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Elon PIRG men offer energy tips

"President Young said he would go over the 18-page PIRG paper on energy and go before the Board of Trustees and see what would be feasible and economical for Elon to undertake," said Les Turlington of the Elon College Chapter of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC-PIRG).

The paper studied energy alternatives and conservation strategies at the college. The report was presented by student authors Les Turlington and Richard Alford to college President J. Fred Young and other officials March 24.

Les Turlington said, "The report is not the final word on energy alternatives and conservation at Elon, but we do hope that it will spark a new awareness of ways to save energy at Elon."

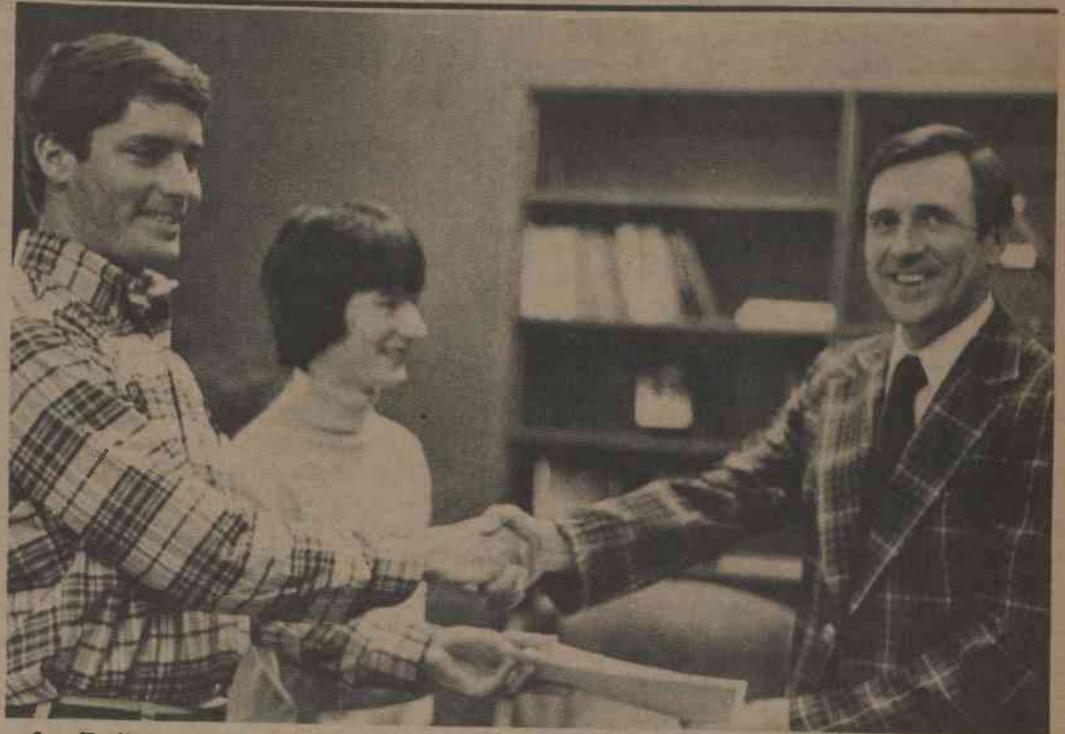
The first section of the report deals with the solar potential at Elon, including economically feasible solar water heaters, passive solar, and the imaginative proposal of the possible use of the southern face of the Harper Center as a solar collector.

The report commends the

current efficient operation of Elon's own power plant. Alford and Turlington praise the work of physical plant director Larry McCauley in increasing Elon's energy efficiency. The NC-PIRG report recommends a search for possible alternative fuels for the boilers, including a combination of a lighter grade of fuel oil and alcohol, conversion from natural gas to methane, or the use of a new but feasible source of energy—wood pellets.

"We have studied specific buildings at Elon, suggesting where outside air-conditioning units need shading, where windows need caulking, where upstairs windows might be opened on summer nights for natural cooling, where the hanging of double doors would be energy-efficient, and where trees and shrubs should be planted for cooling during the summer and as windbreaks during the winter."

The NC-PIRG study also pinpoints the essential role of students in conserving energy at Elon and recommends a student energy conservation



Les Turlington and Richard Alford present an 18-page study on energy conservation to President Fred Young. Turlington and Alford, members of the Elon Chapter of PIRG, prepared the study.

monitoring system.

A final suggestion would save significant energy as well as making the sleepiest students happy: Elon's classes now start at 8 a.m., which means the heaters must come on at 5:30 a.m. This is the coldest part of the day. Beginning class time at 9 or 9:30 would give the sun a chance to help heat buildings.

Professor elected to NC-AAUP

Dr. Fred Watts became president elect of the North Carolina Conference of the American Association of University Professors at the annual spring meeting held in Fayetteville April 11 and 12.

Drs. Mary Brittain, president of the Elon College Chapter of AAUP; Jim Pace, president elect; and Mary Ellen Priestley, convener of the independent colleges and universities in NC-AAUP, attended the conference which was hosted by Methodist College and Fayetteville State.

The Elon College Chapter has accepted the project of surveying and analyzing the promotion, tenure and discharge policies at the independent colleges of the state.

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Media Board corrections

Due to an error in information the March 27 issue was incorrect in naming the newly appointed media heads for the WSOE radio station, *Colonnades*, *Phi Psi CII*, and the *Pendulum*.

WSOE's station manager will be Dwight Terlinger, and

program director will be Fred Goehringer. Kim Steenken is the *Colonnades* editor, and Joy Hamilton will be the new *Pendulum* editor. For the *Phi Psi CII*, Mary Lib Moore is the new editor with Ann Wickham as the associate editor.

Freshman Day planned

Between 300 and 350 parents and prospective freshmen will arrive on campus Saturday, April 26 for the annual Freshman Day activities.

The day starts at 8:30 and

includes a picnic by Harper Center Lake. Thelma Cheek of the Admissions Office says, "It's an opportunity for parents and students to come to Elon and meet the staff and see the campus."

Newsbriefs

The Black Cultural Society plans to have a career counseling session at Crumpton Center of Roxboro.

The program, entitled "Future Outlook for Job Opportunities," will be presented by Brenda McKinnon and Susan Phillips. The session will be followed by a meal and leisure activities. Departure time will be at 9:30 on April 25. For further information, contact Tracy Taylor, president, BCS.

Deadline for the library's contest to guess the number of books circulated this week is Saturday, April 19. Winner gets 100 free copies on the copy machine.

An open meeting on "Rape Crisis" will be presented by Lt. Doug Frazier of the Burlington Police Dept. and Chief Ralph D. Seagroves of the Elon Public Safety Dept. on April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elon College Town Hall.

This program, including a film showing, is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elon College Volunteer Fire Dept.

College students, faculty and staff as well as townspeople are invited to attend, says Mrs. Beth Hetzel, member of the auxiliary and town administrator.



Dr. Fred Watts, newly elected president of NC-AAUP, is chairman of Elon's Department of Social Sciences. The conference, hosted by Methodist College and Fayetteville State, was also attended by Drs. Mary Brittain, Jim Pace, and Mary Ellen Priestley. File Photo.