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## Fire breaks out on Atkinson Avenue



The first and second story units in the apartment building on Atkinson Avenue have extensive smoke damage.



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### Fire source still undetermined, says Elon Fire Chief

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On Saturday, flames licked the first and second floors of the apartments on Atkinson Avenue, behind the Town of Elon post office. The Elon Fire Department received the call at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and took an hour and a half to search the building, locate the source of the fire and extricate the smoke.

"When we arrived, there was smoke coming out of the second story windows," said Eddie King, town of Elon fire chief. "We started our fire attack and did a primary search for victims and located the fire on the first floor bedroom."

None of the building's occupants were home during the fire and no one was injured. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, but some household items may be the cause, including a pipe that was found in the bedroom. King said the one thing that is certain, is the fire was accidental.

King said that "basic combustibles" suffered the most damage and there wasn't much involved in putting out the fire.

"The first floor apartment sustained fire, heat and smoke damage, and the adjoining apartments just likely sustained smoke damage," King said.

"My room was completely ashes," said Kevin Murray who lived in the room where the fire originated. "I lost all my clothes, my books, my laptop, everything. It was all just gone."

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Look for continuous coverage, photos and video of the fire on The Pendulum Web site, [www.elon.edu/pendulum](http://www.elon.edu/pendulum).

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## New provost found in-House

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Steven House

Elon has recently selected Steven House, the dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, to succeed Gerry Francis as the new provost.

Francis will move to the vice president position.

"I'm filling pretty big shoes with Dr. Francis," House said. He said he hopes to continue the positive energy Francis brought to the Elon community during his time as provost.

In his most recent position as dean, House worked with more than 326 faculty and staff members.

"The job of a dean of arts and sciences is to model the arts and sciences," House said. He said he believes that faculty members should be three things: teachers, scholars and mentors for their students.

House has had many years of experience working at the college level. Before he arrived at Elon, he served as associate dean and the director of health professions at Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

House noticed "tremendous momentum" at Elon and he joined the staff in 2001 as the founding dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, later re-named Elon College. House held that position until 2006.

House also teaches an Elon 101 class and is responsible for the Elon College Fellows learning community.

"My major joy is to work with the faculty," House said. "To help them create an environment that

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## Copy freely, iTunes users

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Elon iTunes users will soon notice changes in the program's music store, as Apple announced last week that it will begin to offer songs at a variety of prices and remove anti-copying restrictions from all song files.

When iTunes was launched five years ago, Apple and the four large music labels EMI, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group agreed Apple would sell songs with digital rights management software. D.R.M. limits with whom a user can share music and restricts users from using iTunes songs on music software created by any company besides Apple.

In recent years, Apple executives have publicly spoken out against D.R.M., which they view as too restrictive. According to a recent article in the New York Times, music companies have only allowed iTunes to sell their songs with D.R.M., but have not required other online music stores, such as Amazon, to do the same.

This is because the companies tried to limit the amount of power iTunes, which sold approximately 2.4 billion songs in 2008, held in online music selling, the article stated.

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