

Johnny Graves Day set for May 1

Johnny Graves Day will be celebrated on May 1, sponsored by the Student Union Board with help from a committee of students, staff, faculty and community people. Bill Sharpe, coordinator of student activities, is chairman of the committee.

The Rev. John Graves, retired professor of religion at Elon College, is ill, and the function is planned to provide funds to help defray expenses of his medical care. Known to the entire area as a person who helped others gladly and generously, the Rev. Mr. Graves would, his friends think, enjoy the carnival atmosphere of the

proposed celebrations if he could see them. "A carnival atmosphere is appropriate," Mr. Sharpe says, "because it best signifies the celebration that Johnny Graves held for life, friends, and Elon College through his years of selfless service."

The campus will be decorated in the carnival motif with game booths and music provided by Sugar Grove. Opportunities will be offered individuals and groups to perform on stage. A flea market and auction of items donated by students and faculty will be conducted by Prof. Jack White. The Elon College

Women's Club will sponsor a bake sale.

Highlights of the day will be the crowning of the May King and Queen of Campus Spirit. Entrants will be judged on their contribution to overall campus spirit. All campus organizations are urged to submit names and pictures of contestants by April 19 to Gwen Crawford or Bunky Womble. Voting will be the week before the crowning. A steak dinner and other prizes await the king and queen.

Items for the auction and flea market may be left in Bill Sharpe's office, 211 Student Center.



John Graves, retired professor of religion at Elon College.

Community performs in play

More than 100 Elon College students, community residents, professional singers and children will be featured tonight and tomorrow evening in "Noye's Fludde." The 8 p.m. performances will be in Whitley Auditorium.

Under the direction of Dr. Walter Westafer, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, the play is a project of the school's history of musical styles and structures class. It traces the Biblical scripture of the Great Flood and Noah's preservation of the species.

Included in the cast are 66 children from the Burlington Boys Choir; the Burlington Boys Training Choir, a younger group training to enter the Boys Choir; and members of the Youth Choir of the Church of the Holy Comforter. The children, under the direction of Miss Eva Wiseman, will play the parts of the animals.

"Noye's Fludde" is a medieval Chester Miracle Play set to music by the 20th century English composer Benjamin Britten. The community-wide appeal is just as it was during the 14th and 15th centuries when places like Chester, England, expressed their religious faith through cycles of plays depicting archetypal Biblical themes. The entire one-scene play runs about 50 minutes.

Leading soloists are Arvid Knutsen and Phyllis Tektonidis, both professional singers on the UNC-G faculty who play the roles of Noah and his wife. Performing as their three sons and their wives are Karen Baulding, Brenda Brantley,

Richard Steele, James Manchester, Freida Matkins and David Vaughan.

Serving as "gossips" are Meri Ford, Catherine McLaulin, Sarah Peach, and Margaret Gray. Joseph Rickman is the voice of God, and two children who dance, Helen Sullivan and Douglas Rich, play parts of the dove and raven.

A string quartet composed of Steve and Mikki Harper, Nancy Jones, Chauncey Patterson and Charles Jones provide the core of the musical arrangements. Other instrumentalists come from Turrentine and Broadview junior high schools. Dr. James V. Cobb, director of choirs at Elon, is associate director for music and will be conducting the orchestra.

Assisting Dr. Westafer will be Jerry Johnson, assistant to the director; Mark Payne, technical director; and Mrs. Dorothy Westafer, associate director for drama and choreography. Randy Johnson and Mark Payne designed the intricate set.

Kevin Holland is principal percussionist, Anthony Coyne is solo recorder player, and Robert B. King is director of the handbell choir.

"As you can see, there are many, many people involved in this production. We are really proud of the cooperation we have received and the amount of dedicated work our students and members of the community have invested. We think we have an excellent production to offer the citizens of Alamance County," Dr. Westafer said.



Elon College students and members of Burlington Boys Choir rehearse a scene from "Noye's Fludde."

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Duke is commencement speaker

Paul Duke, senior correspondent for public television in Washington, D.C., will be commencement speaker when more than 300 Elon College graduates receive their degrees on Sunday, May 21.

Duke is moderator of the popular PBS series "Washington Week in Review," recent winner of the Dupont Award as television's outstanding public affairs program. He has served as anchorman for PBS coverage of Senate hearings on the Panama Canal Treaty, the Korean affair, the Bert Lance scandal and other special programs.

In 1974 he was co-anchor-man and analyst for PBS's impeachment coverage, widely heralded by critics as the best of all television coverage of the Congressional proceedings that foreshadowed President Nixon's departure from office.

Duke and Martin Agronsky conducted a series of interviews in 1975 with President Gerald Ford and Vice President Nelson Rockefeller for PBS. The interview with the President, conducted on the first anniversary of his taking office, was regarded by many professional journalists as the best Mr. Ford has ever given.

A seasoned political reporter, Duke first came to the capital in 1957 as a reporter with the Associated Press. He joined the staff of the Wall Street Journal in 1959, and in 1963 went to NBC News as congressional correspondent.

He was president of the Radio-TV Correspondents Association in 1977. He received a B.A. degree in English in 1948 from the University of Richmond, where he was also presented with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1973. He is listed in "Who's Who in America."

The 10:30 a.m. commencement ceremonies in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium will mark the 88th annual official commencement program on

the campus. Candidates will be awarded degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Applied Arts, As-

sociate in Science, and one-year secretarial science certificates. Students will also be recognized with several awards and honors.

Four compete in mock U.N.

Four Elon students have been awarded academic distinction by the North Carolina Political Science Association for their competition in the United Nations Security Council simulation. They are Bill Britten, a senior from Virginia Beach, Va.; Tom Columbrito, a junior, from Palm Beach, Fla.; Kemp Liles, a senior, from Burlington, N.C.; and Lynne Walker, a junior, from Virginia Beach, Va.

The delegation from Elon was awarded first runner-up for best delegation in their representation of the country of Romania, and Kemp Liles was elected president of the security council and was also awarded honorable mention for best delegate.

The simulation in which 15 universities and colleges from across North Carolina participated was held at UNC-G on April 6, 7, 8 and was sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the North Carolina Political Science Association. During the three-day session, the students representing the delegations of the 15 security council member nations debated and proposed resolutions concerning the issues of the Middle East and South Africa.

The students were judged on their knowledge of the issues, how well they assumed the role of their country, and their resolutions on the issues.

CROP sponsors fast

The Civinettes along with the religious life committee of Elon College are joining together with CROP, a national organization concerned with alleviating world hunger, in sponsoring a fast to be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20. The purpose of this event is not only to raise money to help relieve the effects of world hunger, but also an attempt to educate and make clear to this college community the realities of widespread world hunger.

The fast will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, with a kick-off meeting in the large lounge in Long Student Center. This meeting will

feature a presentation by Dr. and Mrs. Sloan and the viewing of the short film, "The Glass House." Between 5 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, there will be a hymn sing in Whitley Auditorium.

There will be a lemonade break at 9:30-10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Fasters, sponsors, and all interested persons are invited to this break for fellowship. The break will be held in the senate room, 204 Long Student Center.

The fast, which will last 28 hours, will end Thursday after-

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