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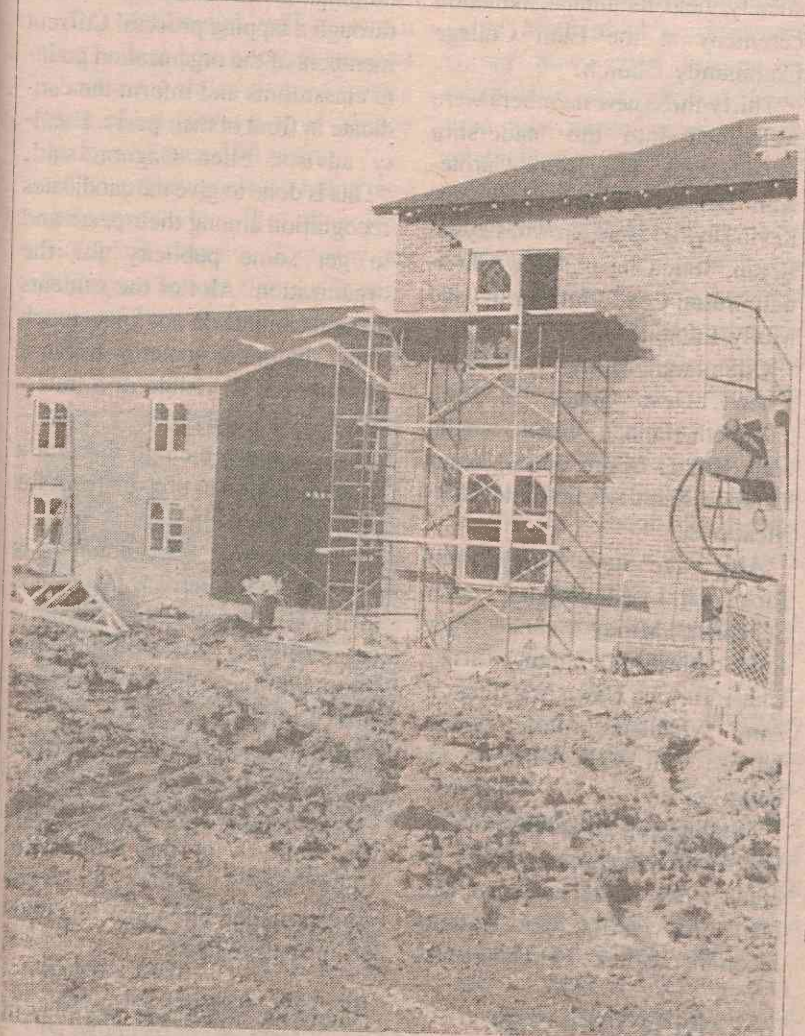


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Home sweet home: New housing will be ready for the fall of 1989.

Over \$7,500 damage to East area

by Krissa Holland
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In only five-and-a-half months, damages to the East Area Residence Halls have reached \$7,504.88.

These damages include everything from replacing broken windows and screens to cleaning up vomit and removing graffiti.

Smith Hall was reported to have the greatest amount of damages in the area with a total reaching \$3,894.54. This averaged out to be \$23.61 per day.

Over half of these damages occurred to the bathrooms and hall area on the second floor of this dorm. "We all use these places, and some people just get out of hand when they come in late at night, but it's not always just us that

live on this hall," said a resident of Smith second floor who wishes to remain anonymous.

According to the official records kept by the Maintenance Department, most of the damages to second floor Smith occurred in the bathrooms. The toilet paper holders had to be replaced 15 times costing \$485.10. The screens and windows in the rest rooms were also the victims of a great degree of vandalism.

The neighboring female dorm, Carolina, had \$491.26 or one-eighth of the damages that Smith Hall had. "Most of our damages are screens that have to be put back in windows...the girls like to hang out of them and talk to people," said Tracey Baker, a Carolina resident assistant.

One dogwood tree had to be replaced on the lawn of Carolina which accounted for almost half the total amount of damages to the dorm. "The tree wasn't even broken off by our girls," said Baker. "Without that fee our dorm would have almost no vandalism fees".

Another dorm in this area that has a high vandalism rate is Brannock Hall with \$1,966.42 in damages since September 1, 1988. The eight person suit 302 is where \$731.94 of these damages occurred. The bathroom was where the majority of the vandalism took place with broken windows, toilet paper holders, and stall doors having to be replaced numerous times.

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Train 'prank' could have caused explosion

What appeared to be an emergency situation may have actually been nothing more than a college prank that could have resulted in a chemical explosion if the train had jumped track.

At 1:40 a.m. last Saturday, a Southern Railway freight train travelling west through Elon College struck what appeared to be a pedestrian. According to police reports, the train's engineer, Mr. D.L. Everhart, noticed three figures as the train he was controlling passed behind Long Student Center.

The tallest of these figures appeared to be waving, and all three were standing very near the tracks.

As the train passed the bystanders, it struck the tallest one, knocking a baseball hat off its head and throwing the "body" 10 to 12 feet.

Everhart stopped the train in a "normal" manner rather than applying the emergency brake. The vehicle's engine stopped west of campus, near the car wash. The engineer contacted Alamance County's emergency units, and officers from the Gibsonville and Elon College Police Departments, Elon College Fire Department, and Southern Railway police force reported to the scene of the accident.

The investigation took over an hour during which time all north-

southbound traffic within the city limits was blocked. A search was made of the entire length and undercarriage of the train, but no body was found.

According to Officer Mike Woznick of the Elon College Police Department, four cans of beer were found near the scene.

The police department has been "tipped off" that this entire incident may have been what Chief Dan Engle labels a "hoax." There is a strong possibility that the "person" was nothing more than a "dummy" figure. Officer Woznick says that he can "appreciate some

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Media members honored at banquet

Last Tuesday evening, members of the campus media organizations were recognized at the second annual media banquet sponsored by the Media Board.

Approximately 50 of Elon's communicators set aside their computer terminals, reporter's notebooks, microphones, layout sheets, and record albums for the evening and congregated in the Isabella Canon Room to toast their successes.

Student and faculty representatives from all four of the campus

media—Colonnades, the literary magazine; The Pendulum; Phi Psi Cli, the yearbook; and WSOE, the radio station—were on hand for the celebration.

To find these often "over-involved" students sitting still for a ninety minute block of time was unusual. Typically, the staffers are busily working to provide a service for the rest of the student body. And, all too frequently, their efforts

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New apartment complex to house 192 students

by Marlana Dare
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In the fall of 1989, students will have an alternative to dorm housing with the completion of the East Campus Apartments, which will be located east of Sheridan Place.

There will be six buildings, which will each house 32 students. According to Robert E. Poindexter, Vice President for Administrative Services, there is a requirement of four persons to an apartment right now, but that may change if all of the apartments are not reserved.

Each apartment will have two bathrooms, two bedrooms, a dining area, kitchen and living room. Water will be furnished and possibly local telephone service.

The apartment complex is being built around a lake and will provide students with plenty of parking. The apartments won't be contested because they are kind of

isolated in a more natural setting," said Poindexter.

In the spring, there will be a three-day sign-up period for the apartments conducted by the office of Student Affairs.

The first day will be exclusively for seniors, international students and non-traditional students. The next two days will give juniors, as well as the groups already mentioned, a time to reserve an apartment.

Students will go through the college to get the apartments, but they will be run like any other complex.

According to Poindexter, price ranges have not been decided yet, but they will be competitive with other nearby complexes. There will also be a contract and 12 month lease for students to sign.

"The apartments will be separate from the college to give juniors and seniors the experience they need out on their own," said Poindexter.