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## Computer purchased; winter course offered

by Craig Harris

AIDP funds were recently used to buy an academic computer for Elon College. This device, designated as a PDP 11/34, is what is known as a 'time-sharer' which can handle data input from 16 users at once.

The computer cost \$60,000, and according to Gerald Francis, of the math department, it is a first-class piece of equipment. "It's something that really puts our curriculum on line with everyone else's," he says. It took about five years to get it, he continued. At present there are six terminals located at the Learning Resources Center. By the end of this month, there will be 12.

During the winter term a computer course will be offered on campus for the first time. Such courses have

previously been held at TIA.

In preparation for this computer, 20 faculty members took part in a computer course offered at night at TIA last spring. Twenty six other faculty members participated in a two-week summer workshop.

A course is now being offered in introductory computer science, and Dr. Francis hopes to set up a computer science minor this year.

Several faculty members are working on programs designed to supplement their classes. Dr. Danieley has 14 chemistry programs, and Dr. Cates is working on several geography programs.

Eventually Dr. Francis and Andy Lightbourne, manager of academic computer services, hope to have wires running to Alamance, Duke, and Powell buildings.

## 16 bills get senate nod

A new copier for the Student Government Association office will be purchased following passage of one of 16 bills last Thursday. Bryant Colson, SGA president, said the purchase was necessary because the present copying machine is "beyond repair."

Another bill will require the SGA president and treasurer to meet with the auditor at the beginning of each academic year.

Formation of a committee to obtain an official list of parking ordinances currently in the town was approved. The SGA budget was sent to the financial committee.

The new constitution is expected to be presented at the next Senate meeting on Oct. 4. The constitution may be sent to committee

**SGA elections will be held Thursday, Oct. 4, in McEwen and Harden dining halls, and Long Student Center for freshman class officers and senators, upper-class senators [1st and 2nd precincts] and sophomore class secretary-treasurer.**

where, if approved, the Senate may then approve it by a two-thirds vote. After this approval the document must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of full-time students at Elon.

## Placement needs data

All seniors are strongly urged by the Career Planning and Placement Office, 104 Alamance, to file placement data with that office.

Placement data include a personal data sheet, at least three letters of reference, and any supplementary information. These materials are kept on file in the placement office and are sent to prospective employers when requested. Many firms and school systems will accept this information in place of their own application forms. Personal data sheets and reference forms are available in the Career and Planning and Placement Office.

Representatives from var-



Karen Campbell operates Elon's new academic computer from one of six available terminals. The computer cost between \$60 and \$70 thousand and is housed in the A-V room of the Learning Resources Center. Photo by John Hurd.

## \$100 prize offered

by Keith Nelson

The Student Government Association will award a \$100 cash prize to the campus organization that raises the largest amount of money for the United Way next week. Organizations include dorms and dorm halls.

All money raised will be

## United Way drive begins Oct. 1

spent in Alamance County with the money going to 27 organizations. Elon College students are affected by some of these organizations such as Red Cross, first aid and water safety.

Oct. 1 is the official kick-off date, and Oct. 5 will end the drive. All pledges should be in on Oct. 5 between 1 and 5 p.m. at the SGA office. On Monday, Oct. 8; at 12 noon the \$100 prize will be awarded in front of the

Student Center.

Ron Klepcyk serves as the United Way chairman for Elon College. Student leaders are the SGA officers. Mrs. Joanne Soliday acts as adviser to the SGA, which will appoint an official to help organize and discuss plans.

The goal for Elon College is \$4,350 and for the students \$500. Mrs. Soliday said, "We hope that the figure will exceed that greatly."

## Workshop to teach resume

Workshops on the preparation of resumes will be held next Monday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center classroom. Interested students should sign up for the workshop in the Career Planning and Placement Office, 104 Alamance.

"The resume takes on a variety of forms and requires some basic steps in preparation. An important first step in securing a new position, it serves as a summary of one's personal strengths, qualifications, and educational and professional

experiences and presents them in a most favorable way to a prospective employer," says Susan Phillips, director of the office of Career Planning and Placement.

**A College Coffee is scheduled every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor of McEwen Dining Hall. Refreshments [coffee, soda, sweets] are free. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.**