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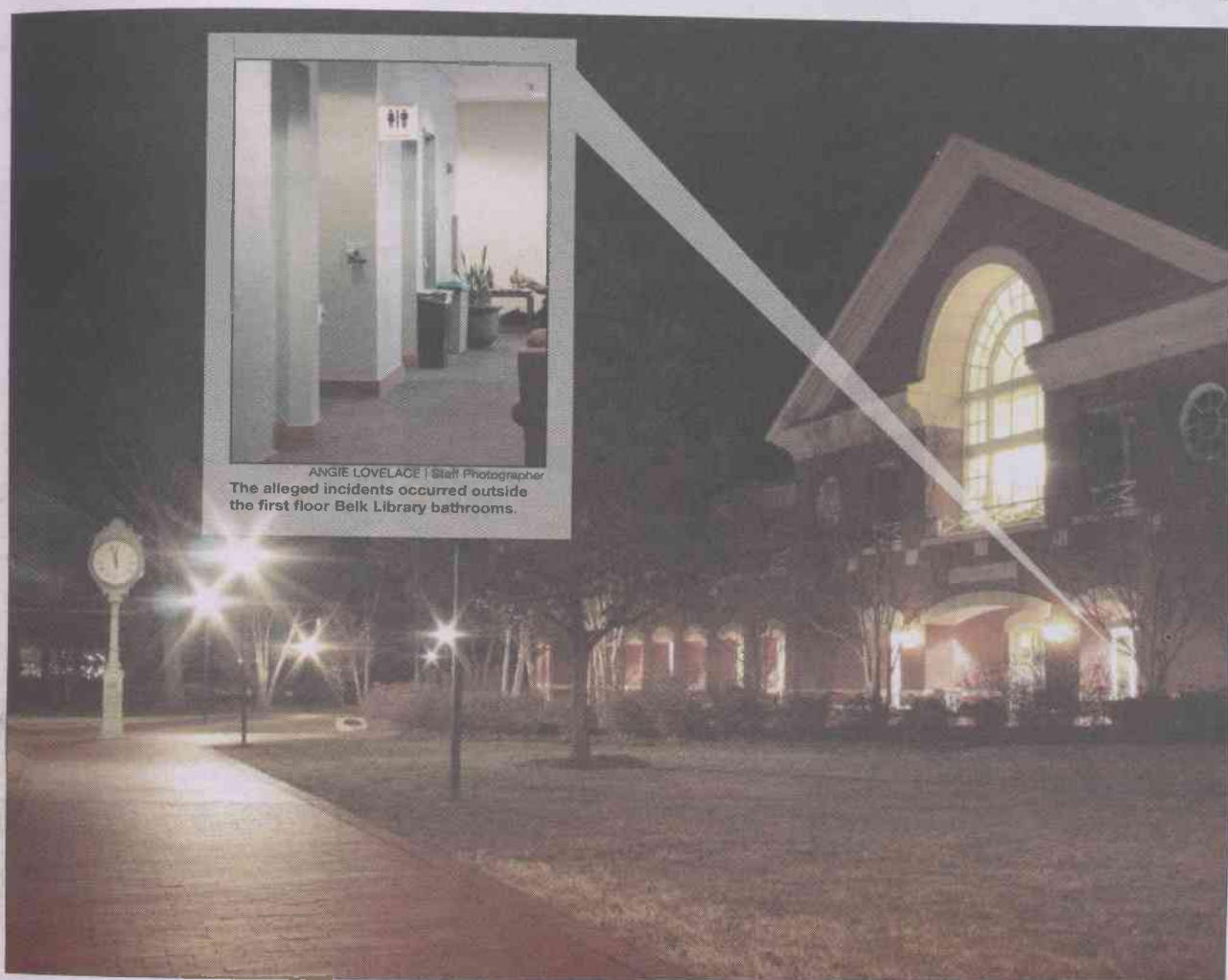
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The alleged incidents occurred outside
the first floor Belk Library bathrooms.

Two non-Elon girls, ages 13 and 14, reported they were the victims of a sex offense in Belk Library Feb. 7. The girls were visiting the library with one of the girl's mothers, who had pre-arranged a meeting there with Scott Dewante Moore. Moore was arrested shortly after by the Alamance County Sheriff's Department.

Burlington resident arrested for alleged sex offense in Belk Library

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Scott Dewante Moore, a 19-year-old Burlington man, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with an alleged sex offense that occurred in Belk Library. Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police, said Moore was placed in Alamance County Jail and is being held under \$100,000 bond for the alleged incident, involving teenage, non-Elon student girls near the first floor library bathrooms.

Around 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 Moore allegedly performed two counts

of statutory rape/sex offense and indecent liberties with a child.

Moore was incarcerated shortly after the offenses were reported.

According to the police report, Moore had arranged to meet an unidentified woman at the library. While the woman was using a computer, Moore left the main area with the woman's daughter and the daughter's friend, ages 13 and 14.

He then allegedly performed sex acts with the girls near the bathroom on the first floor, which is located in an open area.

Though the library was normally

staffed, the incidents were not reported until after the girls later left and disclosed what had happened to the mother.

The mother then notified the Burlington Police Department and took the girls to Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Gantos said the incidents were first reported to the Burlington Police Department, who then notified Elon's Campus Safety and Police since it happened in their jurisdiction.

Campus Security and Police went

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Budget committee calls for lowest percentage raise in nine years

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On Feb. 12, the budget committee proposed a 5.95 percent tuition increase for students — the lowest percentage raise since 2000.

"Our tuition increase is strictly in observance of what's happening economically," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, technology and finance. "We just didn't think it would be seemly to have an increase at the previously planned-for rate."

For the last two years, tuition increase has gone up 8.5 percent and it appears without the current economic downturn, tuition would have been raised in a similar manner for next year. This percentage increase would result in a \$33,725 total tuition bill for 2009-2010 year — a \$1,879 increase.

"In this economic climate I just couldn't imagine us going on without an observance of what's happening to our prospective students and their families," Whittington said.

The budget model is still in development and has to receive the approval of three separate parties, following university hierarchy. President Leo Lambert will review the proposal in the coming weeks before the executive committee board of trustees and then the full board will make the final decision as whether to adopt the proposed budget or make further amendments and revisions.

Whittington said typically, once the budget proposal reaches the board, there are usually no major revisions.

"This is my 18th budget process. We've had only one time in which that occurred," Whittington said. "Actually the board said the faculty salaries will be larger than we planned for. Don't hold your breath this time."

Whittington said revenue streams will be moderated and sometimes flat. Some examples of these incomes include a decrease in auxiliary services, such as summer conferences coming to campus, and a decrease in investment income.

But the budget committee projects athletic revenue going up, as well as the profits of dining halls and residence

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Town residents complain about weekend noise

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Elon students' weekend revelries may be getting to be too much for the local community to handle, and a potential new ordinance could require property owners to pay fines after police are called a certain number of times on behalf of a noise complaint at their property.

The Town of Elon's board of alderman will be discussing an ordinance at its annual retreat March 9 that could crack down

on repeat noise violators and their landlords.

The possible ordinance comes after local Elon residents, Mark and Sara Grimley, who live on Williamson Avenue, made a complaint to the town that Elon students living near them were being disruptive.

"We used to just ignore it," Sara said. "But now that we have a new baby, I value my sleep."

Sara explained that she and her husband would frequently hear loud music, yelling and

drinking games in addition to students driving onto her yard and leaving trash.

The Grimleys went to a board meeting months ago and were told to call the police. After trying that, the Grimleys were still hearing disruptions, so they filed a complaint.

Elon Town Manager Mike Dula received the complaint and said the Grimleys were concerned about what could be done in the case that they have to keep calling the police.

Elon Police can give a

verbal warning, but nothing disciplinary, such as a citation, can be done unless they are called a second time.

"We said we want to know what the town is going to do about it because it is a residential area," Sara said.

Dula is optimistic the Town of Elon will get the problem under control.

"We do a lot of enforcement," Dula said.

Since complaining to the town, the Grimleys have not had any more problems with

student disruption.

"I don't want to mess up their good time, but they have to know where they are," she said. "I just want a safe place for my family."

Dula said the board has not made any decisions yet.

"We need to see what our options are," he said. "We need to see if we have any legal basis for that."

The board will speak to an attorney and the issue will be brought up at a future town meeting.