

# Microwaves returning to dorms

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The Pendulum

On September 7th, 1991, smoke was seen coming from the Jordan Center Lounge when two young men passing by smelled something burning, saw the smoke and called the fire department. A pillow from one of the lounge couches had been stuffed into the microwave only to be barbequed to the point of flames.

After the incident, Chief King of the Elon College fire department, performed a full inspection of on all of the microwave units located through out the campus. The microwaves were found to be in good condition, therefore they remained in the residence halls.

On September 13th, a roll of toilet paper was cooked to a crisp in the Chandler Lounge microwave. After explicit instructions from Chief King, the

campus housing staff removed the microwaves from the residence halls.

Housing is in the process of returning the microwaves to the residence halls. They will be returned to the area offices of Harper Center, Virginia (118) and Hook (102). The microwave has been returned to the East Area office, and the other two appliances will be placed in their new homes after some minor repairs have been made.

Administrators hope that putting the appliances in isolated areas will alleviate the problem of cooking things other than microwaveable meals.

Angie Smith says, "I don't having the microwaves in the office because it's only open certain hours which makes it hard to get to when you want to use it. Resa Valentine, an upperclassman who never had the priviledge of having a microwave in her residence hall said, " We are in

college, not kindergarten. You figure that after complaining for so long about not having access to microwaves , people would not act so childishly."



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