

Epsilon-Theta: 'Number One' in south region

by John Atkinson

The Epsilon-Theta Chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity of Elon College has been named the top chapter in the South region of the United States, it was announced Sunday.

The Elon chapter was one of four chapters to be considered for the Grand Sage's Award of the national Sigma Pi fraternity. This award is presented bi-annually to the number one chapter in the United States.

Rick Marchman, a founding father and first chapter

president of Epsilon-Theta, presented a commemorative plaque to Wally Vinson, current president of the local chapter.

The award is based on overall excellence in all chapter activities, including membership, scholarship, and service within the national fraternity system.

Marchman, a graduate of Elon College, was presented the award at the 34th biennial convocation of the Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States, held in Seven Springs Mountain Resort at Cham-

pion, Pa., in August.

The award is the first of its kind to be presented to the young chapter.

"We are very proud to receive this award from national," Vinson said. "We take special pride in the fact that we have come so far in such a short time," alluding to the fact that Epsilon-Theta was founded only two and a half years ago and has only had its national charter for one year.

"The fact that national would give us serious consideration despite the fact that

we do not have a chapter house is a pleasing thing in itself," Vinson continued.

"We are young and we have worked very hard to establish ourselves on this campus, and I think an award like this

goes a long way towards giving Epsilon-Theta permanent credibility."

The Sigma Pi fraternity is one of three Greek organizations on the Elon campus which does not occupy a college-owned chapter house.

Marchman, along with other alumni members of the Epsilon-Theta chapter who were in Elon this weekend, founded a new alumni chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

"We feel the alumni chapter will go a long way toward stabilizing the active chapter," Marchman said. "With the alumni chapter, we can

form a link between past and present brothers, as well as serve as a guiding, supporting organization."

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SGA's Welcome Back/Welcome To concert featuring "Janice" Saturday night.

Forum probes democracy

"Do We Really Believe in Democracy?" asks Dr. John Sullivan in the first talk of the Liberal Arts Forum 1978-79 series next Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The chairman of the philosophy dept. and adviser to the forum will open the year-long study of democracy and will be followed during the fall by three lecture-discussions led by other faculty members. All meetings are in the large lounge of Long Student Center.

The development of American democracy will be examined by Dr. George Troxler,

associate professor of history, on Oct. 10. Dr. Thomas S. Henricks, assistant professor sociology, will discuss on Oct. 31 the effects of democratic values on institutions such as the family and the school. The final meeting of the fall session will be led on Nov. 14 by Dr. Rudolf Zarzar, assistant professor of political science, who will speak on democracy and American political life.

The Liberal Arts Forum is beginning its 21st year at Elon

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Janice arrives Saturday

by Joy Hamilton

The musical group Janice will play Saturday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. at the Elon College Alumni Gym. The group has performed with the well-known Redd Foxx and has also appeared on the Dinah Shore Show.

The popular group, from Shelby, N.C., spends part of the year touring colleges in the South. The remainder of the year is spent in places like Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe, where they were recently held over for 13 weeks.

What makes the musical group so special? Perhaps it is a firm faith and commitment. Their spiritual belief and dedication to the group success holds them together both musically and as a family. The group concentrates on the positive aspects of life in their music, and with it comes a fresh, clean-cut approach. Their infectious enthusiasm has remained throughout their seven-year college tour. Janice Barnett has a resounding fullness in her powerful voice that spellbinds most spectators with its beauty.

The musicians have released an album during their 7-year college tour. The musical group is made up of Janice, lead vocalist; her husband, Reggie Stadler, the bass player and director of music; and her brother Freddie Morrison, background vocalist, rhythm guitarist and choreographer.

The career of Janice has surfaced three talented young individuals who wanted to make it. Today, Janice is on the verge of international fame, as their audience grows each time they perform.

London bound reserve plane seats

For all those students and friends of the college taking advantage of the British Studies Program in January, a deposit of \$25 must be paid by Sept. 18, according to Dr. David Crowe, tour director.

Then on Monday, Sept. 25, the first half of the remaining cost of the trip will be due. The amount to be paid on Sept. 25 is \$437. The total of \$99 covers jet air fare to London and return to Greensboro transport to and from the London hotel, a twin-bedded room for 28 days, continental breakfast, seven/tours out of London to historic places, a Shakespearean play in Stratford, a ballet, a symphony concert in Royal Albert Hall, additional theater and music, plus a concentration on the course taken with a professor-guide. Members of the group will need additional funds (travel-

ers checks) for two meals a day, underground (subway) fares in London, petty cash, and, of course, personal gifts, postage, any extra touring and such.

The courses — English, history, humanities (fine arts and general humanities), music and religion — offer three hours credit each. The leaders are Prof. Betty Gerow, English; Dr. George Troxler, history; Dr. Mary Ellen Priestley, humanities; Prof. Terrell Cofield, music; and Dr. William Rich, religion.

"In spite of inflation here and in Britain, this study-tour is still a great bargain," says Dr. Priestley who lived in England and commuted to Elon many years. "Any student who thinks about traveling abroad for the first time should go to England first," she says. "The language is no problem; we speak English.

The customs are, in general, familiar; yet it is another world, an old culture, and the best step toward world travel." It is also a good idea, she says, to start traveling before one takes a regular job. "If you wait, you may never go — or not until you are too worried about your possessions or career at home to enjoy going abroad or you get too old or demanding. If you travel early, you will make the opportunities to travel again and again," Dr. Priestley says.

The options for weekend travel include Edinburgh, capital of Scotland via the fast train, "The Flying Scotsman"; York, with its medieval section, its minster (cathedral), its Viking digs; or the Lake District, with its natural

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