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# Player Group To Make Tour

THEY DIRECT ELON STAGE GROUP IN PLANNING HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

## Offer Show For Nearby High Schools



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The Elon Players, student dramatic group which has for many years been an important part of campus life at Elon College, will introduce something new to the college's stage program next week when they take one of their stage productions on a tour of five high schools in the Burlington and Alamance County public schools systems.

There have been numerous instances in the past when the Elon Players made a special effort to attract high school groups from the area to their productions on the Elon campus, seeking thus to influence the drama programs in the high schools, but this 1969 tour marks the first time that the Players have actually taken their own program into the high schools.

This tour, which has been planned under the direction of Prof. Sandy Moffett and Prof. Ed Pilkington, will get underway with the Players appearing in Western Alamance High School next Monday, February 3rd; in Jordan Sellars High School next Tuesday, February 4th; in Eastern Alamance High School next Wednesday, February 5th; in Graham High School next Thursday, February 6th; and in Southern Alamance High School next Friday, February 7th.

The Players will offer an up-dated version of Moliere's "Tartuffe," great comedy of Seventeenth Century life in France, a play which produced quite an upheaval when it was first produced in France in 1664. The Elon group has reset the Moliere comedy from France of three centuries ago to the Old South in America of a century ago during the presidential term of President Grant.

The Moliere masterpiece has been prepared for its five showings in the area high schools as a part of a special Theatre Arts Seminar with a course listing as Drama 241, which Professors Moffett and Pilkington have conducted as a special course offering during the current one month "Mini-Term" that is in itself a feature of Elon's new 4-1-4 academic calendar.

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## Initial Showing Of Players' Production Of 'Tartuffe' Set For Mooney Tonight

There will be two campus showings of the new Elon Player production of Moliere's "Tartuffe," great comedy of Seventeenth Century society in France, with the first

presentation set for Mooney Little Theatre at 8:15 o'clock tonight and the second at the same hour on Saturday night. The classic French play will be given in a modern

setting in the American South of the 1870's.

These two showings will give the Elon College students and faculty a pre-view of the play that the Elon Players will take on a five-day tour of area high schools next week and will at the same time give the student actors themselves a sort of final testing before taking to the road.

It is a talented cast that has been assembled by Prof. Sandy Moffett and Prof. Ed Pilkington for this production, and the two Elon dramatics professors will be watching with interest tonight and tomorrow night to see the results of the intensive efforts they have concentrated within a lit-

tle over two weeks as part of their Dramatic Arts Seminar.

The two faculty leaders and their students have worked literally day and night in preparing the Moliere show for its premiere in Mooney Little Theatre tonight.

Prof. Pilkington himself will play the title role of Tartuffe, but he will have able support from a cast that includes several veterans of previous Elon Player productions.

Dale Kaufman, who starred in earlier productions this year, will have the role of Orgon. Other veteran Player actors having roles include Jim Gillespie as Orgon's

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## Moliere Comedy Is In Modern Setting

It will be Moliere in a modern setting when the Elon Players raise the curtain tonight on their new production of "Tartuffe," the great comedy of French life in the Seventeenth Century, for the campus drama group has moved the Moliere masterpiece to a new setting in the American South of a century ago.

The Player portrayal of "Tartuffe" has its location in the Old South during the presidential term of General U. S. Grant, and Grant himself will have a role in the play as prepared for an Elon Player tour of area

high schools.

The change of time and the change of setting does not, however, detract from the intriguing plot of the original Moliere play, which represents a classic portrayal of a hypocrite, a portrayal so real and so vivid that Moliere was accused in the 1660's of undermining the very basis of French religion.

Tartuffe, leading character of the play, has worked his way into the confidence and affection of Orgon, a rich bourgeois, who is married to Elmire, a woman

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In recognition of the Elon Players and their first dramatic tour of area high schools with one of their campus stage productions, this issue of the Maroon and Gold has been prepared as a "Special Elon Player Edition," with much of the material covering the group's new play, its "mini-term" seminar and the beginning of a history of student dramatic activities on the Elon campus during the past half century and more.