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of Advancement of Educational Practice.

The committee's ultimate goal is to improve the five-year graduation rate to 70 percent. The goal is part of the Elon Vision, a multimillion dollar improvement plan for the college.

Francis, who appointed the committee, said the members represent "a blend of characteristics that come together and wholly form college life in and out of the classroom."

Perkins is committee chairwoman. Other members are Director of Institutional Research Brooks Cates; Dean of Students Smith Jackson; Associate professor and Chair of Human Services Pam Kiser; Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs Clair Myers; Director of Academic Advancement and Career Services Lela Faye Rich;

and Jefferson Pilot professor of Economics TomTiemann.

The closer to home, the more likely the student is to stay at Elon College. Thirty-three percent of foreign exchange students didn't return, according to a 1992 dropout report. Delaware had the least returning students, while Georgia had a 95 percent return rate and North Carolina had a 79 percent return rate, according to the report.

The higher and the lower the SAT score, the more likely the student is to stay at Elon College. All students scoring between 1,300-1,390 and between 600-690 returned, according to the report.

The average Elon student SAT score was 924 in 1992. Sixty-eight percent of students with that score returned in 1992, according to a 1992 dropout report.

A survey was sent to students who had asked that transcripts to be

sent another college in 1991. The average grade point average of the students was 3.27, 77 percent had a declared major, and 88.3 percent lived on campus. Among their reasons for leaving were:

■ 25 percent said finances

■ 16 percent said distance from home

■ 15 percent said unavailable major
■ 11 percent said size of col-

5 percent said substance abuse by other students

The committee is focusing on the first five weeks of freshmen orientation. The greater number of students leave between the freshman and sophomore year, Perkins said.

Activities in the first five weeks included: the residence halls opened a day early, campus recreation opened the day freshmen arrived, and orientation was extended through fall break.

Perkins said the committee will look next at the reasons sophomores and juniors leave.

In 1992, 79 percent of the freshmen returned for their sophomore year. Sixty-eight percent of sophomores who had been here since their freshman year returned.

Sixty-seven percent of juniors

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man year stayed for the senior year. Fifty-seven percent of the 1992 graduates had been here since their freshman year, according to a graduation history report.

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didates agreed that if no one receives a majority, a run-off will be between the top two vote-getters in today's elections.

Immediately following last week's elections, Williams announced Dennis and Draper winners of the elections. But Danieley and College Attorney Robert C. Baxter both said Dennis and Draper did not legally have enough votes to have been elected to office.

SGA Vice President Cathy Sparks said, "This was a mistake that should have been caught."

Williams added, "Including the hands of the administration that is making us do it (the elections) again."

Dennis received 106 of the 339 votes cast for president. Runner-up Cory Yager received 56 votes. The winner legally needed at least 170 votes.

Draper received 77 of the 322 votes cast for vice president. Runner-up Stephen Cabral received 71 votes. The winner legally needed at least 161 votes.

ers are elected, Freshman Class Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Frank, who was elected Sept. 24, will represent the class.

Campus Shop increases twice its size inside Moseley Center

Conley Tribble Reporter

The Campus Shop will have twice the space and make several changes once it moves into its new location in the new Moseley Center, said Manger Louisa Lackey.

The Campus Shop which sells Elon paraphernalia as well as text books and trade books, is currently located on the first floor of Long Student Center.

"We are planning to move during fall break," Lackey said. Lackey said that they hope to have most of the inventory moved into the new location by Oct. 12, but she said that the new store may still not be open for students until a later date. Lackey said that she has no idea what will take over the existing Campus Shop, but there will not be a branch of the campus store except in the Moseley Center.

One change will be the way the check out is set up. The number of cash registers will not change, just the setup. The registers will be straight across the front like in a grocery store. As Lackey said, it will not be more, just better.

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<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!</u> The Town of Elon College is celebrating the 2nd Annual Festival of the Oaks this year and the big celebration will be held October 8, 1994.

The hours are from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. that Saturday. We need volunteers to help in certain areas throughout the day. We are hoping that you or your group will volunteer for an hour or two during the day. We need help in our children's area (supervising games, light face painting, handing out prizes, etc.). We also need volunteers to direct traffic and help with parking. These are just a few areas you could help with.

We hope we can count on you to make this an outstanding event. This is a very important event for the Town and we hope that you will want to be a part of it!

To volunteer or for any questions, please call:

Cynthia Doyle 584-2669

Shannon Horner Town Hall 584-2859

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