

INSIDE

5 In with the old and out with the new in campus dining.

7 Local rock band takes 'backseat' to Hootie.

10 Elon's basketball coach explains tough season.

REMINDER: Tune into WSOE for the latest in college music.



THE PENDULUM

Volume XX, Number 14

Informing the Elon College Community

February 16, 1995

Hootie doesn't disappoint

Chris Adams
Staff Reporter

Hootie & the Blowfish returned to Elon College Saturday night, except the band wasn't playing The Lighthouse Tavern and Deli for \$3 a person.

This time the Columbia, S.C., band packed Alumni Gymnasium with a \$5 cover for Elon students and \$10 cover for non-students. The band has played The Lighthouse three times in its eight years.

The Student Union Board sponsored the event and Christy Chappell, music performance chair of SUB, had a great deal to do with the organizing.

She said the concert was a sell-out with all 3,000 tickets gone before the show.

About 2,500 tickets were actu-

ally sold. Band attendants, technicians and various other people involved with the concert received complimentary tickets. About 75 students and faculty from Elon assisted with the concert, said Barb H. Carlton, director of Student Activities.

Included in the audience were 20 security guards, including 10 armed police officers. Also in attendance were 11 undercover police officers, including six from the state's Alcohol Law Enforcement team, and three Alamance County vice narcotics officers, said Elon College Police Officer M.B. Tanis.

At the show, a half dozen people were escorted out for improper behavior and two arrests were made, both for failure to obey an officer, Tanis said.

Chappell said SUB would have

rather not had the undercover agents at the show.

"It wasn't SUB's choice (for the officers to attend). They have the jurisdiction to do this, so it is out of our hands," Chappell said.

Chappell also said that Hootie & the Blowfish would be getting a percentage of the gross ticket sales along with their \$5,000 appearance fee.

The school had to make \$17,500 to break even for the event. Money made in addition to the \$17,500, Chappell said, would go towards a spring "Band Fest" that is tentatively being co-sponsored by SUB and Lambda Chi Alpha.

A little after 10 p.m., Hootie & the Blowfish finally hit the stage and the crowd was pumped up, including several families with

See Hootie, Page 4.



Erick Gill/The Pendulum
Lead singer Darius Rucker (right) sings to 3,000 fans Saturday.

SGA hopes to rewrite constitution by March

Stacey Ward
Staff Reporter

The SGA began planning revisions to its constitution last spring, however, it hopes to have final revisions completed by the end of this semester, said SGA Vice President Cathy Sparks.

The main goal for the Student Government Association's new constitution is to set up the structure so there is more representation from all areas of campus programs, Sparks said.

In the current revisions, the division of representatives has changed. The traditional representatives by academic class (senior, junior, sophomore, freshman) will remain. But, there will be senate seats set aside for campus programs such as: Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council and Elon Volunteers!, if they choose to have a seat, Sparks said.

The at-large council, the (tentatively named) organization council and the academic council have also undergone changes.

If passed, the at-large council will be separated into classes with class officers and three representatives, Sparks said. The

organization council will include 12 campus programs and have 13 representatives. The academic council will be separated into five sections, following the college handbook, Sparks said. The council will have five representatives.

The SGA is scheduled to discuss the revised constitution today at its senator's meeting. The senators will look at the revisions and offer comments on them. The SGA meets Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in McKinnon Hall in the Moseley Center.

Before the constitution is passed the Student Faculty Committee/Student Life Committee needs to recognize the revised SGA Constitution, Sparks said. The Student Faculty Committee/Student Life Committee will meet Friday to discuss the constitution and offer suggestions.

SGA President Larry Williams said the SGA will then take those recommendations and revise the constitution.

Williams said after the revisions are made the SGA will publicize the changes and the Senate is scheduled to make final revisions on Feb. 23, before the student See SGA, Page 4.

Greeks experience huge rush

Erick Gill
Editor in Chief

Elon's greek system is experiencing one of its biggest rushes in history this week, said Director of Greek Life Amanda Harless.

Harless said 284 girls are involved with sorority rush, which began Sunday. Last year 276 women went through rush and the previous year 244.

"So you can see there has been a steady increase over the years," Harless said.

As far as men's rush goes, Harless said, about 176 students are involved this semester.

"If you go through rush to meet people it will be successful," Harless said. "But if you go through to just be in a sorority (or fraternity) you could be disappointed.

"Rush is a time for people to see if (the greek system) is for them," Harless said.

There are seven fraternities and six sororities involved with rush this week. There are also three black fraternities and sororities that don't participate in Elon's traditional rush.

The total membership fee for a fraternity or sorority could range from \$300 to \$500 annually.

Bids for fraternities will be given out

Friday and sorority bids will go out Sunday.

A rushee for sororities must attend: Convocation, all first round parties, up to four second round parties (if invited) and up to two parties (if invited). Fraternity rush also included convocation and an open house.

Also, rushees must have a 2.25 grade point average to pledge and have completed 12 semester hours at Elon.

Andy Ponzio, treasurer of Kappa Sigma, said, "I agree with the school imposing the 2.25 grade requirement to pledge a fraternity or a sorority."

D.J. McGarrigan, a Sigma Chi, disagreed.

"A 2.25 average is not exactly setting the standard for excellence as it is. And the choice (whether or not to pledge) should be up to you, not the school," McGarrigan said.

McGarrigan explained that pledging provides a structured environment where one is encouraged to study and a study hall is provided.

One difference in men's rush this semester was a mandatory rush convocation and open house, Harless said.

She said that at the convocation a group of men put on skits to emphasize the dangers of college issues like hazing and alcohol See Rush, Page 4.