

News briefs

Mu Lambda Tau

The Mu Lambda Tau Honor Society will have its final meeting of the year today at 4:30 p.m. in the Bailey Conference Room. There will be a speaker, induction of new officers and refreshments. All members please plan to attend. Mu Lambda Tau plans to have a spring banquet on Saturday in Greensboro. Contact the MLT department for further details.

Photographers Needed

The Phi Psi Cli is searching for creative and enthusiastic photographers to fill positions on the 1983-84 staff. Begin or continue work on your portfolio while being involved in Elon's growing communications program. See Maureen Sweeney in the yearbook office Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Anyone interested in other aspects of yearbook production are encouraged to come by. Also, free-lance submissions are being accepted from Greek Weekend and Spring Break.

Mexico

Just two weeks left! The deadline for enrolling in Elon's summer school program in Mexico City is April 29. The program runs from May 30 to June 30 and carries six semester hours credit. The cost of the program is \$1500 which covers round-trip air fare from Greensboro, room and board in Mexico City and tuition. For more details contact Dr. E.L. Lunsford in Carlton 201-C or call extension 267.

Tenor Recital

The Elon College Department of fine arts presents Donald E. Jernigan, tenor, in senior recital April 17 at 4 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. Music to be performed includes works by Bach, Brahms, Schubert and Copland. There will be no admission charge.

Rock-Combo Band

The Elon College Army ROTC will sponsor the United Stated Army Special Forces Gabriel Team Demonstration and the 82nd Airborne rock-combo band on April 21 by the Harper Center lake.

Lift-A-Thon

The West Area House council is sponsoring a Lift-A-Thon on May 7. Participants will ask for pledges corresponding with how many pounds he or she can lift. For details contact Scott Duane in Sloan 104 or call 584-9032. Proceeds will be divided between West Area and the Elon College Home for Children. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Foods And Fads

A lecture will be given on Foods, Fads and Dieting at 8 p.m. tonight in the Large Lounge of the Student Center. College program credit will be given.

Greek Weekend

The Greek Weekend Committee will donate \$100 of the proceeds from Greek Weekend to the Elon College Home for Children.

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student life. If they have the time, let them come by; there's always something to do."

She is also hoping to keep BACCHUS afloat this year. "BACCHUS kind of got off the ground this past semester. It advocates responsible drinking and I think its needed on this campus. I see a big potential in it."

"I want the student government to be a student government. I don't want students to think the executive officers chose to run because it looks good on a resume. Its their government; I want them to feel a part of it and the only way to do that is for them to be involved in it."

As the new SGA vice president, Bob Moser is the president of the student senate. His main goal next year will be to increase student involvement in that area. "In the past we've tried surveys and suggestion boxes and that hasn't worked very well. What I want to do is have the senators meet regularly with the students who

live in their precinct. I'd also like to have the class officers meet regularly with class members to discuss issues."

Moser says that if the senators can get enough students to give the senate input, the senate will have a better idea of what students want because there will be input from a large number of people.

"I think the only way to keep the administration from making all the decisions on campus is to have a more unified student body, and we can do that with more involvement in the student senate."

Newly elected as SGA Treasurer is John Smith. His priority this year will be working with the budget. "In making out the budget I will allocate the money wisely between the the organizations that directly affect the students like SUB, the Pendulum, and WSOE."

Class and senate elections will be held today in Harden Cafeteria during lunch and dinner. Tomorrow, the elections will be held in the Student Center.



AS TODAY'S DEADLINE nears, Amy Herrick, a sophomore from River Edge, N.J., works frantically to complete her tax forms. Photo by Ron Krupps.

April 15 marks tax deadline

by Ellen Geesey

April is a popular month for its rain showers, singing robins, warming sunshine — and the filing deadline for taxes. Every year at midnight on April 15 marks the last minute to turn your tax forms in to the Internal Revenue Service.

For everyone who works and files taxes, April is frequently a month of rushing to meet the deadline and fighting lines at tax-preparers' doors, for folks who put off filling out their tax forms. Employees start sending out statements for the year's earnings right after the first of the year, so people have plenty of time to get their taxes done, or do them themselves, before April 15.

Who must file taxes? Everyone who works and has any state or federal taxes taken out of his or her regular paychecks. If a person makes less than \$2,000 a year, he or she has the option of not getting taxes taken out of their checks, but they do have to file for the record.

Single, full-time students who have part-time jobs can fill out a very simple form called the 1040 EZ and save a lot of paperwork time. That form can also be used by people who don't have to claim any deductions, provided they are single.

Tommy and Denise Jones are employed by Elon College as area assistants in the East area and have their room and board paid by the college. They do not have the same standard claims as most couples who pay interest on a house or apartment.

"All of our income comes from work-study. We each work two jobs, and we get everything back," says Denise, who does their taxes herself. "When we move and are making more money, it will be a lot more difficult," say the Joneses.

The students who work during the summer and perhaps hold part-time jobs during the year, do not have much worry over filling out tax forms. Kim Rowe, a freshman from Ashtabula, Ohio, says, "My dad just does them, and I get all my taxes back."

Tammy Pugh, a freshman from Roanoke Va., says, "I fill them out, and Dad checks them. I get everything back except Social Security."

For students, and for other minors who are still supported at least 50 percent by their parents, the parents can take out deductions on the children.

Susie Sanford, an accountant with Elon, does tax returns for her family and friends. She is not a Certified Public Accountant, but she does hold an accounting degree

from Elon which has enabled her to help her family and friends.

Filing returns "is not hard, but it's hard to understand," she says. "The rules by the IRS are hard to comprehend sometimes, but you can always call them (the IRS) to get anything clarified."

Sanford says that for singles and married couples, frequently the 1040 is enough, but it gets more difficult when you start to itemize. Itemizing is listing separately all the interest on homes and cars, medical expenses, charital contributions, sales and state income tax and then add all the totals. If they total more than the standard deductions, you can deduct the extra amount.

"Of course," says Sanford, "itemizing is a lot more time-consuming. For a single person who doesn't care to itemize, it can take as little as 15 minutes to prepare state and federal taxes."

If you don't have a family member or friend to help prepare your taxes, there are services available to help. For relatively simple forms, H&R Block offers services with offices all over the country.

For a fee, the firm will prepare your taxes and stand by their work with a guarantee. Everyone has seen the pitch: "This is Harry Block with another of my 32 tips for filing your income tax this year," from a distinguished gentleman in a suit who pops up frequently in commercials at this time each year. The fees at H&R Block start at \$11 for the easiest forms and get higher as the preparation gets tougher.

Another commonly-used service is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) office. These professionals handle the more difficult preparations that include trust-holders, partnerships and big-income firms. CPAs charge by the hour to fill out tax forms, and that may mean paying a lot more money.

If the IRS audits your tax form, it simply means they want to go over the records with you. Audits are done under two circumstances: either randomly or if there is something questionable on your returns. The latter usually happens when there are a long list of itemized deductions or it ther are high-income changes on the form.

"During this time of year," says Sanford, "CPAs and other preparers hire a lot of extra people because they're swamped with last-minute jobs." It seems that quite a few people wait until the last minute before filing their tax return forms.

If you are one of them, you better get on the ball, because April 15 is right around the corner!