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Trustees assemble for annual meeting

Board approves 5.96 percent tuition increase, considers establishing law school pending financial support

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The Board of Trustees approved a new budget plan, set tuition fees and established a committee to collect funds for a potential law school during their annual visit to campus this week.

The 2004-05 budget plan includes major investments in academic programs, new faculty positions and resources and various campus-development projects. The budget provides funding for 13 new full-time faculty positions and allocates \$223,000 for library development and new technology spending.

Trustees announced a 5.96 percent increase in tuition, room and board for next year. The increase will bring the total cost of tuition and fees to \$17,555. Room and board fees will be \$6,010. Funding for student research was expanded, as was student access to increased scholarship funding and study abroad grants.

New construction plans approved for this summer include a recreation complex with playing fields and a baseball diamond, phase two of the residence hall air conditioning project and a pedestrian walkway project to be completed on Haggard Avenue.

President Leo Lambert announced the board's decision to endorse the concept of establishing

a law school, on the condition that adequate funds are collected, at a press conference Wednesday.

The board made its decision after hearing a Phase II report from Provost Gerald Francis and the law school feasibility task force, which determined a law school is viable and that downtown Greensboro would be the best location for it.

The board established a committee to assemble about \$10 million in outside funding over a 60-day period. Elon is ready to contribute \$3 million of its own.

Lambert said the \$10 million would go toward the cost of capital and backstop the red ink generated by the start up of a law school.

Jim Melvin, a former mayor of Greensboro and current president of the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, made a presentation to the board regarding his efforts to gather resources in the city, suggesting the former Central Library as a possible facility.

Lambert said that he does not want to siphon resources from undergraduate studies, but a law school would take 3 to 4 years to become totally self-sustained.

Two months is adequate time to determine if there is enough support for the law school, Lambert said.

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ElonThon raises record \$50,500



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Mark Bliley (left) and Matt Hobbs (right) participated in the second annual ElonThon, a 24-hour dance marathon held in the Alumni Gym.

Career and graduate fair on campus today

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Students will have the opportunity to meet with recruiters and potential employers at the Elon Career and Graduate School Fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today in Alumni Gym.

The career fair is an opportunity for all students to find out about opportunities for employment, ranging from summer jobs to full-time

positions. There will also be recruiters from various graduate schools, including law and MBA programs.

Approximately 60 companies and 16 graduate schools will be represented at today's fair, according to David Magee, director of the career center. He said the career center staff is excited about several companies new to the fair this year, including American Express and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

A major concern for students in the past is that the fair offers mostly local employment opportunities, Magee said. Although many of the representatives are local, students can still find out about long-distance opportunities.

"We have a number of visiting companies that are national or international in scope," Magee said. "Students can speak with these rep-

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