

Gala Spring Weekend Planned

DR. AVIZONIS PICTURED IN TYPICAL TEACHING POSE

Programs To Begin Today; End Sunday

The fifth annual Spring Weekend on the Elon College campus will get underway at 7 o'clock tonight with a beauty show and talent contest in Whitley Auditorium, during which the college's "Spring Queen" will be announced and accorded the right to rule over the weekend festivities.

The Spring Weekend, which in recent years replaced the traditional May Day festivities on the Elon campus, will continue until Sunday afternoon, with two dances and one concert, along with a "Mr. Amazon" contest for the men of the campus and various picnics and eating sprees.

The beauty contest tonight will be preceded by a candlelight steak dinner in the two Elon cafeterias, and it will be followed at 9 o'clock tonight by a dance to be held in the ball room of the McEwen Dining Hall.

The Saturday program opens at 11:30 o'clock with a picnic beneath the oaks of Elon's west campus, with musical entertainment by The Days End. Immediately following the picnic will be the "Mr. Amazon" contest at West Dorm from 12:30 until 1:30 o'clock, followed by a pizza party in the McEwen and Harper dining halls. Climaxing the Saturday program will be the big dance of the weekend in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

The Sunday program

CHAIRMAN



Sally O'Neill, of Sycamore, Ill., is the chairman in charge of arranging the program for annual Spring Weekend, which gets underway on the Elon College campus tonight and continues through Sunday. The plans include a wide variety of entertainment, including a beauty contest for the girls, a "Mr. Amazon Contest" for men, two dances and a concert along with picnics and pizza party.

will feature the annual Spring Weekend Concert, also in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, with music by The Associations expected to evoke tremendous student enthusiasm. The entire weekend promises varied entertainment of a lighter vein than the serious cultural programs of the recent (Continued on page 2)



Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, whose death on April 20th saddened the entire Elon community, is pictured above in a typical teaching pose that is well remembered by students during his twenty years on the Elon faculty. In addition to the story of his death given below, there is also a more lengthy feature concerning his life before coming to Elon presented on Page 2 of this paper.

Chairman Of History Faculty Dies April 20th In Chapel Hill

Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, chairman of the Elon College history department and a member of the Elon College faculty for twenty years, died in North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill at 5:30 o'clock

on Sunday, April 20th, death coming after an illness of several months.

He was a native of Lithuania, born in Zagare in that city near the Russian border on January 16, 1909. He was the son of

Dr. Petras Avizonis, who was at one time the dean of the school of medicine and the president of the University of Lithuania.

Dr. Avizonis received his early education in Lithuania and earned his graduate degrees in Germany. He taught in a number of European universities prior to World War II, but during that conflict he and his wife were imprisoned in a German labor camp for a lengthy period.

They came to America after the war, and he joined the Elon College faculty in the department of modern languages in 1949, later transferring to the history department, of which he had been chairman for the past several years.

Widely recognized as

an authority in the history of Lithuania and other nations of eastern Europe, Dr. Avizonis has written hundreds of articles and a number of books on the subject. He was the member of a number of learned societies and has been listed in Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the South and Southeast and Directory of American Scholars.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Angele Avizonis, who is also a member of the Elon faculty in the department of foreign languages; by one brother, Dr. Vytautas Avizonis, who resides in Delaware; and one sister, Mrs. Ruta Blacezevicius, who lives in Connecticut.

Funeral services were held from the Elon College Community Church on Wednesday, April 23rd, with the Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton, pastor of the church, conducting the final rites. Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery near the Elon campus.

Comninaki To Lead SGA In Next Year

Bill Comninaki, a rising Elon senior from Virginia Beach, Va., will lead the Elon College Student Government Association during the forthcoming 1969-70 college year, having been named to the post of SGA president in a tightly contested campus election held during mid-April.

Comninaki defeated Bill Walker, of Newport News, Va., in a final presidential balloting held on Friday, April 18th. The two finalists had emerged as the two winners in a four-man election the previous day, defeating Don Tarkenton, of Chesapeake, Va., and Phil Larrabee, of Virginia Beach, Va., in the preliminary vote.

Lee Loy, of Burlington, who has served as sophomore class president during the present year, won the SGA vice-

presidency from a three-man field in the finals on Monday, April 21st. Morrow Miller, of Lexington, Va., was unopposed in the race for treasurer of the Student Government Association.

The rising sophomore, junior and senior classes also balloted during mid-April for their class leaders for the coming year, and the leaders of the rising sophomore and junior classes were chosen. The choice of the rising senior leaders, however, was delayed when charges of irregularities in the balloting sent the matter to the Honor Court and necessitated a new election.

The officers for the rising sophomore class, winners in the election, are Dean McBrayer, of Mooresboro, president;

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Arts Forum Pays Honor To Avizonis

Paying honor to Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, the Liberal Arts Forum designated the lecture given by Dr. J. H. Hexter, of Yale University, during Symposium Week as the first annual "Avizonis Memorial Lecture".

Arts Forum officials pointed out that Dr. Hexter is distinguished as a European historian, and they felt that his discussion would be fitting tribute to the distinguished career of Dr. Avizonis himself in European research.