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## Lighthouse's future made more clear

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When students head over to Lighthouse in September, the same logo will be on the side of the building, but they'll walk up a ramp, present an ID and Phoenix card, order bar food prepared by ARAMARK, listen to live bands,

karaoke or WSOE broadcast live, and sit at an extended bar on what appears to be the same seats but are actually new. Elon is striving to give Lighthouse the same look and feel as the tavern that students and alumni have known for so long, while changing the programming, management and other aspects for the better based primarily on concerns voiced by students.

### what REMAINS

- The name Lighthouse Tavern
- Idea that Lighthouse is a social place with alcohol
- Appearance is the same but refurbished to create a nicer environment: new lighting fixtures, new chairs
- Logo outside will be repainted as is
- Stage enlarged slightly and logo put back on new stage
- Seating against the back wall
- Live bands: will appear every Friday night
- Black paint on the walls
- Reservations for organizations: Saturday nights

### what CHANGES

- Bathrooms, which are taking the place of the old game room
- No smoking inside
- Entrance - no stairs - walkway up from the curb
- Physical bar is getting bigger - will curve and hit the wall where the women's bathroom used to be
- Old men's bathroom will be for storage, old women's will be for food and alcohol storage
- ARAMARK will be running Lighthouse
- All programming will be run through student activities
- WSOE will broadcast live on Wednesday nights
- Bar food will be served

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## Brown & Co. returns, replaces Cantina

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Students walking down Williamson Avenue are accustomed to passing the large windows of Cantina, and nearly everyone has tasted the gooey dough of the famous Killer Cookie. Starting this fall, Cantina will no longer be snuggled next to Acorn. Current renovation will change the former southwestern themed restaurant into the more nostalgic atmosphere of Brown & Co.

The decision to change stemmed from puzzlement many experienced when comparing Cantina's name to its food selection.

"The name was a little misleading - lots of folks thought it was a Mexican restaurant," said Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services.

Cantina had trouble bringing in students at lunch time since many were hurrying from class to class.

"We weren't getting the daytime traffic," said Jeff Gazda, ARAMARK resident district manager. "We want to draw that lunch crowd along with locals."

Students worried about menu favorites disappearing don't have to fear—Cantina's top 15 menu items will appear on the Brown & Co. menu as well as other dishes.

"As a general rule, if something doesn't work, we take it off," Gazda said.

There will be new lunch specials but the restaurant hours will remain the same, prices will be comparable to those offered at Cantina and the general layout will go unchanged. Even those students who were employed at Cantina last semester will be able to return to their jobs under the new Brown & Co.

The most change will come from additional food choices and décor alterations. Structural changes include new floors, paint, lighting and chairs.

"New color scheme and layout will be more comfortable and updated," Gazda said.

Brown & Co. will feature old photos of campus including that of the original Brown & Co. that used to neighbor Acorn. The former Brown & Co. operated for more than 20 years and more than 200 alumni responded to questionnaires about the eatery, raving about the food and ambiance.

"At that time it was the one place you could go off campus in Elon," Somers said.

ARAMARK staff members said they hope the new Brown & Co. will be a blend of both past and present Elon tastes.

"It's going to be neat for older and new alumni to have a fusion of restaurants," said Rita Gordish, ARAMARK district marketing manager.

The renovation of Cantina is part of dining services' larger goal to provide Elon students with a wide variety of food options.

"We want to have as many locations as unique as possible, which is different for a small campus like this," Gazda said. "It's all student-driven but we are also trying to promote community stewardship."

Besides changes to Octagon and Lighthouse, Varsity will even be undergoing some redecoration. New murals will be seen on the walls in the fall and the leather chairs in the television lounge will be replaced. Gazda commented that Harden will probably be one the next dining places to undergo revisions.

Brown & Co. should be ready for new and returning students when classes begin in the fall.

## \$7 million spent annually on campus technology

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Maintaining a high-tech university through outfitting classrooms with new computers every few years and keeping safety features above par can become costly. For Elon, that price is \$7 million a year.

The majority of the annual budget goes to salaries for 69 instructional and campus technology staff members. But the rest is spent on leases, software, installation and other various purchases. Computers alone take up \$1.5 million of that budget.

This summer, 950

computers on campus were replaced, a process that typically occurs every three years for lab computers. Most other machines on campus have about a four- or five-year lifespan.

"The lab machines get pretty worn out after three years," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, so they make an assessment to see if they're reusable. If they are, they can be reassigned elsewhere on campus.

"What drives us most is the age of the machine or the resolution," Fulkerson said.

When the computers are being replaced, faculty and staff are able to buy them at

a discounted rate based on the lower end of prices offered for comparable machines on eBay.

Other machines are sent to a refurbisher where one of three things will happen: Parts from several machines can be used to make one good machine, components can be taken out and resold or the machine can be recycled. The refurbishing company Elon uses assures that they do this in an environmentally friendly way.

Classroom computers are replaced every three or four years, and projectors can last about four or five years.

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STAFF PHOTO

Computers are PHOTO in a classroom in upstairs McEwen waiting to be sent to the refurbisher or bought by faculty and staff at a discounted rate.