

January 19, 2012

Dear Elon Parent:

The university housing selection process for fall 2012 begins in February. Detailed information is available at www.elon.edu/residencelife. Please contact the residence life staff if you or your Elon student have questions or need assistance in making housing plans for next year.

The university's ten-year strategic plan, The Elon Commitment, calls for creating a premier residential program. To support this plan, the university is investing \$100 million in the next few years replacing several outdated residence halls and building new, state-of-the-art residence halls and apartments. During this transition, our normal housing selection process will be altered in some cases to provide the best options for all students. Read about the plan at www.elon.edu/residentialcampus to learn more about the exciting improvements and changes in store.

Much progress will be made next year in implementing the residential initiative. In May 2012, the Harper Center (Old Staley and Old Moffitt) will be demolished and construction will begin on the new Global Neighborhood. The Station at Mill Point, currently under construction adjacent to campus on Williamson Avenue, will open in late August 2012. This apartment complex of 24 two-story townhomes is exclusively for juniors and seniors. For the first year, leases will be 9 months (late August through May) and rent will be the same as the 4-bedroom apartment rate in the Oaks.

The Basics: University Housing Selection

- **Online Housing Selection.** Housing selection is a live, online process. Students may view all available buildings when they log on to the system (OnTrack). Upon completion of the online application process, students will know their building assignment for 2012-2013. Final room and apartment assignments will be posted via OnTrack for students to view shortly after each phase is completed (see website for specific dates).
- **Returning to the same residence hall space.** Students may sign up to return to their current residence hall spaces (Phase One), provided they sign up with the number of students required for particular type spaces. The application/assignment process for learning communities and Greek houses will occur prior to Phase One.
- **Returning to the same apartment space.** Rising juniors and seniors may not sign up for their current apartment spaces in Phase One. The Station at Mill Point will provide housing for all rising seniors and a large number of rising juniors currently in campus housing who apply in Phase Two. A limited number of apartment spaces in other university apartments will be available for students to return to their current or different assignments in Phase Two. Danieley A-F apartments will house first year and transfer students next year due to the demolition of Harper Center.
- **Applying for new housing options.** Students will be assigned an application time slot based on years in campus housing and GPA. Students studying abroad spring 2012 and transfer students who lived on campus fall 2011 will not lose priority. The student with the earliest time slot in a group will submit the application for their room or flat/suite/apartment mates in Phase Two of housing selection.

- **Junior/Senior Day.** Rising seniors and juniors will sign-up before rising sophomores and have priority in assignments *until we reach our junior/senior limit*. Rising juniors and seniors who apply for housing on campus will know their on campus housing assignment by February 27.
- **Expanded Housing at the Crest Apartments.** The university will again lease apartments at the local Crest Apartments to meet the demand for campus housing. Students may apply during Phase Two of the housing selection process to live in these single-bedroom/private-bath apartments and be billed through the university's billing system. The Crest is on the university shuttle route.
- **Two-year residency requirement.** Incoming new students and rising sophomores (current first year students) are required to reside on campus unless exempted by Residence Life (see housing appeal website for deadlines/process). Rising sophomores appealing to reside off campus must demonstrate that they will engage in campus life and have a good campus citizenship record. Rising sophomores should not sign a lease elsewhere or plan to live off campus before receiving an official release.
- **Four-person, two- bedroom apartment option in The Oaks.** To expand our capacity for on campus housing, a limited number of two bedroom apartments in the Oaks will be furnished to house four persons at a discounted rental rate.
- **Updates on Residence Life website and E-net.** Students will receive emails and links to online information on the housing selection process (timelines, the housing selection brochure, updates, etc.). We recommend students and parents regularly check E-net and the Residence Life website.
- **Key Reminders.** It is important for students to read the housing selection materials in advance and understand that: 1) rising juniors/seniors receive priority until we reach the junior/senior limit and this year are not guaranteed that they may return to their current apartment, 2) spaces are held for first year students and sophomores, and 3) not everyone can live in an apartment, so students should make a list of options. **For next year, rising sophomores will be housed primarily in The Colonnades, Greek houses, The Crest apartments, and The Oaks apartments.**

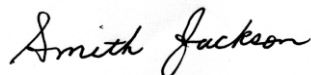
Note: The town of Elon allows no more than three unrelated people to live together in one dwelling.

Housing payments/contracts and apartment leases

- Students must pay the Bursar's Office a \$200 housing reservation fee to participate in the housing selection process. This payment may be made over the phone 336.278.5300, online, or through the Bursar's Office (Alamance 113) by check or credit card. No receipt is needed. This fee will be applied to students' fall bills. Residence hall and apartment rent is paid with the tuition bill each semester and includes furniture (bedroom only in the Crest), internet service, cable and utility costs.
- Room, board and apartment rates for 2012-2013 will be set by the University's Board of Trustees in mid-February and posted on the Residence Life website.
- Please refer to the Residence Life website to be aware of significant financial penalties for students who cancel their residence hall assignments after June 1. Students who receive an apartment assignment and sign a lease may not cancel the lease, which is binding for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, except in The Station at Mill Point which will have a 9 month lease starting in late August.

Please feel free to contact Residence Life at (336) 278-7300, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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