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As part of the Numen Lumen Pavilion dedication ceremony, students placed rocks representing their faith on the location where the meditation room is set to be built, starting in December 2011.



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University Chaplain Jan Fuller, President Leo Lambert and Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, led the dedication ceremony Oct. 21 of the Numen Lumen Pavilion.

Construction set for next month

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room, a prayer room, a meditation garden between the building and Gray Pavilion to the south, a kitchen and a circular sacred space at the northern end. The building is one of the facilities included in the Ever Elon campaign.

"I think the whole campus will benefit from this," Jackson said. "I think this provides a space like we've never seen on this campus that is being viewed by national leaders as one of the most carefully designed and thought-out facilities and

programs (in the country). You don't have to be religious or identify with a particular faith to be welcome in this place. This is a place for people to come and learn. It's a powerful beacon for everyone that there's a place for them at Elon."

The Numen Lumen Pavilion will house offices for all religious leaders on campus. Because many of the current occupants of its offices will be moving to the Numen Lumen Pavilion, the Truitt Center will most likely be turned into a campus Hillel House for Jewish students, Fuller said.

"What we're trying to do as a campus is support the individual faiths and religions and world views and provide spaces where people can deepen those," Jackson said.

Construction on the Numen Lumen Pavilion is scheduled to begin in December, according to Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology, and the building's estimated cost is in the upper \$4 million range. Jackson speculates the construction should be completed within about a year. The building is about 15,000 square feet, while many of the other buildings in

the Academic Village are less than 10,000. The building should be ready to open in January 2013.

"(The Numen Lumen Pavilion) is very unique and I think that in 10 years, many liberal arts colleges are going to look around and think, 'What are we going to do now? We should've done this,'" Fuller said. "And you know for lots of liberal arts colleges it's not a priority, but what's unique about Elon is that it is. The reason I came to Elon, the reason I wanted to come to Elon is because Elon has made this commitment, and that's what I want to do with the rest of my life."

Dining Services launches salad, soup bar at Varsity Sports Grill

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Students who often eat at Varsity Sports Grill were greeted with an addition to the menu and overall change of eating arrangements after fall break. Elon University Dining Services and Auxiliary Services launched a salad and soup bar, which has taken the space once occupied by a bar counter. This addition joins the existing soup and salad bars at 1889 Grill Room and Croutons in the Colonnades neighborhood.

"Elon Dining saw a need for a retail salad bar on that side of campus," said Kate Nelson, Dining Services marketing manager. "In an effort to add a convenient, healthy salad bar option to that side of campus we chose to make that addition to Varsity

Sports Grill."

The idea of the bar has been in the works since the past spring semester and was developed in the summer, according to Gerald Whittington, senior vice-president for business, finance and technology. Whittington, like Nelson, said the salad and soup bar is convenient for students who spend most of their time near the retail location.

"After the successful introduction of the salad bar of 1889 in Colonnades, we decided we needed a salad bar on this end of campus," he said. "For those who want that option, this would be a good choice for this side of campus."

Sophomore Conor Collins, who spends most of his time in the historic neighborhood and Academic Village, said he has enjoyed the additions to

Varsity Sports Grill.

"The salad bar is really convenient for people who have to eat quickly, especially during lunch," Collins said. "I've eaten here twice, both lunch times. They have salad and fruit, so it's a good variety and I think it's good that it's only one meal swipe."

While students have all-you-can-eat access to various salad components and toppings through the meal swipe, soup isn't included. Faculty members also have the same access to this meal option like at other residential and retail dining locations on campus, said Whittington.

The salad bar will be a permanent addition to the eatery's menu and location and is part of Dining Services' commitment to accommodating students' dietary needs, Nelson

said. Whittington said the bar is just another way of Elon responding to students' suggestions.

"We always look to create new options like this as student needs and requests change, we try to change with time," he said.

Dining Services gets local produce for the salad bar, depending on what's in season, Nelson said. For Collins, the various produce is excellent because it allows him to select what he wants on his meal, he said.

"I usually get spinach and lettuce both and ham, cheese and eggs," Collins said. "Then I go up after to get some fruit. The salad bar is really convenient because that's where people can come in and get what they want instead of having someone get it for them like at downstairs Colonnades."

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