

# Budget

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programmatic cuts.

Faculty and staff will soon see a 4 percent increase in funds allocated for pay raises, based on a 3 percent inflation rate. Approximately \$600,000 will be added to the employee pool to be distributed according to merit and other factors.

"The largest individual impact of the budget is from salary increases for your faculty," said Provost and Senior Vice President Warren Board. "We are able to keep and sustain and improve the faculty because we pay them."

According to a North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities survey, Elon ranks fifth among comparably sized institutions in 1992-93 faculty salaries. These figures do not include state institutions or those with law or medical schools.

"It's very important to keep up with salaries to maintain the quality of faculty and staff," Kinney said.

More than \$2 million will

also be allotted for debt service next year, an increase of \$325,725. This money goes towards paying off the college's debts on its buildings and facilities, including the Fine Arts Building, the new Campus Center, Greek housing, Harper Center and the lease on telephone service.

The budget officially kicked off Elon's Plan for the '90s program, with \$278,000 set aside for updating and modernizing Elon facilities and programs.

"Plan for the '90s is a strategic plan to improve the overall quality of an Elon education," Kinney said.

The plan's umbrella reaches from improved technology such as Carlton's "master classroom" and computer link-ups to updating the General Studies program.

"Every dollar that comes to the college through the budget or gifts goes to serve the students," Board said. "This is a not-for-profit organization."



Standing proud by their new \$200,000 utility truck are Chief Eddie King, Jim Robenson and Allen Poe. Bill Harvey/The Pendulum

## Elon's new fire truck only one of its kind in country

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Fire Rescue Truck #484 has been unveiled at last at the Elon College Fire Station. It's a \$200,000 utility truck to assist the public in emergency situations.

The truck is the only one of its kind in the country. Purchased in Palm Beach, Florida, it carries extraction equipment for all of

the other Elon College fire trucks. A cellular phone, trauma box, lifeline rope, and a positive ventilation fan are just some of the features in this new rescue vehicle.

The previous truck cost only \$1,500. To provide better service, the Elon College Volunteer Fire Department decided to place bids for a new truck last January.

"We purchased the truck because we needed something for

the future, and this fits the bill," said Eddie King, chief of ECFD of nine years. The truck is expected to last for thirty years.

The Elon College community can expect to see the new truck in any future catastrophes. Two years ago, Elon College Fire Department's assistance in the Swepsonfield Elementary School blast gained national media coverage.

# Council

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"A lot of decisions that are made in the town hall affect the students at Elon. This position would be a way for students to have a voice in the town," said Mooney.

"The idea of communication between the town and the student body is something we need to do," said Elon College town manager Mike Dula.

The mayor of Elon College has appointed a committee to examine the prospect, Dula said.

"A lot of students are not from this area but the laws that the town council make effect us. Having a student on the town council would be a way for students to become politically active and have an impact here," said Stowers.

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