

Speedier action expected on disciplinary cases

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Among the changes that have taken place at Elon College during the summer is a re-vamping of the judicial system. In the past, disciplinary cases were on hold for months before they were ever reviewed. Now officials expect speedier action on the cases.

According to Pat Morgan, associate dean of student affairs for Personal Development, several cases were two to four months old before adjudicated. "There were so many cases that were backed up and they could not be completed as quickly as they should be," she said. "The more serious cases were handled first and the cases with minor charges were being pushed to the bottom of the stack. I think with the new system, we should finish a majority of the cases within two weeks maximum. Most will be completed within days after they occur," Morgan predicted.

In the new judicial system, students have the right to go before hearing boards. Morgan said, "Hearing boards are places where you have your cases heard and find out what the outcome is." The Area Hearing Board is composed of two area coordinators who are not involved in the incident and three students (one appointed by the Area Council, one resident assistant who is not connected with the incident, and one SGA representative appointed by the president of the SGA.) She said that one alternate student will serve in another student's absence.

Morgan added that the Elon Hearing Board will hear the more serious cases such as cheating, drug-related incidents, felonies or fraud. She said that three students are appointed by the SGA president and two faculty appointed by President Fred Young.

When a person goes before a hearing board, he or she can have an advisor from the college community. Morgan said,

"This advisor will be a support person." She said that when students go before a hearing board and are scared, it is always helpful to have someone with them who they trust and feel comfortable being around.

If students choose to do so, they can go straight to an administrative hearing and not go before the hearing board," said Morgan. "If they choose to plead guilty, then can get it over very swiftly," she said. The quickness of the administrative hearing option is good."

Morgan said that the administrative hearings will be based on precedent. This means that all cases that have the same charge will generally have the same outcome. For example, Morgan said, all first violations for visitation will always be an official reprimand.

Morgan continued, "The students have so much power in the system and that is what's important. They have a say in

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policy violation was the main reason for the fraternity's dismissal from the house.

Klepczyk said violations occurred a year ago and then again last spring. He said the senior administrators of the college felt that loss of the TKE's house was a fair administration of penalty enforcement that would be applied to any college occupants, whether on campus or in Greek housing facilities. "We try to be fair in the application of policy," he said.

Meetings were held before the end of the last school year with administration officials and fraternity members. "No harsh words were said at all," said Teramo. "I feel that the administrators did what they felt was right by the rules of the college, but I think they made a mistake," Teramo said. He explained that he felt the TKEs were just a victim of circumstance.

Teramo and Klepczyk had similar ideas concerning the fair application of penalties for rule violations and said that under similar circumstances, other college individuals or organizations would receive comparable punishment.

Teramo's main regret concerned approximately \$1,750 raised by TKE alumnae and brothers to fix up the house before the start of the 1983-84 school year. Teramo said the brothers worked together in order to raise the money and were disappointed that the im-

provements were made just prior to the loss of their house. The college matched funds raised by the brothers to bring the dwelling up to local house code standards.

Klepczyk also said that he had no hard feelings against the TKEs and recognized that they have done a lot of constructive work for the college. He said the community fire department apparently contacted the college when trying to locate a suitable training exercise site. Since the house had been heavily vandalized over the summer, apparently by local teenagers, the college administration decided to allow the site to be used, Klepczyk said.

Teramo said in the long run it may be beneficial for the TKEs to have already lost their house since there is a possibility that all Greeks may lose their houses in the near future because of town rezoning.

The fraternity president knew nothing of the house burning until he received a newspaper clipping at home from a friend showing a photo of the house in flames.

"I think it's ironic that they burned the house," said Teramo with a smile of disbelief. The frat's Greek Week T-shirts last Spring showed a sketch of their fraternity house in flames designed and drawn by the father of a member. Encircling the sketch of the smoking and flame filled house, the slogan

read, "'Burning Down The House.'"

News briefs

Freshman Elections

Filing for freshman class elections is being held through tomorrow. The offices of president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer of the freshman class are open as well as senatorial seats from each of three precincts. Elections will be held from Tuesday, Sept. 18 to Thursday, Sept. 20. All freshmen are eligible to run for office.

Apply to Graduate

All seniors planning to graduate in December, January, or May of this year need to see the registrar to file for graduation. The deadline for filing is October 31.

Off Campus Interviews For Seniors

On Nov. 7-8, 1984 more than 50 major employees will travel to Wake Forest University to provide information on their organizations and interview graduating seniors for full time positions. Interested Elon students should submit a maximum of eight copies of their resume to Steven C. Reinhartsen, director of cooperative education (113 Alamance) Sept. 20. These will be forwarded to specific employees who will then contact those students they would like to interview.

Orchestra rehearsals begin

The 1984-85 season of the Elon College Community Orchestra began rehearsals last Monday in the rehearsal hall of the Carlton building on the Elon College campus. All interested community folk are asked to attend with a special invitation extended to string players. There is also a need this year for experienced orchestral trumpet players.

Four concerts are scheduled

this season, the first being a 10th anniversary "Pops" concert at the end of October, followed by the annual Messiah performance with the Elon College Community Chorus, and two spring concerts in March and April.

Dr. Malvin N. Artley of the Elon College faculty is the founder and director of the orchestra.

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