

## Summer news roundup



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## Students return to changed campus

As students return to Elon University, renovations and various construction projects are still in progress around campus. The construction began during the summer, with many projects facing a completion date of mid-2011.

Construction began this summer on Alumni Gym, Latham Park, Greek housing and the Colonnades. Work on Alumni Field House also continued during the summer.

Colonnades renovations include the addition of three new dormitory buildings — 'C,' 'D' and 'E.' New geothermal heating and cooling systems will heat all five of the Colonnades. The new dorms will include 94 beds each, as well as suite and single bed living conditions, group lounges and study areas.

The geothermal system and Colonnades renovations will be finished by August 2011.

Elon also received \$200,000 from the North Carolina State Energy Office to cover almost half the cost of new solar thermal panels that will heat water for the Colonnades dining and residence halls.

The school was among more than 90 other institutions that applied for grants, funded by the federal stimulus package that passed last year, and is one of the 18 initiatives in the first wave of grant recipients.

Five additional buildings are also

under construction in the Loy Center. The project will be finished by July 2011.

Renovations are also being made to Alumni Gym and will take place in two phases. Phase one, which began this summer, included everything inside the gym. Phase two, which will renovate the outside of the gym, will begin next summer.

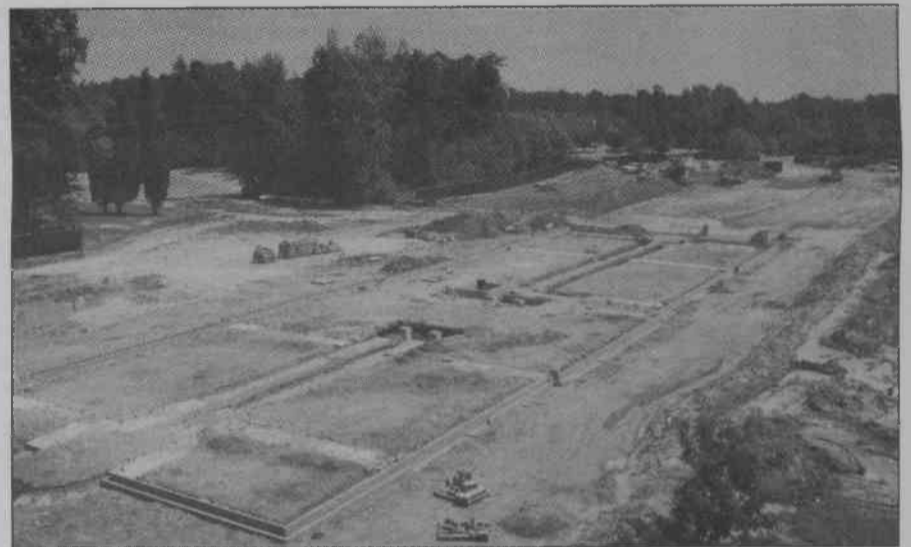
The process includes installing new seating, more efficient lighting, sound and video boards, updated coaches and staff offices, locker facilities and a south entrance, according to Athletic Director Dave Blank.

Assistant Director of Media Relations for Athletics Chris Rash said the renovations may continue until mid- to late-September, hindering on construction schedules.

Even though the renovations to Alumni Gym will not be completed until at least September, Rash said the renovations to Latham Park finished in August, though some smaller last-minute cosmetic projects will be completed during the fall.

A new drainage system was added to help remove water from the area of play. The entire surface was replaced and FieldTurf was installed to the infield. In addition, the entire fence left of the scoreboard was raised to 12 feet and moved back.

The final construction project for



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These dormitories are the first buildings constructed as part of the Elon University 10-year Strategic Plan and the foundation of each building is currently being constructed. The area surrounding the construction site at Colonnades is fenced off while the crew continues their work throughout the summer. There was no reported noise distraction during construction.

the athletic department is the Alumni Field House, which is scheduled to be completed in mid-December.

The facility will include a large team meeting room and locker room for football, a conference room, an advanced athletic training facility, a large strength and conditioning room, study rooms

for student-athletes, athletic offices and offices for the football, baseball, soccer, cross country and track and field coaches.

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## Elon man arrested in indecent exposure cases

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An Elon man was arrested Monday morning and charged with two counts of indecent exposure and secret peeping. Elon Police Chief LaVelle Lovette said he is believed to be involved with previous indecent exposure cases.

Phillip Brent Wagner, of 2224 Phibbs Rd., is accused of indecently exposing himself Wednesday night at the Trolling Apartments. According to the incident report, an Elon University senior saw a man outside of her apartment window masturbating. When she stepped outside, the man walked away toward the back of the apartments.

Witnesses chased after

the man toward Summerbell Avenue, where he left in a silver minivan. All the witnesses and the victim gave the same description: 6 feet tall, approximately 250 pounds, mid- to late-30s, no glasses, "scruffy looking" and wearing a red T-shirt and blue shorts.

Wagner was arrested at 2:24 a.m. in conjunction with the Wednesday incident and is being held on \$1,500 secured bond.

Wagner has been identified as suspect in other indecent exposure cases, but there was never enough evidence to charge him, Lovette said. It was thanks to the multiple

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witnesses in this case that led to his arrest, she said.

Students should realize some indecent exposure cases could continue to happen even though Wagner was arrested, Lovette said. And Wagner does not match all of the victim's descriptions, indicating there might be multiple suspects.

"If you look at Mr. Wagner's

record he has been arrested, he's been charged," she said. "It hasn't stopped him (in the past), so while we know we have arrested him for this, it doesn't mean he's not going to continue doing it. So you definitely don't need to be letting your guard

down because we have made an arrest."

Wagner's record includes second degree trespassing in 2003 and indecent exposure in 1998 in Alamance County.

In Orange County he was found guilty of secret peeping, simple assault and harassing phone calls in 1991, indecent

exposure and probation violation in 1993 and indecent exposure in 1994.

In the upcoming weeks, the Elon Police Department will go through all of the indecent exposure cases to see which cases Wagner is likely to be a suspect.

Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson sent an e-mail out to students Monday afternoon with a photo of Wagner and a press release from the Elon Police Department.

"Keep your doors locked and walk in pairs," Jackson said. "You just never know when something like this could happen. It is everyone's responsibility to keep things safe and secure."

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