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School ponders sophomore housing requirement

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Future Elon students might be required to spend half of their college careers living on campus.

John Barnhill, assistant to the dean of students, announced two weeks ago that the school is looking into a requirement that would force students to live on campus during their freshman and sophomore years.

The major reason for the proposal is to boost Elon's overall retention level.

"We know for a fact that students who are more engaged on campus are going to be more successful," Barnhill said. "We want to get that (retention level) higher. And we think if we made this (sophomore requirement) a policy, we can do that."

The student issues committee, which is a subcommittee of the Student Government Association, has researched the issue for the past couple of months. It points to Furman University as a prime example of a successful sophomore requirement.

Forum to address housing situation

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With all the research the student issues committee has done to determine whether it should recommend a sophomore housing requirement, it has overlooked one important group — the students. This group of people will have

a chance to speak their minds and educate themselves on the issue at the Student Government Association's student life forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday in McKimmon Hall.

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Lights, camera, action: Elon senior Jon Campbell (pictured with camera) continues the production of his second movie called "The Crossing" last Saturday at West End Station. See the "Filmmakers at Elon" tab, pages 10-11.

Coolio set for Saturday

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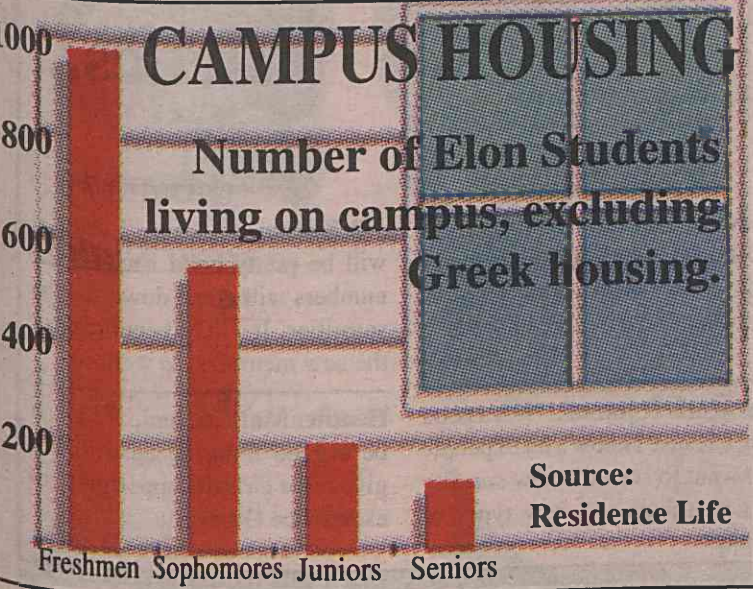
When Coolio visits Elon Saturday, he'll be greeted the same way big-name performers have the last three years — with mixed reactions.

The Student Union Board, which has organized Elon's annual big concert, has heard the usual chorus of complaints from those who aren't happy with the group's choice of music.

"We hear the same comments every year," SUB Adviser Barb Carlton said. "We try to reach out to every audience. But you can't please everyone all the time. In your four years at Elon, hopefully we'll get to everyone's type of music."

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Elon looks at becoming a university

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Elon College portrays itself as a "small college with university opportunities."

In the year 2000, new students may be walking onto a university campus if the Board of Trustees agree to change the name of the school.

The Elon Vision, implemented in 1994, is a five-year plan that outlines Elon's progress to become "one of the premier private under-

graduate institutions on the Eastern Seaboard."

The Elon Vision strives to improve areas concerning academics, students, faculty/staff and resources that will give Elon the status of a university.

Vision No. 14 states "to have the program, personnel, students and trustees worthy of recognition as a comprehensive undergraduate university."

"Are we at the stage where we are a university and do we want to be a university?" asked Provost

Gerry Francis.

The Board of Trustees will reconvene in either 1999 or 2000 to evaluate the growth of Elon in regards to the Elon Vision and determine if Elon is capable of being recognized as a university.

"I think feelings are mixed across the board," Francis said.

Student reactions have expressed both positive and negative attitudes in changing the name of the school.

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