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The News.... In Brief

Visitation policy change considered

The Elon College visitation policy is again being considered for change. The student government is holding an open forum on the subject today at 7 p.m. at Whitley Auditorium.

Presently, the hours are Sunday - Thursday 10 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Michael Rodgers, freshmen class president, said the facilities committee of the Student Government Association is working on changing the hours.

"We have several different ideas of what the hours can be changed to," Rodgers said.

"We want to get ideas from parents, students, faculty, deans, and security, and this forum will give everyone a chance to speak out," Rodgers said.

April Montano, secretary and treasurer of the freshmen class, explained that after the forum is held and the S.G.A. gets an idea of what policy everyone wants, they will write a proposal and position paper stating what the new hours should be.

Rodgers also said that a referendum for students' vote will be held after the proposal is written. "The referendum will be held at the end of Winter Term," he said.

Rodgers said the proposal will go through some committees of faculty, staff and hopefully will eventually go to the Board of Trustees in March. "We hope there will be enough time to get a new policy reinstated for the fall of 1994," he said.

- Lori Haley

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Bill Harvey/The Pendulum

Lighted nativity scene adorns a local residents lawn for the holiday season.

Student charged with sex crime

Tonya R. Taylor
Editor

An Elon College student has been charged with raping a female student.

Sophomore William Theodore Mills, 19, of Cook Road, Gibsonville was charged with first-degree rape said Gibsonville Police Chief Morris McPherson Tuesday.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Basement Floor Courtroom according to Alamance County Court officials.

The Pendulum was unable to reach Mills on Tuesday. Senior Clayton Peebles, Mills' fraternity brother, told *The Pendulum* that Mills declined to comment.

The Pendulum contacted the alleged victim. She declined to comment. *The Pendulum* does not identify alleged sexual assault victims.

McPherson said Mills is alleged to have raped the student at

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Women faculty paid less

Wendy Whitfield
Reporter

Women faculty members get paid less than men faculty members at Elon College, according to a spring 1993 report by Elon's Academic Council.

School officials point to several possible reasons for the difference in salaries. Perhaps more women are in lower-paying fields, like English or education, officials said. The faculty member's level of education and years of experience are also factors.

The Academic Council is studying whether women earn less than men when all the factors are taken into account.

At Elon, women are paid an average of 4.9 percent less than men. The difference is slightly higher than the national average of 4.6 percent for church-related schools similar to Elon, according to the American Association of University Professors' 1993

annual report.

But many local schools similar to Elon do not have the salary discrepancy. At Guilford College, for example, women are paid an average of 1.1 percent less than men.

Gerald Francis, Elon vice president and dean of academic affairs, said male and female faculty members of comparable status are paid the same. He said the overall difference in salaries is because women are relatively new members of Elon's faculty.

"Seven or eight years ago, there were few female faculty members, but the percentage of females has increased over the past years. As more females are hired, they come in at entry level and have fewer years experience than males," said Francis.

Francis said few faculty members have expressed concern about the statistical difference.

"It hasn't been viewed as a problem," said Francis. "The first time a faculty member approached me about it was in the spring of

'92. Of course, nobody thinks they are paid right."

Anne Cassebaum, an assistant professor of English, said such statistics do not set a good example for students.

"This sends a strange subliminal message to students about what they can expect in life," said Cassebaum. "These problems cannot be overcome by their own ambitions."

Kathryn Larson, an assistant professor of economics and member of the Academic Council, said the study will see if there is evidence of gender discrimination in faculty salaries.

"If we compare within departments and find people who are all equivalent at the same rank (for example, assistant professors who all have Ph.D.'s and have all been on the job the same amount of time) and find that males still have higher salaries than females, then we can say there is discrimination," said Larson.

President Young's contract renewed

Whitney Newton
Reporter

President Fred Young's contract was renewed for three years at the Elon College Board of Trustees meeting Oct. 10-12.

Young recently declined to say how much, if any, his annual salary will increase under the new contract. He received a \$5,000 pay raise, from \$118,000 to \$123,000, between the 1991-92 and the 1992-93 fiscal years, according to the school's latest available tax returns.

Young, 59, is in his 21st year as Elon College president.

Young said he is striving to improve the quality of education at

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