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## Construction to add new residence, dining halls

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"We looked at James Madison, Furman, Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University for what works and what doesn't for students," said Vickie Somers, director of Auxiliary Services.

They produced a plan to build a dining hall measuring 24,000 square feet with two floors and seating for 350 students. The hall will offer a Boars Head deli, Loose Leafs Salads and a Market Place, which will feature organic and healthy foods.

The second floor will offer what organizers call an "all you care to eat" dining operation including a Mediterranean concept with a brick oven, an international station featuring a Mongolian-style grill and a soup and sandwich bakery with desserts.

More than that, the new structure will house what officials call an upscale restaurant. Administrators are still deciding on the menu offerings, but they say the restaurant will offer a different dining experience from those at other campus dining halls.

## Sexual assault victims have options

Mary Cunningham

Reporter

There are multiple options available to sexual assault victims on Elon's campus. CrossRoads is a sexual assault response and resource center for Alamance County – it is not a university organization, but does work with Elon.

If victims prefer to have a stronger connection to the university, the Office for Personal Health and Community Well-Being is also available.

"CrossRoads is a private non-profit organization that provides comprehensive programs of prevention and education, inter-agency coordination, and services for

"At night it may have tablecloths on the table and a nice setup," Somers said. "The meals from the restaurant might cost more than just one meal plan, something like a premium meal—which could be two meal swipes."

The auxiliary team working to create the dining hall surveyed students last year to learn their dining preferences.

"This is a unique experience," Somers said. "Universities don't build new dining facilities all the time. I think the students will really enjoy these options."

Danieley Center Commons will be closed because of its proximity to the new dining hall, although the other dining halls on campus will remain open.

After the dining hall is built, the auxiliary team will generate another study to consider renovating other dining facilities.

This new construction will, in theory, better link Danieley to the main campus and give students more food and living options.

"I'm excited for that feeling of one big campus," said director of Residence Life Niki Turley. "It is going to create the feel-

ing that Danieley isn't disconnected from the main campus."

The new residence halls will house freshmen through seniors. All of the bedrooms will be single rooms in a suite style similar to room designs in The Oaks and the Honors Pavilion.

The Oaks will provide 516 single rooms, Jackson said, and the first phase of the halls behind the KOBC will add another 154.

"I am delighted that we are increasing the number of single rooms for students, right in the heart of the campus," he said.

These new residence halls will provide more housing for upperclassmen. In past years, there simply weren't enough rooms available for many upperclassmen to get placed in on-campus housing.

"Every year, we have a hard time placing juniors and seniors in housing," Turley said, "and many don't get exactly what they want."

The dorms will not only create more available rooms but will help reduce the density of students on the main campus.

By spreading students around campus,

Turley said, officials hope to create more spaces for students to meet, hang out and study.

"We have an area on campus where there are many students and not enough space," Turley said. She mentioned Carolina Hall, where students have no place to hang out except in hallways.

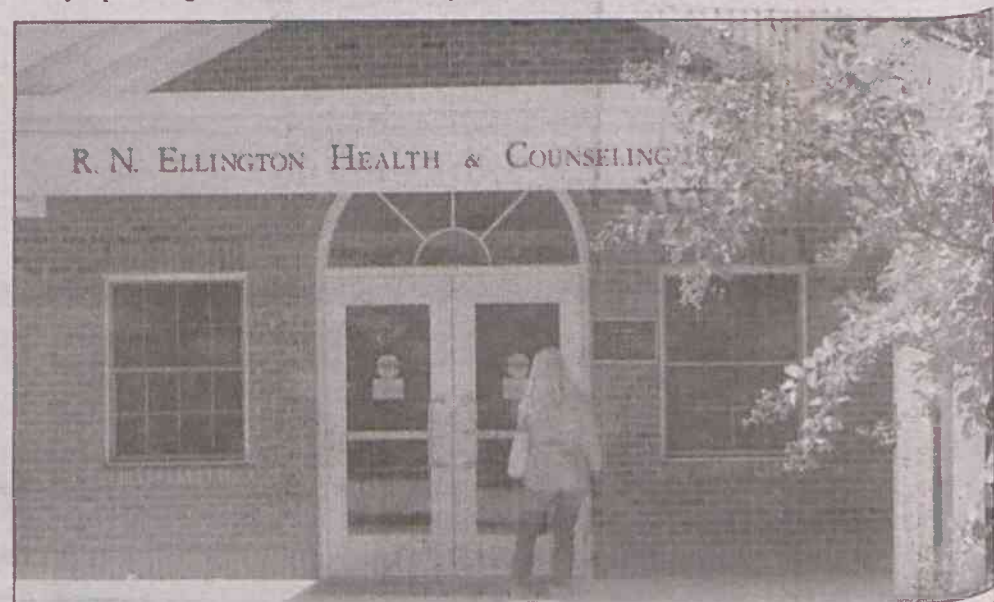
Residence life administrators want to solve this problem by providing rooms for organizational meetings, academic lectures and study lounges.

They hope that by adding these extra spaces, they can help students to combine their academic and residential lives.

"You see all this construction and think that we are building a great amount, but we are really just creating more space on campus for students," Turley said. "We are looking for seamless learning."

The business center has created more space and, therefore, has become a busy hub for events, lectures and classes.

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Elon's Health Center and CrossRoads are available for concerns about sexual assault.

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