

# Merry Christmas



## Players Will Present Musical Show Two Nights; Opening Next Thursday

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Song will fill Mooney Theatre on the evenings of December 16th and 17th when the Elon Players present the musical, "The Fantasticks." The play, a cooperative effort by lyricist Tom Jones and composer Harvey Schmidt in 1959, is now in its fifth successful year as an off-Broadway production in New York. During the past several years it has been a popular choice of a number of professional and amateur companies around the country, and the musical numbers from the show now appear on the albums of many well-known vocalists.

The cast, now in rehearsal for the pre-holiday opening, will place new faces on the Elon stage in major roles. Portraying the girl, Luisa, in the romantic lead will be Connie Theodore, a sophomore from Bellmore, N. Y. Opposite her, as the boy, Matt, will be

Steve Myrick, who was transferred to Elon this semester as a junior from Florida State University and who gained experience in voice and acting as a singing waiter at The Farmhouse in Blowing Rock, this past summer.

A third newcomer to the Players is Ray Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who will be seen in the role of Mortimer, an actor in the guise of an Indian. Richard Weed, a sophomore from Kendall Park, N. J., playing the Mute, will also be seen for the first time in a Player production.

The remainder of the cast will be filled by Player veterans. Wayne Seymour, a junior from Sanford, will play El Gallo, the narrator and part-time suave abductor of Luisa. Seymour is remembered for his portrayal of Emile in the successful produc-

tion of the musical "South Pacific" last spring.

Playing the fathers of Matt and Luisa will be Ben Bayol, of Alexandria, Va., and Duly Winkler of Hannibal, Mo. Bayol won praise last spring for his interpretation of the part of Jerry in "The Zoo Story" and again last month as the naive paperboy in "A Streetcar Named Desire". Winkler was first seen on the Elon stage as Steve in "Streetcar." Playing the part of the frustrated old actor, Henry, will be Bill Tyson, a freshman from Buzzards Bay, Mass., in his second appearance in Player shows. Tyson was first seen as the Mexican, Pablo, in "Streetcar."

"The Fantasticks" offers a fresh view into an old theme. The idea of first love, followed by separation, disillusionment, and finally

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## Yule Holidays Get Started December 18

The annual Christmas holidays for the students and faculty of Elon College will get underway at 12 o'clock on Saturday, December 18th, according to an announcement from the office of Prof. Fletcher Moore, dean of the college, and already more than a week in advance the entire oak-dotted campus is alive with anticipation of the Yule joys.

Once more, just as was the case last year, the students and faculty of Elon will profit through rotation of the calendar, a change which threw the opening of the holiday season both last year and this on a weekend. With the holiday period beginning on a weekend, there will be two full weeks and a third weekend that has been stretched one additional day into the next week.

The original plans for this year called for the resumption of regular class schedules for both day and night classes on Monday, January 3rd, but the administration has changed the schedule so that classes will resume their schedules at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 4th. This will mean that the Elon students will be able to spend the entire New Year's weekend at home and thus avoid the dangers of congested traffic during the festive weekend.

## Elon Choir And Orchestra Combined For 33rd Annual 'Messiah' Program

There was something entirely new when the Elon College Choir presented its thirty-third annual rendition of Handel's "The Messiah" in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 5th for the Elon College Community Orchestra joined with the choir in the annual pre-Christmas program.

The addition of the Elon orchestra brought the annual presentation of the Handel masterpiece in line with the original intentions of the great composer, for he wrote "The Messiah" for combined presentation by both choir and orchestra, and the orchestral accompaniment added much richness to the occasion. The Elon College Community

Orchestra is now in its third season, having been founded in the fall of 1963 through the joint efforts of Prof. Fletcher Moore, dean of Elon College and chairman of the college's music department, and Dr. Malvin Artley, now on the Elon College music faculty, who was at that time working in the Burlington City Schools system.

The orchestra, which has been heard with praise in concerts during the past two seasons, was directed by Dr. Artley in the Handel oratorio. Its music was coordinated with the singing of the Elon Choir and its four guest soloists with the choir being directed by Prof. Wendell Bartholf and with Prof. Fletcher

Moore as organ accompanist.

Soloists for the Handel program included Mary Anne Johnston, of Elon College, soprano; Mary Lou Moran, of Asheboro, contralto; Prof. Bartholf, tenor; and Charles Lynam of Greensboro, bass.

Members of the College Community Orchestra include Eleanor Reynolds, concert mistress; Steve Harper, Helen King, James McGaughey, Jody Perdue and Clyde Simmons, in the Violin I section; Jennings Berry, Susan Abernathy, Adele Catherwood, R. P. Ellington, Donna Festa, Caren Hobbs, Lynette Petree and Woody Stone, in the Violin II section;

Kathy Bradley, Philip Allen and

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## Eight Students Listed In College 'Who's Who'

Eight Elon College students, all of them outstanding in campus life at the college and all of them outstanding in academic accomplishments, have just been named for a place in the new 1965-66 edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities," according to an announcement from the office of Prof. Fletcher Moore, dean of the college. The eight students honored include three boys and five girls, among them being seven seniors and one junior. The "Who's Who" honorees, all

pictured on this page, include Jerry Cameron, of Sanford; Gail Campbell, of Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.; Scott Crabtree, of Durham; Ronald Hodkinson, of Taftville, Conn.; Ellen Huffines, of Elon College; Carol Keith, of Reidsville; Janet Lamm, of Burlington; and Alice Mitchell, of Kensington, Md. Hodkinson, who also was listed last year, is the only repeater. All of the group will be honored next Wednesday afternoon when Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley are hosts at the annual Christmas reception for students.



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