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Happy Birthday!!

Past and present Pendulum staff members and advisers pose for a photo before Friday's forum. (From left to right) Bottom row: Patsy Lynch, Kelly Potter, Dot Hale, Mary Ellen Priestley (first adviser). Second row: Deborah Durkoe, Mindy Schneeberger, Patsy Lynch, Fred Young. Third row: Mari Straub, Joy Washburn, Erick Gill, Frank Isley, Brad Hamm. Fourth row: Bob Nowell, DeeDee Carowan, Penny Ricco, Murray Glen, Joey Senat and Scott Wood. See Page 10

SGA's "6-month clause" axed from constitution

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A controversial "six-month clause" has been dropped from the proposed SGA Constitution.

SGA senators last Thursday voted against requiring candidates for SGA executive office to have first served as Student Government Association senators for at least six months.

College officials who had analyzed the proposed constitution called the clause "needless discrimination," "undemocratic" and "unfair."

The clause got an equally unfavorable reception last week at a student forum. SGA President Larry Williams had called it "ridiculous." "It really contradicts everything we're trying to do," Williams said Tuesday.

The "six-month clause" was one of several proposed changes to the SGA Constitution. SGA senators have been rewriting the constitution since last year.

Senators are scheduled to finish revising the constitution and vote on it tonight at 5:15 p.m. in Alamance 302. The new See SGA, Page 4.

School names four finalists for office of vice president

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A Loyola University dean and a University of Hartford administrator are among the top candidates for Elon's vice president for Academic Affairs.

The interim vice president of Elon College and a Simpson College vice president are the other two finalists.

Provost Gerald Francis announced the candidates at the faculty meeting last Friday.

From March 12 to 24, each candidate will have two days on campus to meet faculty and students.

President Fred Young will select the top candidate.

Francis said he expects the new vice president to start in June.

The vice presidential slot opened last spring after Francis was promoted to provost.

A nationwide search netted more than 100 applications for the job. A committee narrowed a field of six candidates to four last week.

One of the candidates reportedly will be out of his current job in May.

Last December, Richard Bernard was promoted from dean of Academics to vice president of Academic Affairs at Simpson College in Iowa.

Bernard said Tuesday that his new job "made my work load less."

His contract expires in May, according to *The Simpsonian*, the student newspaper at Simpson College.

Bernard, also a history professor, was hired by Simpson College

in 1993.

Simpson College is a 1,200-student liberal arts school in Indianola, Iowa.

Bernard said he applied for the Elon job because he was looking for a quality institution in the South.

"Elon's best days seem to be ahead," Bernard said. "They have made progress, but there is still more to be made."

He earned his master's from Wake Forest University and his doctorate from Auburn University.

He was a department head and co-director of Urban Affairs at Auburn from 1984-88. He was a vice president for Academic Affairs at Bethany College in West Virginia from 1989-93.

He will be at Elon March 12-14.

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Elon forces furniture store to close

Erick Gill
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An 83-year-old business man said Elon College is forcing him to close the town's oldest store.

After 35 years of service, Haynes Furniture Co. on Williamson Avenue will be closed in May because college officials chose not to renew its lease, said owner James Haynes.

"They didn't give me much of a choice," Haynes said Tuesday afternoon. "I don't want to quit work."

This will be the second time in a year that the college has shut down a local business. Last year the college bought the 41-year-old Wilburn's Tire and Auto Center at the corner of Williamson and Haggard Avenues, which was the town's oldest business.

Haynes said that about two weeks ago he received a letter



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Haynes Furniture Co. owner James Haynes said he's not ready to hang up his business.

from Elon College, which leases the building to Haynes, stating that he had to move out when his lease is finished in May.

Haynes said that no one from the college told him in person that the school wasn't going to renew his lease.

James' sister, Mackie Haynes,

who has helped run the store for the 10 years, said that she isn't happy with the way college officials handled the situation.

"(Jim Johnson) called us on the phone," Mackie said. "He couldn't even walk next door and tell us in person."

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