

Arts

Variety of classes to be in Fine Arts Center

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Arts Editor

The Fine Arts building will be filled with students and faculty next fall, but it is beginning to look as though not all of the classes to be held there will be fine arts in nature according to Vice President for Administrative Services Robert Poindexter.

"The Fine Arts Center is a building that will be around into the 21st Century. The program at Elon will grow with the building. We're not building a building for the program of today, but for the fine arts program of the future," said Poindexter.

Not everybody agrees with this administrative plan. "I think that it is a good idea that the school planned for the future, but it seems wrong to build a center for the fine arts and then not hire a full time drama teacher," said Lisa Elliott. "There should be an emphasis on building up the program now. That's what makes a fine arts center --- fine arts."

The center has many rooms including a recital hall, a rehearsal hall and a 600 person auditorium. A possible change in the fine arts center may include moving the television production facilities to the building. Sophomore communications major Sylvia Williams said that she was excited about the new location for the TV department.

"I believe that television does have a place in the fine arts building. To me it is a type of art," Williams said. "I think that in two years, Elon will have one of the finest production rooms in the state of North Carolina."

There are a lot of departments fighting for the space, but Poindexter did not know at this time which departments would win the battle. The Arts Center, however, should boost Elon's image and bring in the needed dollars accord-

ing to Poindexter.

"I think that the Fine Arts Center will draw more students and focus to the school," said Williams. "The community will be more involved and bring in donations to the college."

Junior music education major Sharon Guilliams has noticed a rise in the number of music majors already since the Fine Arts Center first became a reality. "My music education class had four students in it when I came to school. Now there are hordes of music students," Guilliams. "The center will bring in more majors."

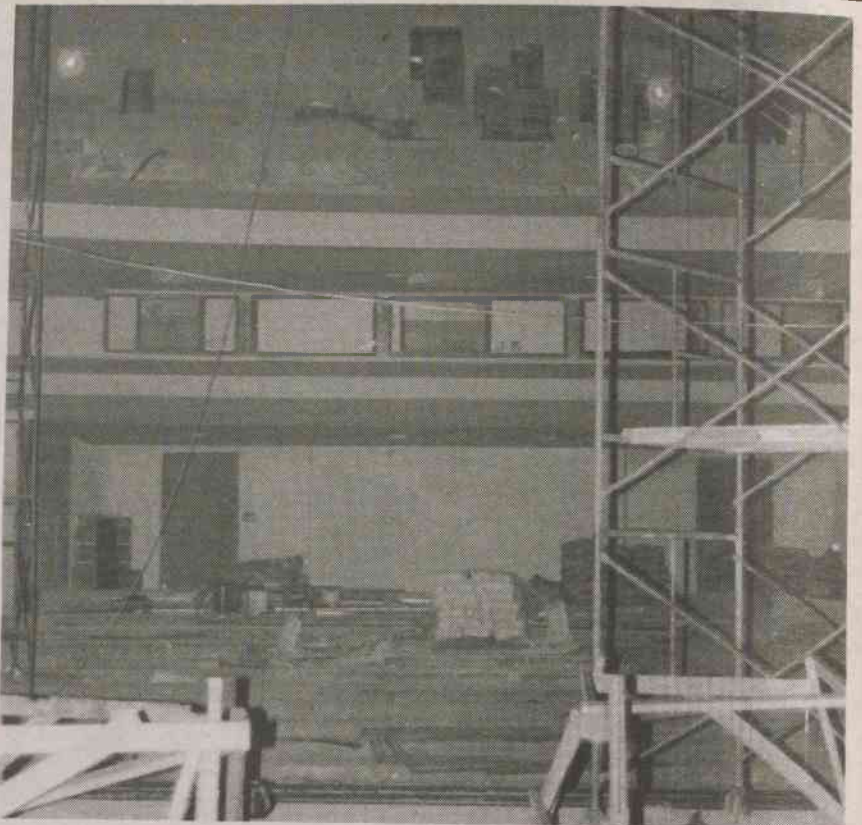
The Fine Arts Center is due for completion sometime during the summer allowing for classes to be held there in the fall of 1987. "The building has evolved into a much bigger operation than the college first thought," Poindexter said. "The biggest part not completed is the outdoors landscaping."

The facility when completed is expected to cost the college \$8 million dollars. "The building has never gone over budget. We just raise the budget as we go along," Poindexter said. "As we receive money, different additions are approved and the budget raised."

There has been some concern over the budget and the construction schedules. "I don't understand how the Fine Arts Center could be under its budget if 'Channel 12 News' even did a story on the slowing down of construction on the building," said Senior Craig Smith. "The news show said that the workers were spending too much time watching the college girls sunbathe by the lake. I think that the school should spend money on housing instead of on a building that seems like it will never get done."

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The main auditorium as it appears in the new Fine Arts Center. The new building is expected to be open for classes next Fall.

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