

Actors win praise

by Dr. Eleanor W. Moffett

The Drama Group of Elon College, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Angyal, presented a very fine production of Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* on Saturday night. This play with its discussion of controversial issues tested the mettle of a large and diverse group of actors.

The technical staff is to be congratulated for skillful and effective changes of scenes from Dr. Stockmann's home, to the editorial office of *The People's Monitor*, to a room in Captain Horster's house, then finally back to Dr. Stockmann's house. Given the very limited resources of Mooney Theater, this is an accomplishment of no mean stature.

The costumes were attractive and reasonably close to the period of the play. The ladies in their long dresses looked quite demure, and Becky Sharpe, as always, looked lovely. The men in their very formal attire were most impressive.

Dan Doby's performance as Dr. Stockmann, the protagonist of the play, presented a difficult character on a very professional level — watching him reveal the enthusiasm and dedication of the scientist in his revelation of the truth was a very real pleasure.

Holt McCormick, playing the role of Peter Stockmann, brother of the doctor and mayor of the town, was con-

vincingly stuffy and rigid in his devotion to the status quo. McCormick and Doby were interesting foils to each other.

Mike Robinson as Aslaksen, the high priest of moderation, turned in a very fine performance. He was remarkably consistent in maintaining his Norse accent.

Becky Sharpe, as Mrs. Katharine Stockmann, presented a sympathetic and appealing character. This is clearly evident in her obvious suffering in Act Four as Dr. Stockmann is insulted by his fellow townsmen.

The despicable editor of *The People's Monitor*, Hovstad, was convincingly played by Barry Staton. He traveled the path from valued friend to betrayer of Dr. Stockmann in an authentic manner.

Mike Hawkins, as Captain Horster, came into his own in Act Four and Get Five when he befriends Dr. Stockmann, disregarding the cost of such friendship to himself.

Particularly effective and impressive was the larger group scene in Act Four where Dr. Stockmann attacks the townspeople for their ignorance and conformity. The humor worked into the scene formed an interesting balance to the deep seriousness of the idea.

It is good to see the Elon Players attack a play with such depth of meaning, and even better to see them bring it off so successfully.



The Senate conducts last regularly scheduled meeting in these drab and dreary chambers.

Duke outing inspires committee

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to witness the birth of a man who singlehandedly changed the course of all history and the lives of most people. Handel's "Messiah," an oratorio which tells of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, was presented in Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke by the university choir and orchestra.

Last Friday, the Religious Life Committee of Elon College organized a group of faculty and students to attend this year's production of the seasonal event. Members of the Religious Life Committee; Dr. James Pace, Dr. Carole Chase, Jill Bennett, Jerry Johnson, and Becky Gray; campus chaplain, Steve Caddell and Mrs. Caddell; Prof. Beskow, Dr. Rich and Mrs. Rich, Mark Hayes, Warren Berry, Janice Trent, Nan Pearson, and Rolf Rosenfeldt made up the group.

The evening was very enjoyable, although the chairs in the chapel were not meant to be sat on for three hours. The performance itself went without flaw. It was both impressive and moving.

On the return trip from Durham, the group continued the Christmas mood by singing all of the carols they could think of or remember words to. As the van moved "merrily

along" toward Burlington, someone mentioned "food." Everyone's stomach agreed that a midnight snack would top the night off just grandly. Sambo's wasn't far off. The group stopped there, eager to eat and return home.

Now what can be said about the service at Sambo's? One faculty member was heard to

say, "Duke University can perform the "Messiah" in the time it takes Sambo's to cook a cheeseburger." It's a good thing the group was in "good spirits."

It was a long, worthwhile evening which will not be forgotten by those who shared in the joy of the outing.

I don't believe this!

by Robert Simmons

After a much needed Thanksgiving break, most students are realizing that this semester is in its final weeks. With thoughts of final exams, students have begun the often long hours of studying and the countless trips to the library.

Monday is a slow day for students. Getting back into the studying mood usually hits about Tuesday evening when students know what the rest of the week is going to be like.

Last Tuesday night, Rusty City was doing just that. With a test in both economics and accounting, Rusty needed all the quiet the library could offer. The corner part of the basement looked like the best place to study.

After a few hours of intense work, Rusty decided to "rest his eyes" for only a few minutes. When he opened his eyes he was in total darkness. He looked at his watch and saw that it was a couple of minutes past eleven. Hoping somebody would still be upstairs, Rusty got his books together and groped his way to the main floor.

Checking the doors and seeing that they were locked up for the night, Rusty found a phone and dialed his hall phone. Gary Marn was one of the people Rusty would be talking to the next half hour in hopes of getting him out of the closed library. Another person was Robert Simmons. After jokes about being locked in the library, Rob Simmons decided that President Young was the person to call to let Rusty out.

"Calling the President at such a late hour in the evening with a far-out story is one experience you should have," Robert says. Dr. Young, not quite able to believe this story of a student being locked in the library after hours, agreed to meet Rob Simmons in front of the library. Another 10 minutes passed and then there was the rescue of Rusty City at the front door of the library. President Young and Rusty greeted each other, and President Young said he was "glad to see a student who studies." A few more jokes and the night's events were over for Rusty City.

Items of interest

Academic status

Students on academic probation or academic warning and who are experiencing unsuccessful fall semesters in terms of grades risk suspension from college. These students should plan to attend winter term. The reason for this is that winter term grade(s) will be considered by the Academic Standing Committee in determining students' academic status. A highly successful winter term may prevent academic suspension. If any student has questions regarding his academic status, he should contact Dr. Chris White, Associate

Dean of Academic Affairs, CO-113.

SGA office closed

The offices of the Student Government Association will close today. They will reopen for business the first week in February.

Lawyer referral

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