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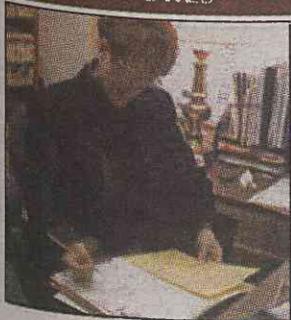
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Building a new housing complex along with a sense of community

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Managing Editor

Often referred to as "The Ghetto," built in the early 1980's, known for its annual Christmas lights competition and conveniently located near Campus Safety and Police sits the infamous, yes infamous, Jordan Center residence hall.

It's time to say goodbye to Jordan Center and hello to a new housing complex, including six to eight residential buildings and a clubhouse. The complex will house 500 students. Each apartment will feature a living room, kitchen, furniture, utilities, washer and dryer and access to the campus computer network, according to Jeff Stein, assistant dean of students.

Along with providing plenty of single-rooms for students, the new complex will add to the current parking lot, resulting in approximately 700 spaces. "It's important that we still have enough parking for cultural events, basketball games, things of that nature," said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of students.

School officials and the Board of Trustees are meeting April 29 to come up with a definite building date. The expected construction will begin this summer, likely July or August. "It (construction) will go all the way through the fall and summer," said Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology. The

complex will be completed by early 2006 by Collegiate Development, who also has residence halls and student centers at Georgia Tech, University of Oklahoma and Arizona State University.

The process will be in phases, building new ones over the summer, moving students out and into the already finished units; then completing the construction and moving in the remaining students, according to Whittington.

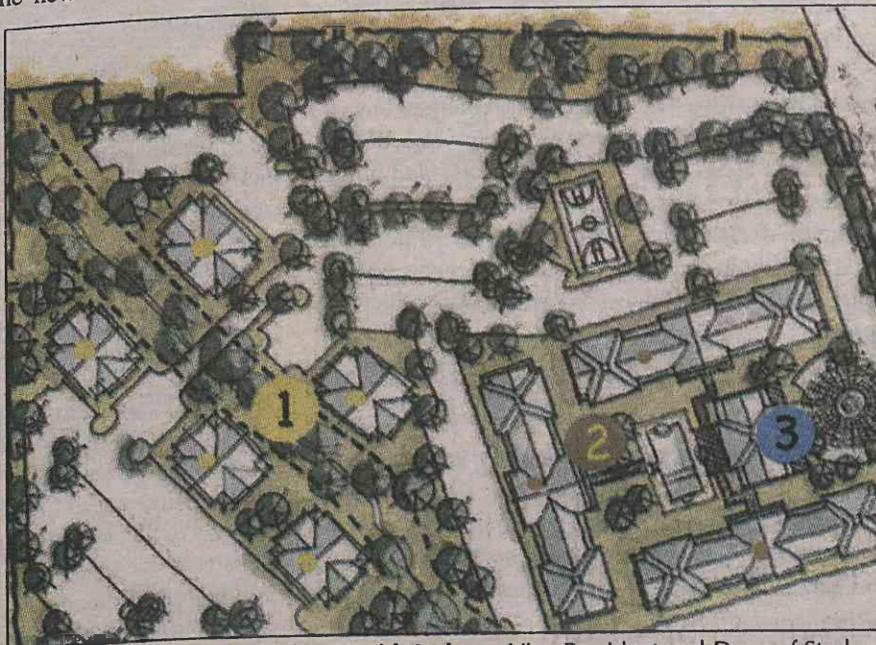
Currently, school officials are in the preliminary stages of planning, said Jackson. It's still unclear exactly what will be in the clubhouse. "Myself, Jeff Stein and Nikki Turley visited Midwestern University to take a look at their clubhouse," said Jackson. There will most likely be a community kitchen, living room or

common space, large meeting room and a place for security, he added. "There might also be mailboxes, we're running out of space in the campus center."

During this preliminary process, Jackson and Whittington have yet to come to a conclusion on a swimming pool or beach volleyball? "The main concern with a pool or patio is safety, along with cost," said Jackson. The decision to get a pool or put a volleyball court will rely mostly upon the student surveys, currently in circulation through e-mail, he said.

The floor plans for the apartments include two single bedrooms and two baths; four single bedrooms with two baths. "That design is what

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Map from Smith Jackson, Vice President and Dean of Students
1) Four bedroom, two bathroom apartments; 2) two bedroom, two bathroom apartments; 3) complex clubhouse, will include meeting area, security and possibly mailboxes. Top photo is a prototype design from Smith Jackson.

Starbucks opens in Burlington

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Plans are underway to bring Starbucks to Burlington. The coffee chain's newest location will be ready to open in the fall.

Starbucks will be located on Huffman Mill Road, where the old Wachovia in front of Colonial Mall used to be. The old drive-thru lanes of the bank will be torn down and new ones will be built to create a drive-thru Starbucks, said Chris Clayton, an engineer who is working on the deal that will bring the company to Burlington.

"Starbucks is taking big pushes all over the nation to take down old, empty buildings and uplift them for drive-thru Starbucks," Clayton said. Old restaurants, banks and other buildings that are no longer in use are prime candidates to build new Starbucks.

While the new Starbucks will feature a drive-thru lane, it will also have indoor seating, similar to most other Starbucks.

The new coffee shop will hopefully be ready to open in the fall, but this depends on how long it takes for building permits to go through.

According to the Starbucks web site, high traffic areas are suitable locations for the licensed stores. University campuses are listed as high traffic areas. Since the location for the new Starbucks is so close to campus, developers and planners are hoping to appeal to Elon students for business.

"Starbucks decided to come to Burlington," said Kurt Pearson, assistant planning director for the city of Burlington. "We didn't go looking for them, they came to us. We haven't gone out to get a

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