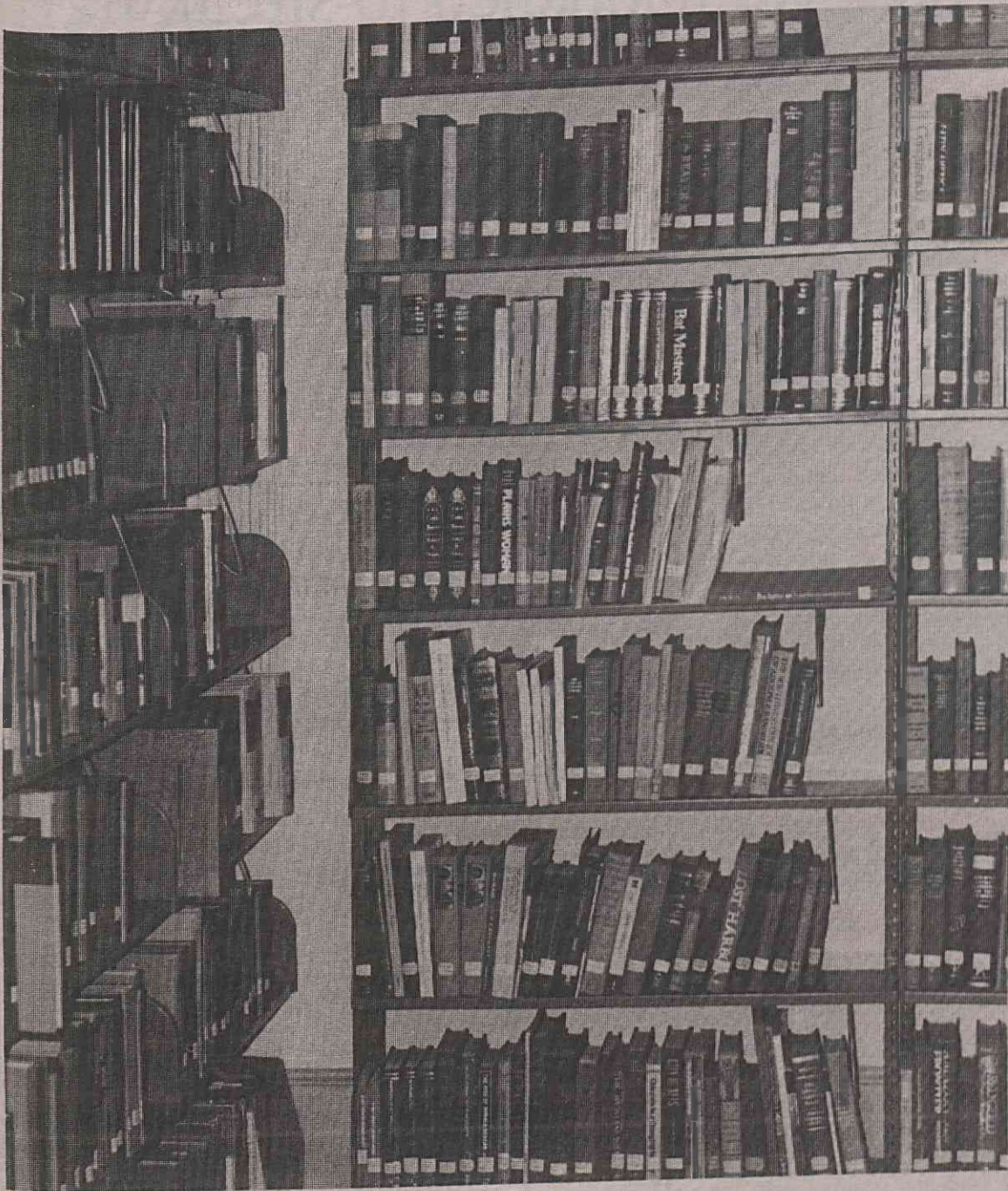


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Too cramped for cramming

Library facilities too small for the number of students

By Kelly Potter
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It's exam time. You don't feel like studying, but you have to. You can't study in your room and your residence hall lounge has become a pool hall. The thought of studying where you eat lunch isn't very appetizing, so you forego the study hall in Harden. Alamance doesn't seem appealing because you figure you devote enough time to the classroom.

So you head over to the library, the most common study area of all. The library . . . a place of serenity, eternal quietness and the answer to every question. The castle of knowledge.

Although the library may be a shrine of historical information and valuable resources, it does have its share of problems as well.

Al Jones, head librarian, recently produced a study based on the Association of College

and Research Libraries standards. Jones demonstrated how Elon stacked up to the standards, focusing on three main areas: collection, staffing and space.

Jones discovered that for the number of students currently enrolled at Elon, the library needed a minimum of 167,500 volumes in its collection. Elon has almost 200,000 volumes. No problem there.

Secondly, concerning staff-

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Campus pet struck by car and killed

Yes, the rumor is true. Elon's campus dog is dead. Call him what you will -- Billy, Barney, Buddy, Fred, Hey-You -- the dog that has come to symbolize Elon College was hit by a car Thursday, Feb. 15, around 10:15 a.m.

"Barney" was obeying the light and crossing as he always did, said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs David Atkins. The car, which was leaving the parking area near Alumni Gym and turning left onto Haggard Avenue, hit the dog as he crossed.

Missy Greaves was a witness to the accident. "Personally, I thought the car hit the curb. But then the dog started whining," she said. "I believe the car hit his back right leg." The driver stopped the car and got out, Greaves said.

"I knew what had happened as soon as I heard (the tires),"



Barney

said Mike Nixon, a senior who saw the aftermath of the accident. Nixon was leaving Alumni Gym when he reached the crosswalk on

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A winning combination

Virtually unknown team is successful

By Dana Manley
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Elon has a good chance of being Collegiathon champions again this year.

Collegiathon champions? Again? Yes, there is a little-known team of athletic intellectuals who may be heading for their second Collegiathon win in as many competitions.

"I've learned it doesn't hurt to try anything," Scott Oakes, an Elon senior, said. "It pays to be well-rounded." Oakes and his seven teammates compete in a combination of nine athletic and academic events -- a little of everything.

The Collegiathon is a team-oriented competition in which Elon competes against seven other private colleges, including Erskine and Mars Hill. Teams compete in tennis, golf, swimming, bridge, chess, a non-

trivia quiz, volleyball, running and the team grade point average. Team members choose two male and two female teammates to represent them in each competition.

The Collegiathon, held every other year, schedules the events throughout the academic year. Each event is hosted by one of the colleges. The volleyball competition will be held at Mars Hill on Feb. 25.

Elon won the first Collegiathon in 1988. Dr. Mike Calhoun, the team's coach, said the team has a good chance of winning, but adds that it will not be easy this year. "The team is actually better, but we aren't scoring as well because all the teams are better," Calhoun said.

Shelly Mueller has been a competitive swimmer for 10 years but was unable to compete

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