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to return to the Elon College campus and not to have contact with the victims or their parents.

"I don't think it justly punishes him," Champion said of the plea agreement.

"We were prepared to go to trial," Champion said. "We have to play the hand that's dealt us."

Champion said the charges were reduced because one of the three women decided against pursuing the charges.

According to court reports, police, Champion and Narvaez, this is what happened:

On April 25, two women students told police they had been sexually assaulted on campus by the same man, Narvaez.

One of the women, a 20-year-old, told police she was raped at about 3 a.m. on Feb. 19, 1993, in Moffit Dorm.

The woman was at a party

when Narvaez invited her back to his dorm, Champion said.

Narvaez told the woman she could sleep on the couch, but then he climbed on top of her and raped her, Champion said.

Narvaez said he invited her to his room, where his roommate was sleeping. He said that after he got ready for bed, he left the room.

Narvaez said he didn't return to the room until the woman left.

She did not report the incident to police until April 1994.

The second woman told police that a friend attempted to rape her at about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 25 in Maynard dorm.

Narvaez and the woman are life-long friends. Both were from New York and lived only a few houses away from each other, Champion said.

"They were like brother and sister," Champion said.

The woman had gone to bed

when Narvaez knocked on her door late at night. He told her that he had been kicked out of a fraternity house and needed a place to stay, Champion said.

Champion did not say which fraternity house Narvaez was asked to leave. Narvaez wouldn't say which fraternity house he was living in, but he did say that campus security asked him to leave.

While in her room, he began "messaging with her." He fondled her and tried to pull her pants down, Champion said.

Unable to remove her pants, Narvaez penetrated the woman with his finger, Champion said.

Narvaez said that he and the woman were in the same bed, but that nothing happened.

He said he didn't know why the woman accused him of rape.

"I asked myself that question a hundred times," Narvaez said.

She did not report the incident to police until April.

Another student accused Narvaez of raping her off-campus in February. At the time, an Elon College police official said District Attorney Steve Balog did not have enough information to prosecute.

On Feb. 26, the 19-year-old woman said she had been raped at the New Sheridan Apartments on East Haggard Avenue.

According to hospital reports,

the woman went into a bathroom with Narvaez. He turned off the lights and they began "fooling around."

He forced her into oral sex and vaginal sex on the floor of the bathroom, according to the court reports.

He then told her not to turn the light on and "wait here a few minutes before coming out of the bathroom," according to court documents.

Narvaez said they were in the bathroom together because she followed him into the room. Though he said they kissed, he said he did not have sex with her.

The woman went to the hospital and immediately reported the incident to police.

On May 5, Narvaez was indicted on five counts of sexual assault. The next day he was arrested in his home in New York.

Narvaez said he spent 10 days in a Suffolk County jail before Elon College police drove him back to Elon College. He spent four days in a jail in Alamance County.

"That was the worst experience of my life," Narvaez said.

Narvaez's mother, Josephine, said Tuesday that the family decided not to chance a trial because her son could have spent more time in jail.

If he had it all to over again, "I

would have went to trial," Narvaez said.

Narvaez's lawyer, James Roberson, told the judge Narvaez was not admitting guilt, accepting the plea agreement.

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students and those in the field. "The majority of people who are concerned with the degrees of professors are the parents," said Perkins. "They want to know the amount of money they are getting and how that will bring a certain amount of quality."

Despite the importance of doctoral degrees to parents and the college image, Myers said that a percentage of these degrees will not be used in recruiting. He focuses more on the goal of the Elon Vision — "to be and to be recognized as, one of the top, private, undergraduate institutions in the region."

As a part of the new emphasis on faculty excellence, Elon plans to develop a strategy to encourage and retain them. The state says that average salaries should be increased substantially throughout the college and teaching workload will be reduced to 24 credit hours a year.

"The hours that we need to teach have been reduced," said Tiemann. "But so far a majority of the professors have not seen more than an inflationary raise."

Another concern of some professors is the possibility of Elon College becoming a university. Several faculty members say they are worried that the push for terminal degrees as well as market pressure will force Elon to change its name.

"University has no definition," Myers said. "But people associated with research. The professors who are here want to focus on teaching."

Tiemann said that he does not feel there is anything to be concerned about. "Our mission statement still says that our primary focus as faculty members is teaching. They have not made any effort to change that, and I don't think they will."

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Service at 11 a.m. in the Elon College Community Church. Catholic Campus Ministry will be offering two services, one on Saturday evening in Whitley Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. and another on Sunday evening at 6:30.

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