

# Music calls children to lessons in piano at college

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A five-year-old boy walks into the college classroom, carefully lays down his baseball glove and shuffles over to the grand piano. He pulls himself up on the piano stool, his untied tennis shoes dangling inches off the floor. At the nod of the professor, he brushes the blond hair out of his eyes and expertly begins a Chopin prelude.

The scene has been repeated hundreds of times over the last several years at Elon College, where children have become as prevalent as Frisbees and Levi's.

In the past, members of the regular college music faculty have accepted children for private music lessons. As the success of the program spread and the demands on the

faculty members grew, fewer private students were afforded the opportunity of college lessons. Beginning this fall, however, the college is offering a program specifically designed for "pre-college students."

"Students in the preparatory program in piano will range in age from elementary to high school students," says Dr. Walter Westafer, chairman of the department of fine arts. "Some may be pre-school age, depending on the individual student's maturity and his desire for piano lessons."

Elaine H. Bingenheimer has joined the college staff as director of the program.

"This is a very positive step in revamping our music program for the pre-college student," Dr. Westafer noted.

"We have the facilities, the fine instruments, a piano laboratory, and an auditorium where the students can perform. With Mrs. Bingenheimer's credentials, Elon College will have much more to offer than simply piano lessons."

Pupils in the program will meet twice a week for a total of one and one-half hours. Their instruction will include lessons in the piano laboratory and private instruction. Pupils will receive instruction in music theory and basic musicianship.

"There is a need for fine piano instruction from the earliest level," Dr. Westafer noted. "A student is old enough to begin piano lessons when he asks to begin. I personally was begging for lessons when I was five years old. It depends on the indi-

vidual student and his desire to take piano lessons."

Mrs. Bingenheimer received her bachelor of music degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern Methodist University, known for its music program, with a master of music degree in the teaching of piano. At UNC-CH she studied under Marvin

Blickenstaff, nationally-known piano instructor. She was active in the university chorus and women's glee club, a fraternity officer of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and a member of the Southern Methodist University Choral Union.

She has taught piano several years. She and her husband, Charles Bingenheimer III, live in Burlington.

## SAC-8 cont.

Mars Hill line, aided by superior line backers Rod White and Jimmy Simmons.

This experienced opposition means that Bruce Morgan, Randy Reid, Les Ellis, Chris Worst and Donovan Brown, the men in the trenches, will have to be especially effective. The Elon offense is ground game oriented and often the success of such is based upon the "war in the trenches."

The Christians on the other side of the trench will also have their hands full. Jim Riddle, Randy Michaelson and Jerry Cook along with

the rest of the defensive line will have to contend with two exceptional Mars-Hill running backs James Miller and Roger Cruell.

Miller gained 74 yards last week leading the Lions to a comeback victory over Liberty Baptist. Cruell is a consistent short yardage man in third down situations.

This will be a crucial game for the Christians, as it is their first SAC-8 game. The conference champ this year may well be undefeated so it is vital for Elon to get off on a winning note.

## Student day at First Baptist

Next Sunday will be Student Day at the First Baptist Church in Elon College, according to the Rev. Mike Wilburn, B.S.U. campus minister.

The special day begins at 10:45 a.m. at the church on Lawrence Avenue. From the college, students may walk down East College Ave. to Lawrence.

The worship service will be followed by a picnic lunch, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and the First Baptist Church.

## Civinettes to eat steak

The Civinettes won a steak dinner last spring during Johnny Graves Day. "Radar" Mike Robinson won this event for the Civinettes by winning the hamburger eating contest.

The dinner will be prepared by ARA and will probably be held in upstairs McEwen Dining Hall.

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## Holy Land

### study-tour set

by Beverly Faison

This winter term will see a college study tour in the Holy Land. The tour will be January 1-11, according to Dr. Christopher White, academic dean and tour leader.

Dr. White says that the tour will include visits to Israel, Jordan and Egypt, meals and first class hotels. The group will sail the Sea of Galilee, climb inside great pyramids and see King Tut's treasures in the Egyptian National Museum in Cairo. Students taking the tour will be able to receive three hours of religion credit, he says.

## Class needs students

A course in wilderness travel techniques is being offered this fall for students interested in learning how to relate to wilderness environments. The course will be taught by

Carolina Wilderness Institute. Moulton Avery is the course director.

The wilderness travel techniques course combines 30 hours of classroom instruction with two, two-day expeditions into the field. Field experience consists of a wilderness canoe trip through remote gum and cypress swamps on the North or South Carolina coast, and a cross-country back-packing trip in the high country of the Appalachian Mountains or the Great Smokies.

The course is a few students short. All interested students are urged to register for the course before Monday, Sept. 18. A special \$85.00 fee is due upon registration. The course carries one semester hour of physical education credit.

## ACT needs volunteers

The Arts Association of Alamance County is looking for volunteer directors for their children's drama group, The Alamance Children's Theater (ACT).

It will be necessary for these volunteers to have experience in acting and a willingness to work with children, aged 6 to 14. The Gallery Players have consented to provide assistance to ACT as needed.

Last year under the direction of Wendy Wilson and Gary Cole, ACT performed the Incredible Jungle Journey of Fenda Maria by Jack Stokes. This play was a mixture of mime, movement, improvisation and audience participation and was enjoyed by

the entire audience.

Contact Barbara Sharpe or Alex Hutchins at the Arts Center, 226-4495, if you are interested.

## News flash

WSOE will broadcast Fighting Christian football, baseball, and basketball. The announcement came Tuesday from WSOE officials. According to station sources, the first broadcast will be Saturday as Elon goes away to Mars Hill. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The station will broadcast both home and away games, thanks to the sports department.

## LAF cont.

College and has gained a reputation for programs that provoke thought and discussion. Its spring symposium has brought many notable people to the campus in the past. Next spring, plans call for two forum sessions, one in February on the question, "Is democracy still possible in America?" and another in mid-April on the future and new trends in democracy.

Student Warren Bell is serving as chairman of the Liberal Arts Forum this year and is assisted by senior members

Lisa Garriques, Paula Koury, John Watts and John Sadler.

Students who are interested in participating in the Forum, helping with arrangements, speakers, publicity and mutual support of the liberal arts should talk with Mr. Bell or other students in the Forum or with Dr. Sullivan, the adviser. Mr. Bell is currently living at the Ramada Inn with students there, and Dr. Sullivan can be reached at his new office on third floor Carlton.

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