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Ibsen-Riley to perform in play, *Nine Women*

From one woman to nine - that's the dramatic transformation which occurs in Karma Ibsen-Riley's single actress performance of *Nine Women*.

Ibsen-Riley will enact the play on February 7 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. The performance, sponsored by Women's Studies and the Lyceum Committee, is free of charge and open to the public.

Nine Women contains nine separate monologues or plots unfolding the lives of nine women. "It's a tribute to friendship," said Ibsen-Riley, who based the play on nine of her friends.

The audience watches these women emerge on stage, first through the makeup transformation, then as they speak, the individual personality - each with a story to tell about diverse backgrounds and life circumstances - are all survivors who discuss their struggles.

The play premiered in 1979 and has been playing to sold-out audiences ever since.

Ibsen-Riley, who has a master's degree in theatre, is a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She came south from Chicago where she acted professionally with Robert Reed at Drury Lane.

She has written children's plays, including *A Scoop of Chicken on a Turtle Soup Can*, which won the Illinois Arts Council Playwriting Contest in 1976, and *The World's Smallest Giant*, which she directed.

She has played the lead in the new Tom Huey play, *The Magic City*, and in the Barn Dinner Theatre's production of Neal Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady and the Foreigner*. This spring, she is directing Sam Shepard's *The Lie of the Mind*.

Students to 'break' in Cancun

by Robyn Cochran
Special to The Pendulum

Dozens of Elon students will be spending their Spring Break in Cancun, Mexico this year. The trip is not school-related, but it is being organized by student, Tom Bell through a local travel agency.

The package is a "good deal" said Bell. "What makes it so attractive is that Cancun is a lot cheaper than other popular vacation resorts." The package includes round trip air fare on a private charter and a seven day-seven night stay at a Cancun hotel. The cost ranges from \$369.00 to \$475.00, depending upon location of hotel.

The price includes U.S. departure taxes, as well as Mexican room taxes. Students will be met at the airport by a tour guide who will provide transportation to the hotel.

At the hotel, students will be greeted with an orientation of Cancun, complimentary drinks; and they will be given a discount coupon book.

Mexico is a very inexpensive country in comparison to vacation sites such as the Bahamas or even Florida locations, said Bell. "When I looked into vacationing in Daytona Beach for the same amount of time, I found that I would be paying 50 percent more than I would going to Cancun," said sophomore Margaret Lynch, who will be making the trip.

Vacationers need not worry about obtaining a passport, as they will be admitted over the border with a valid birth certificate.

The "all Elon" flight to Cancun will leave Raleigh-Durham Airport on March 17. Eighty-two spots are available, said Bell. Anyone interested can call 449-7594.

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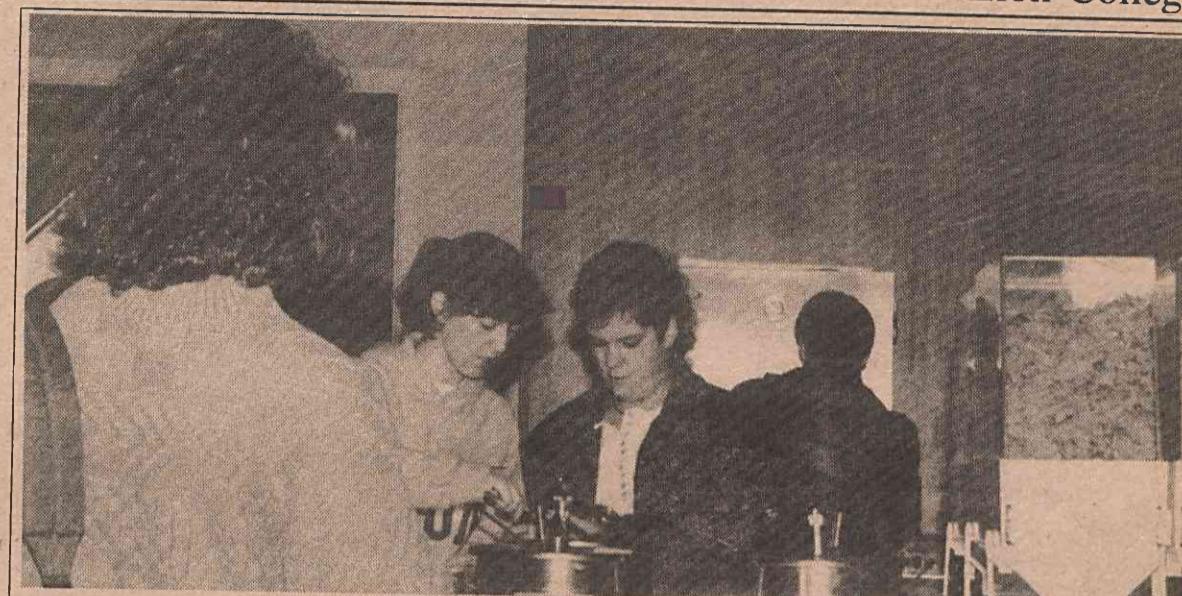


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Food for thought: Students help themselves to condiments in McEwen cafeteria.

Cafeteria responds to health concerns

by John Staudte
Special to The Pendulum

Health problems that have afflicted eating establishments east and west of Elon College, including a hepatitis epidemic in Greensboro that killed a man, have spurred some students to ask about possible health hazards in Elon cafeterias.

Elon cafeteria officials say, however, that no such problems exist.

The problems appeared last fall, and several Greensboro restaurants were forced to close temporarily. Then, in December, a cafeteria worker at Eastern Alamance High School was exposed to the virus. Bill Butler, director of dining ser-

vices for Elon College, said the recent epidemic "...made us pretty nervous."

Butler explained that memos from the Health Department told ARA what to look for. At the same time, cafeteria employees have been instructed to wash their hands more often.

However, the "stigma is going to be there a lot longer," Butler said, referring to the public's view.

Students who have concerns usually focus on the ice dispensers, self-serve desserts, the salad bar and on what they say are unsanitary conditions of the silverware.

The ice dispensers under the soda machines seem to be a main concern. Diners complain

of students' scooping ice with their glasses. They feel it is thought to spread germs. Health Department regulations, in fact, state that a plastic or stainless steel scoop should be used.

A spokesman for the Alamance County Department of Health said tongs and ladels should be provided for foods such as salad, condiments, and potato chips.

As for students' trying out food, like desserts, and then putting it back, Butler simply stated, "It's human nature to try something before you get it."

Another common complaint is that students get dirty silverware.

Butler said that none of the five cafeterias has received lower than an "A" grade.

Fightin' Christians' teams kick off seasons

by Kathie Sink & Norman Perdu

The tennis team is grabbing the highlights of sports that open play in the spring.

Six starters are returning from the 1988 squad that went 20-3 and finished 10th in the NAIA, an Elon first.

The early 1989 preseason rankings have the Fightin' Christians' men's team ranked ninth nationally. First team, All-American Dominic Moerstedt and honorable mention, All-American Stefan Hager are expected to anchor this year's team.

Returning as head coach is Tom Parham, who was selected as 1988 Conference District coach of the year. Parham has the distinction of being the only coach in the history of District 26 sports to be named National Coach of the Year three times.

Also expecting a winning season is head baseball coach Rick Jones. Last year's 26-15 record wasn't good enough to earn the Christians a post-season berth.

The 1989 team is a unique blend of veterans and rookies. Jones considers senior Chris Cole, with a career record of 23-6, to be the

leading man in his pitching rotation.

In the infield Jones will rely heavily on seniors Mark Nocera and Roger Knick. Sophomore Mike Beckom is expected capture first base, while senior Dave Crouse, who appeared in 34 games last season, will head the outfield.

The Fightin' Christians have 19 home games scheduled with the season opener on March 4th against Milligan College.

The golf team will tee off its eight tournament schedule beginning with the USC-Aiken Invitational on February 27 and 28.