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"The Honors Program had to be addressed in terms of its structure."

The revisions allow students to choose from a larger variety of classes that are more challenging and unique. The program's new blueprint also includes more student interaction, Wright said.

"Elon is such a strong school," said Lambert. "Honors program work is one of the most important things that is being done through Academic Affairs."

In addition to the changes in honors courses, Elon now offers a doctorate program in physical therapy and a School of Information Technology is being developed.

Another major change implemented this year is the Academic Village, with two of nine buildings under construction on the south side of campus. Projected to be completed in the fall, these two buildings will hold student housing and academic areas.

On the community front, the Acorn Coffee Shop added outdoor seating, and the new Aramark-run restaurant will open downtown at the end of February.

Because of a record number of applicants, Admissions is cutting acceptance to 1,100 this year, and incoming freshmen will have an average SAT score of 1,130 next fall.

Many faculty changes have also occurred this year, including an expanded faculty and staff orientation program. A grant from the Teagle Foundation meant to strengthen small liberal arts colleges, has expired, but Elon officials will continue with the model introduced by the grant.

"This is a great program that helps all new faculty and staff become more attuned to the community values that Elon possess," said Dan Anderson, director of University Relations.

Full professors will also get a pay increase next year to close the gap in pay between Elon and Davidson College professors. This increase will help Elon remain fourth in professor pay behind Duke, Wake Forest and Davidson.

In the technology section of the list, Elon will continue to offer Web-based courses during the 2002 Summer Session. Eleven courses were

taught online last summer, and 15 are being taught this summer. The university also implemented Elon OnTrack, a program that allows students to access their transcripts, course schedules and open courses online. Seniors can place their resumes and exceptional coursework on the Student Life Web site for others to view.

While the majority of the institutional priorities list has been completed, there are some components that will be carried over to next year. One example is the university's progress toward Phi Beta Kappa status.

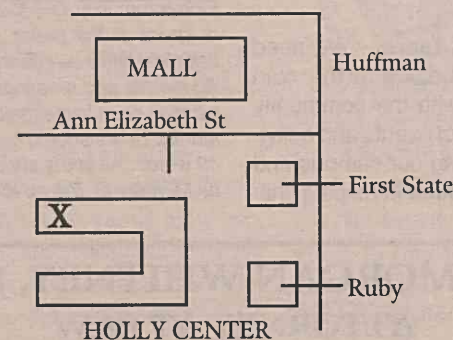
Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's leading advocate for the liberal arts and sciences in institutions at the undergraduate level. It supports the goals of society through academic, social and community-based programs.

"Getting Phi Beta Kappa could take up to ten years," Anderson said. "There are so many components that need to be considered. What we are really working at now is getting the things that schools with membership have here on Elon's campus."

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