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Zipcar rentals to lend aid to car-less students

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Reporter

Gone are the days of car-less students depending on bicycles or walking to get around Burlington. Later this fall Elon will partner with

Zipcars provides towns, companies and campuses with on-the-spot car rentals, available for hours or days at a time. An approved online application and annual \$35 fee secure a year's membership with the Web site.

After applicants are accepted, the user will receive a "Zipcard," a key

here, members can choose to reserve a car either over the phone or online.

Once the reservation is made, the vehicle is wirelessly programmed for immediate usage. The vehicle is then found ready and waiting in a designated on-campus location for its driver. Flashing the "Zipcard" in front of the windshield is all it takes to unlock the doors. The keys to the engine can be found inside.

From there, the driver is given \$35 of free driving and up to four days to use the car at their own leisure before returning it to the drop-off spot. A gas card that stays inside the vehicle allows users to fill up the car without spending their own money and routine maintenance is also completed and paid for by the Zipcars Corporation.

Zipcar drivers are also provided



Photo courtesy of Zipcars.com

Zipcars to bring the pay-and-go car rental system to campus, says Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology.

resembling the Phoenix cards that Elon students use already, in the mail. From

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Fitness center to open in Danieleley

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Reporter

Residents of Danieleley Center may have a shorter walk to a fitness center in upcoming months. New plans have been proposed space in Danieleley Center Commons be used for a small fitness center complete with two treadmills, two Arc Trainers, two exercise bikes and a stretching mat.

The fitness center is part of a university goal to focus on improving and enhancing the commons facilities for each residential area. Danieleley Center is the first area to receive improvements.

"The goals of the renovation included updating the Commons and making it more attractive for students, adding new features like the fitness room and providing more user-friendly meeting and study space," said Jeff Stein, assistant dean of students.

New furniture for the main lounge will be arriving in the next few months, along with a foosball table and a cards table, Stein said.

The fitness equipment is already on campus and is expected to be installed once the building's doors are wired for security.

The fitness center will be located in the back room of the Commons building at Danieleley. Fitness Center hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and students will access the facilities by swiping their Phoenix card.

"Having a gym right next door will definitely give me more incentive to exercise since I won't have to trek all the way to campus to do it," said freshmen Rosalie Trujillo, a Danieleley Center resident. "I'll probably participate in a more intense workout given that I won't be traveling as far and wearing myself out beforehand."

Not all students are in support of the possible fitness center. Many think the walk to campus shouldn't be a hindrance if a student is going to workout.

"Danieley doesn't need a fitness center, the walk to and from campus is

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Plans begin for Elon public library

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The town of Elon has begun discussing building and financing plans for a new library, potentially located at Beth Schmidt Park on Cook Road, less than two miles from campus.

At its agenda setting meeting Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Elon Board of Aldermen opened discussion about how it will field construction costs for the proposed 15,000 square foot building. At \$200 per square foot the building will cost the town between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

The board voted on planning issues and how to fund the new library at their meeting on Sept. 11. At press time, the results were not available.

Town Manager Mike Dula raised the issue of funding at the meeting on Sept. 4, stating that the board should start making decisions so that construction on the building can begin.

The town will most likely look to private donors, foundations and fundraising through the community to cut as much of the out-of-pocket cost as possible.

"I'd like to raise three-quarters to \$1 million, and then fund the rest

ourselves," Mayor Tolley said. "We have a healthy fund balance, plus we own 73 acres of land that we could sell any time. We hope to achieve this project without any tax raises."

The Alamance County commissioners unanimously approved the library project at their meeting in early August. At that point, the town of Elon had not officially committed to funding the building. Typically, the town covers costs of new building construction; though once the building is constructed the county pays for upkeep and the cost of employees.

Elon University Dean and University Librarian Kate Hickey and other staff members, including Dr. Earl Danieleley, are on the advisory committee pushing for the new library.

Of the six libraries in Alamance County, none are on the western side. Mayor Tolley explained that most residents in Burlington and Elon choose to drive to Graham, about 15 minutes away, because the library in downtown Burlington has limited parking.

The new library will provide the residents of Burlington, Gibsonville and Elon with resources that cannot be met by the university library.



Bethany Swanson/ Photographer
Beth Schmidt Park is the projected location for the new library.

According to Hickey, there are only 106 registered community borrowers at Belk Library.

"We don't have what they want," she said. "But this is very exciting; it'll be a great resource for all of us, especially the faculty and staff with

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