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Enrollment reaches largest number ever

by Teresa Warren

This fall will see 980 new students coming to Elon College, the largest number of incoming students for one semester in the history of the college.

Freshmen make up about 750 of this number, with transferring and readmitted students composing the remainder. This brings the total enrollment to more than 2600, an increase from last fall's 2576, according to the office of admissions and financial aid.

New Elon commuters have decreased in number to 176, as compared to 213 last year. But the number of incoming dormitory students will grow in size to 765.

Overall, 2401 students are preregistered for the fall semester, an increase from 2336 students last fall, according to the registrar, Mark Albertson. Of these students, 1621 have already

completed registration by mail, compared to last year's 1330.

Mr. Albertson is "very pleased" with the growth in the number of students who will not have to come for registration day, Sept. 8. However, he points out that the number of mail registrations could have been greatly increased.

Sixty percent of preregistered upperclassmen have completed registration by mail while 81 percent of the preregistered freshmen have completed their forms and returned them to the registrar's office.

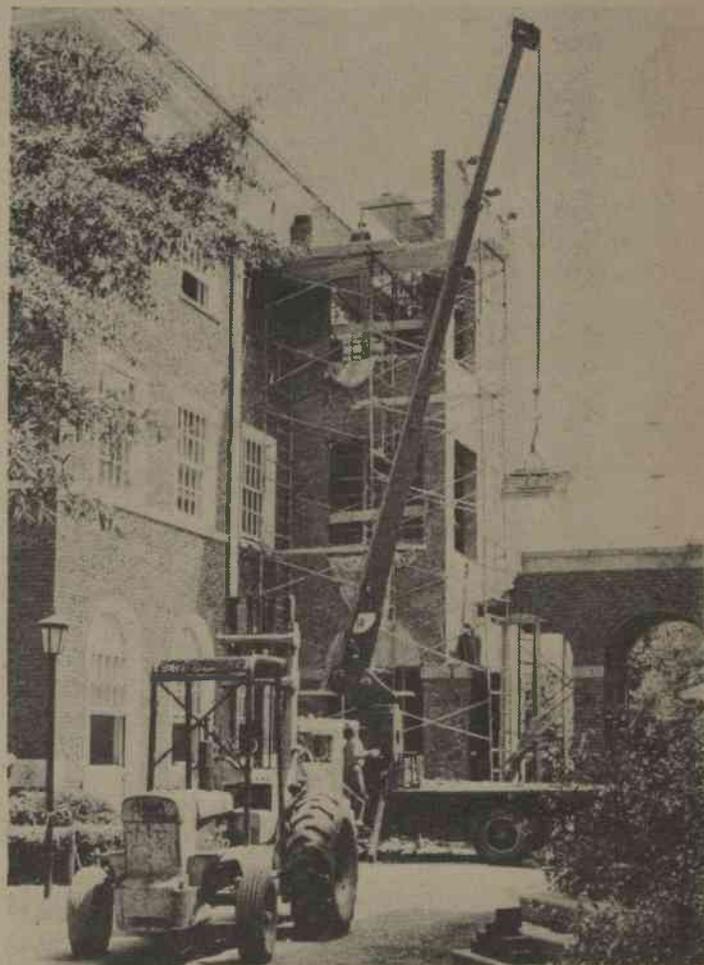
By comparison more freshmen have completed the registration process by mail than the continuing students and transfers, says Mr. Albertson. He feels this is due to the conscientiousness of freshmen about reading letters and forms that are sent by the college.

He believes that "even

more students could be so, if they would only take the time and effort. It is unnecessary for most of these students to come to the gym, yet they do not take advantage of this opportunity."

Mr. Albertson adds that this completion of registration by mail to the extent used by Elon is rare among colleges. He feels that he can only encourage more students to take advantage of this chance to avoid the heavy lines in Alumni Gymnasium on registration day. "This takes the pressure off not only the students, but also the cashiers, the faculty advisers, and the workers in the registrar's office," Mr. Albertson says.

Looking over the enrollment for the fall, Mr. Albertson concludes that "It is very positive from the standpoint of the registrar's office," and he is "looking forward to working with the students."



MAIN THRUST of summer renovation of Alamance has been completion of new stairs at ends of building. The stairs will be ready for use of classes on second and third floors. Photo by Mary Ellen Priestley.

Alamance construction, new dorm under way

by Mari Behrend

Renovation of Alamance Building, now underway, should be completed by late November or early December, says Dr. Fred Young, college president.

According to Dr. Young, construction scheduled for

completion in August has been finished. The stairwells at the ends of the building, the demolition, and "noisy work" are finished for the most part, says the president. The building will be ready for use the first day of classes on Sept. 10.

During the construction,

many students may encounter some inconveniences, but, "everybody will have to show some flexibility and adjust to the extent possible until the renovation is completed," the president says.

The new dormitory near the lake and the Scott Plaza

with fountain in front of Alamance now have tentative completion dates of fall 1982, according to Dr. Young.

Construction began this summer on the new dormitory which will house 300 students. This facility will help relieve present crowded

conditions, says the president.

Brick walls have been started on the new dorm. Steel-reinforced concrete columns are being poured to meet stringent requirements for safety in storms and earthquakes, the architect says.

Football team is No. 1 in NAIA national poll



FOOTBALL: Brothers Ernie [42] a junior, and Stanley [46] sophomore, Tootoo, linebackers, are two of the football team. Photo courtesy of Elon Sports Information.

The Elon College Fighting Christians, national NAIA football champions in 1980, have been picked by journalists and NAIA coaches to win the title again this year.

Defending champions often must avoid entering a new season with over-confidence, especially with the kind of talent Elon returns from last year's 13-1-1 squad. But head coach Jerry Tolley predicted that his players will not let their good press go to their heads.

"There's lots of maturity on this squad, a sense of responsibility," Tolley said.

"With 14 starters and 37 lettermen returning, I feel good about the upcoming season as well as the ranking."

"We learned a lesson the hard way after we finished second nationally in 1978. We slipped all the way to 5-5 in 1979, then worked our way back up the ladder last year. You have to prove yourself all over again every year, and our kids know that all 10 opponents this year will be out to hang a defeat on a national champion."

Missing from last year's

cast are All-American running back Bobby Hedrick, the NAIA all-time career rushing leader; tight end Joey Hackett; punter Phil Melton; offensive lineman Donovan Brown; and defensive back Greg Bynum, who is academically ineligible.

Despite these losses, the Fighting Christians retain seven starters on both offense and defense as they prepare for their Sept. 12 opener with Mars Hill in Burlington Memorial Stadium. Mars Hill, a 23-11

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