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New Black Cultural Society Celebrates Black History Week

By Diane Costa

A newly established social and service organization, the Black Cultural Society of Elon College, under the advisership of Prof. Steve Caddell, has been authorized as a college organization and is seeking acceptance by the S.G.A.

The purpose of the society is to "promote understanding and a sense of unity among Black students; encourage Elon College to achieve a greater awareness and appreciation of the culture and achievements of Black people; attack with vigor all injustices and inequalities that may exist on the campus of Elon College with respect to Black people; and support and assist in any way possible the communities immediately surrounding Elon College" as

stated in the BCS by-laws.

Membership is open to all regularly enrolled full or part-time students at Elon College. A new member must "state his reason for seeking membership; state what he expects to contribute as a member of the society with regard to the organization's purpose; actively attend meetings and participate in at least one project or serve on at least one committee of the society; and secure the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the society participating in a meeting at which he is proposed for membership.

Last week the Elon College Black Cultural Society participated in National Black Heritage Week. On Tuesday

morning in conjunction with College Programs, a program of hymns and poetry by BCS members was presented. Wednesday evening the BCS sponsored a talk by Dr. Raymond McLaughlin, professor of history at NC A&T, on "What it means to be Black in the Twentieth Century."

The Rev. Marvin Morgan, a Burlington minister and Elon and Duke alumnus, spoke on "The Standpoint of Theology in the Black Society" on Thursday evening.

The BCS is chaired by Rodney Evans and co-chaired by Don McLaughlin. It was created by Elon's Black students to "provide a social atmosphere for the Black students on campus," according to Chairman Evans.



(Left to right) Students Bill Grabsch, Mike Gilliam, Sharon Stephens, and Suzanne Prystup caught during rehearsal for opera "Sunday Excursion." (Photo by Ken Toda)

Singers and Orchestra Present Two Light Operas

By Leslie Carter

On February 14 and 15 the Elon College Music Department presented two operas, "Sunday Excursion," by Alec Wilder and "The Night Bell" by Donizetti. The performances were directed by Prof. Terrell Cofield of Elon's music faculty and accompanied by the Elon College Community Orchestra under the baton of Dr. Malvin Arley.

"Sunday Excursion," a curtain raiser, is a simple, nostalgic story. Two boys and two girls are returning from an excursion to New York City. They are strangers at first, but become friends before the candy butcher informs them that the train has reached their destination. Principal roles in "Sunday Excursion" were sung by Mike Gilliam, Bill Grabsch, Suzanne Prystup, Sharon Stephens and Tad Troutman.

"The Night Bell," the second opera each evening, was set in a suburb of Naples and was concerned with Don Annibale, an elderly Neapolitan apothecary, who married young and pretty Serafina. Enrico, in love with Serafina, planned his revenge. Two times, as the old man was ready for bed, Enrico rang the bell that an apothecary could not ignore. Enrico posed first as a Frenchman in need of wine and then as a singer who needed lozenges because he has lost his voice. After all of this,

Don Annibale was completely worn out but could not go to bed because it is morning and he is required on business in Rome. The principal roles were sung by Lu Ann Morris, Martha Clark, Jim Veneris, David Williams and Zane G. Leake, Jr.

ROTC Course To Begin in July Camp

By Jayne Freeman

Col. William B. Neal will be on campus March 4 to recruit students for the Army ROTC program which will be offered at Elon College in the fall of 1975. Elon will be the eighth college in North Carolina to offer such a program.

The newly created Department of Military Science will offer two- and four-year programs for both male and female students. Upon graduation, students will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

March 8 is the deadline for enrolling in the program to attend the training camp this summer in Fort Knox, Ky. Room, board, uniforms, and travel will be furnished. The student will also receive one-half the salary of a second lieutenant during the summer training session.

Col. Neal, director of the program, is chairman of the Department of Military Science at A & T University, Greensboro. His staff consists of four officers and four enlisted men. He commands a corps of 123 men and 17 women.

Veterans may qualify for advance placement in the program.

Other North Carolina colleges offering ROTC programs are: Appalachian State University, Campbell College, Davidson College, North Carolina A & T University, St. Augustine College, and Wake Forest University.

Luther Byrd, 26 Years at Elon, Makes Plans to Retire this Summer

By Roy Avery

After 26 years of teaching on the Elon College campus, Prof. Luther N. Byrd plans to retire after the 1974-1975 academic year.

Professor Byrd is a native of North Carolina, having grown up in Mount Airy. He entered UNC-CH as a history major in the fall of 1923 and participated in both cross-country and track. He worked his way through UNC serving as director of intramural athletics and director of sports publicity, handling the press program for the opening and dedication of the Kenan Memorial Stadium, home of the Carolina football teams.

Leaving UNC in 1929, Byrd



Prof. Luther N. Byrd

joined the faculty of Westfield High School where he taught history and math. He coached all sports for both boys' and girls'

athletics. His track team went 15 consecutive seasons without losing a dual meet. They won 14 conference titles. As it was necessary to work a second job to make a living while teaching, Byrd served as editor of a weekly newspaper in Mount Airy and also wrote articles for the *Greensboro Daily News* and the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Byrd suspended his teaching and coaching in 1948 and returned to UNC-CH to enter graduate school. He earned a Master's degree in history. In 1949 he joined the Elon College faculty to teach journalism and to serve as director of publicity, a one-man organization which he handled for 20 years. There were only about 500 students in daytime classes and about 700 in night classes in the early 1950s. While holding this job, he managed the publicity for eight new dormitories, two new dining halls, a new student center, a new library and a gym. Professor Byrd also served as adviser to *The Maroon and Gold*, the campus newspaper, which came out twice monthly for 18 years. The newspaper had its own linotype and printing press, and Professor Byrd said "It was good experience for all the students who worked with the paper. Many are working in the field of journalism today."

Since 1953 Professor Byrd has been teaching in night school, and for the last six years has been teaching history in both day and night classes. Since 1954 he has taught more than 45% of the students from every graduating class. He has also taught 25 members of the present faculty and administrative staff.

After his retirement Professor Byrd plans to spend his time playing golf and writing family history, his favorite pastimes.

English Scholar to be Honored on Awards Day

A new award will be added to the honors list for Awards Day this spring. An English Scholar Award has been approved by the English faculty to be given to the English major who is a rising senior and who, by a vote of the members of the department, is to be honored because of scholarship and qualities of character. The title of English Scholar of the Year will be retained during the recipient's senior year.

The award will carry a stipend which will be applied to the winner's tuition expenses at Elon College during his or her senior year. The money for the stipend will be contributed by members of the English faculty to the college, earmarked for this award of excellence.

Nominees for the English scholar award must have

attended Elon College for four semesters prior to the semester in which the award is given. A rising senior English major may be named by any member of the English faculty with endorsement of two additional members. The winner is determined by a majority vote of the full English faculty. The award can be withheld in any year in which the department decides that there is no deserving recipient. Two awards may be made the next year if two persons are considered deserving of this recognition.

Deadline for Colonnades

Poems, short stories and all other works of fiction and art should be submitted to *Colonnades* by March 20.