

SGA's Phoenix Phair set for April 8

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Reporter

Student Government is sponsoring the Phoenix Phair April 8, from 12-6 p.m. on the intramural fields. This event is open to all Elon students and residents of the surrounding community.

A main purpose of the phair is to enhance and build upon the community atmosphere between members of the school, community, and between the institution and the town of Elon and surrounding areas.

"One reason SGA decided to host the Phoenix Phair is a mission to maintain and enhance community atmosphere here at Elon with the students and the community," John Gardner, former SGA Executive President said. "We

hope the event will prove to be an exciting and community building event that students can look forward to year after year." The Student Government Association hopes that the phair will become an annual event.

Craft vendors will be at the phair selling a variety of items. Food vendors will also sell food throughout the day, including pizza, funnel cake, Italian sausage, hamburgers, and candy apples. Three professional bands, Nine Days, The Virginia Coalition and Blue Yard Garden, as well as Leon's a capella group, Twisted Measure and William's High School's Big Throated Chimney will perform. The Elon Dance team will also provide entertainment.

More than 25 student organizations will hold booths at the

phair. Activities at these booths include balloon darts, face painting and a dunk tank.

Time Out Productions will provide inflatable rides and activities for the event including a two-lane Bungee Run, Pedestal Joust, Hoop 'N Shoot, Velcro Obstacle Course, Wacky Wax, Sumo Wrestling, Orbitron, Giant Slide, Paintball Shooting Gallery, Moonwalk, Cameron the Caterpillar, Sea of Balls, Rock Wall and Frisbee Art.

Admission to the phair is \$6 for everyone, including Elon students. This price includes unlimited rides. Crafts, food and student organization booths cost extra. Advanced tickets sales will begin April 2, downstairs Moseley.

Students prepare to raise awareness of homelessness

Lauren Vilis
Business Manager

Students met earlier this week to prepare for "One Homeless Night," an event sponsored by Elon Volunteers that hopes to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness nationwide.

"One Homeless Night" will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Thursday, April 19, location TBA. Participants will have the opportunity to spend one night "homeless"

Various speakers will be on hand to discuss the current issues of homelessness and give par-

ticipants a better understanding of the hardships faced by thousands of Americans. Items from a canned food and clothing drive to be held before the event will be donated to Allied Churches of Burlington, an organization that offers a shelter and soup kitchen. Other events are being planned to entertain participants throughout the night.

Students who have participated in "One Homeless Night" in the past have slept in boxes or sleeping bags outside to experience homelessness firsthand. For more information contact Elon Volunteers at extension 7251.

Court knocks swearing professor out of classroom

Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals found Macomb Community College had the right to suspend a professor who used "objectionable" language in his classes.

The court overruled a lower court's decision to grant English professor John Bonnell a temporary injunction to continue teaching. Bonnell was suspended after he continually used profanities while teaching classes at the school, which is located in Mount Clemens, Mich. Macomb administrators also battled with the 61-year-old professor over his decision to distribute a student's complaint and other written correspondence to the college community. Bonnell sought the injunction, claiming the suspension was a violation of his civil and first amendment rights.

The situation began in November 1998 after a student filed a written sexual harassment complaint with the school because Bonnell used "lewd and obscene comments" during class. Bonnell subsequently deleted the student's name from the complaint and distributed copies to students in all six of his classes.

After being told by the Macomb administration that school policy was to keep all student complaints confidential so that other

students wouldn't be afraid to come forward, Bonnell distributed the complaint to more than 200 faculty members at the college, along with a four-page letter titled, "An Apology: Yes, Virginia, There is a Sanity Clause."

After an administrative hearing, the college suspended Bonnell for three days.

Bonnell later distributed copies of letters from the college's administration about his suspension to local television stations and a local newspaper. The college again suspended Bonnell, with pay and benefits, while it investigated his distributing the complaint to the media.

Bonnell subsequently filed a six-count complaint claiming that he was not given due process and that his civil rights were being violated, along with his first and fourteenth amendment rights. A lower court denied his request for a preliminary injunction and sent the matter back to the college for an administrative hearing.

When Bonnell declined to attend a hearing, the college found that Bonnell "breached confidentiality and retaliated against the complaining student" and suspended him for 14 days in Aug. 1999.

The college then filed for an appeal to Bonnell's injunction, which the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently granted.

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Amnesty International official to lecture March 29

An Amnesty International U.S.A. official who specializes in women's human rights will visit Elon for a 7:30 p.m. lecture, March 29.

Dr. Sheila Dauer, director of Amnesty International U.S.A.'s women's human rights program, will deliver a lecture titled "State-Sponsored and Private Actor Violence" at the Elon Community Church. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Former U.S. President Bush visits Elon, April 10

Former U.S. President George Bush will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary doctorate during Spring Convocation at Elon College, April 10.

Bush's appearance at the invitation-only event will celebrate the successful conclusion of the Elon Vision, a strategic plan launched in 1994 to ensure Elon's position as one of the premier undergraduate institutions on the Eastern Seaboard. The \$40 million Campaign for the Elon Vision has exceeded its goal. The convocation also recognizes the academic achievement of Elon students.

In addition to delivering the keynote address, Bush will meet with selected students and faculty for conversation and to answer student questions.

Broadway Casting Director Auditions Students

Dave Clemmons, a noted Broadway casting director, auditioned more than 50 Elon students Monday.

Clemmons was on cam-

pus auditioning students in Elon's music theatre program for roles in "The Lost Colony." The outdoor drama on the North Carolina coast commemorates the birth of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World.

Clemmons will also conduct a master class for senior music theatre students, sharing his knowledge and insight about life as a Broadway actor. "I like to bring New York down to the students," Clemmons says.

Nominate an Elon Employee for Staff of the Year

Students have the unique opportunity to nominate Elon employees for the Staff Member of the Year awards.

Staff members can be nominated for physical plant, office, and administrative awards.

The deadline for nominations is March 30. Nomination forms can be found at the Office of Human Resources, ext. 5560

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