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# Staff hopes changes will decrease dorm vandalism

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A significant rise in dormitory vandalism in the 1996-1997 academic year led members of Elon's Residence Life staff to scratch their heads and try again.

Vandalism in Smith, Sloan and Moffitt halls dramatically increased last year, resulting in more than

\$20,000 in combined charges. Smith Hall alone totaled \$11,636 in reimbursable charges, continuing in its legacy of hellraising.

Reasons for vandalism vary, but "alcohol plays a big part," said David Blackman, director of residence life. Much of Smith's vandalism took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights — the Elon weekend — when binge drink-

ing is frequent.

Former Smith resident John Harrison agrees. "There is a definite link between alcohol and the vandalism that occurred in Smith for the last two years."

Weak alcohol policies and slow judicial processes led to indifferent behavior on the part of the residents last year. East Area Director Molly Burnett said she witnessed

underage residents openly drinking in front of security officers and the community development coordinator staff.

Because Smith's damages were commonplace and increasing every year, many felt a change was needed. The result was the Smith Hall Plan.

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# Faculty discusses tenure

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After meeting for nearly two years, Elon College's Tenure Task Force has finally developed a proposal for a new tenure system.

academic freedom and tenure is one way to do that," said James Bissett, a faculty member on the task force.

The faculty wanted to increase the number of tenured positions at Elon, while the Board was afraid of the college becoming overtenured.

The task force, which consisted of a student, members of the faculty, administration and Board of Trustees, was brought together after both the Board of Trustees and members of the Elon faculty had concerns about the current tenure policy, Vice President of Academic Affairs Julianne Maher said.

Maher said that if the number of tenured faculty at an institution becomes too high, the college or university has less flexibility when it comes to hiring new staff or if it needs to cut faculty positions.

Currently only two-thirds of the faculty in any department can be tenured or on the tenure track (the process a faculty member goes through to receive tenure).

Tenure is an employment process that is used by most colleges and universities. When professors are granted tenure, they are given a contract that guarantees employment, except in extreme circumstances, at the institution until they retire. This contract allows professors to have more academic freedom to research and express unpopular ideas.

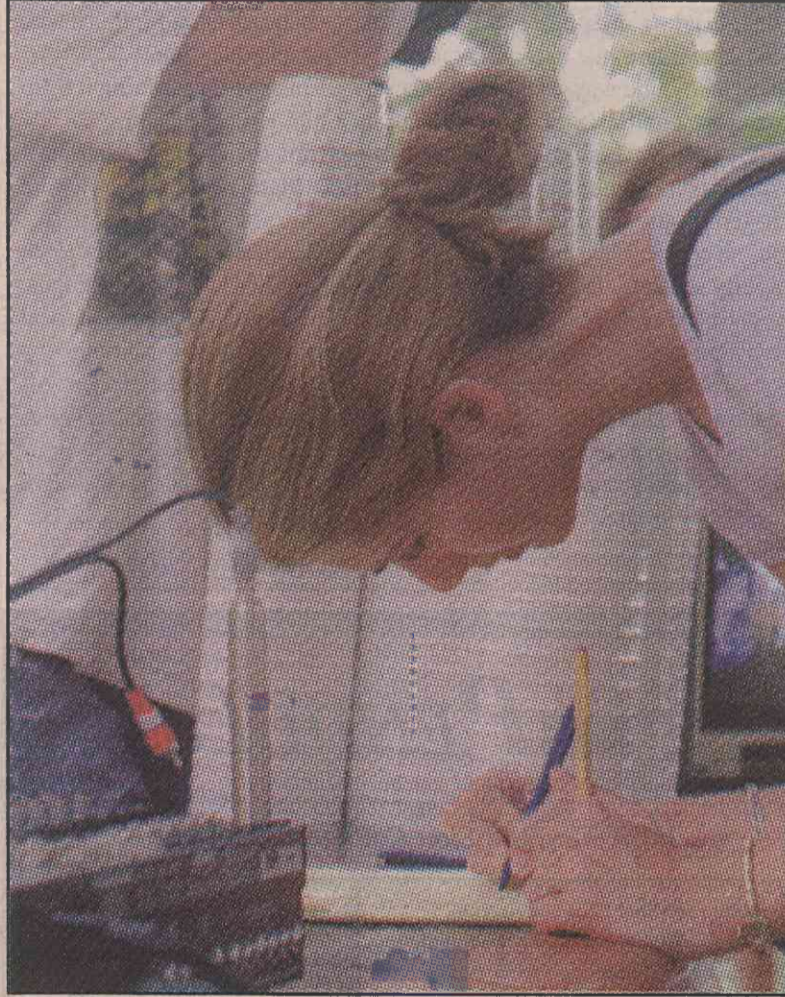
Under the new policy, which is to be voted on by the Board of Trustees in November, the percent will be raised to 75.

"By increasing the number of tenured and tenure track positions we will be able to attract a higher quality of faculty to Elon," Maher said.

"As a member of the faculty, I feel that it is important to ensure

Bissett said, "I think it will create

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Signing on the dotted line: Freshman Annie Evans adds her name to the growing list at the Elon Student Television table during the Organization Fair. About 400 students saw what Elon organizations had to offer at the annual event, held last Friday. See story, page 4.

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**facts to remember**

How does drug and alcohol use affect Elon Students?  
In the past year:

- 62% have "missed a class"
- 52% have experienced memory loss
- 60% "did something I later regretted"
- 18% were taken advantage of sexually

Graphic by Jon Campbell Source: Elon Drug and Alcohol Task Force

# Alcohol consumption high at Elon

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A survey given to Elon students last spring by an alcohol task force showed that Elon College is above the national average when it comes to consumption of alcohol.

Distributed to students in 10 a.m. classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, this survey provided interesting facts on the issue of alcohol at Elon. The survey showed that 72 percent of Elon students drank alcoholic beverages at least once a

week. Sixty-two percent of the students surveyed missed a class due to alcohol and 52 percent have experienced memory loss due to drinking excessive amounts.

"We were not all that surprised with our findings," said Chaplain Richard McBride, the appointed spokesperson for the faculty and student task force in charge of the survey.

"What we were surprised with was that the definition of 'party' has changed. Before the word 'party' did not equal alcohol, but

having a good time.

"These new findings do not go along with the college's new 'Elon Vision' for the future. This is a barrier for Elon to become the type of college we want it to be."

One reason for Elon's high abuse of alcohol is blamed on the rumors of Elon being a "party school." Tales that publications such as "The Princeton Review" and "Playboy" have rated Elon as one of the top party schools in the nation have

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