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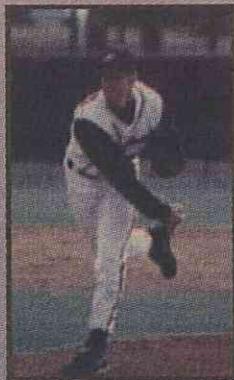
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Dean candidates to speak on campus

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College administration is currently interviewing candidates for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Four finalists began presentations Monday.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend presentations, on the topic "Ideas for promoting the centrality of the Arts and Sciences at Elon College." The presentations are followed by a question-and-answer session.

The Search Committee interviewed eight candidates during January term. Four finalists from this group have been invited for an extended interview on campus during February.

The candidates for Dean are Dr. Nancy Midgette, Dr. Charlotte Borst, Dr. Seth Singleton and Dr. Steven House.

Midgette currently serves as the William P. Story Professor of History and Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Elon College. She was chair of the History Department.

Borst is an Associate Professor of History and Chair of the History Department, St. Louis University (Missouri). Borst was formerly the Executive Director of Historical Collections at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She will make her presentation, Thursday Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

Singleton is a Professor of International Relations at Pacific University (Oregon) and formerly Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Hue University, Vietnam last year. His presentation

is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

House is a Professor of Biology and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University (New Jersey). He is also the Director of Health Professions. House will speak Monday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. in Carlton 106.

"A committee on academic reorganization last year, led by Provost Gerald Francis, proposed, among other things, a new academic unit, the College of Arts and Sciences, containing the 'old' divisions of Social Science, Arts and Humanities, and Mathematics and Science," Rosemary Haskell, chair of search committee said.

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will head 17 departments and several programs.

There are several reasons for the movement to a College of Arts and Sciences. Haskell said the unification of disciplines would help attain a new cohesiveness and centrality of the arts and sciences.

"The new organization suggests that the Arts and Sciences disciplines are on an equal footing with the Schools of Education, Business and Communications," she said.

See page 5 for a story about Dean candidate Nancy Midgette's lecture on Monday.



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Lighthouse closing: rumor

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The Lighthouse is one of Elon's favorite hangout spots for students, especially on Thursday nights. Lately, the word on the street has been that Elon is planning to buy the Lighthouse and tear it down to make additional parking spaces.

Well, have no fear because there is absolutely no truth to this ridiculous rumor.

The rumor started several weeks ago when alumni of the college phoned the Office of College Relations and the Office of Alumni Relations asking whether or not the rumor was true. There were many stories circulating about what was going to happen to the Lighthouse.

Some heard the Lighthouse was going to close, while others heard Elon College was planning to buy it and tear it down to make room for parking.

Chris Hines, owner of the Lighthouse, said: "There is no truth to it whatsoever. The Lighthouse has not been sold, has not been bought, has not been torn down, we are still open."

No one has any idea how the rumor originated. However, late in

the fall, business had apparently slowed down a bit. This is the only possible known contributing factor to such a disturbing rumor.

Many offices on campus have received phone calls from various individuals, mostly alumni, wanting to know whether the rumor is true. Hines has reportedly received numerous calls from alumni all over the United States, including Chicago, New York, and California.

According to Gerald Whittington, Vice President for business, finance and technology, Elon developed the Facilities Master Plan a few years ago. The program will assist the downtown area of the Town of Elon in remaining a commercial area. Elon would like to work with the town and various individuals around the area to build more businesses that would be more appealing to the students and members of the surrounding community. Some possible endeavors might include a music store, a new bank, a dry cleaner, a photocopy store, more diverse restaurants and a drug store.

As always, Elon is willing to work with the town to improve the look of the area. Some prospective items include better lighting, green see Lighthouse, page 5