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Aldermen to consider PSO

The new members of the Elon College Board of Aldermen will be sworn in next Tuesday evening at the Town Hall and will later go into their first business session.

Charles Gantos, a contract specialist with Western Electric's Guilford Center; Dr. Mary Ellen Priestley, professor of English at Elon and owner of the art gallery; and Marvin Grant, former mayor and a designer with Copland Fabrics, will begin their four-year terms as aldermen.

Outgoing aldermen Ms. Sherley White, C. Dwight Wall, and D.D. Atkinson will be honored as will retiring Mayor Thomas L. Smith. Lt. Garland Thomas of the police department will be cited upon the occasion of his retirement.

The new police chief, Ralph D. Seagroves, and remaining board members Nell Snyder and Robert Olsen mayor pro tem, as well as town administrator Beth Hetzel, and friends will be present.

The business session for the

board will include the appointment of mayor pro tem, treasurer and assistant treasurer, personnel chairman and committee member, planning board liaison, member of the Fire Department board, representative on the County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (ACCJCC), the Piedmont recreation committee representatives. The board will also vote on reappointment of town personnel: engineer, attorney, administrator, police chief and public works director.

The agenda for the business session includes a police

vehicle bid, a report on the public safety officer department by Chief Seagroves, a report on the Town Hall complex and an enabling ordinance for a recreation commission.

The board will consider requesting a survey of the new extra-territorial zone. There will also be appointments to the planning board and the board of adjustment to fill vacancies created by the recent annexation of the area south of town.

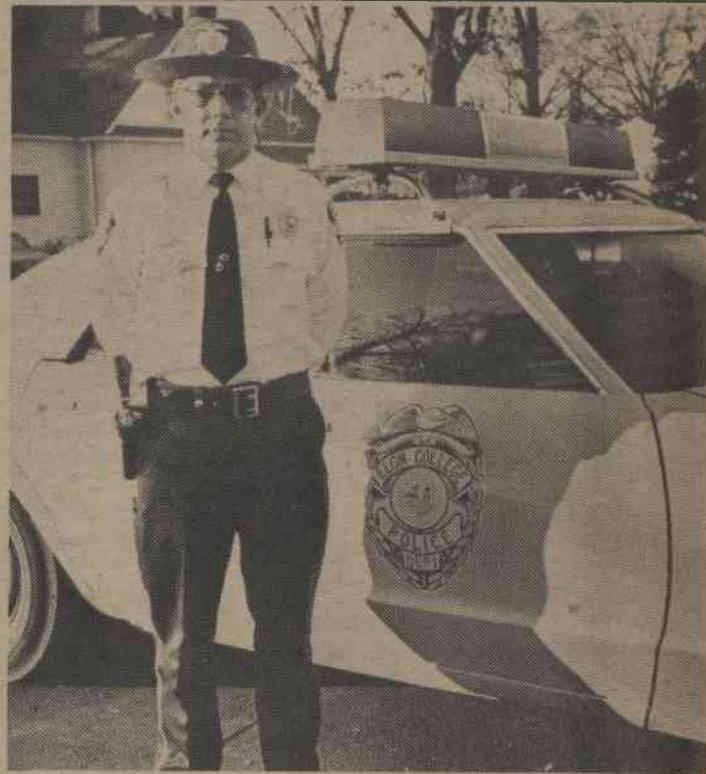
The need for communications equipment for the Public Works Department will also be discussed.

Local hiring 'unfair'

The Elon College Chapter of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC PIRG) recently released results of an investigation of hiring practices of local governments of Burlington, Graham, and Alamance County.

The investigation showed that despite the fact that the Alamance County population is 52 percent women and 17 percent black, blacks and women are vastly underrepresented in the higher-paying administrative or professional local government jobs.

The study concentrated on those jobs for which statistics were made public last spring by the local governments at the request of David Byrd, a senior at Elon College and author of the study. These 683 employees for whom data was available represent 62



Ralph D. Seagroves, Elon's new chief of police, a firm believer in the PSO concept, comes to Elon from Durham, where he had many years of experience with this system. See articles on him and the PSO on page 6. Photo by Stanfield.

percent of the total number of employees of the three local governing bodies.

Among the findings of the study were (1) The chances of getting a high-paying or prestigious city or county job are almost non-existence for a black woman, and they are only a little better for white women and black men. (2) Despite the claim by each local government that it has an affirmative action plan, such affirmative action ap-

parently has shown no results in the actual hiring done.

Steve Schewel, a staff member of NC PIRG, said, "Only about 40 percent of the population of the County is made up of white males, and yet 104 out 124 employees making over \$13,000 yearly on whom we had data are white males. And the data is somewhat reversed at the lower end of the salary scale. If blacks and women

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Drama seeks members

The Elon College Drama Club has now been chartered and is open for business.

A group of dedicated Thespians has been working as a club for the past several years but only in a loose unofficial capacity. In the past, members have worked with the English department on such plays as *Don't Drink the Water*, *An Enemy of the People*, and *The Marriage Proposal*, but now the students are working toward totally student-run productions in addition to the regular Drama Workshop

productions.

The Drama Club supported the student production of *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide*. The club is also gearing up for the Theater Workshop production in the winter term of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*.

Mike Robinson, acting president of the new club, suggests that all interested students attend the first meeting tonight. Members of the Elon College community are encouraged to attend and join the club.

Honor students exchange ideas

Several ideas on how the Elon College Honors Program can be improved were presented recently by honor students who participated in a convention in Atlanta.

Paul Aiello, Dennis Bailey, Ann Saleeby, Lori Arrington and Kim Steenken, along with Dr. Anne Ponder, director of the Honors Program, shared ideas which they discussed at the convention.

The ideas dealt with how the Elon honors program could be improved.

Lorri Arrington suggested an honors club which would sponsor charitable drives and group trips. She suggested programs such as one at Wichita College in Kansas, where an honors lounge was established or at Clark College in Massachusetts, where a retreat for incoming honor students is offered.

She also proposed a library committee and an honors

curriculum committee.

Paul Aiello commented, "It is important for a student to be partially responsible for the quality of his education," and suggested that the honors program should be more organized and should have honors students fill a student curriculum advisory position. Paul also said, "We need to define what honors means at Elon to keep it from being just a label."

Kim Steenken proposed that before classes begin, honor students meet and decide on a format for classes. She also proposed that possible interdisciplinary courses be investigated such as ethics and business, and art and literature.

Dennis Bailey called for a more open structure for honors such as offering more courses for honors and meeting with professors and adding additional special honors

requirements in regular courses.

Ann Saleeby echoed the national concern for the importance of a liberal arts education in helping students to be well-rounded.

Dr. Ponder suggested that students try learning activism and personal motivation.

"We should become more aware of the many possibilities open to good students."

She quoted statistics from a recent university of Pittsburgh study which stated that "The average person has five different careers in a lifetime; therefore, a student should prepare for career adaptability."

The study also showed that in 1978, there were 50,000 different jobs and it is predicted that by the year 2,000, only 20 percent of these jobs will still exist.

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To our Readers:

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

