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Faculty concerned about tenure policy

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A report compiled by "Tentef," a committee formed by tenured faculty members at Elon, revealed 26 percent of the faculty are tenured and an additional eight percent are on tenure track.

The low percentage of tenured faculty puts Elon at the tail end of a survey the committee just completed.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Tom Henricks, who serves as chairman of Tentef, said, "Twenty-six out of 38 colleges that we chose returned the survey to us. The institutions that we selected are schools of similar or slightly better quality. Elon has grown to the point where it does not need to be compared to the small, faltering colleges."

The survey indicated that Guilford, Lenoir-Rhyne, Franklin and Marshall, and Ohio Wesleyan are examples of schools that offer tenure track

positions to most full-time faculty members.

The promotions and appointments section of the faculty handbook states, "The college will seek to maintain the number of tenure track faculty at approximately 50 percent of the total full time teaching faculty."

Tenure is a term that refers to status given to an individual (especially teachers) after successfully completing a probationary period. It protects a person from being fired. "The main advantage of tenure is that it provides against any arbitrary judgments," said Dr. Fred Young, Elon College President.

Bruce Waller, associate professor of philosophy, said, "Without some changes in this policy, this college will lose a number of qualified faculty members. For example, last year the philosophy department was unable to hire a new faculty member who had a Ph.D."

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Job Fair provides career contacts for students

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Several Elon students will be taking part in the biggest college-organized job fair in the area next week.

The job fair is a presentation of career opportunities from over 75 organizations, sponsored by eight local colleges. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel in High Point on Tuesday, November 7, and Wednesday, November 8.

The first day, Information Sharing Day, is open to all students from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. It provides an opportunity for students to speak with employers from organizations nationwide.

Employers represent opportunities for every major. This is the day to gather information from the

organizations, talk to employers about careers, and get the company business cards or literature.

The second day, Interviewing Day, is reserved for seniors and lasts from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Interested seniors received a registration form early in the semester, and had the opportunity to choose up to eight employers with whom they wanted to interview.

This is the largest Job Fair in North Carolina. The eight colleges involved are Davidson, Elon, Greensboro, Guilford, High Point, Meredith, Salem, and Wake Forest. Elon is one of the founding colleges of this Job Fair, and has participated in it for about six years.

According to Placement Director Karen Thompson, out

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Photo by Scott Lansing

Fans cheer for the Christians during the first victory of the season.

Greensboro divers join the search for valuable sculpture

By Mindy Schneeberger
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Police and college officials are still searching for the missing bust of Elon graduate and former Raleigh mayor Isabella Cannon.

The bust was discovered missing from the Isabella Cannon Room on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building on Friday, October 20.

Divers from the Greensboro Police Department searched Lake Mary Nell, located between the Fine Arts Building and Harper Center. Pat Kinney, director of public information, says there was no "hard evidence" to suggest the bust might be in the lake.

Director of Campus Safety and Security Terry Creech said investigating officer Detective Mike Woznick of the Elon College Police Department made the decision to call in the divers. The same team was called in to scan the lake last fall when pieces of art from a sculpture exhibit were missing.

Investigators had received a few calls reporting the bust was in the lake. "Evidently it wasn't," he said.



Photo by Rob Whiteside

Divers searched Lake Mary Nell for the missing bust of Isabella Cannon, but instead found a bicycle and chair.

Although the divers searched for two hours, they were unable to find the bust. They did find a folding chair, bicycle, and several golf course flags, however.

The bronze bust, which one campus official estimated to weigh 40 pounds is valued at more than \$6,000. A \$500 reward is being offered to any individual who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the theft or

destruction of any campus property, including the bust.

"The development office is very interested in having it returned undamaged and will gladly receive it -- no questions asked -- if somebody will just turn it in," Kinney said.

Creech said that because the bust is so valuable, the police will treat its theft as a felony. An individual who gives the bust to the police will certainly be questioned, he said. He suggests

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