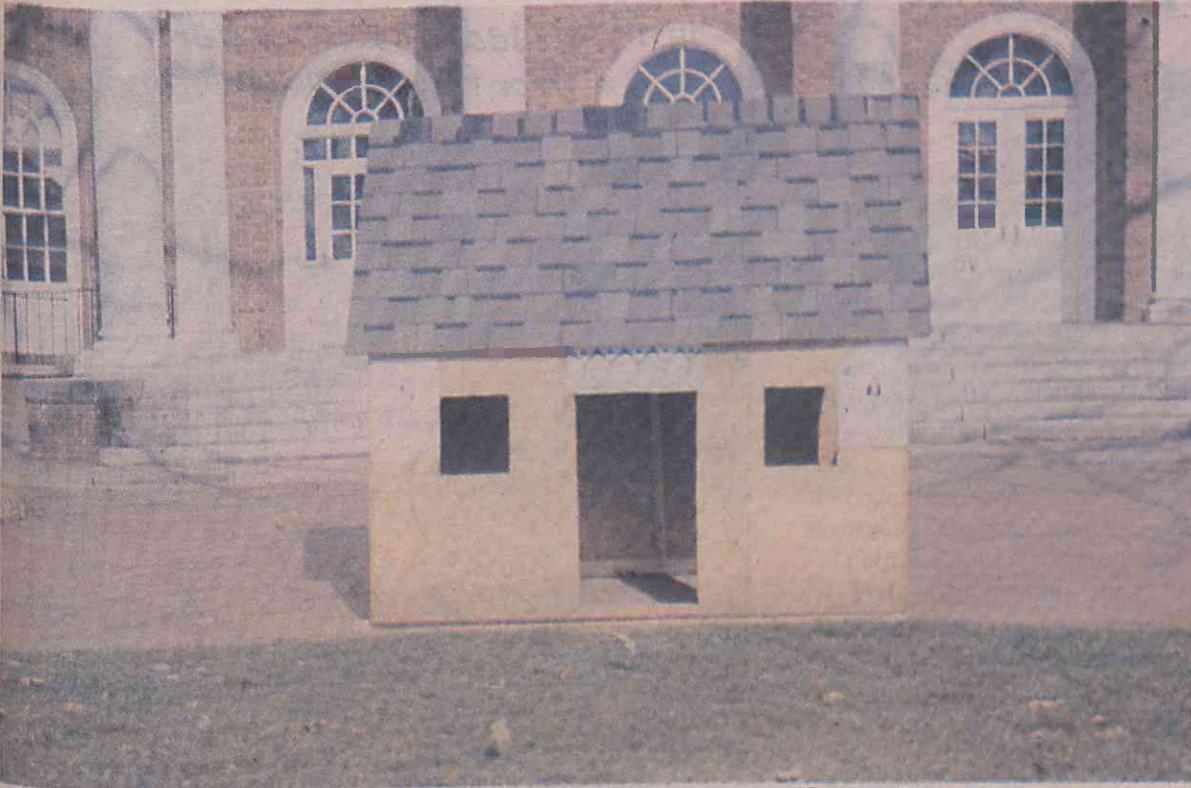


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Sample Habitat home displayed outside of Whitley hopes to gain student volunteers.

Volunteers needed to build Habitat home

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Everyone had better get their hammers ready. A house will be built March 3rd - May 5th by the faculty, staff and students of Elon College.

The building of the house is sponsored by Elon's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, a part of the Alamance County affiliate.

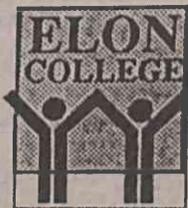
Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make decent, simple housing with the working poor.

The Cook family, John, Deborah, John Jr. (age 8), Christopher and Matthew (twins, age 5), have been chosen by the Alamance affiliate of Habitat For Humanity to be the recipients of the new house. They were chosen because of their "inadequate housing."

"The Cook family is living in a location that most of us would feel is unsuitable," Chaplain Richard McBride said. "It is structurally unstable."

To qualify for a Habitat

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House, the Cook family had to work more than 100 hours on other Habitat projects, and could not be eligible for a bank loan, but had to have a steady income. The Cooks will be working with Elon College participants to build their own home.

While most of the material is donated or sold at cost and the labor is free, the Cook family will indeed buy their home on a 15- to 18-year mortgage.

The difference between a Habitat House and a regular house is that the Habitat House has no interest on its mortgage. While the Cook family might pay \$250 to rent an apartment, they will have to pay less each month to live in their own home. The money that they give on their mortgage is then recycled to build

more homes for other needy families.

The house will be built on the field across from the fire station. When the house is 75 percent complete, it will be moved to its permanent location on Durham Street and finished there. The Cook's house will be built by volunteers from Elon College and the Cook family themselves.

"The students, faculty and employees will actually build the house," said Tracy Pile, president of Elon's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. "The participants could shingle the roof or put on siding. They will be working right along side of the professionals."

While you might say you know nothing about building a house, don't worry because Elon's own electricians, plumbers and carpenters will also help build and will watch over you, every step of the way.

Work times are Monday through Friday afternoons (2:00 - 5:00 p.m.) and all day on Saturdays (9:00 - 5:00 p.m.) Most

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Public hearing to decide road closure

Jennifer Atkins
The Pendulum

Elon College may take a growth spurt soon . . . in more ways than one.

At the Feb. 12, Elon Town Council meeting several resolutions were passed, two of which could greatly affect the college's campus growth and non-traditional student population growth.

The board passed a resolution to state the town's intent to close portions of O'Kelly and East College Avenues. O'Kelly Avenue from the intersection with the south side of Haggard Avenue to the intersection with the north side of Lebanon Avenue would be closed, and East College Avenue from the intersection with the east side of O'Kelly Avenue to the intersection with the west side of Antioch Avenue would be closed.

Under state law, if a town closes a street, ownership of the property goes back to the original

owners, which in this case is Elon College. Alderman and Academic Dean of Elon College Gerald Francis said the college owns all the land on both sides of the streets being considered.

Francis said the idea to close the streets came about because of safety.

Francis said three to four months ago he asked Town Manager Michael Dula to contact the Department of Transportation about reducing the speed limit on O'Kelly and Haggard Avenues or placing a traffic signal at the intersection. Francis said he is concerned about the dangers at the intersection. He said when trying to turn from O'Kelly on to Haggard the brick wall that surrounds the college blocks drivers' view.

Francis said there have been no serious car wrecks yet at the intersection that he knows of. "I'm just waiting for someone to get seriously hurt at that intersection,"

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Use education to become tomorrow's leaders

Murray Glenn
The Pendulum

An academic convocation was held to commemorate the naming of the Isabella Cannon Leadership program Monday.

Dr. Cannon became the first woman to be awarded The Elon College Medallion, an award given to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the community. The award was presented by President Fred Young and Mr. Noel Allen, chairman of the Elon College Board of Trustees Educational Affairs Committee.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for The Advancement

of Teaching and senior fellow of the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

Boyer talked about what he deemed the most important characteristics of educational leadership. He said strong educational leaders must believe in the missions of their schools. Long term goals must be clearly defined.

Strong educational leaders must be able to speak clearly and listen to their peers. Long term leadership must focus on the needs of the students. He said that schools can not be run by rules alone because leadership must be internally desired. If leadership is to be effective then it must be creative. Dr. Boyer recalled many

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