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SGA holding elections next week

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The Student Government Association (SGA) will hold elections for the 1999-2000 executives and Senate members Monday, Feb. 22 and Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first floor of Moseley Center.

Students have eight candidates for executive positions and 19 candidates for Senate positions to choose from in this year's election.

"We struck a good balance between returning SGA members and new blood," Jeff Angel, SGA Executive Treasurer and Elections Committee chair, said.

Although the executive vice-president and executive secretary races are uncontested this year, the executive treasurer and executive president races have three candidates each.

This year's executive presidential race will be highlighted by a televised debate between candidates Jude Dooley, John Gardner and Corbie Meadows which will be shown Sunday, Feb. 21 on Elon Student Television.

The candidates will be asked four or five questions and will be given 60-90 seconds to respond to each one.

"With three candidates, we want to make it a campaign of issues, not a popularity contest," Angel said.

"We have Jude, who is very pro-residence life, we have Corbie, who has a lot of experience and has held several posts in the Senate, and we have John, who has done some impressive things within the Senate," SGA Executive President Mark Richter said.

"The voters should look carefully at the three candidates," he said. "Each candidate brings a different viewpoint and each candidate is capable of doing good things for the Student Government Association."

In the executive treasurer race, the last-minute entry of Kendra Freeland and the decision made by Jim Crotts to pull out of the executive president race and join the run for treasurer added competition for established candidate Josh Phoebus.

"We need a competent individual to serve in this position," Richter said.

Crotts' decision to switch from the executive president race to the executive treasurer race was explained in an open letter to *The Pendulum* as his want to "provide the student body with an experienced and dedicated leader in the handling of the SGA's financial affairs."

"I was happy to see Jim remain a candidate," Richter said. "We're happy to see his decision to run for treasurer."

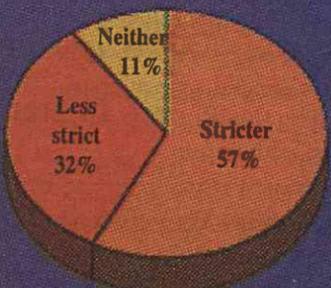
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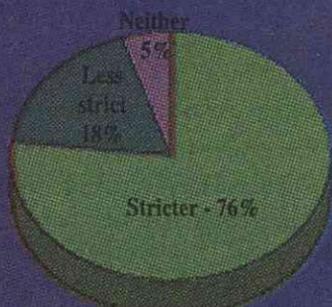
Amy Weldon of Phi Mu sorority cheers for the new girls at the 1999 Sorority Bid Circle held Feb. 13 at East Gym. For more pictures from Bid Day, see the Photo Essay on page 21.

PENDULUM FYI

"In general, would you say you favor stricter gun control, or less strict gun control?"



HAVE GUN



DO NOT HAVE GUN

Source: Harris Poll, April 22-27, 1998, N=1,011 adults nationwide. Graphic by Jeff Sanders

Elon hosts N.C. Student Legislature

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Elon College will be hosting the North Carolina Student Legislature Interim Council Saturday, Feb. 20 in the Long building.

The North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) is the oldest active student legislature organization in the country.

The program allows students to express their ideas on current local and national issues, and over 40 percent of ideas proposed by the NCSL have become law.

NCSL alumni include Sena-

tors Jesse Jackson and Robert Morgan, governors Jim Hunt and Bob Scott, and U.S. District Attorney Sam Currin.

Elon is hoping that this Council will be the first step in forming a firm relationship with the 23 other North Carolina schools involved in the NCSL program and becoming active in the state's legislature.

Travis Suber, president of the NCSL, remarked, "This is a time of rebuilding at Elon because the program has been inactive for the past two years."

"We want to build up the NCSL delegation by delegation,

school by school, starting with Elon itself."

Beginning at 9 a.m., the conference will offer Elon students the chance to participate in mock government and debate over resolutions and bills.

Free breakfast will also be provided in Long for all those who attend.

John Barnhill, the Assistant to the Dean of Students, will speak at the Council and there will also be a special presentation made in honor of Black History Month.

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