

Unanswered questions surround SGA election

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Larry Williams did not receive enough votes to be elected as next year's SGA president, the college's attorney and a SGA official said this week.

Williams, a junior, received 42 more votes than his closest opponent, Charlie Smith, in the election March 24.

Williams, however, needed to receive a majority of the 695 votes cast in the presidential election, said Robert Baxter, Elon College's attorney.

Kendal Rasnake, SGA speaker pro-tempore, called Monday for a new election.

SGA President Shannon Moody appointed a committee of Student Government Association officers Tuesday to investigate the election.

The committee's chairman said its findings and recommendations will be presented to the SGA either today or next Thursday. The SGA meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in

Carlton Room 102.

Shortly after the election, Smith called for an investigation into election improprieties.

Smith said that Rex Waters, SGA adviser and associate dean of Student Affairs, prohibited him from campaigning in the dorms. Baxter also disagrees with Waters's decision, saying it was Smith's "constitutional right."

Smith also accused other candidates of removing campaign flyers and placing others in prohibited areas.

Smith received 267 votes in the election. Williams received 309 votes. Barrett received 119 votes.

Baxter said, "The president-elect didn't get a majority of the votes."

If the SGA follows Robert's Rules of Order, Baxter said, then Williams needed at least 348 of the 695 votes cast to be elected president.

SGA's constitution, however, is unclear about election procedures.

According to the constitution, election "details are to be outlined in the Policies and Procedures of

the SGA."

The policies were written by Vice President Khalil Ekulona. Those policies do not mention how many votes a candidate must have to be elected to office.

Waters said that according to the constitution, "if there is nothing stated or within his (Ekulona's) powers, then we would probably follow Robert's Rules of Orders."

Under Robert's Rules of Orders, elections are determined by majority rule unless the group's by-laws spell out a different procedure. SGA's election policies do not spell out a different procedure.

Under majority rule, elections are held until a candidate receives more than half of the votes cast.

SGA's other option would be to use a plurality rule, under which the winning candidate receives more votes but not necessarily a majority.

SGA should be following Robert's Rules of Order until it rewrites its by-laws, said Rasnake, who is chairman of a judicial committee revamping SGA's See SGA, page 4.



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SGA Vice President Khalil Ekulona (left) and President Shannon Moody announce the votes to an election that is now under investigation.

Student harassed by calls

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A 20-year-old Graham man has been charged with making harassing phone calls to two Elon College students in March, police said.

Brett Ray of 2263 Erin Court confessed to making the calls, Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle said Monday.

Ray has been issued a criminal summons to appear in court. No date has been set.

Ray did not return a phone call from *The Pendulum* Tuesday night. A woman who answered the phone at his home said Ray had the flu and could not come to the phone.

The woman, who said she was Ray's mother, said the charges against him have been dropped. The woman declined to give her name.

Elon College senior Leslie Walsh said she and roommate April Burnette starting receiving "perverse" phone calls from an anonymous man on March 4.

"We don't know how he got our phone number because it is unlisted. We think it was just a random thing," Walsh said.

"The calls were getting so bad that we had to disconnect our phone sometimes. There were a lot of hang-ups too, sometimes eight in a row," she said.

The man called only when one of the women was home alone, Walsh said.

After the first weekend of harassing calls, the women asked the telephone company to trace the phone calls.

Southern Bell hooked up a trace, through a computer, to their phone. They told the telephone

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Campus Police still in planning stage

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A joint dispatching unit between the town and the college, part of the proposed campus police would cost Elon College about \$44,000 each year.

The one-time cost of \$39,000 would equip the dispatching unit.

On Feb. 28 the Board of Aldermen was presented with a proposal from Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business and Finance, which outlined the costs of salaries and equipment for a central communication dispatching team.

Campus police and Elon College Police would share the salary costs of \$87,400.

The proposal said that "at least four full-time dispatchers are needed along with part-time dispatchers for fill-in work."

The supervisor would make \$8 per hour, \$20,800 annually with 25 percent benefits.

Three dispatchers would earn \$7 per hour, \$18,200 annually with 25 percent benefits.

Two thousand hours of part-time dispatchers would earn \$6 per hour, \$12,000 annually.

The proposal said, "in order to be in close contact with the town police, it is essential that campus police switch over to a VHF police band radio frequency."

The current UHF system would be used by students for security related functions.

Therefore, the two would share the costs of equipment totaling \$78,963.

Equipment needed for Campus Police:

- MSF5000 High Band Repeater 125W with duplexer, wire line control, emergency reverting capability, 100' 1/2 foam transmission line and 9db gain omni-directional antenna costing \$10,330.

- VHF Band portable radios (7 @ \$795) costing \$5,565.

- Martrac 100W, Scanning Mobile Radio with hardware (3 @ \$1,235) costing \$3,705.

- Secure VHF license from FCC costing \$300.

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Equipment shared by Town/College:

- 10 channel dispatch console costing \$10,000.

- Multiple channel event recorder costing \$16,000.

- Phone line (recurring each month) costing \$18.

- Phone line adapter costing \$200.

- Emergency Generator costing \$10,2000.

- Cost of remodeling dispatch area costing \$7501.

- Installation of repeaters, mobiles, console, building for housing repeaters, relocating Security and Physical Plant repeater to water tank costing

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