

All freshman men may now eat breakfast at MCEwen Dining Hall.

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Rape symposium held

A community symposium on the problem of rape and sexual assault in Alamance County was held at Elon College on Feb. 7 and 8.

Sponsored by the Religious Life Committee, the symposium brought experts in to discuss why rape occurs, how great the problem is in the community, how the medical and legal sectors deal with rape, and how victims cope with the emotional crisis associated with sexual assault.

The first session on Tuesday morning saw Whitley packed to overflowing. Teme Reice, who developed a rape crisis plan for North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, presented an overview of the social, psychological, legal, and medical aspects of the problem. Ms. Reice is now coordinator of the commuter program at Elon. She has a Master of Social Work degree

from a Michigan State University and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

"Rape is probably the most misunderstood crime," Ms. Reice pointed out. "It is a crime of violence in which sex is simply the tool of aggression. In our society there is a long history of ideas and literature that have condoned rape. It has been a means of keeping women in their place. It serves to diminish, if not destroy, a woman's sense of self and her sense of community," Ms. Reice said. "People need both to survive."

"According to the FBI," Ms. Reice continued, "an estimated 50 to 90 per cent of rape cases are not reported." Women say that the rapists are not caught, or that the aftermath of reporting is emotionally so harsh, they simply prefer to keep quiet.



Dr. Pace fields question during the Tuesday night session.

Direct deposit opposed

by Dana Hill

Elon College has instituted a new system of depositing employees' checks directly into various banks where employees have accounts. This direct deposit system, used by many businesses and other institutions, has received opposition from student employees as well as staff because they feel they have no choice with respect to participation in the program.

The program, passed by the Board of Trustees, is set up so that the entire college payroll is sent directly to the Bank of North Carolina where it is then divided into a payroll figure for each employee and deposited in the employee's bank account.

According to Elon branch manager Sandy Davis, the employee is not required to have an account at the Bank of North Carolina in order to be eligible for the program.

Ms. Davis also added that the Bank of North Carolina will mail an employee's check to any bank in North Carolina where he has an account. This

is done at no charge to the college, said Ms. Davis. She also said that a Bank of North Carolina account could be opened free of charge to all college employees.

Opposition to the program has grown out of the fact that a college employee must now have an account with a North Carolina bank in order to receive his or her pay for that month's work. If an employee does not now have an account with a North Carolina bank he must open one in order to receive his pay.

According to W.E. Butler, business manager at the college, employees will not be able to pick up their checks on campus after Jan. 1, 1978. They may either go to the bank where they have an account to get their check or simply write checks against the total if it is placed in a checking account.

Mr. Butler said that the program was started in order to free the college from added paperwork. The college estimates that it will save \$400 each year in check printouts alone.



Phi Psi Chi staff confer with Delmar officials during weekly meeting.

Phi Psi Chi faces deadline

by Beverly Faison

Despite staffing problems, the Elon College yearbook, Phi Psi Chi, is now moving ahead with production.

Shelly Skeens, senior in Community Services, has assumed leadership of the current staff of 10. Along with faculty adviser, Dr. Russell Gill, assistant professor of English, and Bill Murphy, Phi Psi Chi photographer, she worked during winter term and made plans to meet the dead-

line of Feb. 25. The staff has 160 pages to complete by this date. Working on the staff are Jane Healy, Greeks; Beverly Faison and Cathy Phelps, student life; Terry Davis and John Sodler, organizations; Jim McFarland, copy; Nancy

Lothman and Tim Moore, sports. Shelly says that the staff is working hard to meet the deadline. However, the staff could use the help of anyone who is experienced or interested. Also any pictures,

especially sports pictures, could be used.

Phi Psi Chi had two co-editors at the beginning of the fall semester. Because of a heavy academic load, one of the editors, Caryn Van Pelt, resigned. Denise Austin, who was student teaching while co-editor, planned to return to work on the yearbook after the December graduation. However she had a job offer while student-teaching, and the media board advised her to accept the job.

Male insurance rates decline

If you haven't noticed already, there is some good news for the under-25 male driver in North Carolina. A controversial new insurance law that bans the use of age and sex in computing automobile insurance rates in North Carolina went into effect Dec. 1, 1977.

This bill will substantially reduce rates for the under-25 male driver if he has a good driving record. However, the bill will stiffen punishment for violations for the first-time charge for minor offenses, such as running a stop sign and wrecks with damage under \$200, in which the insured is negligent.

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram has said that December 1st was a red-letter day in his career. Ingram made two major commitments when he first ran for insurance commissioner back in 1972, and that was to eliminate North Carolina motorists being cancelled in this state with the reinsurance facility

and to eliminate age and sex discrimination in insurance in the Tarheel State.

For those males under 25, the changes will be drastic. An example of this is in the basic liability costs for the young male with a clean driving record. He now pays a base rate of \$219 a year. The rate will drop to \$77 if he drives to work fewer than 10 miles one way.

This new system also will smooth out inequities among families who have an under 25 male driver in the household and those who have an under 25 female. Males under 25 now pay two and one half times the rate of young women and adults.

Banning age and sex considerations in automobile insurance rates has been a prolonged and bitter struggle between Commissioner Ingram and the state's insurance industry.

Ingram, who is a Democrat and running for the U.S.

Senate in 1978, promised in his 1972 and 1976 campaigns to abolish these higher rates for young men. He often argued they had to pay more for liability insurance than an adult convicted of drunken driving.

Ingram's reform proposal appealed to many who thought insurance companies unjustifiably charged all young men higher rates because some caused a lot of accidents.

The insurance industry opposed the concept with equal fervor, contending the rates were fair, because young males as a group caused twice as many accidents as other drivers. Industry officials say those wrecks are twice as costly as those caused by adults.

The battle over the new classification is not over. Ingram said his staff believes the inexperienced driver surcharge should be \$30 rather than \$70, and that other issues will be debated when the hearings on the plan resume this spring.

PIRG sponsors 'Cans to Carter'

The Elon College chapter of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC PIRG) is beginning a campaign, to send throwaway bottles and cans to President Carter. The purpose of the campaign,

sponsored by Environmental Action in Washington, is to encourage President Carter to support national bottle bill legislation.

"Passage of a national

bottle bill would save valuable energy now wasted in throw-away containers, while creating additional jobs and reducing beverages prices," stated a NC PIRG spokesperson.