

# Off-campus student housing habits irk local residents

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Elon and Gibsonville residents, according to Dec. 23, 2004 article titled "College neighbors irritated by student influx," in the Alamance News, were angered by students' recent infiltration into homes for single-family use.

Gibsonville resident Gerald Clapp is concerned that the college students are changing the atmosphere of the community from a single-family home development to college housing.

"This year in my development, houses were built specifically for Elon housing," said Clapp, "it looks like a house but really it's just a dorm." He blames the university for not providing enough housing for the growth rate of enrollment.

Dan Anderson, director of University Relations, said the business, finance and technical office is currently planning to add more construction soon. He said that students

"perform better, stay in school and function better when they live on campus."

The Alamance News article cites how Gibsonville and Elon housing ordinances have loopholes. The housing ordinance prohibits more than three unrelated people in a single or multi-family zoning. According to the Alamance News article, Deleno Flynn, town manager of Gibsonville, said the current trend is that one person owns the house, rents the house to the students, but does not live in the house.

In Clapp's situation at Stengate development, Gibsonville Board of Aldermen are not concerned that students are living in Gibsonville, but "that the builders were making the house look like an apartment house," Flynn said. "There were two driveways and it was made specifically to attract students." Stengate development is not zoned for apartments.

Mike Dula, town manager of Elon, said that about once a month

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and when school opens in the fall, he gets calls about too many people in the house, noise complaints, and furniture in the yard. Dula thinks that part of the problem is that students are unaware of the ordinance. He would like the university to publicize the edict.

Clapp said that because students don't own the house and they are from different states, they should not rent houses in single-family areas.



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This is one of the houses on Summer Bell Avenue in Gibsonville that has caused recent debate over off-campus student housing

He has seen kegs on porches, bonfires and cars lined along the streets. He also said there was a music band set up in the garage.

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here, people need to get up in the morning and make a living, and students need to start learning to do the same."

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## Breaking through the bubble

### Inauguration watched closely in case of attack

As President Bush took the oath of office today, dozens of officials from 50 federal, state and local agencies kept a close eye on the security situation in a high-tech command center miles from the Capitol. It was the first inauguration since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. One hundred and twenty workstations and giant video screens, along with law enforcement and security personnel watched the streets of Washington. They also kept track of the events with aerial surveillance flights and sensors scanning for evidence of deadly biological or chemical agents.

### Dozens of whales beached on 5-mile stretch of Outer Banks

Scientists and National Park Service workers worked to collect samples and clean up whale carcasses after 34 of the marine mammals beached themselves and either died or had to be euthanized. The animals were beached near Oregon Inlet on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Beached pilot whales are not uncommon occurrences, but scientists are unsure why they do it.

### Tsunami still devastating countries and United States exports

Weeks after the massive tsunami, volunteers are continuing to pull bodies from the debris. Indonesia and Sri Lanka are two of the countries hardest hit by the disaster, which has so far taken more than 162,000 lives. With this in mind, many are worried about how it will affect exports coming to the United States, especially coffee. Coffee is consumed by 52 percent of the U.S. population every day and with two of the major supplying countries in trouble, higher coffee prices and decreased availability may be problems.

### Rice shares Iraq strategy

Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's nominee to be secretary of state, insists that a U.S. exit strategy from Iraq depend on the country's ability to defend itself against terrorists after this month's elections. Under intense questioning from Democrats, she vowed to work to ease ties with allies frayed by the war to depose Saddam Hussein. She went on to say that it was impossible to give an exact time when the United States will leave Iraq. She said the main focus right now is getting through the elections safely. Many Democrats were skeptical, saying Rice contradicted herself on Saddam's weapons capabilities.

### Three Iraqi candidates killed

Gunmen shot and killed three candidates running in Iraq's Jan. 30 elections as a suicide bombing killed two people outside the offices of a leading Shiite political party. With insurgents trying to ruin the election, officials announced that Iraq will seal its borders, extend a curfew and restrict movement to protect voters during the balloting. President Bush spoke Tuesday morning with Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, the latest in a series of conversations between the two leaders on Iraq's efforts to ensure maximum participation in the election. Two of the slain candidates belonged to Allawi's political coalition, the Iraqi National Accord.