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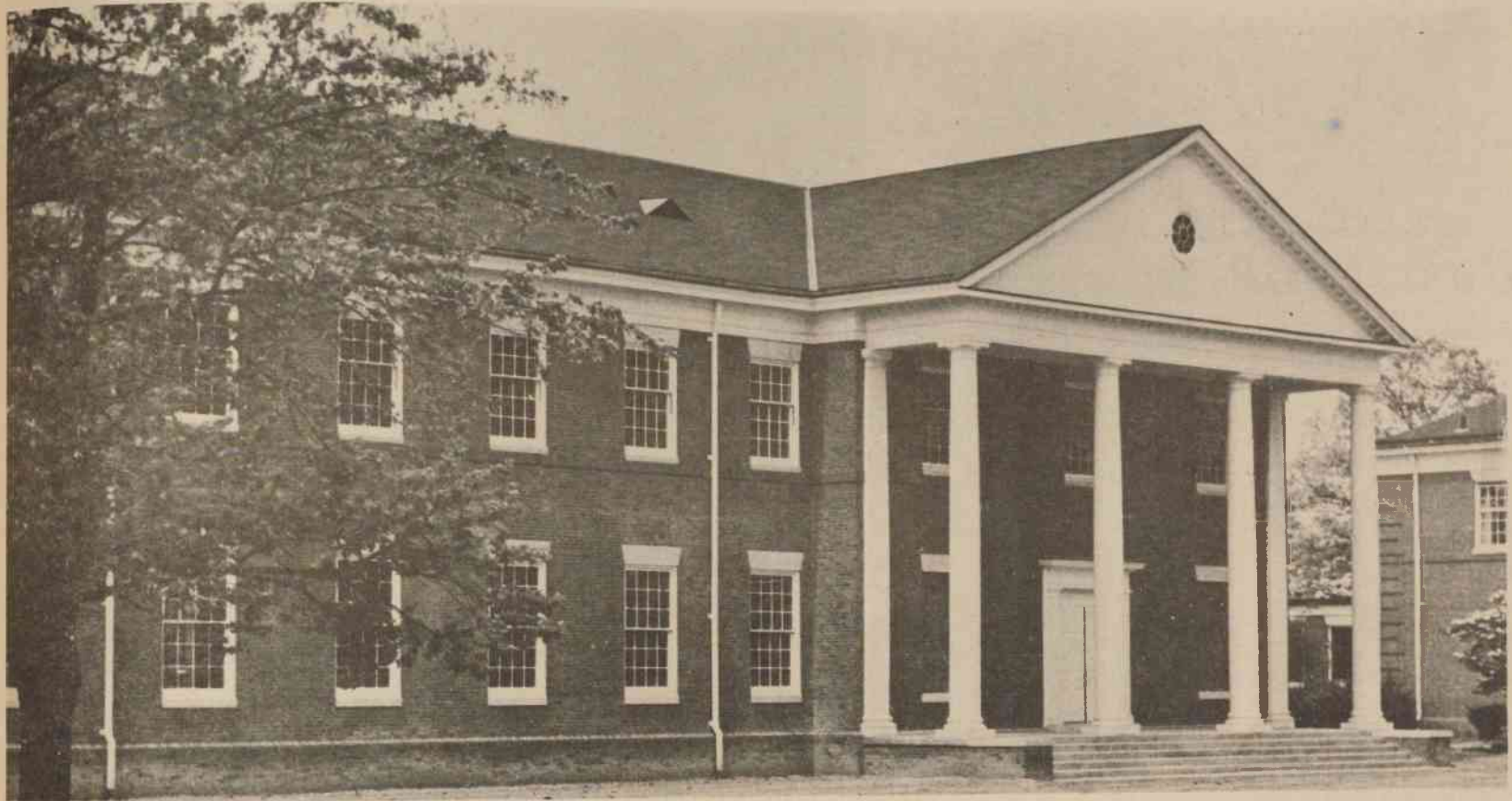
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MOVE INTO NEW ELON COLLEGE LIBRARY WAS TOP CAMPUS STORY FOR 1968



The beautiful new Elon College library building, which is pictured above, was occupied with a special "Move-In Day" during the mid-summer vacation period, and that was the "Top Story" on the Elon College campus during the twelve months period that made up the year 1968. As has been the case for many years, the Maroon and Gold lists the major news stories of each year as that year passes into history, and the library occupation topped the "Big Ten Stories of 1968" by a wide margin of interest and importance to the college and to the work of the faculty and students.

New Building Construction Is Started

When the Elon College students returned to the campus following the lengthy Christmas holiday period, they were greeted by the sight of a huge mountain of red dirt just inside the North Gate of Elon's walled campus, a yawning red hole in the ground just east of the north driveway and a barefaced portico for the north end of the Duke Science building.

All of these sights were just bits of evidence that construction was underway on the new office and classroom building, which has been on the planning boards for the past year, a building which is to be erected within the next twelve months adjacent to the Duke Science building and which will provide needed offices and classrooms for Elon's expanded program.

Announcement was made just prior to the Christmas holidays that the contract had been let for the new structure, which will be three stories in height and which will be of the traditional type or architecture, designed to fit with other and older buildings that already stand within the bounds of Elon's walled campus.

The contract for the new building, which is expected to cost approximately \$750,000 when completed and furnished,

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Best Stories Of 1968 Listed

There were many important stories concerning Elon College and the Elon College campus which appeared in the columns of the Maroon and Gold during the twelve months that made up 1968, and it has long been the annual custom of the American newspapers to review such stories and to take an inventory of the things which have happened, just as the business world takes an inventory of the progress made during any particular year.

Among the big news stories which appeared in the Maroon and Gold columns during 1968 were some which broke with one big news splash in a single issue, and there were others which were reported in the columns of the campus newspaper in a series of stories that were spread throughout the year and which still might be related as one major story for the period.

A review of the big campus stories which

broke through the Maroon and Gold columns during 1968, have been compiled in this listing of the "Top Ten Stories of 1968" and presented in this one story. With this introduction, the Maroon and Gold presents its "Top Ten" news events of the year just ended:

(1) LIBRARY MOVE-IN For the second straight year the beautiful new Elon College library occupies the top spot among the "Big Ten" stories of the year. Last year it was the letting of the contract for the library and the beginning of the construction, which took place early in 1967. This year, the top story of 1968 was the "Move In Day" staged in mid-July, when the faculty, students and friends of the college all cooperated in one big project that moved the books from old Carlton Library to the shelves of the new structure near Elon's West Gate. The new library, which offers the most modern facilities for study and research, is air-conditioned throughout and provides open shelf access to the thousands of books that are available to Elon students.

(2) OTHER NEW BUILDINGS -- It was a difficult choice to make between the occupation of

the new Elon library and the occupation of the magnificent new living-dining complex on the college's new North Campus, which was completed and occupied in September as a feature of the opening of the 1968-69 term. It is definite, however, that

the occupation of the new Staley Hall for women, the Moffett Hall for men and the Harper Center that includes a dining hall and recreation center represented one of the major news stories of 1968 on the Elon College campus. The new three-building complex, which fronts on a beautiful campus lake, represents a completely modern project which was constructed at a cost of approximately \$1,250,000.

(3) NEW 4-1-4 SCHEDULE -- Also among the top news developments for the year 1968 was the adoption by the college of the new 4-1-4 schedule of academic work, which provides for a fall term of four months duration, ending with final examinations prior to the Christmas holidays; followed by a one-month mini-term during January, during which the students take only one course; and finally with a four-months spring

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Alpha Chi Inducts Elon Honor Group

Twenty-eight Elon College honor students, including seventeen members of the senior class and eleven members of the junior class, were inducted as members of the Elon Chapter of Alpha Chi, national academic honor society, in ceremonies held just prior to the Christmas holidays.

The induction ceremonies were held during a dinner meeting in McEwen Dining Hall.

The academic honor group, which was formerly a local organization under the name of Or-

der of the Oak, became a chapter of the Alpha Chi a nationwide society last spring. Membership requirements call for a 3.3 cumulative grade average and at least junior class level.

The seniors who have just been inducted include Rebecca Beale, Hickory; John Burgess, Gibsonville; Muriel Cole, Centerville, Mass.; Penny Gilliam, Burlington; James Green, Smyrna, Del.; Peggy Greeson, Gibsonville; Neill Key, Haw River; James Light-

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