternoon. The members of the faculty will then be guests between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock tonight.

Large Crowd Seems Awed By 'Messiah'

Even as George Frederick Handel himself was awed by the greatness of his theme while composing his famous Yule season oratorio, "The Messiah," so did a near capacity audience seem awed as it listened to the Elon Choir in its twenty-ninth annual presentation of the Handel masterpiece in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd.

There seemed no disturbing sounds in the auditorium from the beginning to the end, and everyone listened with rapt attention to the recitatives, the arias and choruses which has made "The Messiah" the best loved and most frequently performed of all the Christmas musical classics. The Handel composition has been loved alike by audiences in both Europe and America.

This 1961 presentation by the Elon College singers featured four fine soloists as guest artists, all of them from neighboring Greensboro. The women soloists were Peggy Sue Russell, soprano, who is a regular soloist at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in the Gate City; and Jeannete Davidson, contralto, choral director at Greensboro Jackson Junior High and soloist at the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

The male soloists were Paul Berry, tenor, a product of the famed Westminster Choir School who is a soloist at the West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro; and Walter Vassar, formerly head of the music department at Greensboro College, who now teaches from his own studio and sings at Starmount Presbyterian Church.

The annual Elon "Messiah" program, directed again this year by Prof. Charles Lynam, featured Prof. Fletcher Moore as accompanist at Elon's newly renovated and enlarged organ. It also featured Prof. Fred Sahlmann in a harpsichord accompaniment of certain portions of the oratorio.

Pi Gamma Mu Chooses New Student Members

Four outstanding Elon students in the field of social science and history have been elected to membership in the North Carolina Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary fraternity.

The students so honored for their excellence in social science subjects are Clifford Hardy, of Franklin Park, N.J.; William Hovater, of Yanceyville; Patrick Kelly, of Pleasant Ridge, Va.; Robert Saunders, of Birmingham, Ala.; Robert Stanco, of Elon College; and Lindsey Tapp, of Esland.

Along with the announcement of the choice of new members, it was also announced that Donald Rankin, of Miami Beach, Fla., has been named president of the Elon chapter of Pi Gamma Mu this year.



"Merry Christmas To All"

Elon Accredited Rating Is Assured

Self-Study Is Approved By Southern Association

Continued accreditation of Elon College was assured when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, at its annual meeting last week, in Miami, Fla., approved the Elon College institutional self-study, which was completed earlier this year.

The announcement of the approval of the two-year Elon self-study and the reaffirmation of the college's accreditation was made by Dr. Henry King Stanford, president of Birmingham-Southern College, who is also chairman of the Commission on Colleges and Universities.

All member colleges and universities in the Southern Association are required to conduct these periodic self-study programs, eventually on a ten-year basis, and Elon College asked for permission to begin its program in 1958. The self-study was begun in the fall of 1958 and was completed early in 1961, followed by a visit by an evaluation team representing the Association.

The faculty steering committee for the Elon study included Dr. H. H. Cunningham, chairman, Mrs. Frances Longest, secretary, Prof. Fletcher Moore, Dr. Robert Benson, Dr. Arnold Strauch and Mrs. John Williams. Under the direction of that committee, the faculty, trustees, students, alumni church constituency and other groups participated in the study.

The visiting evaluation team, which visited the campus and evaluated the study itself, was composed of Dr. Gus Metz, assistant to the president of Clemson College; President Wright Spears, of Columbia College; President G. A. Anderson, of Judson College; and Dean Ralph Lyon, of Livingstone State College.

Similar self-study programs were held at 20 other North Carolina institutions, and the Association announced this week the continued accreditation of both Queens College at Charlotte and Meredith College at Raleigh.

Commenting on the favorable action by the Association, Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon president, expressed gratitude to all who participated in the study. He emphasized that "the self-study process is a continuing

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DR. J. E. DANIELEY
"Tar Heel Of The Week"

Raleigh Newspaper Pays High Honor To Danieley

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, president of Elon College, was paid a fine tribute when he was named in last Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer as "Tar Heel of the Week," with the Raleigh paper stressing the Elon president's educational ideas and leadership.

Particular stress was laid on Dr. Danieley's recently expressed ideas that Elon and other colleges of the state and nation could and should make more efficient use of their classroom space before seeking funds to erect additional classroom buildings.

The article, one of a weekly series in which the Raleigh paper honors outstanding citizens of North Carolina, sketched Dr. Danieley's career from his birth on an Alamance County farm to his present position as one of America's youngest college presidents.

Not only did the article cite the educational accomplishments of the Elon president, it also brought out his hobbies, such as liking to take a turn at cooking in the family kitchen and his interest in parliamentary procedure, a subject in which he teaches a course each year to Elon students.

While citing the rapid growth of Elon College itself in recent years, the paper also pointed to other honors which Dr. Danieley has received, among them the Distinguished Service Award of the Burlington Jaycees, the Young Man of the Year award from the North Carolina statewide Jaycee group

and the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Elon College. It pointed out, too, his active participation in the affairs of the Congregational Christian Church at both local and national levels.

Alpha Psi Honor Two For Dramatic Activity

Two outstanding figures in campus dramatics at Elon were initiated this week into membership in Elon's Lambda Omicron Cast of Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity.

The two Elon students thus honored by Alpha Psi Omega are Carolyn French, of Henderson, and Cary Keogh, of East Orange, N.J., each of whom has been active in the Elon College dramatics program and has met the requirements for membership.

The membership in Alpha Psi Omega is based upon a system of points awarded for work on stage or back stage. A minimum of 50 points is necessary for membership and those selected by unanimous consent of the active members are first pledged and undergo a period as neophytes, followed by written and oral examinations before being formally initiated into full membership.

Miss French, one of the new members, is a senior English major, a member of Pi Kappa Tau sorority, who served as house manager for the productions of "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Helress," "Inherit The Wind," "The Last Menagerie," "Our Town," "Angel Street," and "Ah, Wilderness." She also served as an usher for "Ladies In Retirement" and as a rehearsal accompanist for "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Pajama Game."

Vacation Begins Saturday Noon

The 1961 Christmas vacation for the students and faculty of Elon College will get underway at noon on Saturday, according to an announcement from the office of the dean of the college, and the entire campus is aglow this week with the Yuletide spirit and holiday anticipation.

The Yule season holidays will continue for more than two weeks, with classes to resume on regular schedule at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 2nd, and a bit of counting on the calendar reveals that the vacation period will thus include sixteen days.

Students Are Party Hosts For Children

Many Elon College students will experience the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of blessed giving, when the members of the student body join tonight in playing Santa Claus to the boys and girls of the Congregational Home for Children at the annual children's Christmas party, which is to be held in the McEwen Dining Hall.

This annual party for the children, staged again this year under the sponsorship of the college's fraternities and sororities, operating through the Pan Hellenic Council, is not a new idea on the Elon campus, for this 1961 party is to be the fifteenth annual event.

The first Yule party for the children was staged in 1947 under the sponsorship of the Alpha Pi Delta fraternity, with individual credit going to Ralph Edwards, who was president of the Elon student body that year.

The eight Greek-letter groups, which compose the Pan-Hellenic Council, have been working this year under the leadership of Frank Purdy, of Burlington, who is a member of Iota Tau Kappa, and president of the Pan-Hellenic group this year.

Other groups taking part in the entertainment and provision of gifts for the children, each listed with its council representative, are Alpha Pi Delta, Richmond Gage; Kappa Psi Nu, Jimmy Holmes; Sigma Phi Beta, Bill Piscatelli; Beta Omicron Beta, Kathryn Thomas; Delta Upsilon Kappa, June Nall; Pi Kappa Tau, Barbara Smith; and Tau Zeta Phi, Eleanor Smith.

Miss Keogh, president of the Women's Inter-Dormitory Council and a member of Tau Zeta Phi sorority, served as assistant director for "Angel Street," as usher and head of wardrobe for "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," had charge of ticket sales for "Ah, Wilderness," and was seen on stage in "A Cool Yule."

Other members of Alpha Psi Omega this year include Richard Milteer, president; Roger Bednarik, vice-president; Rosalie Radcliffe, secretary-treasurer, Jane Morgan, Tom Kelly, Don Terrell and Prof. Roy Epperson. Prof. E. Ray Day is faculty advisor for the fraternity.