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Robinson improves security system

by Mari Behrend

After one year of student guards patrolling campus, Mike Robinson, the new director of safety and security says, "I don't think we will go back to hiring outside guards, because our system is working so well." Previously, the college hired Burns Security guards, primarily to watch for fires.

The student security system has been good, but "we're making changes that I think will make it great," says Mr. Robinson. He adds "The system is sound as it is; it just needs some fine tuning."

Robinson says that the college is committed to making the system work, and they are now getting the first rate equipment we didn't have last year. This

will help boost the morale of the student guards, according to Robinson. Morale was a big problem last year, Robinson says, and to improve this several additions to the system have arrived and are coming in daily.

Uniforms this year will make the guards more visible on campus and help lift morale. New communication equipment will help the guards communicate better and cover more territory with ease.

Each student guard must successfully complete a 20-hour program before he is allowed to patrol the campus. The program includes Red Cross training in first aid which includes cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All guards are also trained to handle small fires.

These student guards are charged with the safety of the physical campus as well as with students, says Robinson. During the school year guards patrol from 5 p.m. through 7 a.m. daily and 24 hours during vacations and holidays.

What can students do to protect themselves? Robinson has several things for students to consider: (1) always lock your door and take the keys to both your room and automobile. (2) Walk in lighted areas. (3) Walk in pairs, especially for women. (4) Tell someone where you are going.

Students should also participate in the operation I.D. program and engrave their drivers license numbers on

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ELON SECURITY — Mike Robinson, the new director of safety and security, hopes to increase the morale of the student security guards and to provide better protection for Elon's campus. Photo by Nader Hamidpour.

Students respond to 1981 financial aid cuts

by Joy Hamilton

Elon students were asked in an interview Tuesday if financial aid cuts and lack of student loans would drastically affect their finances.

RAE DEPROFIO, head of the Student Union Board, says that the financial aid cuts are a "hassle." "I

couldn't find out whether I got it (a loan), and it tied up money for my family. The loan check hasn't come through yet. I had to pay the entire loan fee. When the check comes in, my parents will be reimbursed."

The senior chemistry major adds, "I'm glad I'm

graduating. The cuts will hurt education a lot, especially for those who can't get loans."

MIGUEL VISO, a senior chemistry major, says "I think a number of people will be affected. If people can't get loans and parents can't afford it, some people won't be able to come to school."

Miguel continues that he had gone through quite a delay in getting his student loan, but he called Elon President Fred Young and

the situation was corrected.

AARON BOYLE, a junior chemistry, English, and cytotechnology major, says, "I don't even know if I'm getting a loan. I haven't heard anything. If I don't get the loan, I'll have to come up with the money."

Describing loans as the "worst setback," Aaron placed the blame on Ronald Reagan. "I'll just have to declare myself financially independent. I can't come to school without a loan. I work 12 months of the year,

but I may not be here next year if the loans don't come through."

RICHARD TAYLOR, a resident of third floor Barney, says, "I'm putting myself through school on my own. This is the first time I have applied for financial aid. They told me I couldn't get any money until next semester."

Richard, also known as "Toad," says he has applied for a private loan. "As hard

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Mitchell cites goals for Elon

"My long-term goal is to keep Elon a better and better place to go to college, by changing it to make its choices and encouraging its environment for teaching and learning to go on," says Elon's new vice president John Mitchell.

Mitchell is now responsible for the accounting, cashing, payroll, purchasing, physical plant, auxiliary services, the computer center, dining facilities and secretarial services. Mitchell has many goals for Elon. He is trying to formulate a personnel administration to include fringe benefits and salary for the administra-

tion.

Although Mitchell wants to see changes made, he says that "it will take a long time to get all changes done because he feels that "if you impose a drastic amount of change on anyone, it isn't good."

One goal of Mitchell is to have some kind of serving line on second floor McEwen Dining Hall "to make it less noisy and crowded" and to extend the meal hour at noon from 11:30-1:30 p.m. so classes can be scheduled all day.

He is currently working

with physical plant personnel to help them decide certain goals, such as fixing most things more quickly and taking care of the grounds better.

In the dormitory the vice president would like to see several changes. First, "to have things fixed faster" and second, "to have fewer people in them." According to Mitchell, dorm changes can be made by having a system that encourages the deans of student affairs to consider what they would like to see achieved in the dorm, and knowing the effects of changes and the costs."



MOVING IN — Elon College students have been busy moving back on campus this week as the time approaches for the beginning of classes. Mark Hayes and Teresa Warren help Mari Behrend [right] move back into West Dormitory. Photo by Nader Hamidpour.