

Students become good consumers

by Dale Saunders

Overcrowding in the dorms of Elon College has forced increased numbers of students to live off-campus. Advantages are evident in both the residence halls and in off-campus living.

Costs of most off-campus quarters vary from \$100 to \$325 per month. Living in another family's home reduces the costs when they are compared to apartment expenses. Most students who live with another family pay about \$100 to \$150 per month. This price usually includes one meal every day. One advantage to this arrangement is the closeness of family life, missed by students who are far from home.

Another alternative is that

of living in an apartment farther from the campus than most housing. The Colony Apartments in Burlington are \$315 per month for three bedrooms, a dining room, two full baths, and a large living room. College Manor Apartments at Elon College cost \$200 per month which includes two bedrooms, one bath, a kitchen and a living room.

Basic living expenses, including electricity, heating, cooling, and phones, are essentially the same in off-campus facilities. However, the total cost of dorm residency in 1980 for the fall semester, including room and board, is \$739.50. In contrast to off-campus housing, this is approximately \$100 to \$200 less expensive per semester.

Personal advantages of living off-campus outweigh those of living in the dorms. "The privacy is awesome," says Randy Fralin who shares a house with Mike O'Brien and Rob Haley in Burlington. Lynn Moore, a senior this year, says "Living farther from campus is more like your own home or your own private get away. Living close to Elon is great for underclassmen, but as a senior, you have experienced most of what Elon has to offer, and it's time to begin to break some of the college ties."

While in the end, it may cost more to live off-campus, many agree that it is well worth the added expense to have a place you can call home.

Part One

World of computers

by William R. Parks

Elon College is committed to developing a new minor in computer information science which will go hand-in-hand with almost every major on campus. In this sense the new computer information science curriculum will be a service area offering assistance collegewide.

Because of this recent development, I think it appropriate to enter into some sort of dialogue through this series of articles with other members of the faculty and student body. I will be expressing personal views so that this is not necessarily to be interpreted as some form of official statement—merely a series of reports.

Computer information science is a relatively new field of study with only 35 years of history in higher education. Since I have been involved with computers since 1960, this represents

more than half the time that computers have been around. Very few disciplines have so many workers who actually span the life of its origin or beginnings. That is why, perhaps, that so many openings go unfilled in this field—the growth of the field has outpaced the ability of schools to produce graduates.

And the outlook for future job openings is so bright that nearly every college in the country is urging or requiring its students to take at least one course on the subject. I know of students who with only two or three courses are getting "on-job-training" positions in industry. They went on to become successful computer specialists as their experience grew.

The computer age we are entering will affect all disciplines. Low cost desk-top

the off-campus economist must compensate for the schedule of the roommates. "We eat about half our meals together," says Whitmore. "We never know what the others are doing."

Dinner is the meal most often shared by the student. "We take turns making the meals, and usually it's something like hamburger," continues Dickie. A special occasion or visitor calls for a change from hamburger to steak with potatoes and wine, a welcome respite.

Fast food such as McDonald's is rarely eaten but when there is an urge to eat out, it is usually at Pete's Grill in Gibsonville or at Oak Grove Cafe in Burlington which serves well-balanced meals at affordable prices, these students say.

"home" computers are being purchased by small and large businesses. These devices are programmed in BASIC language and this is why our first courses taught at Elon would be beneficial to anyone. BASIC language is taught to beginners as well as advanced students.

In the next installment, current topics in computer information science as they relate to other disciplines such as business, mathematics, science, the social sciences, and the humanities will be discussed. Because these fields are much older than computer science, researchers in the field of computers have drawn heavily from these older disciplines to formulate or lay a foundation for their younger discipline. (In the next issue we'll discuss the importance of human feedback in cybernetic and/or computerized systems.)

Girls lockers cont. from p. 1

Vanessa Corbett, an All-American basketball player.

The women's team is also upset because last fall they used their own money to clean up the locker room and make it presentable. "So far," says Corbett, "the guys have messed up the place and probably have no intention of cleaning up. Every time something falls short around here, the short end always falls the female way," says Corbett.

Dr. Alan White, head of the Athletic Department, says, "All rooms here are multi-purpose rooms. No one room belongs to any one group; at least that is the way we would like for it to be." Dr. White says further that "a team can use any room during their season; otherwise, the room is not

theirs alone."

The Athletic Department had anticipated the completion of Koury Fieldhouse to help alleviate some of the problems of overcrowding in the dressing rooms. "Until the time the fieldhouse is completed, teams will have to make accommodations," says White.

The Athletic Department assured this reporter that the women's locker room would be returned to them by their first practice. But the condition of the room would not be certain.

"I just hate for the freshman members of the team to come into this confusion," says Corbett. "It's hard enough building team unity and togetherness without having to deal with administrative politics."

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29 women accept bids from sororities

By Teri Miller

Twenty-nine college women accepted open bids from Elon's four sororities last Friday.

Each sorority was allowed to give out a designated number of bids, depending on the number of active sisters in their organization.

Accepting bids to Phi Mu Sorority were Ashley Taylor, Gail Plummer, Kim Aaron and Jennifer Leeds.

Girls who accepted bids from Alpha Sigma Alpha are Lou Anne Bratcher, Angie Rakes, Rita Knight, Becky Eckoff, Kim Gravitte, Megan Walsh, Tamee Lambert,

and Stacy Carwhile.

Zeta Tau Alpha had five girls accept bids. They are Michelle Feroe, Beth Berry, Nancy Marchman, Martha Frye, and Bonnie Tutto.

Girls accepting bids from Sigma Sigma Sigma were Lora Arrington, Shelia Callas, Margaret Cocke, Beth Davis, Toni Ferguson, Marci Melhorn, Tami Offenbacher, Mary Watson, and Linda Young.

For the required period of time each young woman who accepted a bid will "pledge" under the sisters of her sorority. Pledging is a time for the women to learn

and understand the meaning of their sorority.

Open House

Zeta Tau Alpha will hold an Open House for the faculty and staff of Elon College on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 2-4 p.m. at the Zeta house, 310 Haggard Ave.

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