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Largest freshmen class enters Elon

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This year's freshmen class is the largest in Elon College's history, the dean of admissions said.

About 930 freshmen enrolled for the fall semester, said Nan Perkins, dean of admissions. That is the largest freshmen class since 1988's 860 students. Last year's freshmen class totaled 858, Perkins said.

However with readmits and transfer students, the number of new students on campus is about 1075, Perkins said. That would push the total student enrollment to about 3,400, which is about 200 more students than last year, the Registrar's Office said.

"We accepted the same number of students as last year, but more student accepted (Elon)," Perkins said.

Less than 25 of the new students had to be placed in rooms with three people, said Alice Leadford, director of residence life.

Leadford said that in the summer the Office of Residence and Greek Life planned to put about 100 students in triples. She said the number decreased because students decided not to live on campus or choose not to attend Elon.

Perkins said it's not unusual for some students not to show up at Elon after they have registered. She said there are always students that decide against a college and don't notify the school.

Besides enrollment the average SAT score and grade point average is up from last year. Perkins said the average SAT score increased by about 20 points.

For the freshmen class the average SAT score is 940, while the average GPA is 3.1.



Orientation leader Thomas Brookshire hands out room information to Kenneth Morehead and his mother.

There are also 85 Honor Students compared to last year's 60, Perkins said. Teaching Fellows students are also up by three from last year.

However, the number of Leadership Scholarships are down from

last year's 90 to 58, Perkins said.

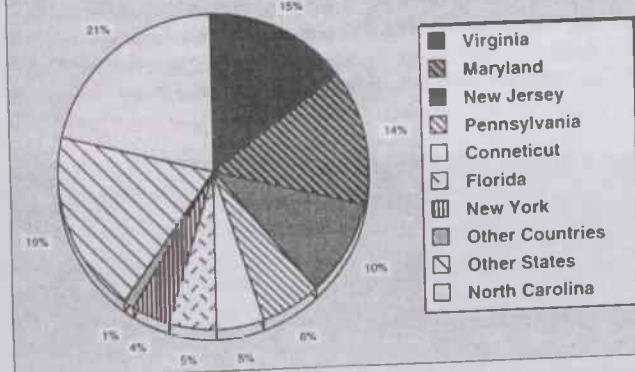
She said the reason for the decrease in leadership scholarships is as the average GPA of the incoming freshmen goes up, so does the scholarship expectations.

Geographically, Perkins said,

that more students are enrolling from northeastern states. She said there's been a big increase in the number of freshmen from the New England states. The number of students from Pennsylvania and

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The Class of 1998: Where are they from?



Administrative and faculty positions filled

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An interim vice president was named during the summer and four other top administrative and faculty positions were filled.

The search is under way for a permanent vice president, business school and vice president of Development.

Appointed were:

■ Clair Myers, interim vice president and dean of Academic Affairs,

■ Richard Behrman, interim dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business,

■ Ken Paul, director of the MBA program,

■ Russell Gill, director of general studies, and

■ Joanne Soliday, director of

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College converts houses to dorms

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Elon College spent \$274,500 in June to buy two houses, which eight female students and an administrator reside, according to Alamance County land deeds and college officials.

The Town of Elon College and the Planning Board approved the rezoning of the two houses from residential to institutional Aug. 9.

Six male students in August moved into the house at 310 S. O'Kelly Ave., the former house of director of Greek Affairs Amanda Harless.

The college bought the property located on 406 E. Haggard Avenue for \$205,500 on June 25 from the estate of Kenneth K. Hughes. Since the property was zoned to house a family, it needed to be rezoned for institutional use.

A conditional use permit was also agreed upon for the Haggard Avenue property stipulating, among 10 conditions: there will be no greek or social organizations, no on-site parking and no more than eight female students will live in the house, according to the conditional use permit.

The house is located near Elon College Elementary School, which was a large factor in determining the conditions of the houses.

"We want to be a good neighbor," Provost Gerald Francis said. "We just felt like they (women) live calmer." (Francis, who is also an Alderman, said he did not take part in any town discussions involving the college).

Three days after the college bought the property on Haggard Avenue, Mona Stadler and Raymond Paul Covington sold their property to the college on North Antioch Avenue for \$69,000.

This house, which Harless lives in, was also rezoned for institutional use.

The town granted the college a conditional use permit and rezoned the house Harless vacated on O'Kelly Avenue. The college placed six men in the house.

There are no conditions banning greek or social organizations, on-site parking or a condition restricting the gender or number of residents, according to the permit.

The houses occupied by the students are managed by Bob Pelley, assistant dean of Student Life.

Pelley said the Office of Residence Life and Greek Affairs wanted to make houses available to non-greeks.

The houses are set up like residence halls with combination locks on the main door and the individual rooms. The students have access to

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