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Arts & Entertainment — A Calender of Events for Black History Month reading day.

Thursday night, the Alvin

Ailey Repertory Ensemble (AARE)

will entertain audiences with their

"artistry and sophistication" in

McCrary Theatre at 8pm. The late

Alvin Ailey hand picked dancers

from the most outstanding scholar-

ship students from the American

Dance theatre to start this ensemble.

sizes a balance of repertoire, tech-

nique and performance, has grown

into one of the most outstanding

components of the Alvin Ailey

away by the AARE, settle down for

a journey through African-Ameri-

After you have been blown

American Dance Center.

The ensemble, which empha-

Katisha Hayes Staff Reporter

February is dedicated to celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of African-Americans of the past and present. Elon is doing its share of celebrating by offering a variety of programming for students, faculty and the community.

The month started off last week with the Elon College Gospel Choir and Elon's Finest teaming up to sponsor a week of entertainment. A fun night of games, a talent show, a panel discussion and a dance-athon gave everyone a variety of choices to partake in.

Last Monday, February 9th, Wihelmina Boyd sponsored the annual African-American Read-In. The event was part of a international activity sponsored by the National Council of English Teachers and the Black Caucus.

"It was a chance for people around the world to come together to read African-American works that highlight African-American history and the need to read, " said Boyd.

The Read-In originally took place in the rotunda of Alamance Building, but it has since been moved to the fireplace lounge in the Moseley Center.

"Our first year in the rotunda, nearly 300 participants sat on the floor," said Boyd, "Now we have the comfort of the chairs and the fireplace to add to our enjoyment."

On Thursday, members of the Black Cultural Society visited area schools to talk to youths about many ^{Significant issues including the im-} Portance of a higher education.

If you missed out on those events, don't fret, there is still more ¹⁰ come. Alpha Kappa Alpha So-^{to}rity Inc. and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will also team

3. Moby - "I Like to Scare"

10. Feeder - "Polythene"

6. Deftones - "Around the Fur"

7. The Verve - "Urban Hymns"

4. Blur - Beetlebum

up to sponsor a week of events as well as taking part in a clothing drive (Red Cross Relief Fund) throughout the week and host two speakers.

The first speaker is a representative from the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation who will address issues surrounding the disease. Sickle Cell Anemia is a oxygen-deficient disease of the red blood cells that causes them to form in the shape of a sickle.

"It's a disease that affects many people in the United States that we don't even realize," said Giselle Pole, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The second speaker is Crystal Morrison, current director of

can literature when storyteller Jamal

These are some of the books read during the Annual African-American Read-In

Crystal Pape/The Pendulum

Alamance Cares, a non-profit agency that sponsors outreach programs for AIDS victims. Morrison, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a former Elon graduate, will speak about AIDS in the black community.

Then the ladies and gentlemen of these two greek organizations will visit Hillcrest Elementary School on Wednesday to sponsor a Koram, "The Storyman", ends the week by telling traditional and modern folk tales and short stories by African-Americans. Koram, the father of Elon sophomore Nilaja R. Koram, is described as a griot, one who passes on stories orally from generation to generation.

"He has been doing this for 15 years and is highly respected for

"He is considered the best at what he does and I'm proud and honored that he is coming."

Although the month of February is the shortest month, that didn't stop the planning committee from packing the last week with even more entertainment and educational programs.

The Elon College Gospel Choir is holding the 3rd annual Gospel Extravaganza Saturday, Feb. 21 at 4 pm in Whitley. Area schools and churches as well as Elon's very own gospel choir will participate in the event. Special guest, "Voice of Unity", will travel from Moncks Corner, SC to perform on this special occasion.

More upliftment and praise will come in the form of the Minneapolis Gospel Sound on Sun, Feb. 22 at 2 pm in Whitley. The group consist of five musicians and five vocalist with their own unique style of contemporary gospel. MGS currently has a CD out title, "Keep It Real."

On Wednesday the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a forum on issues affecting the black community at Elon. The forum will focus on issues not addressed at recent forum held by the Black Cultural Society.

"We want to address any questions and concerns, discuss the good things happening in our community and talk about ideas for next year," said Tiffany S. Stephens, a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

On Thursday, the ladies of DST will sponsor "Showtime at Whitley", a spoof of the television show, Showtime at the Apollo. The talent showcase will focus on themes dealing with African and African-American history and culture

Black History Month will culminate with "War of the Wits", a game that test participants knowledge of African-American history.



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Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer Band, Feb. 14 8pm Charlotte Coliseum (704) 522-6500

 Harry Connick Jr. February 14 Ovens Auditorium Charlotte, NC - 8 pm Tickets - \$35 and \$25 reserved (704) 522-6500

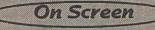


Feb. 12-15. "The Robber Bridegroom" directed by Sara Romersberger - McCrary Theater, 8 pm on Thursday -Saturday, 2 pm on Sunday Tickets: \$10 or free with ID

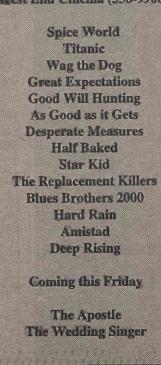
Feb. 21 - Elon college **Gospel Choir Extravaganza** Whitley Auditorium, 4 pm Tickets: \$3 or \$2 with Elon ID

Feb. 24 - "Dance A Thin Line" directed by Jane Wellford 7 pm Yeager Recital Hall **Tickets : Absolutely Free**

Feb. 26 - "Peer Gynt" presented by the National Theater of the Deaf 8 pm McCrary Theater Tickets : \$12 or free with ID



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