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Construction continues near KOBC

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Construction for a two-floor dining hall and four new residence halls has begun next to the Koury Business Center. The dining hall and dorms will have designs unlike any other facilities on campus.

According to campus officials, the dining hall will feature branded food stations with a deli, a Mongolian-style grill, an organic food bar and what planners suggest will be an upscale restaurant offering a higher level of dining experience.

The dorms, with their single rooms, will be similar to the new Oaks development, but the new design will provide meeting spaces meant to encourage a melding of academics with residential activities.

Koury Residence Halls A and B and the unnamed dining hall are scheduled to open Fall 2007. Dorms C and D will be complet-

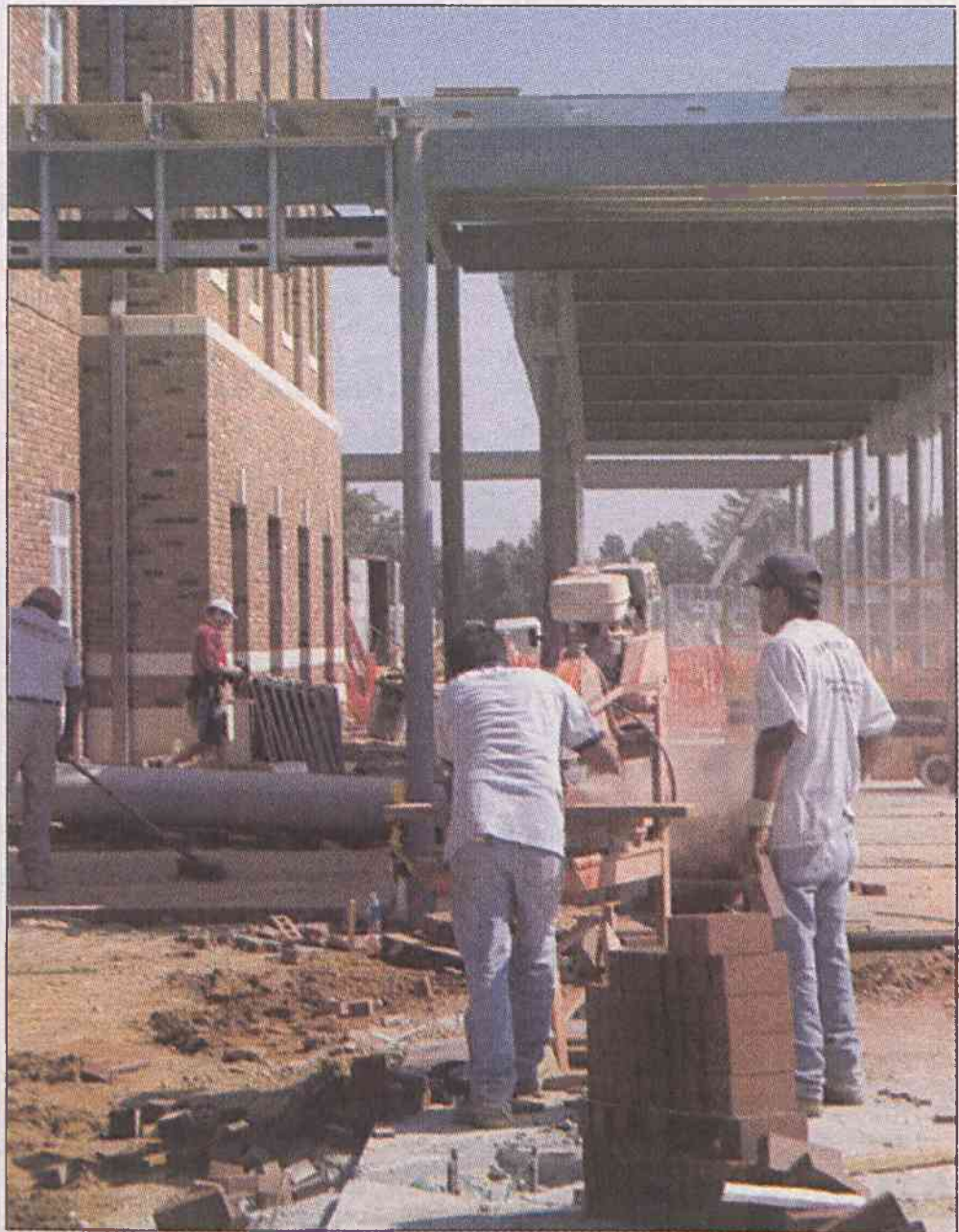
ed during the 2007 school year and open Fall 2008.

The new dining hall, which will be built adjacent to the imposing new Chandler Fountain and Plaza, will create more dining space for students on campus, along with a wider food selection.

"The rationale for the new dining hall is to increase the capacity for dining in the center of campus," said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life. "The Octagon is expected to be less crowded when the new dining hall opens, and Danieley Center residents will be closer to a full-service food operation."

For about a year, an employee team from the campus Auxiliary Services section has traveled to universities along the East Coast, visiting dining facilities to gather new ideas for Elon's new operation.

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Kristi Sherk/ Photographer

Construction workers build the colonnades beside the Ernest A. Koury, Sr. Business Center. Next to the business center, Koury Residence Halls are being constructed.

Smoking ban applauded

Andie Diemer
Reporter

It can be found everywhere. Whether dining out, dancing in a bar or simply walking to class, many Elon students can easily discover themselves surrounded by a cloud of smoke exhaled by themselves or their peers.

But a recent poll conducted by Elon University Institute for Politics and Public Affairs found that despite North Carolina's historic link to the tobacco industry, some residents are ready to confine smoking.

The poll was conducted Sept. 24-28 and questioned 649 North Carolina residents about their feelings toward smoking inside public areas such as buildings, offices, restaurants and bars.

Results showed 65 percent of residents "would support or strongly support a statewide law in North Carolina that would prohibit smoking in public places." Only 31 percent said they would oppose or strongly oppose the same law.

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