



Dr. Fred Young, college president [right] talks with Professor Martha Smith, chairperson of the Academic Council, and Woodrow Piland, member of the Board of Trustees at March 4 reception. Photo by Priestley.

Board okays dorm plans, raises tuition

By Teresa Warren
and Joy Hamilton

The Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition, room, and board by a total of \$389 at last week's board meeting. The increase results from higher operating expenses, Pres. Fred Young says. Tuition will increase \$220, board \$95 and room rent will increase \$74.

Plans for a new dorm were also approved by the Board at last week's meeting.

According to President Young, the need for campus housing stems from the fact that more students wish to live on campus. High costs of off-campus living are a

major factor.

The new dorm may also be used to house some of the Greeks, according to President Young.

Most of the increase in number of students has come from upperclassmen, not freshmen, says Young. High retention rate is then a factor in this increase.

Other action taken by the board includes the new promotion and tenure policy. The new policy will allow the college flexibility to bring in new people as needed because the Board voted a five percent increase in the number of associate and full professors. Two reasons for this policy, ac-

ording to Young, include the fact that many qualified people merit promotion, and the stability in college-level teachers has increased. A new non-tenure track, to enable the college to employ up to 30 percent without tenure, was also approved.

Plans include the development of a faculty service center in Carlton Bulding. Included in this will be the faculty mail room, secretarial services, and the print-shop.

Alamance Building will also face a major renovation. Quadrants will include the business office, the office of

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The green of spring

Tuesday marks St. Patrick's Day

by Stacy Bragg

On March 17, almost every person will be wearing green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Yet, why honor St. Patrick?

The patron saint of Ireland, Patrick, was actually born in England, when the Christian Church was still in an infant stage. At 16, he was captured by pirates who carried him to Ireland to sell as a slave. The boy came to love the pagan Irish and longed to convert them to Christianity.

After six years of bond-

age, Patrick escaped to France, and entered a monastery. He later returned to Ireland to preach his Christian views to the people. Before his death, Patrick had founded more than 300 churches in Ireland.

The association we always make of the shamrock to St. Patrick stemmed from one of his sermons. As the Irish were having difficulty grasping the Trinity, Patrick is said to have picked up a shamrock. While pointing to the three leaves, he ex-

plained that they represented the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. No one leaf can stand alone; they must collective to be called a flower. The shamrock later became the national flower of Ireland.

While St. Patrick's Day is celebrated throughout the world, it is a national holiday only in Ireland. Each March 17 brings the same things, a rekindled spirit of patriotism and a shamrock

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Vandalism costs high

In a front page article last week, reporter Mari Behrend quoted Dean William G. Long as saying that vandalism on campus costs about \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year at Elon College.

Investigation by the Pendulum has revealed that Dean Long's figures are about right if he is talking about the cost of replacing window panes and screens only. And \$2,500 would be low on these items alone if the winter has brought several snowfalls and resulting snowballs.

The total figure for replacements of "Exit" lights and fire alarms (smoke detectors) and wiring comes to more than \$1,000 a year.

Three damaged decorative

shield walls, two of which have been partially destroyed by vandals, will cost about \$5,000 to repair.

Seven trees, costing \$100 each, were run over by a vehicle two nights after planting and had to be replaced at \$700. Fifteen uprooted trees have been replanted but there is a question as to whether or not they will live. If they die, this will mean another \$1,500.

The estimated total for replacement of furniture, draperies, curtain rods, small tables, lamps and shades for a year comes to at least \$10,000.

Add all these figures together and the amount is between \$17,000 and \$20,000 for the last year.

Choir to tour in April

By Taz Fields

The Elon College Gospel Choir will embark on its first extensive tour April 24. The tour, which will last three days, will include concerts in Chesapeake, Va.; Brooklyn, N.Y. and Fort Meade, Md.

While in Brooklyn, the choir will be hosted by the First A.M.E. Zion Church, home church of Joy Moses and Marsha Hughes, both seniors at Elon and members of the choir.

The choir, which now boasts 50-55 members, was begun in 1976 by students participating in Elon's Talent Show. It was later disbanded. In 1977, under

the direction of Zebedee Talley, it was re-formed. Since then the choir has travelled to various churches in the area spreading the Word of God through song. In 1979, the choir elected officers and became an official organization of Elon College. Besides performing in churches, the choir has sung at the Graham Prison Unit, for College Programs and for campus worship services.

Financed primarily by fund raising projects and donations, the choir welcomes any assistance in order to further its ministry. For information contact Do-reen Spaulding 202 Virginia Dorm.



The Elon College Gospel Choir will leave April 24 for its first extensive tour. Directed by Vanessa Howard, this group sings for local organizations. Photo by Avrette.