

# Library changes undecided

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Reporter

The familiar rumble of construction may be moving up campus. Plans are being discussed for either the renovation or reconstruction of Elon's Iris Holt McEwen Library.

The Iris Holt McEwen Library was built in 1968. The building was designed to accommodate 1,500 students, according to Al Jones, head librarian. The current number of students now enrolled at Elon is 3,400.

There has been no decision made as to what will be done with the library. However, there are three options that are being considered.

These options include: the renovation and an addition of the existing building, the renovation of the existing building and another building on campus for library use or the construction of a brand new building, said Jim Johnson, director of Administrative Services.

If the option of renovating the existing structure and another building for library use is chosen, Johnson said that McEwen Dining Hall is a possibility. The idea is to have a concourse that will connect the two buildings for easy access.

In a publication put out by the Office of Public Information, the three options are outlined as: a

20,000 square-foot addition and renovation to the current building; a 30,000 square-foot addition and renovation to the existing building or the construction of a completely new 85,000 square-foot building.

The publication also lists the estimated cost for each of the options. It is estimated at \$4 million for the first option, \$6 million for the second and \$8.5 million for the construction of a new facility.

Discussion about the possible renovation or reconstruction of McEwen library began in February 1992 when Warren Board, former Elon College provost, formed the library renovation planning committee.

The planning committee was made up of 14 members. These members consisted of four faculty members, four librarians, five college officials: Board; Gerald Francis, provost; Helen Kirchen, director of Academic Computing; Chris Fulkerson, associate director of La Rose Resource Center, and Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business and Finance. Also one student was on the committee, former Student Government Association President Michael Mooney.

The planning committee met three times in April 1992 as well as collecting information from a variety of sources. They collected information from students, the American Library Journal and visited libraries at surrounding schools.

The planning committee placed flip charts in the Rotunda for student input and visited schools such as Greensboro College, North Carolina A&T and the library renovation at Guilford College. Everyone in the committee loved the library at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, said Jones.

In February 1993, a smaller part of the larger library renovation planning committee began to meet with architects. This smaller group was partially made up of Francis, Warren Board, Whittington and Jim Johnson.

The group met with Little and Associates' architects from Charlotte who produced in October 1993 a program analysis for the library.

Little and Associates' has done much of the preliminary work for the library, said Jones. Although they have not been chosen as the architects for the project. There has not been a decision made on who the architect for the project will be.

Before any architect can be chosen, the plan must gain approval by the president of the college, Fred Young, who will then pass his findings on to the Board of Trustees. There has been no date set for the idea to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Even though there has not been much new progress concerning the project, Jones is still optimistic.

# Visiting economist discusses real world experiences with World Bank and Peace Corps

Jon Campbell  
Reporter

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation will send six new visiting Fellows to Elon College over the next three years.

The foundation is the same organization that administered the grant to bring poet Ed Hirsch to Elon last year.

The first fellow, Gretchen Handwerger, will visit Elon during the week of Oct. 16.

Handwerger has traveled all around the world and has played important roles in both the Peace Corps and the World Bank. Gretchen has been visiting colleges for the past 17 years, giving many students a closer look at the important economic issues affecting today's society.

Handwerger was involved with the Peace Corps from day one. In 1961, she helped organize the program and was one of its first staff members.

The Peace Corps was created to provide workers in the fields of education, health, trade, technology, and agriculture to developing nations.

The corps originally consisted of 900 volunteers in 16 countries. By 1966, the number of volunteers had grown to over 10,000 in more than 50 countries.

While with the Peace Corps, Handwerger served five years in

Latin America, where she became deputy director and developed plans to assist 19 South and Central American countries. Through the mid to late '70s, Handwerger became director of management and eventually acting director of the Peace Corps, where she managed more than 7,000 personnel in 65 Third World nations and the Peace Corps offices in Washington, D.C.

In 1979, Handwerger joined the World Bank as Senior Loan Officer for India and Bangladesh.

Created in 1944, the World Bank provides loans for nations in need of economic assistance. Today there are more than 125 nations associated with the World Bank. With this organization, Handwerger has been a United Nations Liaison, coordinating bank activity with UN activity; a co-financing coordinator in South Asia; and since 1991, special representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

When Handwerger visits Elon, she is expected to talk with economics and global studies classes, although she has stated that she's willing to talk with any class.

While here, Handwerger will discuss her experiences with the Peace Corps and the World Bank.

In the past she has discussed such topics as careers in the economic sector, careers for women, and third world development.

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