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One of the roofs of the five new Greek houses collapsed Oct. 24, arresting construction for a few days. The buildings, which will be LEED certified, have most of their framing completed.

## Campus construction projects continue

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The roof of one of the five new buildings being added to the Loy Center at Elon University collapsed Oct. 24, setting construction back a few days, according to Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management.

Bromilow said the roof probably caved in because of wind at about 11:55 a.m. and no one was injured. He said he thought the collapse would put the project back only a few days, and the next day, the site managers brought in a crane to lift the debris off the second floor of the building and rebuild the second floor structure, which was bent.

"It will probably be a couple days, not significant. (There was) nobody hurt, you've got to keep telling yourself that," Bromilow said.

Campus Safety and Police were the first to respond after the parent of a student called to report the collapse. The fire department, the school's safety committee and the contractor came to make sure the site was safe.

"This is why we have fences," Bromilow said. "This is why you should not go in a construction site."

One of the responders was junior Danton Kerz,

who leads the Elon University Community Emergency Response Team, a program initiated by FEMA that allows students to learn to be first responders. He came with the fire department, he said.

"Right now, we're the first CERT team in Alamance County, so we respond county-wide," Kerz said.

Amidst the setback on one building, numerous other construction projects are under way on campus.

Work is currently underway to construct Alumni Field House north of Rhodes Stadium, five new houses in the Loy Center, two new Colonnades dormitories and renovations to the exterior of Alumni Gym. Bromilow said all projects are running on schedule, except for the newly-damaged Loy Center house, which will take a few days to get back on track.

The renovations to Alumni Gym should finish up before the end of the month and both the new Greek houses in the Loy Center and the new Colonnades dormitory should be completed by July of 2011.

### Loy Center

The additions to the Greek housing area on the north side of campus are well underway, with most

framing complete. Some have windows already installed.

These five buildings will house six Greek organizations, with living space upstairs and common areas on the first floor. Bromilow said these are being built in a slightly different style than the current Greek houses, which aren't two complete stories because the bedrooms on the second floors of the buildings are only on sides.

"The big difference is these are a full two stories," he said. "Because of that, we get more beds in the building and more useable space for the occupants."

Bromilow also said these buildings fall under a different sustainability category than other buildings on campus, like Lindner Hall. This system is called LEED for Homes, a version of LEED certification, and provides structures with a rating based on energy usage.

He said they were cutting back on energy use in the new buildings by making them airtight, with a lot of insulation, to keep the interior cool in the summer and warm in the winter without losing energy to cracks and drafts.

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## Downtown development to begin in December

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In a collaborative effort between Elon University and the Town of Elon to further develop downtown Elon, a new 24,000 square foot building will be constructed on the corner of Williamson and W. College Avenues, beginning in December.

According to John McDonald, whose company is developing the building, it will have three floors, each with 8,000 square feet available for both retail and use by the university. While the university currently owns the space, he said he will have a long-term land lease deal with Elon in order to build the structure, which will be constructed directly next to The Acorn Coffee Shop.

While the final cost has not been determined, McDonald estimated it will be in range of \$3.5 to \$4 million.

"My development group (with my brother Mark) will own the building and we'll build the building," he said. "When it's finished, whatever space the university leases, they will pay us for."

According to Provost Steven House, low interest rates and building costs came together to allow for the finalization of the plan.

While McDonald will put up the money to construct the building and then collect rent, Kauffman Associates will serve as the consultant.

"They are the ones who go out and get the people to be in the space," House said.

The campus shop, currently located in Moseley Center, will accommodate half of the first floor, or 4,000 square feet, and the entire second floor. An escalator will connect the two floors.

"What we'll do is leave 4,000 square feet on the first floor for other retail,"

McDonald said. "That's wide open. We're having some discussions, but it's just preliminary."

The university will have half of the third floor, or 4,000 square feet, for office space, he said.

The Pendulum is tentatively planning to occupy 1,600 square feet of that space to use as its office as soon as the building is ready.

House said Parsons would give The Pendulum temporary office space in the McEwen School of Communications until the building is complete. The move to the new building would be temporary, until a renovated or new School of Communications is completed. At that time, House said Parsons plans to bring all student media together in the new building. The other half of the third floor of the new building on Williamson will be available to rent by retail. McDonald said the occupancies for each

floor have been finalized and a sketch of the building has been completed and approved by the university.

"We're moving forward with it and the Samet Corporation (the builder) has the image," he said. "There might be a few minor changes, but for all intents and purposes, this is the final design."

The space, currently occupied by not only the office of The Pendulum, but also a parking lot reserved for university staff, will need to be vacated by the time construction begins.

"We are on schedule to begin construction before the end of December, but the university will decide when the space needs to be vacated," McDonald said. "We need to be able to turn over the space for the

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