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Khaki House set ablaze

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Fire gutted the "Khaki House" on West Haggard Avenue Tuesday, leaving 11 students without a home.

No one was injured.

Tenant Tim Cullinane said the fire started about 4:45 p.m. in the heater near the middle of the house at 301 W. Haggard Ave.

Fire officials Tuesday night were trying to determine the cause of the blaze, said firefighter Kevin DeAngelo.

Fire also struck the Khaki House in October 1989. One room was burned, and no one was injured, according to the Oct. 22, 1989, issue of The Pendulum.

The students called the fire department because they smelled smoke. They called again after spotting flames in a first-floor closet containing the heater.

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Floyd said the fire spread up the

closet walls to the second floor. No one lived on the second floor.

"The first thing I saw going up in flames was the smoke detector that didn't work," said Matt Haas, a resident.

Cullinane said the heater had been repaired about seven times in the last year.

Mike Spencer, owner of the house, said, "I was over here this morning to check on it (the heater), and everything seemed OK."

Firefighters arrived at the house at about 5:10 p.m. By 5:20 p.m., the firefighters began extinguishing the fire.

The Elon College, Gibsonville and Altamahaw-Ossipee fire departments responded to the fire.

"We've got about 35 firefighters out here," Floyd said.

Firefighters said the second floor was burned out.

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Students lose home to fire

Erick Gill
Editor

Eleven Elon students watched their home and possessions burn Tuesday.

"I've got nothing except what is on me, and my dog," said Matt Haas.

Haas and his roommates could only watch tearfully as fire swept through the "Khaki House" at 301 W. Haggard Ave. about 4:45 p.m.

The wooden structure was left uninhabitable.

Haas, Tom Asta, Dan Blair, Chris Broering, Tim Cullinane, Mike Eberhardt, Brett Fancher, Jason Fife, Keith Gilbreath, Ralph Smith and Matt Torrens lived in the rental house.

Elon College officials moved quickly after the blaze to help the students.

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Elon student falls victim to leukemia

Heather Anderson
Staff Reporter



Jeremy Duke, an Elon transfer student, died Feb. 9 of leukemia. Duke was a sociology major. He had attended Appalachian State University, where he was in the marching band and was a disc jockey.

He was diagnosed with leukemia in August, said his mother, Cindy Duke, a secretary for Elon's Study Abroad program.

He enrolled at Elon in the fall but never attended classes. He couldn't return until spring.

His illness struck again on Feb. 8.

Cindy Duke said her son was excited to be attending Elon because he already knew a lot of people here. He had a close circle of friends, referred to as "The Crew."

The Crew was there every step of the way and always treated him as if nothing was wrong, which helped give him the courage to keep his positive attitude, Cindy Duke said.

"When he was sick, he never considered himself sick," she said of her son's positive attitude.

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Campus Security wants police power; Would have arrest authority and guns

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Staff Reporter

It's only a matter of time before Elon security becomes a police department, carrying guns and having the authority to arrest, school officials said.

City and college officials are working out home municipality and working on jurisdiction boundaries with town police, said Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business and Finance.

The college will present a proposal to the Town of Elon College Board of Alderman on Feb. 28.

The next step would be applying to the State Criminal Justice Standards in Raleigh to become a police department. The change could be in effect at earliest by next fall semester, Whittington said.

The change could cost as little

as \$20,000 or as much as \$100,000, said Whittington.

In a budget hearing on Monday, Whittington told faculty and staff the cost to convert security to police would cost about \$56,000.

To keep costs down student security guards will still escort, patrol, lock buildings and dispatch, said Chief of Security Terry Creech.

The Chronicle of Higher Edu-

cation reports that \$18,494 is the average annual paycheck of campus police officers at colleges the size of Elon. The average number of officers is seven.

College officials said Elon security officers need to carry guns because of liability.

"Security officers are not appropriately armed to handle a

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