

The Pendulum

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Elon College, NC

Fine Arts Center Theater Shut Down

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The opening of what the Burlington Times News calls Alamance County's fine arts 'showplace' has been postponed once again. The \$8 million Fine Arts Center failed to pass a final building inspection due to electrical problems last Wednesday.

The failure resulted in the abrupt cancellation of the North Carolina Shakespeare Company's production of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream."

The cancellation cost the college \$6,000.

The production was the first major performance scheduled for the new auditorium. The stage had been completely assembled with lighting and scenery before Alamance County building inspectors denied the college the required occupancy permits.

"We were not aware the auditorium had not been in-

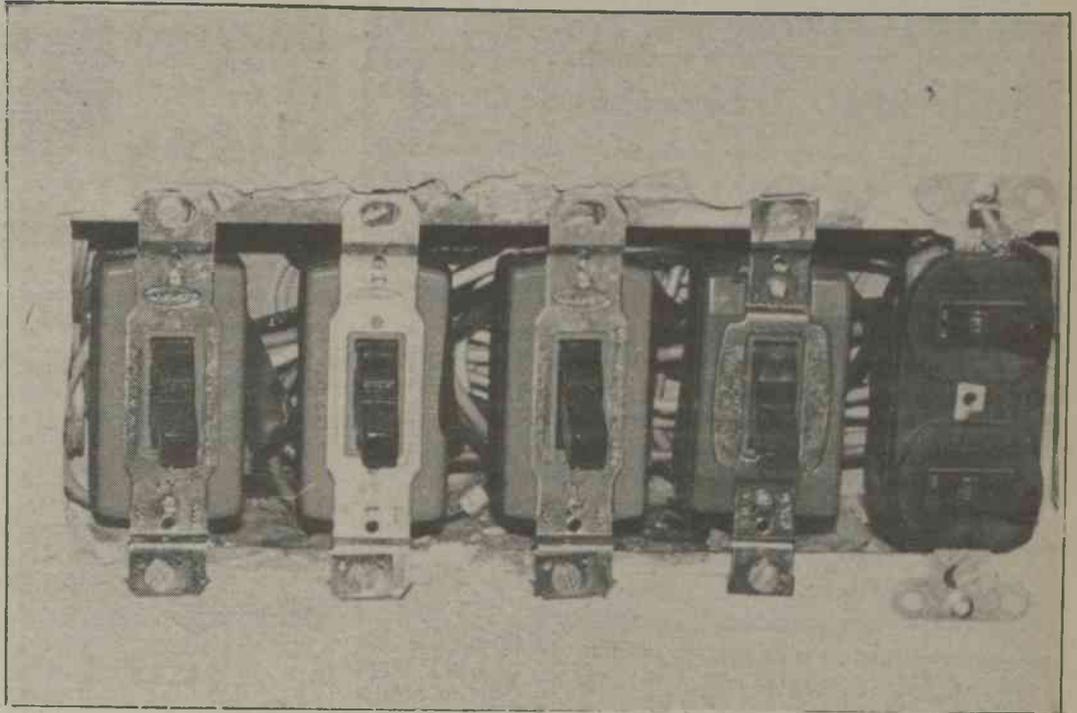
spected," said Dr. George Troxler, director of cultural events.

"We could have occupied the building safely, but not legally," said Troxler. "Even in its current state the new auditorium is certainly safer than Whitley."

Confusion stemmed from the fact that a temporary permit had been issued for occupancy of classrooms and offices.

The financial result was that Elon failed to meet contract requirements of the Shakespeare company and forfeited the \$6,000 fee for the performance. The company stage crew had already completed the stage set up and had gone to lunch before the building inspector arrived. By then it was too late to change the location of the performance, according to Troxler.

Alamance County Building Inspector Johnny Rogers asserted
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SHOCKING!!! These exposed electrical outlets are some of the unfinished projects left in the new 8-million dollar Fine Arts Center, which was closed by the Fire Marshall Wednesday.

Waste Dump Problems Won't Go Away

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Recently, the N.C. Hazardous Waste Treatment Commission has been conducting public meetings to evaluate and assess public reaction to the proposed selection of a hazardous waste treatment facility. Just such a meeting was held last Tuesday regarding the selection of Gibsonville as a potential treatment facility.

While this meeting was very well attended and several people made passionate and compelling arguments in opposition to the facility's being located in Gibson-

ville, much of the debate focused on explicit, short-run costs rather than the more subtle and perhaps more damaging implicit and long-run costs.

Some residents, from both Alamance and Guilford counties, argued that existing transportation routes as well as emergency services would be inadequate to effectively respond to an accident at or en route to the facility. Other residents argued the proximity of the proposed site to schools, nursing homes, and residential areas poses too great of a risk to the community.

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By Kathy Schmidt
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Another site for the proposed hazardous waste treatment plant was eliminated last week, but still on the list of 13 potential sites was our own in Gibsonville.

The one cut from the list is in Davidson County.

The final selection will be made by Oct. 1, according to Kathy Neal, spokesperson for the N.C. Hazardous Waste Treatment Commission. It must meet certain guidelines, among which are:

- be within 25 miles of an interstate highway;

- have access to natural gas and publicly owned water treatment works;

- be within five miles of a fire station.

- be within an area that meets federal air quality standards.

- no more than 200 feet from surface water;

- not be on certain lands, including wetlands.

Ms. Neal made it clear in a telephone interview she had little time for the Pendulum's questions and offered little information. She did say, however, that after the sites were chosen, public

meetings were held so people could voice their opinions.

"We finished up Tuesday night with the meetings," Neal said.

When asked if the meetings, specifically the one held at Elon, would carry any weight, Neal said, "We've heard a lot of information from the public of Gibsonville. The Commission is still considering the information. I don't want to say one way or the other."

Residents in the Gibsonville-Elon College area are concerned that if the plant is built their home value will decrease, Elon College

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