



# The Pendulum

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## Faculty approves second master's program

By Frank Isley  
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The proposed master's in education program was approved by the college faculty at their monthly meeting last Friday and sent before the Board of Trustees yesterday for their consideration. The program was approved overwhelmingly by a voice vote after the defeat of a motion to delay the vote. Several professors questioned whether the faculty had had time to consider fully the M. Ed. proposal. Once it receives the trustees' approval, the program must then be approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities and the North Carolina Department of Public

Instruction.  
"We will be visited by a committee representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities May 4 through 6," said Dr. Chris White, vice president of academic affairs. "If everything is okay, Elon will be granted the go-ahead for this fall."  
White said the visit will actually be two visits in one because the representatives will also be here to check on the first graduates from the Master's in Business Administration program.  
According to Dr. Wes Brogan, chairman of the department of education and psychology, the M.Ed. will be offered in the areas of elementary education, middle

grades education and physical education.  
In each case, a minimum of 30 semester hours will be required with a core of required courses and a group of electives from which the student can choose, said White.  
The program will be offered through evening courses during the regular semesters and also in the summer sessions, White said.  
"We anticipate a heavy summer enrollment by teachers, who will be on vacation at that time," he said.  
According to White, in order to be eligible for admission into the program, a person must be a graduate of a four-year accredited college and hold a teaching cer-

tificate. Once the program has been completed, the student will receive a graduate certificate from the state Department of Public Instruction.  
"We are very pleased with the work Wes Brogan and Dean (Gerald) Francis have done with the program," said White. "I am confident our program meets or exceeds all requirements set by the Southern Association and the state department of education."  
"Teacher education has long been a major part of the college, and this (M.Ed.) is just a natural extension of that tradition," said White.  
White said the addition of the master's in education will force the college to enhance the

undergraduate program even more.  
"We have found that because we have the MBA, Elon's business program has become more attractive to new faculty and students," said White. He said he believes the result will be the same for the M.Ed.  
White added that several other small colleges in North Carolina, such as Meredith, Wingate and Gardner-Webb, also have M.Ed. programs.  
In other action Friday afternoon, the faculty also approved a new four-year Medical Technology major.  
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## Attorneys debate issue of capitol punishment

By Michele Lashley  
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The right of society to defend itself and the value society puts on life were the two main issues argued by Joan Byers, a prosecutor with the North Carolina attorney general's office, and Roger Smith, a Raleigh defense attorney, in a debate Tuesday night. Whitley Auditorium was the setting for the capital punishment debate sponsored by the SGA and the Liberal Arts Forum.  
Byers opened the debate by explaining the relevance of the death penalty in North Carolina, one of 37 states that administers capital punishment. She said that not every first degree murder demands the death penalty. Only when a first degree murder is committed with malice, premeditation, deliberation, or during a felony can it be applied.  
Smith began his argument by telling of his involvement in the James Hutchins case. Hutchins, who killed two deputy sheriffs and a highway patrolman after a family dispute, was sentenced to death. Smith, who represented Hutchins, said that until this case he had not understood why he was against the death penalty. Smith explained that he had seen a "spark of godliness" in Hutchins.  
He said that he asked himself, "Is the world worse off that Hutchins was killed, or is it just me thinking that?" Then he said he concluded that the world is worse off everytime we put someone to death. According to Smith, "When a person is put to death, we erode the central more insociety that life is precious."  
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Photo by Joe Coco

### Light on their feet

Members of the Chuck Davis Dance Ensemble perform a high-energy dance routine during their performance last Sunday evening in Whitley Auditorium. See story, page 6.

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