



TOUCHDOWN: The 82nd Airborne made a jump onto the lacrosse field in a recent military exhibition. The group is stationed at Fort Bragg. Photo by Pat Hobin

News Briefs

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FAA Jobs

The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Allen McArtor, announced recently that FAA plans to hire approximately 3,000 men and women over this year and train them for careers as air traffic control (ATC) specialists.

McArtor said, "The hiring of the new recruits will enable FAA to keep pace with the projected growth of aviation by maintaining the current pipeline of trained personnel to fill newly established ATC specialist positions as well as positions vacated through retirements, transfers, promotions and other personnel moves."

All new hires receive their initial ATC training as paid employees at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Most are hired at a base salary of \$18,726. Those that successfully complete the Academy course -- which runs three or four months, depending on the option -- then will be assigned to a field facility where the on-the-job training will begin.

Additional information can be obtained from Shirley Gerard at 301-859-3733.

Elon receives rare Bibles

Dr. and Mrs. William W. Sloan, retired members of the Elon College faculty, have contributed a collection of rare Bibles to the Iris Holt McEwen Library. Included in the collection are Bibles dating to 1624, an original leather bound 1632 edition of the King James Bible, a rare edition

of the Hebrew Old Testament, and a valuable copy of an early Greek New Testament.

Several volumes written by Dr. Sloan are also included. Among these are the *Survey of the Old Testament*, *Survey of the New Testament*, and a treatise on the period between the Testaments, all of which were used as college textbooks.

Elon Dance Company

The Elon Dance Construction Company will give a performance on April 29 and 30 in the Fine Arts Theatre starting at 8:00p.m.

The works will include faculty, Pat Gray, students and guest choreographers John Walker and Barry Kyle. Modern, Jazz, and clogging will be performed.

History Lecture

Marianne Wason of the North Carolina Museum of History will give an illustrated lecture on "Artifacts: The Stuff of Women's History in North Carolina" tonight at 7:30 in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

This will be the annual Phi Alpha Theta lecture. Phi Alpha Theta is the honor society in history.

Wason works with the Museum in putting together a major exhibit on Women's History in North Carolina. It will be the keystone exhibit for the new Museum of History and is projected for a ten year exhibit period.

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He also stated that the college does need to maintain a balance in activities among all students. "A key to that is having blacks get more involved with the Student Government Association."

About the changes in the college's atmosphere, Dean Klepcyk said, "We need to know what the students want." He added, "We are not a white community or a black community; we all work together."

Dean Klepcyk also said that his door is open to suggestions. "I will be glad to talk to people, and Director of Student Activities David Atkins will too. Just come in and say 'let me share with you what I think is wrong.'"

According to David Atkins, there has been a slight increase in black participation in organizations. But, the involvement varies from year to year.

Atkins also said, "Last year, 43 per cent of the campus programs had minority representation. One problem that we are facing is that of low attendance at these programs. However, minority attendance has been higher in percentage than that of the majority."

Atkins also feels that minority students should get more involved with campus governing bodies. "In the recent election, only 15 out of 24 positions for senator were filled and only one of those happens to be a minority. So theoretically, nine more minority students could have ran and made it."

Cannon honored at dedication

Isabella Cannon, Elon College graduate of the Class of '24 and Raleigh's first woman mayor, was honored at the formal dedication of the Isabella Cannon room in Elon College's new Fine Arts Building last Thursday evening.

A dinner preceded the unveiling of a bronze bust of Dr. Cannon sculpted by North Carolina artist Susan Tunstall Draughon.

"Isabella Cannon has distinguished her alma mater in many ways," Elon President Fred Young told the guests present for the dedication. "We are honored to have her name permanently associated with Elon College in a tangible way."

The Cannon Room is designed for use as an art exhibition room as well as a meeting room, and as a facility for special dinners and

receptions. Panelled in teak, the room has free standing display units with special lighting for exhibits. As a meeting room it houses a conference table which can seat approximately 50 people. When converted to a dining facility, up to 80 dinner guests can be seated and served from a small adjacent kitchen.

Education has always been a high priority for Dr. Cannon since her first assignment as a high school teacher in Elon College, N. C., in 1924. She graduated from Elon with a double major in English and science and pursued graduate work in religious education, dramatics and speech, anthropology and creative writing. In 1978 Elon College awarded her the honorary doctor of law degree.

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