INSIDE

EDITORIALS/ LETTERS

Chaplain McBride speaks out

page 3

NEWS

Study Abroad; Africa, S. America

page 5

Black History Month

page 15

A&E

Little Shop of Horrors page 8

Chris Adams' Valentines Review

page 8

0&A

Charles Gantos: Safety and Security

page 10

Photo Essav

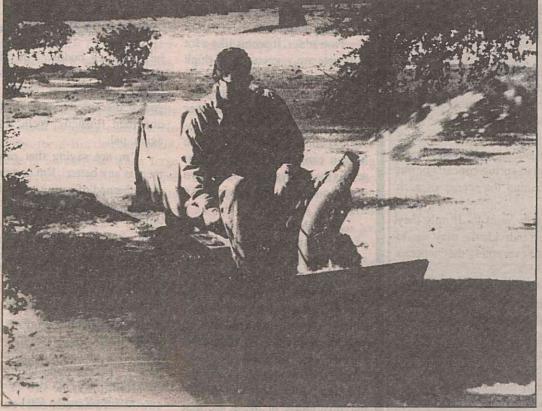


page 11

SPORTS

Softball looking strong page 16

36 Days till Spring Break!



The 'rush' is on at Elon

Mike Kennedy, of landscaping, clears the path of higher learning outside of Carlton.

Tonya Hubart Senior Reporter

Formal rush for sororities starts this weekend. But, what is it?

"Rush is a mutual selection process. Women chose a sorority that they want to be a member of and sororities chose women they want as members," Amanda Harless, head of greek life said.

"It's called rush because you rush from one activity to another," Harless said.

The week-long process starts

Sunday with convocation. "Convocation is orientation to the program. It tells them what to expect and teaches wellness, how to balance academics, health and rush," Harless said.

The last day to sign up for rush is Sunday. There is a \$20 registration fee which has doubled since last year.

"The fee is more because Panhellenic provides food for the girls and the rush booklet we give out costs more," said Harless.

You must have a 2.25 GPA

(See Sorority Rush Page 4)

Men's Rush

Men's rush begins Saturday with convocation from noon until 2:00 p.m. in Whitley auditorium.

Sunday is open house for all the fraternities. It will be in second floor Alamance. Each fraternity is in a room and rushees go from room to room.

Rush parties are Feb.12-22. Each fraternity has two, two-hour

Men's rush is less structured than sorority rush. There are no

(See Men's Rush Page 4)

Debating the historical Jesus

Tricia Ziegler Staff Reporter

Who is Jesus? It is a question that has confounded scholars for the 2000 years since his birth.

The "Jesus at 2000" conference brings together six scholars to discuss the issue from a variety of perspectives. The conference will

be fed via satellite to Elon tomorrow and Saturday, Feb. 9 - 10, beginning at 11 a.m.

The event, sponsored by the Religious Life Office, is open to all students and faculty. Registration is not necessary

The itinerary includes:

• "From Galilean Jew to the Face of God: The Pre-Easter and Post-Easter Jesus" Marcus Borg, Oregon State University. Feb. 9, 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

• "Jesus and the Kingdom: Peasants and Scribes in Earliest Christianity" John Dominic Crossan, DePaul University. Feb. 9, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

· "Jesus, Judaism, and Early Christianity" Alan F. Segal, Barnard College. Feb. 9, 5 - 6:15 p.m.

(See Jesus Page 4)

Online research offers students guide to the net

Tonya Hubart Senior Reporter

An online research class is being offered by the communications department this semester.

The one hour credit class is four two-hour seminars and a visit to The News and Observer.

The seminars are being conducted by Bruce Siceloff, new media editor at The News and Observer, and Teresa Leonard, research department staff member at The News and Observer.

The seminars are Feb. 29, March 14, April 11, and April 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If anyone wants to attended one particular seminar, it can be accommodated, George Padgett, head of the communications department said.

The department offers seminar classes ev-Tonya Hubart / The Pendulum ery spring, rotating between communication fields.

Candidates slated to speak on ECTV

Stacey Ward Editor in Chief

Student Government Association elections are scheduled for Tues. and Wed. Feb. 27-28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on first floor Moseley

Candidates for executive positions are scheduled to give speeches on ECTV at 7 p.m. to-

Petitions for elections are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 14. A mandatory meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The petitions are available in the SGA office, 231 Moseley Center.

Positions on the Executive staff, the At Large Council and the Academic Council are available.

Elections have been held in March in the past. Because of upcoming budget hearings, the new budgeting system and executive job training, election dates are scheduled earlier, said Election Committee Chair Matt Belardi.

The SGA elections may have "real" booths, Belardi said. This would make it easier to count the votes and make voting more confidential.