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Williams elected as SGA president



Larry Williams smiles as his name is announced as the new SGA president.

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Larry Williams beat Charlie Smith by 42 votes to be elected SGA president on Tuesday.

Williams defeated Smith and Floyd Barrett with a total of 309 votes.

"I'm excited about the election," Williams said. "I hope (for next year) to increase communication and get SGA more visible on campus."

Cathy Sparks defeated Kendal Rasnake for SGA vice president by compiling 413 votes.

"I'm little scared, but I think that by working together we'll (SGA) be a great team," Sparks said.

Zuni Johnson, who ran unopposed, was voted SGA treasurer.

There were no candidates for any of the senior seats and the junior class offices.

There is also one vacancy for junior senator.

Shannon Moody, SGA president, said that those offices will be filled either by an election in the fall of next year or appointed by the president.

"I believe I do want to appoint people to some of the class offices,

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Police department issues new policy

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Rape victims will decide if their names are to be made public, under a new Elon College Police Department policy.

However, the policy, announced Monday, contradicts an opinion by the state attorney general.

Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle and Robert Wishart, town attorney, said they won't release the names unless forced to by a court.

"It sounds as if it may result in that," said Wanda Bryant, deputy attorney general for the Citizens' Rights Division.

Eight rapes have been reported

on Elon College's campus since 1992. No one has been arrested.

The Pendulum has requested the names of the victims in an attempt to find out how the cases have been handled by the school and by police. One of the alleged rape victims told The Pendulum that Elon College police "discouraged" her from prosecuting her attacker.

Burlington's daily newspaper, the Times-News, also has requested the names.

Ingle has refused to release the names of the victims, saying he wants to protect them. Ingle relied upon a 6-month-old state law to keep the names secret.

Under the law, the name of "a complaining witness" shall be "temporarily withheld" if release of the

information will "pose a threat to the mental health, physical health, or personal safety" of the person or "materially compromise" an investigation.

The name should be released "as soon as the circumstances that justify withholding it cease to exist," according to the law which took effect Oct. 1.

"I cannot think of any reason that temporary would go for two years," Bryant said.

The North Carolina Press Association and state Attorney General's Office have contacted Wishart about Ingle's policy of not releasing the names.

Two weeks ago, Ingle and Wishart said they would reconsider

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Officer Matt Tanis releases Wally back to his natural habitat. See page 10.

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Students can express views about new curriculum at College Coffee

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Editor

Elon students will be able to voice their opinion about the new four hour curriculum on April 7 at College Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

The Planning Committee for the New Curriculum Conference has scheduled the forum as one of its three day events.

There will be table set up for students to write down their opin-

ions on how a four hour class should be taught.

Faculty and staff will also attend College Coffee and be able to talk with students one-on-one about the change.

The student's input will be collected and distributed to the faculty.

The faculty can then see how the students feel about the four hour system and get a better

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Scholarship founded in Wilburn's name

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Editor

Elon College paid the owners of Wilburn's Tire and Auto Center \$263,000 and established a \$250,000 scholarship in the family's name, a college spokesperson said Tuesday.

The college established the \$250,000 basketball scholarship in memory of C.L. Wilburn and in honor of Velma Wilburn, Pat

Kinney, director of Publications and Public Information, said.

The scholarship was established from an existing unrestricted endowment, Kinney said.

Kinney said she does not know how or when the scholarship will be awarded.

The college plans to take possession of the garage on May 1.

Aaron Wilburn, son of the owner, last week told *The Pendulum* that the school paid just under \$500,000 for the business.

Wilburn will also be hired by the college as a mechanic. President Fred Young said the position had been open for some time.

Wilburn also said his three children and his brother's five children can attend the college for free.

According to the faculty handbook, the college's policy is to reimburse spouse and dependent tuition cost to "all permanent Elon College employees who normally teach at least 21 semester hours per academic year."

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