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New professor expected

by Scarlett Orenstein
Special to The Pendulum

There will be a new addition to the communications department starting next fall.

Karen Rudick was hired a few weeks ago by the dean of academic affairs. She is presently working as a teaching assistant at Perdue University while pursuing her doctorate degree in communications.

Rudick has also worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Georgia and as an instructor at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Rudick's specialty is corporate management, research, and design, and she will be teaching classes mainly in this area when she gets settled at Elon.

According to the communications department, during her first semester, Rudick will be teaching public speaking, survey of communications, and corporate communications.

Associate Dean Clair Myers expressed his hopes that Rudick will enrich, expand, and fulfill the future needs of the corporate communications program at Elon.

Gerald Gibson, present corporate communications professor,

stated, "I think she will bring a very strong presence . . . to the department."

Rudick was hired in response to the growing class size and enrollment in the communications field, now listed as the second largest major at Elon by the Academic Advising Office.

The fact that she will hold a Ph.D in communications will also be a benefit.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an accrediting organization, requires a college to have at least one professor holding a doctorate degree in the field they are teaching to teach a minimum of 25 percent of the upper-level classes of that major. The communications field has been lacking this requirement until now.

During registration, students may have noticed some confusion about which professors are teaching which classes and how many sections of each course are being offered.

This problem can be attributed to the shifting of classes between professors to include the new faculty member. These difficulties will be worked out before the fall semester begins.

Students help out with 'taxing' experiences.

by Krissa Holland
Staff Writer

Tax preparation time can be frantic for the Internal Revenue Service, tax return preparers, and the taxpayers themselves.

This year, several accounting students donated some evenings and weekends to help both the community and fellow students with this tedious process.

This VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is sponsored by the IRS and was started in 1969 with the appropriation from Congress to provide free tax assistance to lower income, elderly, non-English speaking, and handicapped individuals.

Professor Deborah Caldwell was the volunteer coordinator for this project. All students who participated in this program were ad-

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vanced tax students who went through an IRS training program before they were given a qualification test and certified as a VITA.

"This program was beneficial to all concerned," said Caldwell. "More importantly, as a student, you don't have many chances to do something lasting. This service is just that, it fills a real need in our community."

After many hours at Holly Hill Mall and Long Student Center, the students proudly completed around 35 total returns and hope to increase this next year.

For donating their time, each student received a certificate of appreciation from the District Director of the IRS.

make it bigger each year. As long as there is a demand we'll do it," added Caldwell.

Winners of awards announced

by Mindy Schneeberger
Editor

J. Albert Carpenter, an assistant professor of computing, information science and mathematics is the 1989 winner of the Daniels-teaching.

Carpenter, in a nominating letter from a student, was called "very demanding of his students."

"At the same time," the student continued, "he guides the students and encourages them to constantly push forward to meet their goals."

On Friday, April 28, the Student Government Association held its annual awards ceremony. Bridget Murray received the Senator of the Year award, and the Gospel Choir claimed the Organization of the Year honors. Dr. Duane McClearn was nominated Faculty Member of

the Year, and David Atkins collected the award for Administrator of the Year.

Both students and staff were honored at the Annual Awards Day celebration on Friday, May 5.

The yearly awards ceremony is sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. Two of the society's three new officers were sworn in following the presentation of the awards.

The final letter home

by Kelly Potter
London Correspondent

As our time here in London comes to a close, we are all filled with the excitement of returning home, but also a bit regretful to leave all that we have discovered here.

Our semester has flown by and

some readjustment when we return to the states, being so accustomed to the culture and habits of the Brits.

We have enjoyed our abroad experience immensely. I don't think it could have been run any more

group together and made us feel comfortable and at ease throughout our entire stay.

Our group this semester has been one of the largest yet. This may show the growing popularity of Elon's study abroad program.

I highly recommend this opportunity to anyone who is even vaguely considering spending a semester or even a winter term abroad. Never will you be offered such a beautiful opportunity as this to live, study, and explore in such a way as we have.

Where else can you discover new territories, create new and lasting friendships, or experience an opportunity to live on your own in a foreign country? It takes a lot, but its well worth it!

We bid "cheerio" to London and give a big, bright "hello" to the USA. We leave London with memories and special times that can never be replaced and thank all that made this experience possible.