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Fire damages neighborhood home

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News Editor

A house fire caused up to \$50,000 of damage and killed a German Shepherd and cat on Monday.

The house, located on 420 E. Lebanon Ave., caught on fire around 3 p.m. The fire was deemed accidental. One woman was in the house at the time, but got out safely. She also lives with her son who was not in the house at the time. The dog and cat died because of smoke inhalation.

"We were very lucky because with the amount of heat and smoke in the house, it would not have taken long for the woman to be injured," said Eddie King, Elon fire chief.

King said the exact cause of the fire has not been determined, but no foul play was involved. "She (the occupant of the house) is a smoker, it could have been a discarded cigarette, but we really haven't been able to speak to her in depth about what happened," King said.

The house was built in 1891 and had additions made to it in the past. The fire department determined the



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Damage caused by the fire is repairable and no people were hurt

house was worth \$200,000. The family has insurance so the house is repairable. King said the university has plans around the area, but King is not sure if the owner will sell the house because it has been in the family for some time.

"Our firefighters did an excellent job. When we got there I thought it would be a difficult save, but they quickly stopped the extending fires from destroying the rest of the house," King said.

When a fire is called into 911, the call is directed to the Graham emergency center. After the Graham center processes the information, the center dispatches to the Elon fire station. After the local fire station is dispatched, they can get to any fire in Elon in less than a minute, King said.

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Basirico named the permanent dean of international relations programs

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Larry Basirico was named the new international programs dean Monday.

Basirico began as a member of the sociology faculty in 1983 and then recently was named the interim dean of international programs in 2004 after Bill Rich retired.

Making the transition from interim to permanent dean will not be difficult for Basirico. "I will still have the same job," Basirico said. "I will now be able to make long term plans, have a vision and to develop long term relationships."

Basirico describes his vision as nothing radical. He hopes to increase the academic rigor of the study abroad program and to expand the semester abroad programs. "I want to add new winter semester study abroad programs proposed by faculty and to develop new semester abroad affiliations," Basirico said.

New semester abroad programs that will be available next year include trips to Hiedelberg, Germany; Beijing, China; and an exchange program with Korea. There will also be winter term study abroad trips to China as well. Work is underway for an affiliation with



Larry Basirico

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Parking Restriction creates pedestrian campus

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Students that live within a 10-minute walking distance will not be allowed to drive to school next year during class hours.

The campus transportation and traffic planning committee formed a proposal that during peak hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, students would have to find other methods to get to and from class.

The campus transportation and traffic planning committee is made up of Campus Police and Security Chief Chuck Gantos, Dean of Student life Smith Jackson, biology professor Sandy Seidel, assistant dean of students Jeff Stein, Assistant Director of Residence Life Brian Webb and SGA president Chris Morse. The committee met for over a year to form a revising parking plan.

"You're a member of a bigger community, you have to be considerate of others," said Seidel.

Since 1997, parking space numbers have more than doubled. In 1997, 1,591 parking spaces were available, while this year 3,296 were available. Smith said there just aren't many places left to add parking. They considered making a parking garage but the cost would increase tuition more so.

The committee would like to cre-

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