

Ad hoc committee issues report

The Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Climate has issued its report after almost a year's meeting and work. The committee consists of students, faculty members, and representatives from the office of students affairs.

The committee held two open meetings, and conducted a written survey of the faculty and student body. Copies of the results were distributed to the faculty members and were published in **The Pendulum** on May 4, 1978.

The committee in its report, says that several groups as well as individuals "can and should take action that they deem appropriate."

Here are a few examples the committee recommends to

the faculty:

1. That the academic Standing Committee formulate and enforce an attendance policy for students on academic warning and probation.

2. That the associate dean and the librarian develop and enforce a quiet policy in the library.

3. That the Student Life Committee hold brainstorming sessions with the residents in each of the dormitories to seek ways to improve dormitory life.

4. That the Learning Resources Center staff study the possibility of competency testing in verbal and math skills at the end of the sophomore year.

The next recommendations can probably be better implemented by members of the faculty whose primary duties are administrative:

1. That the college develop a systematic plan to alleviate the overcrowding (especially three to a room in dorms) because the committee concludes that this is a major condition adverse to the academic climate.

2. That classrooms be left open at night on Sunday

through Thursday to provide places for group study.

3. That campus security be strengthened to reduce vandalism, encourage more use of the library at night, and enforce college regulations.

4. That the dean of student affairs designate 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. as quiet hours in dormitories.

5. That Greek week be restructured to Greek Week-end from Friday through Sunday with Friday classes cancelled.

Hundreds of faculty mem-

bers and students wrote comments on the survey form. Here are two suggestions from the students:

"How come a person who has 4 A's and a C cannot make the dean's list, and someone with all B's can? I think a 3.0 average should be the requirements for dean's list."

"Organize dorm study group sessions."

All of the comments and suggestions are being passed on for future consideration.

PIRG news

PIRG urges activism

The Elon College chapter of NC PIRG (North Carolina Public Interest Research Group) is opening the year at Elon with high hopes for increasing student activism on campus and in the community.

"We feel Elon students are ready for a high level of involvement in important issues," said NC PIRG state staff member Steve Schewel.

"Times are changing again on campuses. Environmental and economic issues are increasingly attracting student activities, and we want EC PIRG to be a part of that," Schewel added.

EC PIRG will be working on statewide PIRG issues such as nuclear power, transportation issues, and an examination of the Educational Testing Service (ETS)

which administers the GRE, SAT and LSAT.

In addition, EC PIRG will offer several vital services to Elon students at the beginning of the year. The chapter will make available on campus an updated version of its 48-page 'Tenant's Handbook'. It will be free to any students who want to know their rights, responsibilities and legal remedies as tenants.

EC PIRG will also be distributing an election year guide for student voter registration in North Carolina with particular emphasis on Elon students.

Jordan Fryar, an Elon sophomore and EC PIRG's state board representative has conducted a grocery price survey that will be released early in the year as a service to Elon area shoppers.

U.S. teacher exam set

Students completing teacher preparation programs and advanced degree candidates in specific fields may take the National Teacher Examinations on any of three different test dates in 1978-79. Educational Testing Service, the nonprofit, educational organization that administers this testing program, says that the tests will be given Nov. 11, 1978, Feb. 17, 1979, and July 21, 1979, at test centers

throughout the United States.

The **Bulletin of Information** contains a list of test centers and general information about the examinations, as well as a registration form. Copies may be obtained from college placement officers, school personnel departments, or directly from National Teacher Examinations, Box 911, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J. 08541.

Elections to be held

Freshman class elections will be held on Oct. 4 and 5. To be eligible to run, the applicant must have under 24 credit-hours and must be a full-time student. Any such freshman may run.

There are six positions open: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and three senatorial posts.

The deadline for filing an application to run is Friday, Sept. 29. Applications will be made available in the SGA offices in Long Student Center.

N.C. PIRG releases handbook

A widely used resource for renters and legal aid societies throughout North Carolina, the North Carolina Tenants' Handbook, was released today in updated form by the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (N.C. PIRG).

Designed as a self-help tool for tenants, the new version includes an insert describing changes in tenant laws in North Carolina since the 1976 publication of the original 48-page handbook written by attorney Peter W. Brown. The insert was compiled by tenant organizers Marilyn Road and Veronica Templeton, VISTA volunteers associated with N.C. PIRG.

"The biggest problem facing tenants in North Carolina

is the North Carolina legislature," said Roaf. "Landlord interests are heavily represented there."

She added, "The second biggest problem is getting repairs done by the landlords. Over the years many houses have deteriorated because of this neglect.

"By knowing the law the tenant can help make what is on the books work in his or her favor. Every tenant has the right to a decent dwelling although half of the 600,000 renters in the state live in below-standard houses."

The booklets are available from N.C. PIRG, Box 2901, West Durham Station, Durham, N.C. 27705. Tenants and legal aid societies should

send 50 cents for handling and postage and others may purchase them for \$2.50 each.

Included in the handbook are sections on leases, repairs, magistrates court, housing deposits, the housing code, discrimination, rent withholding, and resources within the state available to tenants.

Major changes in tenant laws and judicial decision since 1976 include additional guarantees of decent housing, safeguarding deposits, and providing legal recourse in the face of retaliatory eviction.

N.C. PIRG is a student directed, professionally staffed organization which seeks solutions to consumer and environmental problems through research and advocacy.



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