

Features

Panhellenic inducts Smith president for greeks

By Dee Dee Shugart
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All the sororities were in alphabetical order facing the Alamance building. Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Sigma, Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha were in rows with the beautiful fountain behind them. Candles were burning all around the fountain.

It was time for a new president of Panhellenic to be installed.

Do you as President of the Panhellenic Association agree to the best of your ability to guide the Elon College Panhellenic according to the constitution," the outgoing president of Panhellenic said. "I do," said the new president of Panhellenic, Lori Smith, who was installed last Sunday at 7 p.m.

Smith, 21, is a junior from Chesapeake, Virginia she was elected Senior Panhellenic by her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha. When she was elected it meant that she would automatically serve as vice-president of Panhellenic and would eventually become president.

Panhellenic has a rotation system meaning that the rotation of officers takes place once a year. This means every sorority will eventually have a President of Panhellenic.

Organizing Fall and Spring Rush and specifying rush rules are some of Smith's more important duties. She also organizes the rush counselor program. This program involves two members from each sorority. They explain to rushees what sororities are all about and encourage them to take part in the greek system.

Smith will help organize the greek banquet which is held every spring semester to recognize the outstanding greeks on campus.

She also informs sororities of upcoming campus events. In addition she will be responsible for suggesting service projects for Panhellenic.

On April 20, Panhellenic and Inter Fraternal Council (IFC) will sponsor a danceathon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

They will also be sponsoring a Cancer Fund Drive throughout the same month. Another duty for Smith is to make sure inner actions between sororities are running smoothly.

"I have to remain calm and unbiased," said Smith. "Rules are rules and in order for Panhellenic to run smoothly I can't be partial to my sorority, that would not be fair."

Smith will be responsible for conducting formal meetings every week. The sorority presidents and two other representatives from each sorority attend these meetings along with Smith and Pat Morgan, Panhellenic Advisor.

Smith explained the importance of the advisors role in Panhellenic. "She advises the sororities to do those activities which are in their best benefit as well as that which the administration would favor," said Smith.

These activities include such things as community service projects, inner sorority closeness and campus wide greek awareness.



Photo by Stuart White
CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY: Lori Smith [front center] concentrates as she addresses the sorority pledges just before her induction as Panhellenic president.

Students provide counseling

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A \$7,000 grant was awarded to Elon this year for establishing a drug and alcohol abuse program. The grant comes from the United Church Board of Homeland Ministries and the Council for Higher Education of the United Church of Christ.

The program is a peer drug and alcohol counseling program. Eight Elon students were selected from a pool of applicants and they spent winter term in training. They are available to present programs to groups on campus and lead discussions on the issues.

This program is aimed at the students being more responsive due to the fact that it is a peer program. "I'm excited about the peer program because when I talk to students about drugs I am an authoritative figure, these programs let students talk to students and I think that makes all the difference," said Pat Morgan associate dean of student affairs and facilitator for the program.

The eight students who were selected have the responsibility to respond to requests for these types of programs and present them to their peers in a non-threatening manner.

The peer Drug Education Counselors (PDEC) are currently presenting two programs. The first is

a film entitled "Dave's DWI." It is about a student being arrested for driving impaired and being handed a stiff judgement by a judge. The personal expenses and experiences are tabulated as the film progresses.

The second presentation is entitled "How to Help a Friend With a Drug/Alcohol Problem". It deals with the skills and resources needed to confront a friend with a problem and the personal considerations to be taken into account before doing so.

The students affairs staff is working on more topics for programs and these they hope to have available soon.

A human services intern, Carolaine Mathews is acting as administrative assistant for the program. The eight counselors are Mauricio Arraya, Steve Ausherman, Shannon Bentley, Kevin Eberle, Elenor Finger, Kelli Henery, Jenny Nichols and Sheri Olsen. They may all be contacted by contacting the student affairs office.

The program is available to all organizations and students who feel they might be interested in working in such a program should contact Pat Morgan. There will be a formal application process during the Fall of '86.

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