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Elon employees work hard on grounds in front of Whitley auditorium.

Contracts not renewed Professors leaving at end of academic year

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Some members of the faculty will not be returning next year.

They have been informed by the administration that their current contracts will not be renewed come August.

Eric Palmer, a sophomore, is outraged about the situation. He explains his reasons in a letter to the editor on page 2.

"They are true mentors and they will be greatly missed. They have shown us problems at this institution which must still be confronted, and their efforts have been swept aside," Palmer said.

Susan Nicassio, a professor of history, shares her insights and grievances over contractual differences also in a letter on page 2.

"Instead of valued teaching scholars, we find ourselves to be contract workers, kept insecure and living from annual contract to annual contract. Instead of being treated with respect, we are treated with something very much like contempt," Nicassio said.

Michael Gaffigan, Anne Lundquist, Susan Nicassio, John

Teague and Doug Smith each gave permission for their names to be mentioned in Palmer's letter.

Gaffigan, an English professor, said that three years ago those in the English department were told verbally that at most they would be at Elon for three more years.

And now their time is up.

Gaffigan said the termination became clear in the nonrenewal of the contracts. "We were told it was in our best interest, that we needed to get on with our lives. We were informed that we could not reinterview for these positions," he said.

"The thing that confounds and perturbs those of us in the English department is that we're not going to be replaced by people with Ph.D's, that that will happen 'somewhere down the road,'" Gaffigan said.

Anne Lundquist, also a professor of English, views the hiring and firing process in the English department as a smoke screen for upgrading the positions they now hold.

"It shows a lack of commitment to convert. By bringing in

new people with the same or less qualifications, they never have to upgrade the position. They are free to let people go at whim," Lundquist said.

These English professors hold 4-0-4 contracts that allow professors to teach Fall and Spring semesters, but not winter term.

Lundquist said it was her understanding that when the positions were originally created, they were part of an overall plan to move from part-time to 4-0-4 positions to full-time, permanent writing positions.

"Because there is no current plan to upgrade any of these positions for the following year, it seems unjust that the individuals holding these positions should necessarily pay the price for that lack of movement," she said.

"I would understand if the administration required higher qualifications for my position and that I was no longer qualified, but come 1991, I will fit the job descriptions in every way except that I have already held the position," Lundquist said.

"I am not in a mood to push
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Changes are being made to Honor Code

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Changes are being made to the Honor Code system.

Academic Honor Code violations now will be handled by the Dean of Academic Affairs instead of the Dean of Student Affairs.

It is now being requested and advised to all faculty to report all Honor Code violations.

Beginning this year, freshmen were required to read and sign the Honor Pledge during their first week on campus in their Elon 101 classes. The commitment reads: "On my honor I will abide by the Elon College Honor Code." This system will be required for future freshmen as well.

Freshmen are also required to sign every test, paper, assignment and project upon completion.

"If we start with the freshmen, it gives us a solid base from which to build and a chance



Francis

to leave an impact," Gerald Francis, dean of academic affairs, said.

A forum will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Alamance 302 for faculty and staff to discuss points of interest of the Honor Code. Students are welcome to attend. Questions such as, "Should the first academic violation result in automatic suspension?" will be raised.

Currently, the handbook says that the minimum recommended sanction for a first violation of the Academic Honor Code is not normally less than Disciplinary. See Honor Code, Page 12

Freshman dies in motorcycle accident

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Elon College freshman Robert Rodgers Miskelly died in a motorcycle accident Tuesday afternoon. He was an 18-year-old native of Crownsville, Maryland.

The accident occurred at 12:22 p.m. on East Haggard Avenue. An Elon College police report indicated Miskelly made a wide right hand turn onto East Haggard Avenue from North Antioch Avenue. He swerved back into the eastbound lane after narrowly avoiding the curb in the westbound lane.

He then barely avoided colliding with two or three parked cars as he made his way back to the proper lane, the report said.

After clearing the parked cars, Miskelly proceeded forward in a seemingly normal manner until the vehicle veered toward the right edge of the roadway.

He hit the curb and then collided with the utility pole. His estimated traveling speed on East Haggard was 40 mile per hour. According to the report, Miskelly hit the pole at about 30 miles per hour.

He was taken to Alamance Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The police report indicated that Miskelly had several violations such as: improper turn, improper vehicle equipment, safe movement violation, left of center and no motorcycle endorsement.

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