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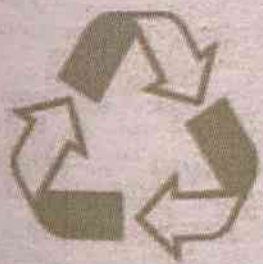
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University Pointe opens its doors to Elon students



Jeff Heyer / Photo Editor

Some students choose to live off campus in apartments. Elon reached an agreement to lease several apartments at the University Pointe apartment complex. Students say the rent compares favorably with other campus housing locations.

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Elon University reached an agreement with Hackett Properties to lease apartments in the University Pointe Apartment complex on 944 E. Haggard Drive. Students started moving into the new apartments beginning Aug. 21.

The new apartments are available with two or three bedrooms at the cost of \$465 and \$450 respectively.

"They're probably higher priced because it is new construction," Karen Floyd, interim director of Residence Life, said. "They all have washers and dryers. They have security systems. They all have full kitchen appliances. They are on the upper scale, in terms of price, because of those amenities."

The school currently leases apartments in Danieley, Elon Place Gardens, Elon Place Townhomes, Five Villas and Haggard Square.

Kate Miller, a sophomore who lived in Danieley last year, said the apartments are worth every penny.

"It's so much better," Miller said. "I liked where I lived last year but I like having my own room and my own bathroom. It's a lot quieter off campus. It's the same price as living in a single room on campus so it's the same but \$200 more per semester and for all that we get—the amenities and stuff—I think it's worth it."

On-campus housing can accommodate 2,700 students, Floyd said. Students often turn to off-campus apartments to live after their sophomore year.

"This year we had 1,252 fresh-

men that came," Floyd said. "Each year we try to balance out, in the spring, how many juniors and seniors will remain on campus because they're not guaranteed housing. We try to balance out those numbers and roughly have about 500 juniors and seniors that remain in on-campus housing."

Students apply to live in university-leased apartments in the spring during the housing application process.

"Every student has the opportunity to apply for an apartment when they go through housing selection," Floyd said. "We offer current apartment residents [a chance] to renew their lease. It's an 11-and-a-half-month lease."

Floyd said the school has plans to expand its on-campus housing capability.

"We have looked at some new construction as far as new facilities probably near the business school," she said. "We've visited other campuses in the area and looked at their facilities and some of the things that we've heard from students that they wanted; smaller suite areas, common rooms. We have a mock-up of plans incorporating those things."

Floyd also said a number of obstacles face the construction of new on-campus facilities.

"We're very, very early in the process," she said. "We still have to get it approved by the Board of Trustees and get bonds and other funding for it, but we're moving in that direction in the next three to five years."

New housing will be necessary

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