

Student Center Is Scene Of Varied Activities

NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY BUILDING ON CAMPUS



The new William S. Long Student Center, which has become a teeming center of Elon College campus life, is pictured above. Located south of Alamance Building in the center of what was once the old traffic oval, the building houses the campus snack shop, the book store, recreation facilities, meeting rooms and offices for varied student activities. At left, slightly hidden by the small tree is the O'Kelly marker, honoring the founder of the Christian church. Other pictures of the new building will be found on Page 2.

New Structure Honors Elon's First President

There's a new hub about which the campus life of Elon College revolves, and that hub is the new William S. Long Student Center, which stands near the south gate of Elon's beautiful walled campus and which has become the scene of many and varied student and faculty activities.

The two-story brick structure, which was named in honor of Dr. William S. Long, the founder and first president of Elon College, is of traditional architectural design that is in harmony with the architecture of all the other buildings on the Elon campus.

The building, in perfect balance and symmetry with two slightly jutting wings at either end and with a dignified portico at the center, faces north toward the southern facade of Alamance Building and is connected with Alamance by a broad walkway on which is centered the O'Kelly Monument, which stands as a marker for the founder of the church group that founded Elon College in 1889.

Music Material To Elon Library

The Elon College Library has just received a valuable gift of music material, including a collection of more than 500 volumes in the music field, which came from the personal library of Dr. Lilla Belle Pitts, a noted music educator, who is now living in Texas.

Dr. Pitts, who received a honorary degree from Elon College in 1949, was for many years on the faculty of Columbia University and is now Professor Emeritus of Music Education at the New York institutions. She is a former president of the Music Educator's National Conference and is the author of numerous articles and books on music education.

tion in October, 1965, and actual construction was begun two months later.

Originally planned to be completed in time for use at the beginning of the 1966-67 college year, the student center was not quite completed at that time, and it was opened at the time of the annual Parents' Day observance early in the past November, when both Governor Mills E. Godwin, of Virginia, and Governor Dan K. Moore, of North Carolina, participated in dedication ceremonies.

Dream Come True

The Student Center, which was completed and occupied during the past fall semester at Elon, represents a dream come true for those who guide the destinies of the Congregational Christian college, and it is indeed fitting that it should bear the name of Dr. Long, whose own dream brought the foundation of the college more than three-quarters of a century ago.

The building, which was erected and furnished at a cost of \$355,000, was made possible through a loan obtained from the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Ground was broken for the start of construc-

Houses Varied Activities

The new building houses many and varied activities, in a completely modern setting. As one enters the building at the main door, there is a spacious foyer, its central decorative feature being a large decora-

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Elon Student Volunteers Take Part In Alamance Mental Health Project

Twenty-eight Elon College students are participating as volunteers in a special project known as the Big Brother-Big Sister Project, which is under the sponsorship of the Alamance County Mental Health Association.

The Elon students are working with the Alamance group in an effort to provide a selected group of emo-

tionally troubled children with an effective relationship with young adults on a one-to-one basis. Such relationships are in most cases a new relationship with another person for the children, permitting them fuller expression of their feelings without threat of rejection and humiliation which past experiences have brought them.

The Elon student volunteers seek to foster a favorable attitude in their young friends by offering the youngsters an experience in friendship, thus reinforcing feelings of adequacy and accomplishment in the children. By achieving a favorable attitude toward their adult friends, the children assume better attitudes toward themselves.

The college students visit with the little brothers or little sisters at least once weekly when college is in session, engaging in activities such as hiking, shopping, reading, playing games, hobbies and visits to the Elon campus.

The Elon College athletic authorities are cooperating by admitting the children to Elon sports events free of charge, and three Burlington and Graham theaters offer free admission to selected movies. The Mental Health Association is providing free membership for each child in the YMCA, and plans are to obtain them library cards at May Memorial Library.

Prof. Andrew Beale, Elon College registrar, who is working with the project, stated that the number of student volunteers was greater than anticipated, and some of the students are waiting for the assignment of a youngster as the Mental Health Clinic screens additional participants. Plans are to extend the project into future years.

The Elon students who already have little brothers or sisters assigned include Ricky Bray, Robbins; Barbara Bugg, Annandale, Va.; Gail Edwards, Richmond, Va.; Ellen Hammersley, Alexandria, Va.; David Harrison, Norfolk, Va.; Candy Hope-well, Portsmouth, Va.; John Little, Wilmington, Del.; Pat McCausland, Wantagh, N. Y.; Linda May, Rich-

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Players Enter One-Act Plays In Drama Event

The Elon Players will enter two one-act plays in the annual District Drama Festival to be held at Catawba College on Friday and Saturday of next week, and the same two plays will then be presented in Mooney Chapel Theater on the Elon campus on March 15th and 16th and will be entered in the State Festival at Chapel Hill on March 17th and 18th.

The two plays, both directed by Prof. Edward Pilkinton, are "Miss Julie," a short tragedy laid in Sweden in the 1880's, which was written by August Strindberg; and "The Man Who Would Not Go To Heaven," a comedy which is set at the Pearly Gates of Heaven.

The cast for "Miss Julie," which includes only three persons, will feature Mayne Seymour, of Sanford, an Elon Player veteran, in the role of Jean; Kathy Copeland, of Norfolk, Va., as Miss Julie; and Pat McCausland, of Wantagh, N. Y., as Christine.

The second play offers a cast of eleven players, among them Grain-ger Barrett, of New York City, as Thael; Lynda Hudson, of Grifton,

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Hardison Is Forum Guest For Program

Dr. O. B. Hardison, one of the outstanding young professors on the English faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was the guest of the student sponsored Liberal Arts Forum for a lecture on "Three Types of Catharsis in Shakespeare."

The guest speaker, who received both the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the Chapel Hill institution, went on to the University of Wisconsin for his doctoral studies and later taught at Princeton before returning to Carolina as the youngest full professor on the U. N. C. faculty.

Dr. Hardison has published numerous works of renaissance and medieval criticism and a full volume of poetry. He was honored by Time Magazine last spring as one of America's ten outstanding university teachers. He is currently editor of "Studies in Philology," magazine of literary scholarship.

Student Singers Delay Opera Until Late April

The Elon presentation of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," which had been set for Whitley Auditorium next Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th, has been postponed and is now planned for the Whitley stage on Friday and Saturday, April 21st and 22nd.

The postponement was forced due to the illness of one of the members of the original cast, which had been announced three weeks ago by Prof. Wendell Bartholf, who directs the Elon choral music program and who will direct the production of the famous metropolitan Opera version of the Strauss production.

The great Strauss show will represent the first venture of the Elon Singers into the field of opera, although they have participated along with the Elon Players in a number of Broadway musical productions in recent years.

Announcement has just been made this week that Mrs. Edward Pilkinton, whose husband is director of Elon's campus dramatic programs, will join the cast for the Strauss show. Others who will have major roles include Jack Cotten, of Fuquay-

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Music Camp Set At Elon This Summer

The Eastern Music Camp, held under auspices of the Guilford Musical Arts Center, will be held on the Elon campus from July 7th through August 12th this summer, being moved here for its fifth annual session due to the Friends International Meeting to be held on the Guilford College campus this year.

The Music Camp, which will bring about 200 students to Elon campus, will feature twelve concerts, nine of them orchestral programs. The Eastern Philharmonic, a fully professional group, will appear in three of the concerts. Others will be by the camp's student musicians.

Enrollment in the camp is by audition, and auditions for students from this area will be held on March 12th, with those interested in trying out asked to contact Dr. Malvin N. Artley, of the Elon College music faculty, who directs the Elon College-Community Orchestra.