2016-17 Room Selection newspaper for All Students

There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2016-17 academic year. This newspaper includes preliminary information for students about options, how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room selection 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 14th).**

### 2016 - 17 ON-LINE HOUSING SELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Entire housing application, room selection and meal plan selection on-line
- Ability to select different room types in the same process
- Process runs Monday—Thursday, 8am to 6pm
- Priority for selection is based on class year
- Each student is assigned a selection day and time
- Ability to identify roommate(s), suitemate(s) & apartment-mates
- Roommate and suitemate(s) must mutually select each other.
- Real time list of room and suite availability.
- All can be done from the comfort of your room, Starbucks’, chem lab, etc. via a web-based link
- Sophomores are required to live on campus.

### 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’Jon or Freshman Fellow, Lovejoy (Floors 1 & 2), Burton and Crosby are options for continuing students.

Students are most familiar with this set up: long corridors, communal style bathroom rooms. 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).

Third floor rooms in both Burton and Crosby have slanted ceilings – 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.

There are limited kitchen facilities. Students must be on a Group 2 meal plan.

### Hill Court

*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. Mattresses are placed directly on the loft deck. The singles are adequate size – more square shaped. Some of the furniture in each room is built-in. Each suite has a common room to itself – small but it works. Did we mention that there are shared balconies?

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 2 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.

Phase (Hill Court) 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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### Jackson Court

*Anderson, Wilder and O’Brien Hall*

*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, Anderson and Wilder have 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. 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. Group 3 meal plan.

### Who can participate in Room Selection?

Students in the classes of 2019 and 2020 have signed a 2 year contract and are required to live on campus (residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2018) and Seniors (2017) 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.**
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. Brooks Crossing is similarly priced to Riverview with the exception of the 1 person apartments, which are more expensive. The walk can be refreshing but it really is the same distance from Southside to Hutch as a walk from Phase (Hill Court) or Jackson Court. Besides, there is bus service (Blue line) or 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

Buildings A, B, C, D, E & G

(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!

We’ve added another building this year—Building G. It has 26-2 person apartments and 12 – 4 person apartments. 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 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). ResNet service has been expanded to Riverview!

UR Public Safety has an office in Riverview (Building F) and their presence is felt in this neighborhood. This side of the building faces the fraternity quad; this side of the building faces the cemetery; we do not suggest this side of the building. They include two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom apartments. In the same style as Riverview, 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!

Remember, this is a lottery and not everyone gets the best time and day to select their room. Be assured that ultimately, everyone will have housing.

If you aren’t a rising junior or senior, you are not eligible for Riverview, Brooks Crossing 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 room selection. If you end up going, your housing contract is officially cancelled.

Don’t forget—sophomores are required to live on campus.

Be prepared to try something new and different!

Check out the floor plans in advance—available on ResLife website. But a caution here: just because you fall in love with a particular location or room, doesn’t mean it is available or that 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.

Double rooms can’t be coed, nor can doubles in suites – sorry.

If you want to live together in a double, suite or apartment, each student will need to mutually request each other in order for the program to put you together. More specific details in the room selection materials available in March.

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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 14th. Check with the Bursar for specific information about your account.

Students living in Brooks Crossing may select a Group 4 meal plan.

Brooks Crossing is similarly priced to Riverview with the exception of the 1 bedroom apartments which will be priced a bit higher.

Parking for Brooks Crossing is located about a block away—there is no parking near the building.

• 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 and Brooks Crossing are the most expen-
sive residences to live in, by opting for a Group 4 meal plan, the price
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Every eligible student will get detailed information when you get back from spring break. It will be distributed by your RA, CA or GHA. Try to attend your floor/building meetings where lottery information will be discussed. For those students living off campus, housing information packets will be available at the Residential Life Office (020 Gates, SBA). The description below generally describes how the process will work for students who will be participating in the regular room selection process.

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There are three steps to the process. The first step is to complete an online application. The second step is to select a room online. And the final step is to select a meal plan online.

The room selection process is based on class year seniority. Each student receives a specific day and time for selection. Rising seniors will receive the earliest days and times to select their room, followed by rising juniors and then by rising sophomores. Within class year, days and times are randomly assigned. Every student who submits a housing application will have a selection day and time assigned.

Integral to the process is the ability to designate roommates, suitmates and apartment mates during the application submission. Each student will designate the other students with whom they are interested in living. There must be a mutual roommate request in place for each student – once they have selected you as a roommate, you will see a note that the mutual request is confirmed. If you are planning to select a single, you will not designate roommates.

Students will have access to all housing types at the time they select their room – depending on remaining availability and roommate designations. The general rule of thumb is that you must have the right number of students to fill the room type that you want to select – you must have six students to fill a six person suite, four students to fill a four person apartment or suite, three students to fill a deKiewiet 3-bedroom apartment, etc. There is only one exception to the "must fit" rule. A single student may select a double room and the remaining space in the room will be filled by another lottery participant or during the summer.

Once the room selection process is underway, students who have decided they want to select a meal plan on-line to select a meal plan appropriate to the line.

Figure out your strategy in advance. What happens if you can’t get that suite in Hill Court or Jackson Court – how will you and your friends regroup? Have you considered Southside? If you have to break up a 6 person grouping, will it be into pairs for a double room or Southside 2 person apartments or maybe groups of 3 for the Southside 3 person apartments drawing? Think it through in advance.

Based on last year’s drawing results, about 57% of Anderson and Wil- der Towers residents are sophomores. About 58% of Phase (Hill Court) residents are sophomores and 46% of Southside residents are sopho- mores.

This year, 65% of the students living in Riverview were seniors and 35% were juniors.

Currently, 85% of the students in Brooks Crossing are seniors and 15% are juniors.

There are approximately 145 actual single rooms. Most will go to sen- iors 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.

Additional building in Riverview = more space (28–2 bedroom apts., 12–4 bedroom apts.)

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Special Interest Housing Fairs
February 15—Hirst Lounge
4:30—8:30 pm
February 16—SBA Lobby
5—7 pm
Representatives from all non-greek Special Interest Housing and Academic Living Center groups will be there to answer questions and hand out applications.

Off Campus Housing Fair
February 11th
11am—2 pm Hirst Lounge, WC
Many landlords will be available for you to talk with. Also, have questions answered by Our Off Campus Housing Staff.

Lottery Workshop
March 23 – 4—5 pm Friel Lounge (SBA)
The Executive Director for Residential Life & Housing Services, Laurel Contomanolis, will discuss the room selection process and answer your questions.

Have You Considered Off Campus Living?
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/off campus.

SPECIAL LIMITED CONTRACT AVAILABLE
Riverview and Brooks Crossing (Juniors and Seniors ONLY)
If you only want to live in Riverview or Brooks Crossing and would prefer to live off campus if you were not able to select a Riverview or Brooks Crossing apartment, it is possible to break your housing contract after room selection is over. This applies to juniors and seniors only. You’ll need to declare upfront your intentions by filling out a special limited contract on-line. If no Riverview or Brooks Crossing apartments are available when you go to select your room, Residential Life will void your contract.

Looking for a roommate, suitemate or apartment mate?
Join the UR Housing Lottery 2016 Facebook group to find others looking for roommates, suitemates and apartment mates.

March 14-18 Contract information distributed to students
Financial Hold notices emailed to students
March 18 On-line contract submission begins
March 23 Lottery Workshop Friel Lounge, 4—5pm
March 29 Special Interest Housing, ALC & Greek member lists due to Reslife
April 1 Deadline for all SIH, ALC and Greek students to submit on-line contracts
April 3 OPEN HOUSES  2 - 4pm
Southside
Maisonettes
Jackson Court
Riverview Apts
Brooks Crossing
April 6 Contract deadline on-line process closes 5 pm
April 8 Selection dates and times distributed to students
April 11-14 On-line Room Selection (8am—6pm daily)
April 18 First Day to submit Room Change requests