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"Jazz Godfather" to give local concert

Dizzy Gillespie, otherwise known as "The Godfather of Jazz," will perform at Elon College on Tuesday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Gillespie's local appearance is the last of three concerts in the Centennial Fine Arts series.

According to the *San Diego Union*, "Gillespie seems to grow stronger and more vital with the passing of time. His outgoing personality and impish sense of humor have endeared him to the general public for generations."

Gillespie began his life as a musician at the age of 2 when he

first played the piano. A few years later when he heard trumpeter Roy Eldridge on the radio, Gillespie knew he wanted to play the trumpet.

After several years of study at the Laurinburg Institute in North Carolina on a music scholarship, he moved north and played several short stints with most of the lead bands of the day. During the '40s he formed several of his own groups. But it was "Yardbird" Parker who affected Gillespie's life the most. Together with a few others, they helped create be-bop, a revolution in the style of jazz.

The interesting story behind Gillespie's uniquely-made trumpet is that in 1953 someone fell on his trumpet and bent the bell back. Gillespie played it, liked the sound and has had his trumpets built with the bell pointing upwards at a 45-degree angle ever since.

The design, along with his balloon-like cheeks, is his visual trademark.

Reserved seat tickets for the performance are available in the Fine Arts Center box office Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 or college I.D.



Dizzy Gillespie

Cigarette causes Fine Arts Center fire

by Murray Glenn
Staff Writer

Last Monday, a small fire was reported in the Fine Arts Center. A smoldering cigarette butt led to a small fire inside of a potted plant.

The Spanish Moss and the expanded polystyrene of a plant arrangement caught fire just outside of Yeager Recital Hall.

The fire was first noticed by students inside the recital hall who were listening to a performance by the Chamber Choir. Junior Steve Weston commented, "The smoke was pretty strong. We smelled it through the closed doors of the recital hall. I think everyone was

kind of startled because the fire alarm did not go off."

The fire was quickly extinguished by Dr. Clair Myers, director of the Fine Arts Center.

Campus security became aware of the situation when a near-by guard heard the glass to the fire extinguisher being broken.

The Elon College fire department wasn't notified, according to fire chief Eddie King. "In the past two years, only 2 fire-related calls have been reported on campus," he added.

King also said he felt the campus security staff had limited training in such situations. "We're free of charge. They should give us a

call more often. That's what we're here for," King said.

Terry Creech, director of security, commented, "The Fine Arts Center is equipped with a fairly new alarm system that should have been activated by the smoke."

Creech added that an investigation is under way to determine the cause of the problem. He went on to say that the Elon community is fortunate that the accident did not happen elsewhere on campus.

The Elon College community has recently been plagued by a series of unlawful fire extinguisher discharges. Creech said, "People do not understand that they are not only breaking the law, but they are putting themselves in danger."

\$2,000 in vandalism done in one weekend

by Krissa Holland
Staff Writer

There were a wide variety of damages, totaling \$2000, done in and around campus the weekend of February 10.

According to Robert E. Poindexter, Vice President for Administrative Services, the signs in front of Elon Elementary School and the Boy Scout Hut on Haggard Ave. were both torn down.

There were also damages done to the shrubs outside East Building and around the Powell Tennis Center. Several trees were broken off at their trunks around campus, and a tree in front of Brannock Dormitory was set on fire.

One of the new faculty/staff parking signs was completely torn out of the ground and several globes on the lamp posts outside of Long Student Center were broken. There was also a residence's mailbox torn down at the corner of East and O'Kelly avenues.

Poindexter said he feels that the majority, if not all, of these events are related because they occurred so closely in time and proximity to each other. He explained that campus security and the Elon College Police Department are working closely with each other on some leads they have.

"My intention is to cooperate with the police and see that this is brought to court," stated Poindexter.

There is a \$500 reward being given to anyone that has information that leads to a conviction. Poindexter is asking anyone who knows anything about this to contact Terry Creech, head of campus security, or the local police department. "I'm not saying that students did it, but they may have seen someone," said Poindexter.

He also said that he feels good about the way the majority of students take care of the campus.



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