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New city hall to be completed late next year

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During September, the town of Elon College will open a new City Hall building on the corner of West Trollinger Street and North Williamson Avenue.

Town officials hope the \$540,000 project can be completed in twelve to thirteen months from its initial construction. This new establishment will be home to the city offices and the Elon College Police Department.

In 1977, the town purchased the lot, where the building will stand, from Elon College. The town went as far as to get some bids on the project before having to postpone it. A weak sewer system in one section of the community caused the city to take approximately \$200,000 from the City Hall fund to pay for sewer repairs.

City Manager Beth Hetzel said "We just do not have the room to incorporate the rapid growth of the town." She added that some of the area upstairs still looks like it did back in 1789 when the building was first built.

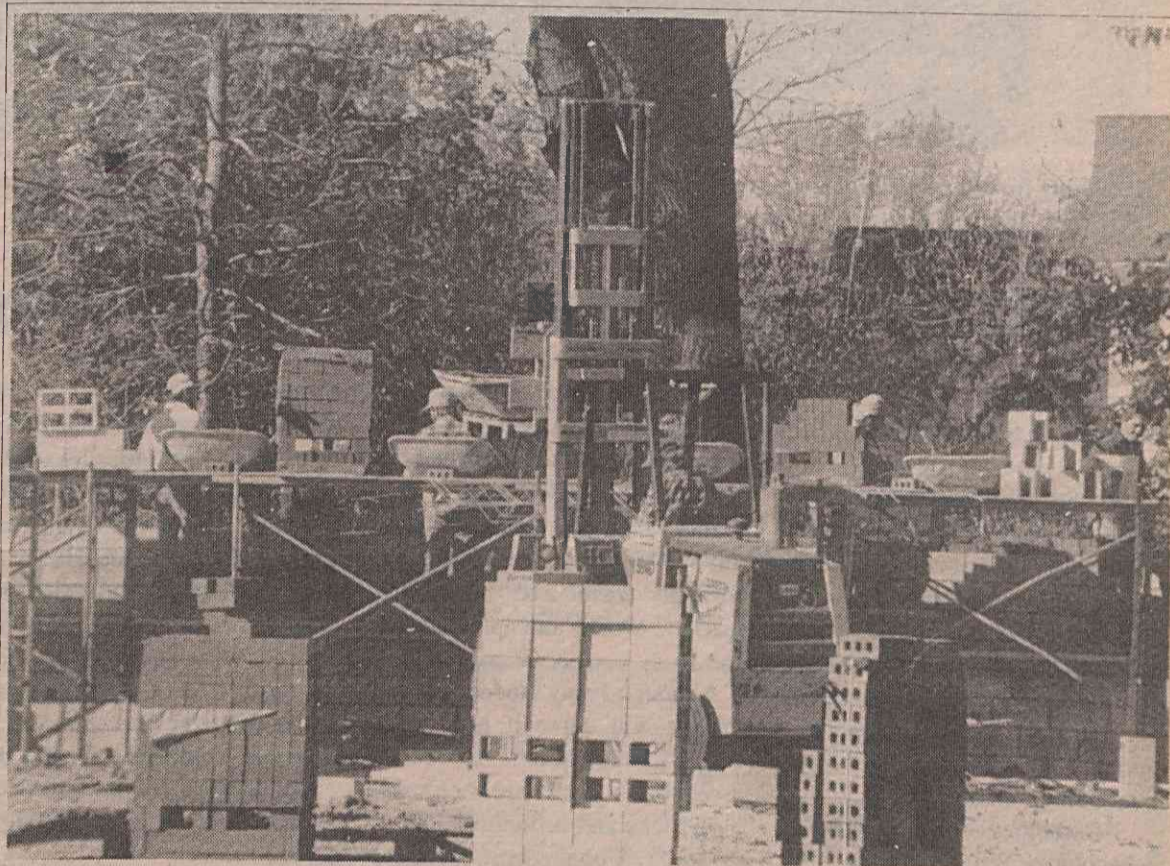
The center of commerce for the town of Elon College has been through many stages. Back in the early 1900's, city leaders met in private homes to discuss business. In the 1940's one building housed the city offices and the police and fire departments.

During the 1950's, the city offices were moved to the Elon Home for Children and then to Swift Cleaners. In 1962, the city offices and the Police Department were moved to the current City Hall location which used to be the town general store. The police department moved to its current location in 1974.

Mayor Bob Olsen feels this new building will be beneficial to the Elon community. He said, "This

new facility will give us room that we have needed for some time. We will now have the capability to han-

dle all of the growth that is sure to hit the Elon area in the coming years."



Men working: Construction of Elon College's new \$540,000 town hall should be complete sometime next September.

Town to build bypass

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It has been 13 years, but Elon College has finally done it. A bypass around Elon College was first proposed in 1975 and on December 1 of this year they will take their first step in accomplishing this task.

Since 1976, the state of North Carolina has been conducting feasibility studies on whether Elon College needs a bypass. In 1981, they found that there were approximately 7,000 cars a day at the intersection of highway 100 and

Williamson Avenue. They predicted this number would increase to 15,000 a day in the year 2000. "I believe the growth has already escalated to what they predicted in 1981 and we need the bypass now," said Beth Schmidt, town manager.

The bypass, if kept in its current proposed location, will run north of the Elon soccer field and the new Greek village.

On December 1, the state will begin conducting an in depth and detailed study of the bypass. This is the first step towards an actual conceptual design and configuration of the bypass. They will also look at the cost and decide what kind of thoroughfare is needed. The bypass will be state funded.

So far, there is no indication of when the actual construction will begin. "I don't know how much longer it will take, but I've been at it for so long, that I'm glad to get somewhere," said Schmidt.

The proposed bypass will limit the amount of traffic and trucks that use 100 to get to 70 and 85. It will also provide for a much faster and easier route to 87 and 70.

CIA to visit campus: other schools protest

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Visits from the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) have erupted in protests on several college campuses. Elon, on the other hand, seems to be unaffected by the potential visit from C.I.A. recruiters.

Professor Jerry Adams called the students' reaction to the visit "business as usual." According to Professor Ray Johnson, "The students seem very enthusiastic."

Some students at UNC Chapel Hill, however, felt differently about the C.I.A. coming to their campus. Jean Lutes is the Editor of the Chapel Hill Daily Tarheel (school newspaper). According to her, there is an organized group of protesters at UNC that call themselves the C.I.A. Action Committee.

During several different visits from the C.I.A., the Action Committee sparked attention-getting protests and passed out literature with anti-C.I.A. information.

The most recent protest involved students dressing all in black with white faces and black eyes, carrying trays with doll parts covered in red paint, thus trying to assimilate cut up body parts.

On another occasion, the students chained themselves to the doors where C.I.A. recruiters would be holding interviews. This incident brought about the arrest of all protesters. Later, they were charged with trespassing and also brought before the school's honor court.

Lutes called the C.I.A. protests "probably the biggest campus issue of the semester."

This is definitely not the case at Elon. One Elon student, Krissa Holland, said, "I can't believe none of the students have reacted to the visit."

Johnson said he doesn't see any reason why a protest should occur. "Really, all they want to do is help our students get jobs."

Two C.I.A. representatives have planned a tentative visit for December 7th or 8th. Their main objective will be to find students for possible internship positions, although they have agreed to talk about job opportunities with government agencies.

Johnson stressed that they would not be speaking for the C.I.A. alone. They will also discuss jobs in other branches of government.

Unlike some other schools, such as UNC Chapel Hill, Elon seems to be well at ease with the upcoming visit of the C.I.A.

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