

Newsbriefs

Basic Computer Programming

The Office of Continuing Education will conduct a course, "Basic Computer Programming," for teachers and the general public. The two five-hour sessions will be held on consecutive Saturdays beginning April 23. Class times are 10 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch.

Tuition for the course is \$40 per participant. For additional information call 584-2437 or write the Director, Office of Continuing Education, Campus Box 2193, Elon College, Elon College, N.C. 27244.

Gallery Players

The Gallery Players will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" on Feb. 25-27, March 4-6, and March 11-13 at the Paramount Theatre in Burlington. For further information and reservations, call 226-4495.

Paintings Exhibit by Kaz-Jepsen

The month of February brings an array of visual arts into the Firehouse Galleries. Ivona Kaz-Jepsen from Durham will display her prints and drawings along with a collection of hand painted porcelain provided by North Carolina teachers.

Kaz-Jepsen has exhibited her work all over the world. Her work has been very popular in Iran and Egypt where it was shown in the major art museums there. In the United States, she has exhibited in Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Rhode Island, and throughout North Carolina.

These two exhibits will open to the public through March 6 from 3-5. The Art Center is open Monday - Friday 9-5.

Poetry Contest

The American Collegiate Poets Anthology is sponsoring a National College Poetry Contest. It is open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. The entry deadline is March 31. For more information write to: International Publications, P.O. Box 44-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

AMA Meeting

There will be a meeting of the marketing club, Monday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. in Alamance 300. New members welcome.

Faculty Recital

The Department of Fine Arts will present a faculty recital by Dr. Cardon V. Burnham, Composer, on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

Auditions

Auditions for the "Tinian's Rainbow" musical comedy will be held on Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

OYMA

Mary Watson, an Elon College senior, has been named as an Outstanding Young Woman of America, by the OYWA committee.

Ski Trip

On Monday, Feb. 28, there will be a meeting for all participants of the Colorado Ski Trip. The meeting will be held in the large lounge of Long Student Center beginning at 7 p.m. All money will be due at this time. Also room assignments and final arrangements will be made. In addition, two ski films will be shown. If anyone cannot attend, they are urged to call Bill Clarke at 584-2330.

All newsbriefs should be in the Pendulum office by 3:30 p.m. on Mondays. Newsbriefs received after this time will be subject to the following Thursday publication. If newsbriefs are to run in more than one publication of the Pendulum, they must be re-submitted on the following Monday.

'The harder part begins' for Elon's radio station

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has "secondary status," it wouldn't be able to complain, he said.

"The FCC doesn't want 10 watt stations; it's not good use of space, so you either go up or quit. With 500 watts we can get out anywhere from 18 to 23 miles. This gives us a good portion of Guilford County and can help recruit college students."

Gibson said that the operating costs are the same for a 10-watt station as they are for a 500-watt station, because both have to be on the air the same amount of time during the course of a year.

"We're about 75 percent through this whole process," he said. "The hard part is over. Now the harder part begins—raising the money."

The Communications Media Task Force, a study group that was formed last semester, met last Friday after WSOE was approved by the FCC for 500 watts.

This task force was formed to examine the media and the media board to determine what kind of commitment Elon should make to student media. The force is chaired by Dr. Lamar Bland, Chairman of the English Department. Its members are Ron Klepcyk, Barry Simmons, Dean William Long, Bill Clarke, Chris White, and students Tracey Walser and Charlie Addison.

"There wasn't too much development," said Clarke, of the meeting. "Right now we're just looking at the costs and projection of what taking this on would mean. The task force is looking at alternatives and the possibility of a media center, which would be moving the radio station to a more central location."

College programs designed to help students pick major

by Doug Norwood
Managing Editor

Nearly one-third of Elon's students, mostly freshmen and sophomores, have not declared academic majors, and a college official said that almost half of those students need to decide on a major within the next two months.

Lela Faye Rich, director of the Pre-Major Advising Program, has coordinated three College Programs to help these students decide on a major.

Rich said the college de-emphasized the need for incoming freshmen to declare a major so that the students would not find themselves in a field of study that they did not like or knew nothing about. Now, about 300 of the 648 undecided students here need to decide on a major by spring registration: March 31.

The freshman class is down (in enrollment), Rich, who is also coordinator of student retention, said, "but enrollment is up. These pre-majors are the most likely candidates to drop out of school."

The first of the three programs, which starts next Tuesday and continue on the following two Tuesdays, will be self-searching activity where students examine themselves, their interests, abilities, values and

goals, Rich said.

She said second-semester sophomores and a few juniors who have not declared a major need to do so as soon as possible. "The delay can be deadly," she said. "It will surely cost them another semester."

Other ways Rich's office is trying to help students decide on a major include testing to measure students' interests, and offering Psychology 171, Educational and Career Decision-making.

The Strong Campbell Interest Inventory and the Occupational View Deck are tests designed to show students their interests and fields where those interests can be applied.

Psychology 171 is a 10-week class beginning Feb. 23. It offers students one hour of academic credit.

Rich said that she has also written letters to undecided students and their parents concerning the importance of declaring a major, publicized the need to decide a major, and alerted faculty members and advisors about students needing to declare a major.

Rich said she wants to stress declaring a major allows for the students' growth, not limits it.

McDowell favors UNC tuition increase cont. from p. 1

Tim McDowell said that the bill has very little chance of passing in the General Assembly "because the university is against it and they have a lot of friends in the legislature."

McDowell said, "Private colleges requesting more money is high on the appropriations committee's priority list. There isn't any additional money in the state to give them. It's not a lack of concern; it's a lack of

money.

"The first thing we want to do is lift salary freeze for teachers and state employees. It's been frozen for the past two years."

"I personally feel that tuition ought to be raised across the board, for in and out-of-state students."

He explained that 20 years ago, out-of-state students paid what it cost the state to educate them. Through the years, the cost of education

has gone up but tuition has remained low.

McDowell said, "For all practical purposes, in-state students' tuition is frozen while the cost of education has skyrocketed."

In October and November, the advisory budget commission met with Gov. Jim Hunt to predict how much revenue the state will have in 1983-84.

They predicted it would grow 8.8 percent or 90

million dollars. Now, McDowell said that the revenue figure probably won't be that high.

"It's more like 7 percent because of inflation and the economy, so the budget is out of balance," he said.

Overall, McDowell said that it is too early to tell what the funding picture for private colleges in this legislature will be.

"In April or May, the recession may end and the revenue can go up this year," he said. "If this happens, it'll free up some money."

"The appropriations committee will look at and figure out how private colleges will be funded, but right now we don't know if the recession will improve or what they'll recommend."

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