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"This unfortunate series of events tainted the integrity of the Elon Greek community and the strong advances made over the past two years. I could not stand back and jeopardize all the great work of Elon's Greek chapters, councils and individuals. Consequently, it was with much sadness that I had no other option but to resign as Elon's Director of Greek Life."

"To my detractors, I trust that my resignation will end this issue once and for all and that the Elon Greek community is allowed to return to its national award winning programming based on Ritual and life-long brother/sisterhood."

No official statement has been made about the incident involving Hesp's Web site. President Lambert expressed the reluctance of the college to make the incident involving Hesp public because the administration wants to ensure his right to due process.

"The school does not want to broadcast personnel decisions across campus," Jackson said.

Lambert said, that Hesp "made a serious lapse in judgment," he said college officials

were very careful to ensure that Hesp's life and career were not destroyed. "The college has moved very quickly and very carefully to handle the situation expeditiously," Lambert said.

Dan Anderson, Director of College Relations said only a couple of cases involving Web policy violations with pages on Elon's site have occurred over the past three years.

Anderson said to ensure the material on the Web pages is consistent "with the mission and community standards of Elon as an academic institution, the mission being educational," Elon requests the disclaimer as part of the Web policy be placed clearly on every personal page. "Personal home pages are the responsibility of their creators," Anderson said.

Lambert said that it would be too difficult a task. "With millions of pages related to the Elon Web site, including syllabi, course materials and the official college web site, it presents us with a new set of challenges." Lambert added, "We do not want to create an aura of censorship."

The rules of Elon's Web policy state the "content of all electronic pages must be consistent with

the mission interest, standards and policies of Elon College." Each personal home page must contain a statement that informs the viewer of Elon's disclaimer in regard to the Web page.

The disclaimer states that the information and opinions included on the site reflect individual thoughts, tastes and activities. "Individual page providers assume all liability and responsibility for information on their personal pages. Elon guarantees no previous-to-publishing editorial control or review over the content."

John Gardner, president of the Student Government Association, expressed SGA reaction to the incident. Gardner said Hesp has made significant contributions to the Greek system, but his link was inappropriate. He said Hesp made an unfortunate mistake.

A search for a new Director of Greek life will begin soon. "In the past, student forums were held, students were asked to sit in on interviews for a new Director of Greek Life, and I would assume this is how the process would work again unless the administration has someone in mind," Gardner said.

College dean announced

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Steven House has been named Elon's next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Nancy Midgette will be the associate provost.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Gerald Francis, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"We had two viable candidates for the position," said Francis at a meeting held to reveal the decision. "I made a recommendation to the president and it has been accepted. I got what I wanted in both people."

The search for the dean was launched last fall. There were eight candidates.

Over the past month faculty, staff and students were invited to attend presentations by the selected four finalists.

The College of Arts and Sciences was created in February 2000 and includes 17 academic departments and two interdisciplinary majors. As dean, House will be responsible for those departments and majors.

Midgette will help promote and accomplish the goals outlined in NewCentury@Elon, the school's

Steven House (left) will become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Nancy Midgette (right) will become associate provost.

most recent strategic plan. She will also provide curriculum development and supervision for several of the academic departments.

House and Midgette will also be members of the dean's council and will serve under Francis.

"Steven House is a nationally known scholar who brings to Elon an impressive background," said Francis. House is currently associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J.

Midgette has been a faculty member at Elon since 1986 and is currently serving as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Both House and Midgette will assume their positions this summer.

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and audiovisual resources.

In 1999 the Board of Trustees increased the acquisition budget by \$137,000. Additional money was allocated to the last budget and the same amount will be added for this budget.

The library budget, without the acquisition budget, is approximately \$340,000. Spending on library materials has more than doubled since 1999.

"We want to strengthen our book resources," Kate Hickey, director of the library, said. "We never have enough journals. We will probably increase print journal and online catalogs with a concentration in science and math. These are the areas students seem most unhappy with what we have.

"While this specific money has gone to resources, the rest of our budget has increased too," Hickey

said. "This has allowed us to increase our hours, specifically on Friday and Saturday nights. It has allowed us to be open 24 hours during exams."

Hickey said the college's goal is to spend at least \$200 per student per year on library resources, books and electronic resources. Approximately \$175 was spent per student this year.

The Trustees also supported funding of goals under NewCentury@Elon plan, which include strengthening the foreign language and mathematics programs, enhancing humanities facilities, developing the general studies curriculum and establishing a School of Information Technology.

Under the new budget, Elon will continue to invest in the computer infrastructure of the college. Dan Anderson, director of college relations said the funding will be directed at making the network more stable and faster.

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