2017-18 Room Selection newspaper for All Students

There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2017-2018 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 20th).**

### 2017-18 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 roommates, suitmates & apartment-mates
- Roommates and suitmates must mutually select each other.
- Real time list of room and suite availability.
- All can be done from the comfort of your room, Starbuck’s, 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’

While Gilbert, Hoeing and Tienman are off limits for upperclass students unless you are an RA, D’Lion or Freshman Fellow, Lovejoy (entire building), Burton and Crosby are options for continuing students.

Students are most familiar with this set up: long corridors, communal style bath-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 – charming but if you are very tall, it could be tough.

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

#### Jackson Court

**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.

#### Hill Court

**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 second floor. 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.

There are 6—1 person apartments located on the first floor—2 in Chambers, 2 in Gale and 2 in Munro. They include a bedroom, living room and bathroom. There are kitchen facilities too. Students can be on a group 4 meal plan here. These apartments cost a little more.

#### Who can participate in Room Selection?

Students in the class of 2020 and 2021 have signed a 2 year contract and are required to live on campus (residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2019) and Seniors (2018) 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.
Phased (Hall Court) is next to Mt. Hope Cemetery — if you are sensitive about this, pick a suite that doesn’t face in that direction.

**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.

ONLY 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 (Hall Court) or Jackson Court. Besides, there is bus service (Blue line) or you can hop on the Park Lot shuttle (Silver Line) 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! Most apartments are 2 person or 4 person.

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 is the same as on campus.

UR Public Safety has an office in Riverview (Building F) and their presence is felt in the complex (in a good way)!

Many students use the Gold Line 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.

Most students are on a Group 4 meal plan and many of the students cook for themselves. While Riverview is one of the most expensive housing options, 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.

We try to be good neighbors with the community residents who live in the neighborhood near Riverview – this neighborhood is called the Plymouth-Exchange Neighborhood and it borders on the 19th Ward but is actually a separate section.

**Brooks Crossing**

Brooks Crossing is an apartment style building open to juniors and seniors only. There are one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom apartments. In the same style as Riverview, each bedroom has its own bathroom.

Each apartment has a living room and kitchen complete with refrigerator, stove with oven, microwave and dishwasher. The apartments are air conditioned.

Students live on floors 2—11. There are wonderful views of the City and the river. ResNet is available in Brooks Crossing. In the future, there may be a privately owned restaurant on the first floor—this is still to be determined.

The basement has a large programming space and kitchen in addition to a bike storage room. Laundry facilities are located in the basement. The UR Rowing team has a training facility in the basement as well.

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 around a block away — there is no parking near the building.

**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 and Brooks Crossing are the most expensive residences to live in, by opting for a Group 4 meal plan, the price of housing and meals is a pretty good deal.

- **Be sure that who ever pays your University bill pays it on-time — check now! Don’t assume anything is OK and find out at the last minute there is a problem — you have to be financially clear to be eligible for the room selection.**

- **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. Open Houses are scheduled for Sunday, April 9.**

- **Phase’s real name is Hill Court — buildings are Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater.**

- Southside – buildings include deKiewiet (pronounced “d key witt”), Valentine and the Maisonettes.

- Jackson Court includes Anderson, Wilder and O’Brien Halls.

- Freshmen don’t get stand alone singles on the Quad or in O’Brien — go for a suite or an apartment.

- You must have the right number of people to participate — 6 students for the 6 person suite, 3 students for the Southside three room apartment 4 students for the Riverview 4 person apartment.

- **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.

- If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D’lion, you will submit an on line request form.

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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.
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.

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

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, suitemates 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 suite or six students to fill a deKiewiet 3-bedroom apartment, etc. There is only one exception to the “must fill” 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 live together need to determine who among them has the best selection day and time. The student with the earliest day and time will be able to look at remaining available spaces and pull all confirmed students into the housing space selected. For example, Student A has a selection time of Wednesday, at 4:02 pm. Students B, C, D, E, and F are all confirmed roommates. At 4:02, Student A logs in and checks the 6 person suite availability in Anderson Tower. Student A selects Anderson 410 and then assigns each roommate to a specific room in the suite. If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or any place on campus.

**Please note:** If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D’lion, you will still need to submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

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**Special Interest Housing Fairs**

- **Hirst Lounge**
  - Feb 13
  - 4:30—8:30pm
- **SBA Lobby**
  - Feb 14
  - 5—7pm

**Wanna learn your options?**

- **Animate Interest Floor**
- **Tiernan Project**
- **Douglas Leadership House**
- **Music Interest Floor**
- **Inter-Class Living Community**
- **Trama House**
- **GreenSpace**
- **Computer Interest Floor**

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**What kinds of housing are there?**

- **Effective July 1, The University of Rochester is smoke free.** There is no smoking in residence halls or any place on campus.
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.

Students do not housing application but must sign-up for a commuter dining plan (required).

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.

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**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, select the Special Limited Contract option when you sign up. **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.

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