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Gerald Francis named Elon College provost



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Gerald Francis was named provost at Fridays faculty meeting. Francis has been at Elon College since 1974.

Mary Kelli Bridges Staff Reporter

Gerald Francis is Elon College's new provost, President Fred Young told faculty last Friday.

Young also announced that Jo Watts Williams will resign as vice president for Development as soon as a replacement is found.

Young outlined an administrative reorganization in which the vice president of Academic Affairs reports to the provost rather than the president. The vice president of Business and Finance will report to the president rather than the provost.

A national search will be conducted to find Francis's replacement as vice president of Academic Affairs, Young said.

Francis said his goal as provost will be to implement the Elon Vision.

Francis replaced Warren Board who resigned in March to become St. Andrew's Presbyterian College's president.

Francis has been at Elon since 1974. He started as an associate professor of math and computer science. He climbed the ladder to chairman of the math department, associate dean of Academic Affairs, dean of Academic Affairs and then vice president of Academic Affairs.

Young said Francis's responsibilities include the change to the four-hour course system, the reduced faculty course load, and the new General Studies program.

"His knowledge and judgment are superb. He has shown an unusual ability to combine quality and innovation with efficient management," Young said.

Williams was President Leon Edgar Smith's secretary while she was an Elon College student from 1951 to 1954.

Williams returned to Elon College in 1969 as a professor of psychology and education. In 1977, she was promoted to associate dean of Academic Affairs.

She has served as vice president of Development since 1979.

Young said that Williams's leadership helped the Investing In Excellence campaign near its \$18 million goal.

Williams did not want to take on the long-term commitment of raising \$40 million for the Elon Vision program.

"The Elon Vision is a major, major effort," Williams said. "It just seems to me that the person who is going to complete the campaign needs to be here to begin it. Time will just run out and I can't very well stay here long enough to complete it."

She will continue working for the college but a new job has not been selected.

SGA presidential election to be repeated

Mary Kelli Bridges Staff Reporter

SGA's presidential election will be repeated April 21 with all three candidates on the ballot.

The election will be held in Long Student Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Additional elections will be held if none of the candidates receive a majority of the votes.

None of the presidential candidates won the required majority of votes March 22, a Student Government Association committee told the full Senate last Thursday.

Larry Williams received the most votes. He captured 309 votes, or 44 percent of the 695 votes cast. However, a candidate's complaint led to a SGA investigation which found that none of the candidates had won.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, the win-

ning candidate must receive half of the votes plus one. Williams did not receive the 348 votes required to win.

SGA's constitution and bylaws don't spell out a different election procedure so SGA must follow Robert's Rules of Order, the committee reported.

The committee also reported that presidential candidate Charlie Smith violated Elon College's solicitation rule.

Robert Baxter, the school's attorney, and George Taylor, chairman of the political science department, called the committee's solicitation decision "wrong."

"It's Student Affairs trying to save face," Taylor said.

The Student Handbook prohibits "door-to-door solicitation" in dorms.

The policy does not define solicitation. Baxter said it was written in the 1950's by the college's business manager.

Solicitation "has to do with selling goods on See SGA, Page 4.



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Jeff Bedard stands at the starting point of the Lambda Chi Alpha 500. Lambda Chi Alpha hoped to raise \$2000 for Allied Churches of Alamance County. The event was held on Saturday.

Football player expected to be issued arrest warrant

Marc Gentile Staff Reporter

An arrest warrant for Elon College football player Carlos Watson was expected to be issued late Tuesday or Wednesday, Elon College police said Tuesday.

Police confiscated 66.6 grams of marijuana from Watson's Jordan Center dorm room Feb. 23.

Watson was being sought for felonious possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, Detective Mike Woznick said.

Woznick said Watson was believed to be in his hometown in eastern North Carolina.

Watson will be phoned and asked to come to Elon College for

the warrant to be served.

"It is easier to serve the warrant in the county of the offense," Woznick said.

Watson has denied having marijuana in his room but he told The Pendulum that he had drug paraphernalia.

If convicted, Watson faces up to five years in prison.

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