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## Shaping Elon's Campus

Summer construction brings multiple changes



Construction workers dig three wells per day with a future total of 112 wells, each 440 feet deep. The wells will heat and cool the Colonnades Residence Halls.

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Renovations and various construction projects for Alumni Gym, Latham Park, Alumni Field House, Greek housing and the Colonnades commenced in June. The projects will involve some noise disturbances and temporary interruptions on O'Kelly Avenue and the McMichael Science Building parking lot.

Colonnades renovations include the addition of three new dormitory buildings 'C,' 'D' and 'E.' The new heating and cooling systems will heat all five of the Colonnades.

Colonnades 'C,' 'D' and 'E' will include 94 beds per building, suite and single bed living conditions, group lounges

and study areas.

"Colonnades 'C,' 'D' and 'E' will have water main excavation pipe work done this summer," said Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design & construction management.

Bromilow said there will also be some noise disturbance as a result of the construction and drilling.

"So the scope (of the heating and cooling system) is 112 wells, each one 440 feet deep," Bromilow said. "Those wells are closed piping systems. Via modern science and technology, there are devices called heat exchangers, which will basically make the ground hotter in summer time and colder in winter time."

The geothermal system and Colonnades renovations will be finished

by August 2011. A web cam distributes a live feed accessible from Elon homepage enabling viewers to watch construction progress.

Five additional buildings will be added to the Greek Housing in Loy Center this summer as well. The project will be concluded by July 2011.

"Unique features (for Greek housing) is the certification for LEED for Homes that we are pursuing," said Bromilow. "It has not been done before for institutional type houses."

These house will have concrete second floors, sprinkler systems and meeting rooms for 100 people.

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## Department of Justice investigates local sheriff's office

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Allegations of "discriminatory policing and unconstitutional searches and seizures" by the Alamance County Sheriff's Office have prompted an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice, according to a letter sent to the sheriff's office. The letter was originally sent to County Attorney Clyde Albright who forwarded the letter to the sheriff's office.

Alejandro Miyar, spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Justice, said the department could not comment on an open investigation.

"The case is open and currently Sheriff's Office is cooperating."

The allegations of discriminatory policing were against Latinos, he said.

The letter, dated June 2, was sent by Judy Preston, the acting chief of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. According to a press release from the sheriff's office spokesperson Randy Jones, the letter "is silent as to whether the allegations were made by a person arrested by the deputies, otherwise confined in the detention center or made by an organization."

The files and detention center logs will be available to the justice department, Jones wrote, as they have been available to "local parties interested in these matters."

"We have no issues, no concerns about anything done wrong," Jones said. "They've asked for our cooperation with whatever they want to do, and we have assured them we will cooperate."

In recent years various groups have questioned Sheriff Terry Johnson's enforcement of the 287(g) section of the federal immigration law. This section of the law gives local law enforcement officers the power to arrest and detain people who have illegally entered the United States.

In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina requested thousands of public records regarding 287(g). In Jones' press release he wrote the ACLU reviewed the documents and "did not reveal any wrongdoing on the part of the Alamance County Sheriff's Office."

Katherine Parker, legal director for the state branch of the ACLU, said that is not true.

"I don't know why they are spreading this falsehood," Parker said. "We never told the sheriff we were not concerned. I don't know where their rationale is for this."

The ACLU, Parker said, has expressed concerns of racial profiling and checkpoints in predominantly Latino areas.

"We do have these concerns, and we have heard complaints," she said. "The records we have been reviewing suggest (the arrests) are disproportionately Latino."

The majority of the arrests are for no operator's license or driving while license revoked, she said.

"It begs the question, 'Why are they being stopped in the first place?'" Parker said. "We have not drawn any final conclusions, and we did not file the complaint, but we support this investigation."

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## Crosswalk to be straightened on Williamson Avenue, sidewalk expanded

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When students return to Elon University in September the familiar diagonal crosswalk at Williamson and College avenues will be no more. Construction began Monday, June 21 to straighten the crosswalk and expand the sidewalk on both sides of Williamson Avenue. Construction is scheduled to last four to five weeks.

The sidewalk closest to the crosswalk will be expanded eight feet into the road to allow for better visibility.

Bob Stone, an estimator with Triangle Grading & Paving Inc., said each corner of the intersection would take about two weeks to complete. On the east side of Williamson Avenue, the side closest to the university, a planter will be stationed in the middle of the extended sidewalk. The planter will be two feet in height and have low vegetation. The planter will force pedestrians to one of the two crosswalks instead of crossing in the middle.

"We are going to extend the (sidewalk) island farther into the road so pedestrians will be safe standing there," Stone said. "They will be able to cross the street better and cars will have more visibility."



Construction workers are expected to tear up more than 75 feet of curb along Williamson Avenue in order to expand the sidewalk eight feet towards the street.

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