

# Elon's personal resident decorator gives Elon a facelift

## Stone offers decorating assistance to administrator's offices around campus

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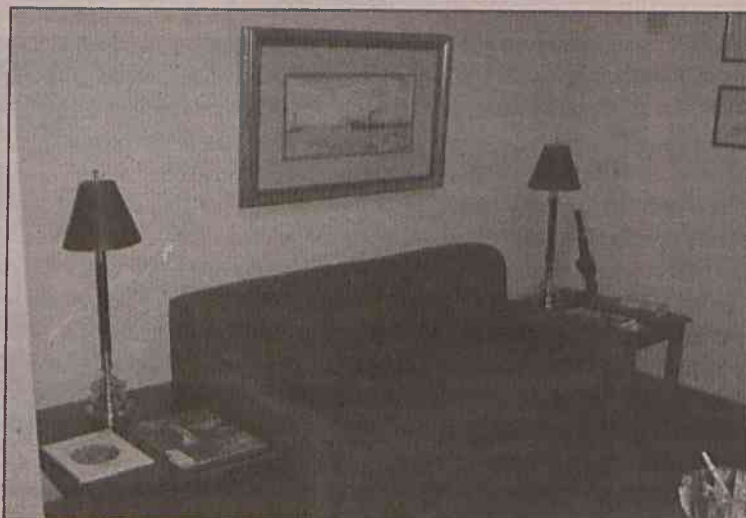
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When Elon needs a facelift, administrators call on Lucile Stone.

A former professor in the School of Education who traded an academic's life for the life of a part-time decorator, Stone dedicates her time to improving and modernizing various locales throughout Elon, including refurbishing the office of new basketball coach Ernie Nestor. She is also using her talents to give President Leo Lambert's office a new look.

Elon's resident decorator received her first assignment from former university president Fred Young. He asked her to fix up a few of the offices on campus. Ever since then she has been employed by Elon to reupholster furniture and pick out artwork, furnishings and lamps for offices and buildings around campus. Stone has also been decorating the stage used

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Men's basketball coach Ernie Nestor's office was recently refurbished by Lucile Stone, Elon's personal decorator and has also been using her talents to redesign President Leo Lambert's office.

at Commencement and beautiful background and the Convocation for 25 years. For program. For this year's Convocation, she ordered flowers to create a

by creating stylish leather wingback chairs to match the new motif. To design a new look, she chooses a fabric and then works with painters to create a matching paint for the walls. Stone's decorating touch can also be seen in Belk Library, where she just finished hanging three new art pieces. These shadow boxes are five feet in length and made of wood that is painted black.

The edges are rimmed in a soft gold and the inside of the boxes are lined with a green silk that brings out the green leaves painted along the stairwell.

Stone said she found these pieces at the Wholesale Furniture Market that takes place in April and October in High Point.

Stone says, that these boxes are "perfect for the big space." Stone is also adding two new pieces of art in the Writing Center this week and artwork in the study rooms to complement pieces of art work done by the department.

Stone's appreciation of art is evident in other areas of campus as well.

"Art is such a personal thing," she said, so after selecting a piece she consults with a variety of people to be sure the art will be welcomed. Stone selects rugs and carpets also manages all of the floral arrangements throughout campus. She selects containers and places the pieces and forms contracts with the people who attend to needs of the plants.

"I should think about retiring, but I love doing it and I only work half time on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for other special things," Stone says, expressing her joy of beautiful Elon. Most of her work is now done over the phone.

Although, this is her 36th year working at Elon, Stone is still dedicated to working hard and says "I will go wherever there is work to be done."

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