

# Enrollment steady as career majors increase

by Loukia Louka

Elon College has undergone many changes since its beginning in 1889. The college holds a great deal of heritage and has survived two world wars, the Vietnam War, and the Great Depression.

The different trends in enrollment at Elon throughout the years are interesting factors in distinguishing the type of students and in-

tended majors here.

According to Registrar Mark Albertson, the past 10 years have shown more change in the choice of majors than trends in student enrollment.

There has been a significant change in what was popular then to what is popular now. In comparing the enrollment changes of the declared majors in the last 10 years, enrollment

tends to be increased in business administration, accounting, human services, and other majors which are more career-oriented.

Albertson says, "The increase in these areas is probably because these people are specially trained and career-oriented." He further comments that because of the changing economy, more students are giving thought to what kind

of job will take them the farthest in a fluctuating economy.

The percentage of part-time students has not significantly changed in the last 10 years, although the numerical figures do show an increase.

In the fall of 1981, there were 162 part-time students. This figure was increased by three for the spring of 1982. The fall of 1980 showed 347

part-time students, while the spring figures showed a drop to 296 part-time students. These figures also correlate with the number of evening students, since many part-time students attend evening classes.

In a comparison of enrollment male to female, female enrollment has increased since 1971; however, males

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### Renovation nears completion

The renovation of Alamance Building is nearing completion and should be ready for occupation by winter term according to John Mitchell, vice president for administrative services.

Renovation of the 58-year-old structure

was begun during the summer.

In the above picture, the finishing touches are beginning to show on the first floor of the building, as a worker checks on a new door.

Photo by Craig York

### Robinson resigns; Strimple assumes post

by Jo Craven

The Elon College Campus Safety and Security Bureau has hired Eric Strimple as its new assistant director of safety and security. Strimple replaces Mike Robinson, who has left Elon for a teaching and coaching position at Graham High School.

Assistant to head of campus security Jim Hackney, Strimple handles the administrative work. He also intends to get involved with the guards. "I don't have to, but I like to," says Strimple. "A good chief gets involved, and I intend to be involved."

Director of student affairs and security Jim Hackney holds much confidence in Strimple. "When the position came open," says Hackney, "we looked at several options until we realized that we already had a staff member who was qualified for the job."

Strimple, a senior majoring in human services, in-

volves himself in many community service projects. He is entering his fourth year as a volunteer fireman in the Elon College community. "I always wanted to be a fireman when I was a kid," says Strimple, currently a lieutenant in the Elon College fire department.

He has also worked as a public safety officer in the community. Qualifying for this job required two months of training in basic police school. Strimple has also received training as an emergency medical technician.

All of these qualifications, as well as his position as a resident counselor, make Strimple uniquely suited for the job. "Having all of these skills plus knowing the people and campus as he does, he was our best option," says Hackney.

"I feel extremely good at this point," continues Hackney. "I'm excited about Eric because he has the ex-

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### Self-study cites Elon's 'progress'

by Doug Norwood

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has concluded its study of Elon College, and the organization's findings are very favorable, according to a preliminary oral report.

Dr. James Moncure, vice president for academic and student affairs at Elon, said, "As they (the visiting committee members) see it, and as I see it, Elon has made great progress."

The committee, made up of staff and faculty members

of colleges outside of North Carolina, visited the campus after an extensive self-study by Elon faculty. The study had begun on March 1, 1980.

Moncure said that the study is divided into nine standards: "purpose of the institution, organization and administration, the curriculum or educational program, financial resources, quality of the faculty, quality of the library, student services, physical resources, such as classrooms and recreational facilities, and special activ-

ities like the continuing education program."

"The standard reports are then approved by all the chairmen of all committees so that the final report speaks as a document with one voice," he said.

The report is then sent to the SACS. The visiting committee is then sent. Moncure said that they saw that the self-study "was not a white-wash."

Moncure said that the improvement in faculty credentials, a better curriculum and administration and

development changes made a good impression on the visitors.

"The renovation of Alamance building and construction of the new dorm, as well as the newly built Oaks proved to them that Elon is alive and growing. They saw that we haven't been asleep the past 10 years," Moncure said.

Many of the improvements at Elon that impressed the committee were possible because of a \$2 million

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Dr. James Moncure