

# Action And Characters From Elon Player Production Of Maxwell Anderson Stage Thriller



(See Cutlines Below)

Welcome To All The Founders' Day Visitors To Elon

## MAROON AND GOLD

And Best Wishes To All Of Elon's Spring Sports Teams

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# Elon Will Hold Annual Founders Day Event Next Thursday

## Elon Student Is Found Dead In His Dormitory

Tragedy struck the Elon College campus last weekend as Robert J. Willis, 22-year-old Elon College senior from Beaufort, was found dead in his dormitory room about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He had apparently been dead about six hours when the body was found.

His death was discovered when two other students who roomed on the same hall went to his room after they missed him at both breakfast and dinner in the college dining hall that day. His roommate was away from the campus for a weekend at home.

The college authorities, who were notified of the discovery at once, summoned Alamance County Coroner Carl Crabtree, who stated the middle of this week that exact cause of death was still unknown, pending completion of laboratory tests which are being made in connection with an autopsy examination of the body.

Willis was found lying on his bed as if asleep, dressed in trousers, sports shirt and socks. His shoes were on the floor, where he had apparently placed them before lying down. Two aspirin bottles, an empty one on a dresser and a partially empty one on a table near the bed, were the only indications as to cause of death. Contents of a waste basket indicated that he had been nauseated during the night.

He had recently suffered an attack of flu, but he was reported (Continued On Page Four)

## 'Bid Night' Set Saturday Night

The annual spring term "Bid Night" for Elon's Greek letter fraternities and sororities will be held on Saturday night, climaxing an intensive period of rushing, during which the various groups have entertained their prospective members with a series of parties designed to woo them into accepting bids.

The first of two "Bid Nights" for the year was held in the fall, but there is always added interest in the spring ceremonies, at which time members of the freshman class become eligible for membership in the fraternities and sororities, among the groups being Alpha Pi Delta, Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu, Sigma Phi Beta, Beta Omicron Beta, Delta Upsilon Kappa and Tau Zeta Phi.

### FOUND DEAD



ROBERT J. WILLIS  
Victim Of Death

## Jazz Combo Will Appear In Whitley

The "Emanons," an Elon College stage band, will present its first annual jazz concert in Whitley Auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight, according to an announcement by Prof. Jack O. White, who will both direct and play with the 15-member student musical group.

This jazz combo, which is composed of members of the Elon College band, also participated, along with another college group from Concord College in West Virginia, in a stage band clinic at Garner High School near Raleigh last Saturday. Along with the two college bands from Elon and Concord, there were seven North Carolina high school stage groups appearing on the clinic program.

In addition to Professor White, other members of the "Emanon" musical combination are Jack Lambeth, Mike Griffin, Garth Hudson, Pat Kelly and Wallace Long, all of Burlington; Grame Shull, Charlotte; Tom Brady, Raleigh; Bob Simonds, Hinsdale, N. H.; Dave Hosmer, Worcester, Mass.; Mike Bryant, Winston-Salem; Tom Lawry, Oakton, Va.; Turley Higgins, Summit, N. J.; and Bert Morrison, Portsmouth, Va.

## Murderous Gore Flows Freely In Player's New Dramatic Production

There will be thrills galore and also murderous gore flowing when the Elon Players present their new full-length stage show, Maxwell Anderson's "Bad Seed," in Mooney Chapel Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights of next week.

The play, which was adapted from William March's novel, drew high praise and large crowds when it was presented on New York's Broadway stage, with one critic comparing it with "Dracula" and declaring that "it sometimes sets your spine tingling and chilling."

The new play, to be presented under the direction of Prof. E. Ray Day, will feature Gay Yule, of Bluffton, Ind., as one of the most charming and unbelievable little murderers who ever bumped off a victim. Appearing as Rhoda Penmark, she is sweet and full of the old-fashioned graces, loved by her parents and admired by all her elders, but there is an under-current of alarm for her mother, portrayed by June Biddle, of Dover, Del.

There's plenty of mystery attached to the drowning of one of little Rhoda's schoolmates at a picnic, and theatre-goers will have to see the show to believe that the small leading actress could have

### SCENES SEEN

(See Pictures Above)

Some of the things seen in the Elon Player presentation of Maxwell Anderson's "Bad Seed," which is set for Mooney Chapel Theatre next weekend, are shown in the pictures at the top of this page. Gay Yule, who has the role of Rhoda Penmark, a darling little murderess, makes her best curtsy in the picture at the left when her mother, enacted by June Biddle, introduces her daughter to a famous criminologist, enacted by Ken Scarborough. In the center picture, June Biddle, as Mrs. Penmark, interrupts a fight between Gay Yule, her daughter, and Ken Rovere, who appears as Leroy, the janitor. At the right, another dramatic moment is seen as Olivia Corder, in the role of Monica Breedlove, unaware of murderous happenings about her, protects Gay Yule, as Rhoda Penmark, from Carol Trageser, appearing as Mrs. Daigle, mother of one of little Rhoda's victims.

made way with the youth and also that she could deal death to other victims.

In addition to Gay Yule and June Biddle, others in the cast are Paul Robinson, of Fairfield, Conn., as Col. Kenneth Penmark; Olivia Corder, of Graham, as Monica Breedlove; Frank Rich, of Burlington, as Emory Wages; Ken Rovere, of Wayne, N. J., as Leroy; Peggy Doolson, of Liberty, as Miss Fern; Ken Scarborough, of Wilmington, Del., as Reginald Tasker; Carol Trageser, of Arnold, Md., as Mrs. Daigle; Paul Schoonmaker, of Tyrone, Pa., as Mr. Daigle; and Melvin Shreve, of Bloxom, Va., as Richard Bravo.

Staging for the play will be directed by Tyrone Rowell, of Henderson, who heads up the technical crew. Others on the working crew include Jimmy Graham, of Hamlet; Buddy Cabaness, of Conover; Ronnie Bell, of Leaksville; Becky Shepard, of Greensboro; Jackie Smith, of West Springfield, Mass.; Sharon Smith, of North Merrick, N. Y.; Karen Helm, of Annapolis, Md.; Jane Farmer, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio; Nancy Butler, of Tariffville, Conn.; John Haigh, of Silver Spring, Md.; and Judy Hillers, of Silver Spring, Md.

## Church Official Will Be Speaker For Observance

### SPEAKS HERE



DR. BEN M. HERBSTER  
Founders' Day Guest

## Short Story Contest Will End April 19

The attention of student authors on the Elon campus is once more called to the first annual short story contest, which has been sponsored this year on the Elon campus by the Burlington Writers' Club.

The deadline for submission of stories in the competition will be April 19th, with judging of entries to be completed in time for presentation of prizes at the annual Elon Awards Day program in May.

The contest provides two cash awards of \$50 and \$25 for the two best entries, with a certificate of honorable mention to go to the writer whose entry places third.

All Elon students are eligible for the contest, including those who took Prof. Manly Wade Wellmann's creative writing course last fall. All entries must be original and not previously published, but stories accepted for the 1963 edition of The Colonnades literary magazine will be eligible for the event.

Entries should be mailed to Mrs. Edmund Gant, 712 West Davis St., Burlington, N. C. Further information may be had by contacting Prof. Tully Reed, chairman of the Elon English department.

Dr. Ben M. Herbster, of New York City, president of the United Church of Christ, will be the featured speaker for the annual Elon College Founders' Day observance, which is scheduled on the campus next Thursday, March 21st, beginning the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the college.

The Founders' Day program has been an annual event on the Elon campus for many years, usually being held early in March in observance of the issuance of the Elon College charter by the North Carolina legislature, an event which occurred on March 11, 1889. In recent years it has also served as an anniversary of the inauguration of Dr. J. E. Danieley as Elon's sixth president, an event which occurred March 11, 1958.

The observance next week really takes place near the seventy-fourth anniversary of the Elon charter, but it marks the beginning of Elon's seventy-fifth year of service in the field of higher Christian education. Observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary year will continue throughout the coming months with other events of significance to the college and its faculty and students.

The 1963 Founders' Day program will center in the annual convocation in the morning, but it will also include a luncheon to be held in McEwen Memorial Dining Hall at 12:45 o'clock that day. Visitors to the campus will then be invited to tour the campus, beginning at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, to view interesting campus activities.

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## Richner To Play Here March 28

Dr. Thomas Richner, eminent New York musician, a member of the music faculties of both Columbia University and Rutgers University, will appear in a piano recital in Whitley Auditorium at 8 o'clock on Thursday night, March 28th, as another in the series of Elon Lyceum programs.

The guest artist, who is recognized as one of the world's outstanding authorities on Mozart and the Mozart works, is equally at home at the keys of either piano or organ. The Pennsylvania native has appeared at Elon numerous times in the past, and his return will be hailed with delight by music lovers of the entire area.

## Annual Campus Election Set April 5; Moved Up To Avoid Spring Vacation

The annual election for Student Government officers on the Elon campus will be held on Friday, April 5th, according to an announcement made this week by Bob Saunders, chairman of the campus election board, who stated that the date had been moved up this spring due to the fact that the normal date for the student balloting would have fallen during the spring vacation.

In announcing the election date, Saunders cited the fact that the Student Government Constitution calls for the spring elections on "Tuesday after the third Monday in April." This constitutional date would have been on Tuesday, April 16th, and the students will be away from the campus at that time for spring holidays.

He also cited another factor in holding the 1963 election earlier, pointing out that the earlier balloting would enable the newly-elected officers to attend the North State Student Government Association

meetings, which will be held on the Elon campus during the week-end following the end of the vacation period. He also pointed out that the earlier election would give new officers a longer period to meet with the old officers and thus make the transition from one administration to the other an easier one.

### New Dates Named

The general election will be held on Friday, April 5th, with any necessary run-offs being held the following Monday, April 8th. Filing of candidates for these offices will begin on Monday, March 25th, with filing to close for all offices except those of Senate members on Wednesday, April 3rd. Candidates will have an opportunity to address the student body at the group's regular monthly meeting on April 3rd.

Filing for positions as senator will be held on Monday, April 8th, and anyone who has been defeated in a race for another office will be eligible to run for a senate seat.

The balloting for senators will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, with any necessary run-offs coming on Friday, April 26th. Special class meetings will be held on Monday, April 22nd, to allow senate candidates to speak to their classes.

The installation of the newly-chosen Student Government officers will be held on Monday, May 6th, at the regular student body session for May. At that time the transition from the old administration to the new will be completed.

### Other Announcements

A number of other rulings in connection with the upcoming elections were also announced by the election board chairman, who stated that no candidates may begin campaigning for any of the campus posts prior to the acceptance by the chairman of the Board of Elections of the candidates who file application.

He also pointed out that no campaign materials may be placed on (Continued On Page Four)