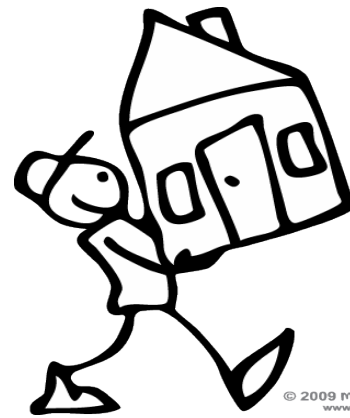


2012-13 Housing Selection

Information for All Students



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There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2012-13 academic year. This newspaper includes preliminary information for students about options, how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room draw dates. **Final information and specific instructions will be distributed directly to students by their RA/CA during the week following Spring Break (week of March 19th).**

What's it like living in...

The Quad.

Average Single = ~8' x 14'
Average Double = ~15.5' x 14'
(some variance between buildings)

While Gilbert, Hoeing and Tiernan are off limits for upperclass students unless you are an RA, D'Lion or Freshman Fellow, **Lovejoy, Burton and Crosby** are options for returning students.

Students are most familiar with this set up. Long corridors, communal style bathrooms. Mostly double rooms and a few singles. The Quad is obviously the closest to classes, a real plus for some students.

The doubles in Lovejoy are pretty big, singles are small. The doubles in Burton and Crosby are a bit smaller than other quad doubles but have the added bonus of an in-room sink (sorry – toilets down the hall).



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Third floor rooms in both Burton and Crosby have slanted ceilings – charming but if you are very tall, it could be tough.

Lovejoy Hall is all non-smoking (even beyond the standard no smoking in residence halls policy) so unless you truly are a non-smoker, don't even consider living there.



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There are limited kitchen facilities. Students must be on a Group 1 meal plan.

Jackson Court (Anderson and Wilder Towers)

Suite Single = 7' x 12'
Suite Double = ~10' x 12'
Center Double = 12' x 12'

In case you haven't been to this end of campus, check it out. Located beyond Danforth Dining Center.

Close to Hillside. Home to many special interest housing groups, Towers has mostly a suite style setup. Suites typically contain 4 singles and 1 double. The singles are adequate size (long and narrow) – not huge- but they are a space to call your own. The double is smaller but workable – with a little creativity, most students make this work. And besides, you have your own suite lounge (fairly large). The bathroom is shared by all six residents and is cleaned once a week by the ESW.

There are also Center Doubles in Towers. Two doubles are joined by a shared bathroom (cleaned weekly) and each has a separate entrance out to the floor lobby. These rooms don't have a lounge so you'll need to make friends with others on the floor. These doubles aren't huge – again some creativity needed to make it comfortable.

There is a shared kitchen for every floor. Students can be on a Group 2 meal plan if they like.



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Jackson Court (O'Brien Hall)

Our newest residence hall, O'Brien Hall, is scheduled to open August 2012—yes, this August in time for the next academic year! This will be a LEED Gold building for those of you who care about sustainability. It is located in the same area as Anderson and Wilder Towers

Our new building is 5 stories tall with the first floor devoted to a large building lounge, service desk, area office, building kitchen, bicycle storage room plus three new public spaces open for group use—a large conference room, a music performance space and a dance rehearsal room!

Floors 2-5 house students and have a mixture of singles and doubles plus several doubles connected with another double room (shared bath) for groups of four students. There are two traditional large bathrooms per floor plus two individual unisex bathrooms on each floor as well. Each floor has a large community lounge and a well equipped study room. O'Brien Hall has an elevator.

Each room is carpeted and double rooms have sinks. By the way, this building is air conditioned! We've diverged from our standard student room furniture and have selected a cherry finish and new style room furniture.

Be the first students to live here! The last time we built a new residence hall on campus was 1968!

There are limited kitchen facilities. Students must be on a Group 1 meal plan.

Hill Court ("Phase")

(Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater)

Suite Single = 8' x 9.5'
Suite Double = 8' x 19'

Mostly 6 person suites with all singles (except the second floor suites that have 4 singles and a double) and a handful of 4 person suites (only 3-4). All fourth floor rooms have built in lofts that actually make it seem like you have a two story room. The singles are adequate size – more square shaped. Some of the furniture in each room is built-in (last in the housing system). Each suite has a common room to itself – small but it works. If you live in Chambers or Gale, there are small kitchenette units (stove top and refrigerator) in the common room. Students in these buildings could be on a Group 3 meal plan if they like. The other 4 buildings require Group 1 meal plans – there are no kitchens.

The bathroom is shared by all six (or 4 in the case of a 4 person suite) residents and is cleaned once a week by the ESW.

Did we mention that there are shared balconies?

Phase is next to Mt. Hope Cemetery – if you are sensitive about this, pick a suite that doesn't face in that direction.



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Southside

(deKiewiet and Valentine Towers, Maisonettes).

Large rooms = ~ 10' x 14'
Small room = ~9' x 10'

Southside has become very popular with students. This area offers a number of different opportunities.

Juniors and seniors can consider the Maisonettes (2 person apartments), which are the small houses at the base of the two towers. They include two bedrooms (one is large and the other is on the small side). There is a furnished living room and full kitchen. The bathroom is shared.

deKiewiet and Valentine have 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. The apartments don't have a living room but there is a full kitchen and a bathroom shared by apartment mates. Both bedrooms in the 2 room apartments are good size. In the 3 room apartments, there are two large bedrooms and a small bedroom (its square shaped and can be awkward to configure furniture). But it is a single room! And the price of housing in deKiewiet and Valentine is \$200 less per semester!

Residents are on their own for cleaning – these are apartment set ups. Buy some cleaning supplies!

The Southside Market is located in the basement of deKiewiet Tower. They carry a variety of goods – foods, cleaning supplies, coffee etc.

The walk can be refreshing but it really is the same distance from Southside to Hutch as a walk from Phase (Hill Court) or Towers. Besides, there is bus service and you can hop on the Park Lot shuttle to get to campus easier than if you had to walk from other areas.

You can have a Group 4 meal plan – great opportunity to save some \$\$\$.



Riverview Apartments

(Juniors and Seniors only)
Room size = ~8' x 10'

Riverview is designed with juniors and seniors in mind. The best thing about Riverview, among many things, is that each student has their own room and own bathroom!

Whether you have a 4 person apartment or a 2 person apartment, the common space (living room) is good size and the kitchens have stoves, microwaves, refrigerators and ... dishwashers! By the way, there is air conditioning in each apartment for the very few days you'll need it in the fall and in the spring.

Downside, you do need to clean your own apartment – this means the bathrooms too!

Other things that we know about Riverview – the walls could be thicker (noise and dents) and the internet more reliable but ResLife is working on this with Time Warner (it's not ResNet).

UR Security has an office in Riverview and their presence is felt in the complex (in a good way!).

Many students use the Riverview Shuttle to get back and forth to campus. While it doesn't run 24/7, it covers a good portion of the daytime and evening hours until 1 or 2 in the morning and there is weekend afternoon bus service to campus.

Hey, it's near Boulder Coffee and Subway (newly opened)!

Most students are on a Group 4 meal plan and many of the students cook for themselves. During the part of the fall, there is the Westside Farmers' Market in the neighborhood. While Riverview is the most expensive housing option, combined with a Group 4 meal plan, it becomes a good deal. Financial Aid adjusts things to cover the cost of Riverview so you don't need to worry about that.

Phase
Meet @ Gale House Lobby

Riverview
Meet @ Building C Lobby

Towers
Meet @ Wilder Rec Room
basement

Southside & Maisonettes
Meet @ Valentine Service
Desk Lobby



Insider Information...

- Meal plans are connected with residence halls. Be sure you know what the meal plan requirement is for the place you want to live. Sometimes you can save good money by thinking about this combination. deKiewiet and Valentine in Southside are less expensive housing options and you can opt for a Group 4 meal plan – combined... pretty significant savings! Interestingly, while Riverview is the most expensive residence to live, by opting for a Group 4 meal plan, the price of housing and meals is a pretty good deal.
- Be sure your parents paid your University bill on time – check now! Don't assume everything is OK and find out at the last minute there is a problem – you have to be financially clear to be eligible for the lottery.
- Check out the open houses if you have never been to a particular residence hall area. You get to see first-hand what a suite or apartment looks like inside. Judge for yourself if this would be a good housing situation for you and your friends.
- Phase's real name is Hill Court!
- GLC or GLICK is really Southside!
- The new name for Towers area is Jackson Court!
- Freshmen don't get stand alone singles—go for a suite or an apartment
- With the exception of the double rooms drawing, you have to have the right number of people to participate – 6 students for the 6 person drawing, 3 students for the Southside apartment drawing, 4 students for the Riverview 4 person. For the doubles drawing only, ResLife will pair you.
- The Riverview 4 person apartment drawing is different than the 4 person suite and cluster drawing. Read carefully.
- **Remember, this is a lottery and not everyone gets a good number each time. Be assured that ultimately, everyone will have housing.**
- If you aren't a rising junior or senior, you are not eligible for Riverview or the Maisonettes. All in good time!
- If you don't know about your study abroad program yet or you aren't sure you will be able to go, better to hedge your bet and participate in the lottery. If you end up going, your housing contract is officially cancelled.
- Be prepared to try something new and different!
- Check out the floor plans in advance—available in Reslife. But a caution here: just because you fall in love with a particular location or room, doesn't mean it is available in the room draw, the gender of the room or hallway is right. Use the floor plans to familiarize yourself with a building, not to pick a particular space. This side of the building faces the cemetery; this side of the building faces the fraternity quad; this side of the building gets the morning sun, etc.
- If you have lived in deKiewiet or Valentine for the entire year, you get an extra ½ point to use in the current lottery. You cannot bank this and save for a future use – it's USE IT or LOSE IT folks. This is the last year of this option. NO 1/2 point offered next year!
- Double rooms can't be coed, nor can doubles in suites – sorry.
- The lottery choice sheet (1) should contain all the names, lottery choices and contracts/vouchers for the students you are going to live with. So, if you plan on entering the 6 person drawing, the 1 lottery choice sheet should have all 6 names on it, the boxes checked for the 6 person drawing and all six (6) contracts/vouchers attached to the one lottery choice sheet. Same principle applies for other multi-person grouping... 1 lottery choice sheet covers the masses.

If you can't figure it out, be sure to check online at www.rochester.edu/reslife for full details about room draw.



How do the Lotteries work?

Every eligible student will get further detailed information when you get back from break. It will be distributed by your RA or CA. For those students living off campus, housing packets are available at the Residential Life Office (020 Gates, SBA).

There are many different lotteries to correspond to the different types of housing we have at the UR. Students can group together to form groups of 6 for suites in Towers and Hill Court (Phase), groups of 2 or 3 for apartments in deKiewiet and Valentine (Southside), or a group of 2 to try to get a double in the Quad to name just a few options. There are many more. Students typically choose to enter a number of different drawings with their friends. There is special paperwork that students fill out that tells ResLife what drawings you want to participate in.

The lottery process is based on seniority. Students get points based on their class year. Rising sophomores have 1 point for the lottery, rising juniors have 2 points and rising seniors have 3 points. When students get together to form groups for the lotteries, each student brings their points to the group and points are added together. For each drawing, a lottery number is assigned based on point totals – for example, groups of all seniors entering the Six Person Drawing will typically have 18 points while groups of all sophomores typically have 6 points. Those with higher point totals have better lottery numbers.

What Will Be Offered In Each Lottery?

- Riverview 4 person Drawing** - 4 person apartments in Riverview—Jr. & Sr. only
- Riverview 2 and Maisonettes Drawing** – Riverview 2 person apts, Maisonettes in Southside—Jr. & Sr. only
- Southside 2 and 3 person apartments Drawing** – 2 and 3 person apartments in deKiewiet and Valentine
- 6 Person Suite and Cluster Drawing** – 6 person suites in Towers & Hill Court (Phase), 6 person clusters in Lovejoy
- 4 Person Suite and Cluster Drawing** – 4 person suites in Hill Court (Phase), 4 person clusters in Lovejoy, Burton, Crosby, Anderson, Wilder & O'Brien
- Triples Drawing** – triples in Lovejoy, any remaining 3 rm Southside apt
- Singles Drawing** – Singles in Burton, Crosby, Lovejoy, O'Brien & Southside
- Double Drawing** – Double rooms in Burton, Crosby, Lovejoy, O'Brien; center doubles in Towers, any remaining 2 room apartments in Southside

What's your strategy???



• Figure out your strategy in advance. What happens if you can't get that suite in Phase (Hill Court!) or Towers – how will you and your friends regroup? Have you considered Southside? If you have to break up a 6 person group, will it be into pairs for the doubles draw or Southside 2 person apartments or maybe groups of 3 for the Southside 3 person apartments drawing? Think it through in advance.

- In the 4 person suite and cluster drawing, there really aren't many 4 person suites (3-4) and groups of seniors usually get them. The rest of the 4 person options is made up of groups of 2 doubles (clusters) near each other. Good sophomore options.
- Based on last year's drawing results, about 59% of the Towers residents are sophomores. About 29% of Phase residents are sophomores and 62% of Southside residents are sophomores.
- 95% of Riverview residents were seniors this year. If you are a junior, have something else in mind just in case.
- There are a few more singles this year with the addition of O'Brien Hall (between the Quad, SS and O'Brien, approximately 145). Most will go to seniors and juniors. If you are a sophomore and you want to have a single room, it's a better bet to try for a suite or an apartment.
- In last year's drawings (which don't necessarily predict this year's outcome – CAUTION), there were groups with 6 points that got into Phase and there were quite a few 6 point groups that selected in Towers.

Who can participate in the Lotteries?

Students in the class of 2015 and 2016 have signed a 2 year contract and are required to live on campus (residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2014) and Seniors (2013) are eligible but not required.

Due to increased housing demand, Take 5 and KEY students are **not eligible** for housing this year. Take 5 and KEY students may place their names on a waiting list for housing should spaces become available.



Special Interest Housing Fairs

Special - unlike anything else

Interest - hobby, pastime, way-of-life

HOUSING - SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR HALLS

wanna learn your OPTIONS?



Sue B. Lobby
Mon, Feb 27th
4:30pm-6:30pm

Wilson Commons
Hirst Lounge
Wed, Feb 29th
11am-1pm

- Anime Interest Floor** ● **Tiernan Project** ● **Community Learning Center**
MUSIC INTEREST FLOOR ● **Inter-Class Living Community**
Drama House ● **GreenSpace**
Computer Interest Floor ● **Film Interest Floor**

Financial Clearance Required



A student's University account must be **financially clear** in order to participate in any kind of on campus housing for next year. Students with financial holds on their accounts will receive an email notice the week of March 19th. Check with the Bursar for specific information about your account.



off-campus living options

Have You Considered
Off-Campus Living?

**Off Campus
Housing Fair**
Monday, March 27th
**11-2 pm , Hirst
Lounge, WC**

Looking for a
more independent living style?

Are you a rising Junior or Senior?

You are eligible to live off-campus!



Juniors and seniors are eligible to live off campus. The Office for Off Campus Living Programs (which is part of Residential Life) provides assistance, education, and support to students who are looking for housing or residing off campus.

Living off campus gives students flexibility and a greater sense of freedom, and there are several off-campus housing choices in and around the Rochester area. Many students look forward to being part of a neighborhood where they can immerse themselves in all of Rochester's cultural and social opportunities.

Stop by the Office for Off Campus Living programs (in ResLife, 020 Gates wing, SBAH) or check out our OFF CAMPUS CONNECTION listing service at www.rochester.edu/reslife/offcampus.



Housing Fairs & Workshops

Lottery Information Session
February 27
4:00—5:00pm Friel Lounge

The Director for Residential Life & Housing Services, **Laurel Contomanolis**, will discuss the Lottery process and answer your questions.

Special Interest Housing Fairs
Feb. 27 4:30—6:30pm SBA Lobby
Feb. 29 11—1pm Hirst Lounge, WC

Representatives from all non-greek Special Interest Housing groups will be there to answer questions and hand out applications

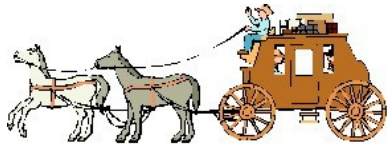
Off Campus Housing Fair
March 27
11am—2 pm Hirst Lounge, WC

Many landlords will be available for you to talk with. Also, have questions answered by **Keisha Brookins**, Off Campus Housing Coordinator.

RIVERVIEW OR BUST!

(Juniors and Seniors ONLY)

If you only want to live in Riverview and would prefer to live off campus if you were not able to select a Riverview apartment, it will now be possible to break your housing contract after the Riverview Drawings are over. This applies to juniors and seniors only. You'll need to declare upfront your intentions, fill out special paperwork and show up at the Riverview Room draws. See specific details in the room draw information.



Looking for a roommate, suitemate or apartment mate?

The Office for Residential Life and Housing Services will maintain a list of students interested in finding others to become parts of suites, apartments and rooms. Stop by the ResLife Office to put in a listing or to find others looking for possible matches.

Roommate Matching Event



New this year, Residential Life will host an event on Monday, April 2, 5:00—6:00 pm in the Residential Life Office (located in 020 Gates) to bring together individual students and groups who are looking for a person to share a double room or fill a suite or apartment.

The Doubles Drawing is the only drawing that you do not need to have a roommate identified. If you don't meet someone at the event on the 2nd, Residential Life will pair you with someone of the same class year, if possible.

Important Dates to Remember

- February 27** **Special Interest Housing Fair**
SBA lobby 4:30-6:30 pm
- Lottery Workshop**
Friel Lounge, SBA 4-5pm
- February 29** **Special Interest Housing Fair**
Hirst Lounge, WC 11am—1pm
- March 19-23** Contracts distributed to students
Financial Hold notices emailed to students
- April 1** **OPEN HOUSES 2 - 4pm**
Southside
Maisonettes
Towers
Hill Court (Phase)
Riverview Apts
- April 2** **Roommate Matching Event**
Reslife Main Office, 5 pm, 020 Gates
- April 3** Special Interest Housing contracts due to Reslife
- April 4** **ALL HOUSING CONTRACTS
DUE TO RESLIFE by 5PM** ★
- April 10** **Riverview 4 Apartment Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.
- April 11** **Riverview 2 and Maisonettes Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.
- April 12** **Southside 2 person & 3 Person Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.
- April 17** **6 Person Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.
- April 19** **4 Person Drawing**
4 pm - Friel Lounge
- April 20** **Triples Drawing**
4 pm - Main ResLife Office
- April 24** **Singles Room Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.
- April 30** **Doubles Room Drawing**
6:30 pm - Hoyt Aud.