

Elon Students Make Difference in State Government

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Believe it or not, the North Carolina State Legislature is getting some help from Elon College.

Elon students who are members of the North Carolina Student Legislature have written bills that relate to actual statutes discussed in the North Carolina Legislature.

"The bills our students write

go to the North Carolina Legislature, and one-third will be passed in some way," said Chalmers Brumbaugh, professor of Political Science at Elon.

Students also learn Parliamentary procedure, writing and debating the issues and then coming up with resolutions.

In March, chapters from all around North Carolina met in Raleigh for an annual session where the governor addressed the students.

"It gets me involved in the state, and I learn how political procedures work," said Eric Helsley, president of the Elon College chapter. He is a senior corporate communications major.

"I find this useful because it tones my skills in sales," he said.

This is the 60th year of the NCSL, and Elon College hosted an Interim Council in February. The Interim Council is where all schools get together to debate and pass bills.

Helsley won the award for the year's best president; Elon also got the award for the most improved chapter.

"I got involved for one semester in my junior year and then went to London for a semester, came back and then became president in November," said Helsley.

Four of the last six governors were once members of the Student Legislature, including current governor Jim Hunt.

U.S. Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson and two U.S. Senators got their start in the North Carolina Student Legislature as well.

The Elon College chapter with 15 members meets once a week on Mondays in Alamance 214. Students from any major can join.

The current Elon College chapter started up again about 10 years ago after the preceding one folded.

Habitat for Humanity Has One Final Push for Money

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It's down to the last weekend of fund-raising for Elon's Habitat for Humanity and they still have \$10,000 to raise.

Habitat's fund-raising goal is \$25,000 compared to last year's goal of \$20,000. The money will cover increased building expenses.

"Habitat pays for everything except for labor, which is provided by Habitat volunteers," said Anji Roe, president of Elon's Habitat for Humanity.

Throughout the year, Habitat has been taking donations from the "Square Foot Club" where students, faculty and staff can purchase footage in the Habitat house.

"We haven't had much support this year from faculty and staff and even less from the students," Roe said.

Last year students accounted for \$3,000 of Habitat's donations, but this year it is only \$150, Roe

said.

"It is hard for any organization to raise this amount of money," said Roe. "We are just asking for support."

"Pitch in to Help Out" has been a week-long event for Habitat where students, faculty and staff can throw money into the Fonville Fountain near the Alamance building. Habitat for Humanity will be jumping in the fountain to clean it out this Friday at 5 p.m.

"What we really want to see is \$2.00 per student," Roe said.

"I believe it's one less beer (per student) for Habitat."

This Saturday, May 4, Habitat is hosting the "Dean's Car Wash," which will take place in the Moseley parking lot from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Deans and members of Student Life will participate in this fund-raising activity.

A garage sale will also be held in McKinnon Hall this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. The garage sale is open to the college and commu-

nity. Habitat is asking for the donation of items to be sold in the garage sale. Items may be dropped off in the Office of Religious Life through Friday, May 3.

Also on Saturday at 3 p.m., Habitat will be dedicating this year's house located off of Ball Park Avenue.

The ceremony will include speeches from student volunteers and the homeowners. Meg Duffany, Habitat's works project coordinator, will be handing over the key to the homeowners.

"It's a celebration of the homeowners receiving their home" Roe said. Any interested students may attend and can obtain directions in the EV! office or call Ext. 2102.

Despite the hectic week of Habitat's last fund-raising events, Roe is still optimistic. "It's really hard not to feel like failures at this point in the year, but we did it last year and we can do it again," Roe said.

Phi Psi Cli Makes Its Annual Debut

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The unveiling of the 1997 Phi Psi Cli, Elon College's yearbook, will take place in McKinnon Hall Monday from 6 - 7 p.m.

The book will also be distributed at a table near the Octagon Cafe from noon until 2 p.m. next Tuesday through Friday and at college coffee Wednesday, May 7.

Phi Psi Cli adviser Felicia Massey said that despite the other pick-up times, students should attend the unveiling if possible.

"We really want to encourage people to come to the unveiling because yearbooks are first-come, first-serve," Massey said.

Massey said that she and the staff were looking forward to seeing the book and viewing all their hard work.

"I can't wait to see how it all comes together," Massey said.

Arts and Academics Editor Arna Majcher said, "I'm really looking forward to the book coming out. We've put a lot of hard work into it and I think it will be the best book ever."

The yearbook started the year with two co-editors-in-chiefs, but only sophomore Carilynn Champey finished the year as editor-in-chief. Champey said she enjoyed working on the book, despite all the hard work.

"It's a lot of tedious details. There are so many details that go into putting together the book that people don't realize," Champey said.

Phi Psi Cli was first published in 1912 by the senior class of Elon. Its publishing was suspended in 1918 and 1919 because of WWI, but has only missed one year since. It derived its name from Elon's three former literary societies.

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