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Sigma Phi Epsilon turns in charter

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Eleven brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon are looking for a new place to live for the rest of the semester after being told by Elon they no longer have the privilege of residing in their Greek house.

The fraternity was originally told to be out of the house by 8 p.m. Sunday but, was given an extension due to the timeframe of the semester.

The change in living conditions is a result of the fraternity's decision to hand in their charter last Thursday.

"We feel that it (living in the Loy Center) is a privilege that they have relinquished with their charter," said Smith Jackson, vice president for student life.

Sigma Phi Epsilon voluntarily turned in their charter to avoid facing judicial proceedings.

The fraternity was accused of hazing when anonymous sources

reported that Sigma Phi Epsilon had excessively exercised and verbally harassed their pledges. However, no life-threatening or alcohol-related incidences were reported or involved.

"There are other ways to build brotherhood that are more positive for the students," Jackson said. "These things (hazing proceedings) can get out of hand and be detrimental to the students," he added.

Jackson said that Sigma Phi Epsilon did not have an acceptable

pledge program and was doing things not accepted in this day and age. By handing in their charter, Sigma Phi Epsilon demonstrated that it were not interested in changing their its to conform to Elon's Greek system rules.

"We (Sigma Phi Epsilon) thought the school was just trying to take over things," said Brad Cook, former Sigma Phi Epsilon president.

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New library breaks way into Elon's future

Michelle Cater
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Exactly 109 years after its founding on March 11, 1889, Elon College continued its preparations for the future by breaking ground for a new \$14 million library.

Construction on the 75,000-square-foot building, the fourth library in Elon's history, is expected to be scheduled to begin Monday.

"We are privileged in our generation to be part of an astounding renaissance in the life of our college," Chaplain Richard McBride said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Elon College President Fred Young said, "The new library reflects our values and traditions and it is appropriate that we celebrate its groundbreaking on the anniversary of our founding."

The new library will feature state-of-the-art technology and meeting spaces for group work and professor and student interaction. The LaRose Resource Center, Writing Center, tutoring and other academic programs will be located in the new library as well.

Library Director Kate Hickey said, "Starting on Monday see LIBRARY, page 5



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Library director Kate Hickey, Catalog Librarian Ann Vickers, Trustee Chairman Bob LaRose, President Emeritus Earl Daniele and Trustee Vice-Chairwoman Gail Drew toss the first dirt for the new library.

Pendulum F.Y.I.

NY justices speak on diversity

Carolyn Lampila
Pendulum Reporter

Two New York justices spoke to Elon about diversity on March 4 as part of a program entitled "Black and Jews in Conversation."

Shannon Taylor, a Jewish judge and Milton Tingling, the first African-American judge, discussed their views on the importance of diversity. Jeffrey Ross acted as the moderator.

Ross opened up the forum by saying, "You have to understand diversity in two waves. The first wave of diversity on a campus is to,

in fact, bring in different bodies."

He said that not only should the student body be diverse, but so should the staff, faculty and administration. Ross stated that then there will be a backlash with controversy over affirmative action and reverse discrimination. He said that the second wave is to "make the institution truly diverse."

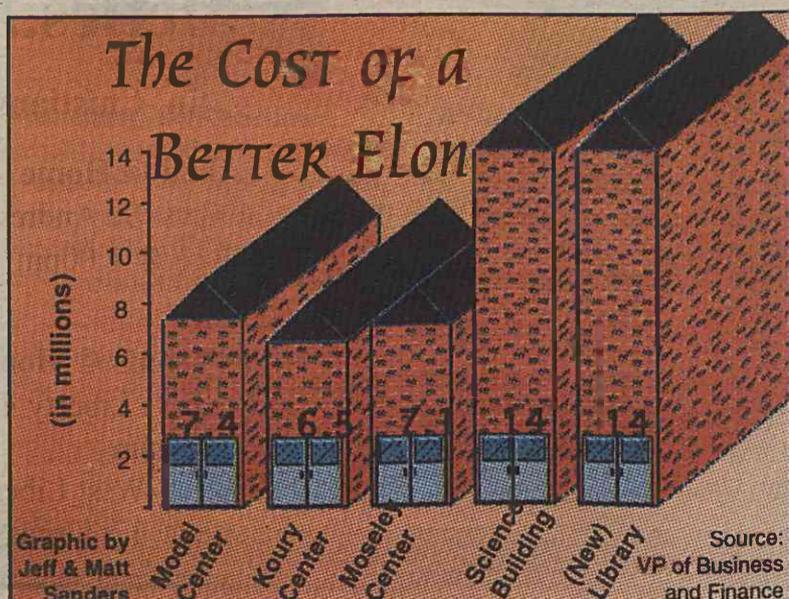
Taylor, an active proponent of diversity, said, "I believe the best education comes from traveling and meeting people from all over the world. The white race, after all, is a minority on the planet."

Taylor said that there have been

improvements in New York City because of combined efforts by Governor Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Guliani and several judges, and that there are "no restrictions of any kind in terms of minority opportunity for business."

Taylor hopes that efforts like these will improve the country as a whole. He said, "Rather than being a country just for the native born, it can be a country for the immigrants it once was, and a country for the persecuted as well."

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