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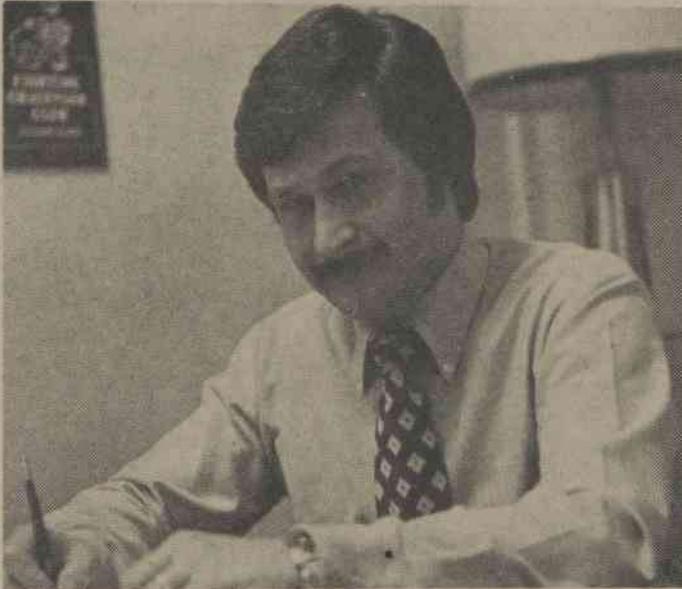
## Ownby heads food services

by Joy Hamilton

"I put myself under a lot of pressure — I'm a perfectionist as far as quality goes," says new director of ARA food services Scott Ownby. "I'm responsible for all aspects of food service, including both cafeterias, the Varsity Grill, and catering for parties."

Ownby is not new in the food service business. He has worked at Clemson, Wake Forest, and most recently, Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. He has been in his new job for almost a month and worked intensively with Howard Southerland, who now heads food services at Chapel Hill.

As for changes in the cafeteria program, Ownby says, "As time goes on, I will interject my personality; there will still be special nights, picnics under the Oaks or by Harper Center Lake, and occasional steak cookouts. We will definitely have steak and will serve it as much as possible."



Scott Ownby, new ARA director, talks with a Pendulum reporter. Photo by Priestley.

At this time, about 75 students work in both cafeterias and the grill, but few, if any, are on work hours. The three-week cycle of menus is now in effect, but Mr. Ownby says he is always looking for "better balance and variety." Al-

though many students feel the cafeteria diet has too much starch, Ownby says that with a little "restraint" on the part of the student, starches can be an important part of the diet.

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## Plaque honors nurses who served at Elon during 1918 flu siege

by Janet Spoon

Roby E. Taylor presented a plaque to the Elon College Infirmary Tuesday in remembrance of the dedication shown by four Catholic nurses who came to Elon during the 1918 influenza epidemic.

Taylor, a well-known Winston-Salem business man, was an Elon College student during the great epidemic that hit Elon in October 1918. Few students escaped contracting the disease, and 12 students died during the epidemic including Modesto Lopez, a native of Spain.

A member of the Elon unit of the Student Army Training Corps, Taylor was delegated orderly duties to help one of the nurses while she conducted the funeral of Modesto Lopez.

Mr. Taylor said "that the memory of those nurses who gave so much of themselves to bring the students back to good health made an impression on me," and he dedicated the plaque to them for the unselfishness they showed.

Lopez, the only foreign student to die at Elon, had no known relatives. By approval of the Spanish consulate in Washington, D.C., he was buried in the Magnolia Cemetery of Elon College.

In 1980 Elon citizens provided a stone marker for the grave to keep alive the memory of a dramatic chapter in Elon history. The money was contributed by local people, the Elon College Community Church, Elon College, the Magnolia Memorial Association, and the Elon Book Club.

## Vandalism, alcohol disturb Town Board

Vandalism in the Town of Elon College is costing taxpayers a lot of money, creating overtime work for public works men and public safety officers, as well as damaging the reputation of town and college.

These were some of the distressing effects of vandalism discussed at the agenda session of the town Board of Aldermen on Monday evening. Board members and the town administrator also discussed possible steps to reduce the costly destruction.

Since the completion of the downtown improvement project, which turned the Williamson Avenue business town hall area from a "Dodge City" block into an attractive village, vandalism has plagued officials and citizens.

Since last July 1, the town has had to pay out \$818 in taxpayers' money for repair parts for lamps alone. Six of

the black iron lamps have been pushed down, breaking bases, glass tops and long-life bulbs. The initial cost of the lamps was \$450 each. A bulb, which lasts about three years under normal conditions, costs \$11. Replacement costs, as well as labor, continue to rise, according to Beth Hetzel, town administrator.

Slats on the street benches have been destroyed numerous times. Trees and shrubbery have been broken, uprooted and sometimes carried off along with sprinkler heads. Private and public property has been damaged or stolen.

Citizens of the town have blamed the abuse of alcohol as one of the causes of vandalism. They asked the Board of Aldermen to do something to protect the residents, including college residents, from such abuses. Members of the town board

voted to ask local representatives in the North Carolina Legislature to request permission for a local referendum to determine community preference for on- and off-premises sales of beer or for no such sales within the town limits. With the assembling of the legislators in

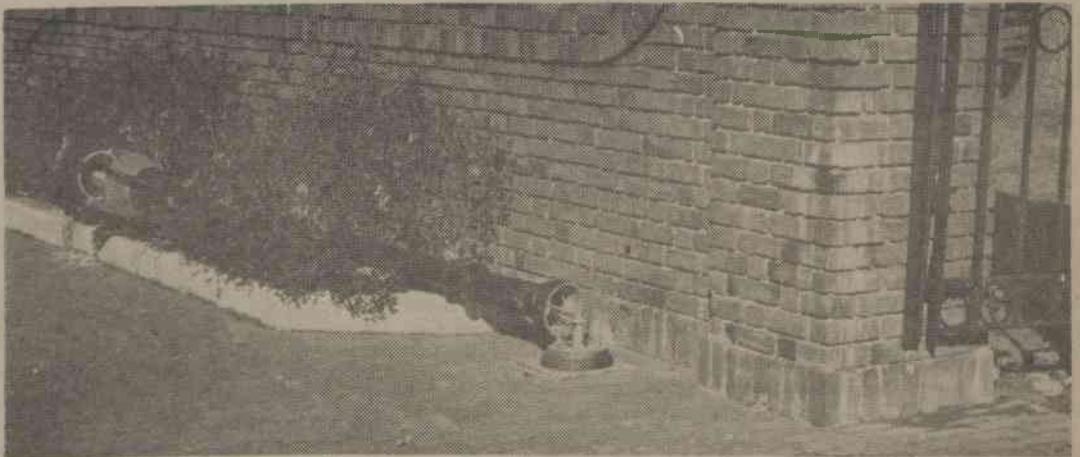
January, Mayor Timothy Parker wrote to all local representatives on this question.

At the Monday night agenda session, Mayor Parker reported on initial responses. Key to the matter is the power and jurisdiction of the Alcoholic Beverages

Commission (ABC) Board of the state which tells local governments if and when they may vote on matters of alcohol sales, ABC stores, and liquor-by-the-drink.

Rep. Tim McDowell wrote that he had asked the legislative research staff to look

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This iron lamp lies in shrubbery near the library-McEwen gate on Williamson Avenue after vandals knocked it down in daylight hours. Photo by Priestley.