

Incumbents challenged in town election Nov. 8



Robert Minford presented a moving portrayal of Edgar Allen Poe this past Tuesday.

Dorm fire damages room

by Kemp Liles

& John Atkinson

Amid the overall exuberance of last Thursday night's concert was the hint of tragedy which was brought to three Elon students when their room was damaged by a mattress fire. The fire which was contained in one third floor room of Virginia Dormitory, unoccupied at the time, was the result of an improperly extinguished cigarette and caused \$4000 to \$5000 damage to the room and contents.

Chief Bill Hetzel cited the major problem in fighting the fire as cars blocking the fire lanes. According to Hetzel these cars were those of out-of-town visitors here for the concert.

Wreckers from local gas stations, according to Hetzel, started towing cars away from

the fire lanes at the college about 8 p.m., "prior to the fire in the dormitory."

A total of 34 firemen and three pumpers responded to the call and the only injury reported was one fireman with a burned hand. The burn was caused when he grabbed the mattress and threw it out of the third story window.

The students' room received considerable damage, but the rest of the dorm was not seriously damaged. Virginia dorm is joined to old West dorm and the fire could have spread quickly had the fire department not responded in such a short time.

Hetzel said, "It took only a few minutes to put out the blazing mattress," but the clean up procedures that follow every fire took an hour to complete.

Alpha Chi honors 19

by John Atkinson

The Delta Chapter of the Alpha Chi honorary fraternity will hold a banquet and induction ceremony Friday at 6 p.m. on the second floor of McEwen Dining Hall.

The formal affair will conclude with a reception to be held by President and Mrs. Fred Young in their home. Parents of the inductees have been invited along with faculty department chairmen.

"Alpha Chi is an honorary organization for liberal arts students with superior academic achievement," according to Dr. Robert Blake, adviser of the N.C. Delta chapter of the national fraternity. Dr. Blake also said that character is considered in selection.

A minimum grade point average of 3.74 was required for induction this year with the

average GPA of the inductees being 3.84, according to Dr. Chris White, associate academic dean.

Nineteen students, seven men and 12 women were nominated this year with nine different majors represented.

Radio Drama Planned

by Dan Doby

A weekly dramatic program will be presented on Elon's new radio station WSOE. The programs will consist mainly of dramatic thrillers, says Edwina Haddad, co-director of the program with Becky Sharpe.

"We're trying to stick to the dreams on which we don't have to pay royalties from limited funds," she said.

Everyone interested in radio drama is urged to participate.

Public meeting to hear candidates

For the first time in many years, incumbent candidates for mayor and aldermen of Elon College are being challenged at the polls on Nov. 8.

Clyde L. Fields, Sr., associate minister of the United Church of Christ, Southern Conference, and prime mover behind the Bicentennial committee work and beautification of the town, is challenging the mayor, T.L. Smith, who is running for a third term.

Sid Norton, president of Norton-Russ Automotive Co., Burlington, and nine-year resident, is running for a place on the town board of aldermen. Mrs. Nell Snyder, wife of the executive director of the Elon's Children's home and active in church and parent-teacher work, is also running for alderman. They challenge incumbents M.E. Campbell, who has served 11 years on the board, and Robert Oisen, Jr., who is seeking his second term.

Members who have two additional years on their four-year terms as aldermen are Ms. Shirley White, Dwight Hall, and D.D. Atkinson.

A town meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Elon College Elementary School, will allow all candidates to appear and to answer questions on issues and plans.

Sponsored by the county-wide Junior Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters, the meeting will allow candidates one question from the League to be answered in three minutes (this is League policy) and then all relevant questions from the audience.

Another meeting, open to the public, has been called for Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the parish house of the Community Church. The chairman will be Dr. Mallery Masters, from the Romance languages department at UNC-CH and a resident of Elon College. He has asked candidates to come and to answer questions.

Mayor Smith says that he "does not know" if he will attend the town meeting on Nov. 3 in the elementary school. He says that he "probably will" attend the meeting in the parish house on Nov. 1. Mayor Smith, who has served two two-year terms as mayor and has been on the board two additional years, was born and raised here and returned to Elon College in 1939. He is in charge of parcel post shipping at Carolina Biological Supply Co. Smith is asking for reelection on the basis that his terms "speak for themselves." He lists the completed water lines, the elevated water tank,

and the Gunn Creek sewer as accomplishments and looks forward to a new town hall on the property being bought from the college across from the post office as well as a new recreation program.

M.E. Campbell retired 12 years ago from Western Electric. He was appointed by Mayor Smith as mayor pro tem and has come to be considered the expert on zoning in the town. He heads a committee to revise the 1968 zoning ordinance, but says he will not do any more until the court decides if the zoning ordinance is legal. This decision will come out of the suit the present board has brought against Elon College with respect to certain fraternity houses in town. This case is said to be costing the town \$10,000, set aside for the first year, for two attorneys' fees at \$50 an hour each on average.

Mr. Olsen, merchandising manager at Sears, Holly Hill, and resident of Elon College for five years, says that he wishes to be reelected because "the last three years have been challenging, uplifting, and I simply want to continue." He feels that the town has become financially sound, has one of

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Loggins enthralled sell-out crowd

by Dan Doby

Hey, did ya hear the news? There's good rockin' tonight.

Well, maybe not tonight, but there was a train load of good rockin' last Thursday night when Kenny Loggins and Dave Mason barnstormed the Elon campus.

By 8 p.m. the Elon gym was swollen to the rafters with students, locals, and out-of-towners, 99 percent of whom had their blue suede shoes on. The other one percent was lacing theirs up as Mason bounded on stage at 8:15.

And Elon greeted him with thunder, I'm proud to say. The mild hysteria that had been running through the crowd like a live wire exploded into war cries and shrill whistles as Mr. Mason opened his set with an old song "World in Changes," from his first album "Only You Know and I Know." Mason accompanied himself on acoustic guitar.

On his next number, "You Shouldn't Have Taken More Than You Gave," he was joined by Jerry Williams on guitar and Mark Stein (Wildman) on keyboard. The rich harmonies flowed between the keyboard and guitar as Mason scolded his ex-lover in a strong blues-drawl. There was good acoustic guitar on the third song, "Maybe," and the au-

dience provided the back beat for the fourth song, "Gave you A Reason" by clapping along with the rhythm of the keyboard. Mason's fifth song was his classic "Sad and Deep as You." The crowd settled in and let Mr. Mason work his

magic with this sad love song to a departed lover. He leaned back and went down to the well one more time to draw up the colors and emotions that make this song his most beautiful and memorable. (And during the whole number, I did

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Kenny Loggins displayed a good mix of musical talent and exuberance to thoroughly delight the packed house.