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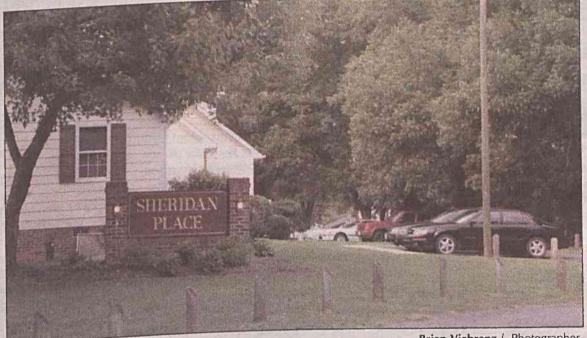
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Town police focus on Sheridan,

students exhibiting 'liquid courage'



Brian Viebranz / Photographer

Sheridan is often a popular spot for parties. During the first weekend back, police estimated the crowd was approximately 2,500 people.

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The residents of Sheridan Place apartments are accustomed to seeing the police cars drive through the complex on the weekend.

Sheridan Place apartment residents are often the hosts of several

parties on the weekend. It is not unusual for students to frequent the "bottom," the apartments in the bottom of Sheridan.

These parties have caught the attention of the Town of Elon police.

Part of the problem, said Jon Villanova, a captain on the Town of

Elon police force, is that the apartments are owned by different people, with the exception of the ones at the bottom, which are owned by the same group of people.

"The officers that went in there (to Sheridan, the first weekend back at school) estimated the crowd to be 2,500," Villanova said. "I know there was a lot of damage done in Sheridan. As people become more and more inebriated, then cars are damaged, all kinds of bad things happen. It's not all people, however; once the damage starts, it causes us a lot of headaches."

Residents of Sheridan have seen the town of police take pictures on the weekends. Villanova said he cannot comment on the pictures because he is not familiar with them, although he said the pictures were probably taken to illustrate a problem and not to focus on individual people.

Privacy laws are not violated if the pictures are taken in a common area, Villanova said.

"I like living in Sheridan," said junior Kasey Johnson. "I don't feel like they have the right to take my picture. I bought it, it's my house, I can do what I want."

Scott Nelson, assistant dean of students, viewed pictures from LaVelle Lovette, Town of Elon police chief.

"We had a town-campus coalition meeting last (week)," Nelson

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Police checkpoints net 7 DUIs

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Police from the Town of Elon, Graham, and Burlington set up driving checkpoints on Haggard Avenue over the weekend. Seven people were arrested for driving while intoxicated and several others were arrested on drug charges. Four of the alcohol-related arrests were of people over 21, meaning those individuals tested over the legal blood alcohol concentration of .08. Three of the arrests were of people under 21. Those under 21 can be arrested and charged for an alcohol concentration reading of over .00.

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Will Campbell / Photographer

Local police set up several checkpoints on Haggard Avenue over the weekend. A total of seven people were arrested.