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## 'Tis the season

### Tree lighting, love feast are scheduled

**E**lon College will celebrate the holiday season with a series of events on campus or within walking distance.

Before heading out for the holidays to celebrate with family and friends, the Elon College community has the opportunity to share in the celebration of Christmas - Elon style.

#### Annual Christmas concert

"Make We Joy Now in this Place," Elon's annual Christmas concert, will be presented by the Elon College Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Dance Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble, Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Fine Arts Theatre at 8 p.m.

This year the audience will play an important part in creating the magic of the evening.

Dr. Stephen Ten Eyck, artistic director, will direct the program. Tickets are \$5 at the Fine Arts Box Office.

#### Moravian Love Feast

A Moravian Love Feast will be held Sunday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elon College Community Church. Moravian rolls



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and coffee will be served during the multi-denominational service. It will be a special service of singing, candle lighting.

#### Lighting of Scott Plaza

The annual lighting of Scott Plaza, around the fountain, will be held on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Lights will sparkle from the dogwood trees, along with 1,000 luminaries lining the sidewalks.

There will be hot chocolate and Christmas caroling during the traditional tree lighting ceremony. The tree lighting represents Elon's Christmas greeting to the community.

Come join in the celebration of the Christmas season.

## Health center visits rise since last year

Murray Glenn  
The Pendulum

During the months of September and October, R.N. Ellington health center has had 3,458 student visits. This figure represents a 532 student increase over last year's figures.

In October alone, the average number of student visits climbed from its 1989 figures of 76.72 visits per day to 92.39 visits per day. These figures do not represent the 465 flu vaccinations that the health staff administered in the earlier part of the school year.

Student enrollment has declined. According to health center records, the total number of students enrolled for the 1990 fall semester is 3,263. This number represents a 105 student drop in enrollment from last years statistics.

According to head nurse, Mary Jane Salter, student visits range from treatments of ailments and illnesses to counseling. She said flu vaccines are not included in these numbers.

These figures represent an increasing demand for health care at the college. The total number of visits by students, faculty and staff has grown from 11,817 in the 1987-88 school year to 13,542 visits in the 1989-90 school year.

The 1990-91 school year could be another record setting year if the number of daily visits continues.

Statistics on the number of visits to date in the month of November are not available because the figures are tallied at the end of the month.

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## Professors were aware of contract details, Francis says

Kelly Potter  
The Pendulum

Last week's *Pendulum* ran an article on the issue of the nonrenewal of contracts for particular faculty in the English department.

One professor wrote a letter to the editor dispelling myths as to why she was leaving. Others expressed concerns and grievances about the issue. Students voiced feelings about how much the mentors will be missed.

Gerald Francis, dean of academic affairs, said his office consulted with the English department chair before and offered the faculty three year contracts in 1988, which they agreed to. "I was aware, the faculty was aware and the department chair was aware of the details of the contract," Francis said. "They entered into it honorably with eyes open."

The professors were hired

knowing that their contracts were for three years only. "It's misleading to continue to rehire and then all of a sudden say, 'goodbye'," Francis said. "It's not fair to have someone in a temporary position think it's permanent."

The overriding feature was that Elon wanted to upgrade the writing program, he said. It wanted to change several part-time positions to full-time master's positions, with the opportunity to plan for further degrees, he said.

The intent was to improve the positions so that they were held by people with Ph.D's, the professional standard for education, he said.

The professors involved do not hold Ph.D's. This is a question many of them had in regard to the renewal of contracts.

Because the professors will not be replaced with people with

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