

Sibling roommates enjoy advantages of living together

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College years offer you a time to get away from home and to be free from those brothers and sisters that you've fought with all during high school. However, some UNC undergraduates haven't left their siblings behind; they're rooming with a sister or brother in a dormitory.

Athena and Eleni Zourzoukis have roomed together in Cobb Residence Hall for two years. The sisters, who are a little more than a year apart in age, share clothes, food and just about everything else that is in the room.

"Rooming with Athena my first year at college made it a lot easier. I didn't have roommate problems like others might have had," said Eleni, who is a sophomore pharmacy major.

The two sisters also enjoy many of the same activities. They walk together, eat many of the same foods and attend the same Greek Bible study. They trade off the phone bill expenses every month and share a car. One handles the dirty dishes if the other has a busy week, and each likes to keep the room relatively neat.

"If I had another roommate, it would be difficult to tell them to turn off the television or go somewhere else to study," Eleni said. "I'm comfortable doing that with Athena and she is, too."

Athena, who lived in a quad in Cobb before she and her sister roomed together, said she does not think she missed out on part of the college experience by not rooming with assigned roommates. She got along with all of her former roommates, but it was more convenient and sensible to room with her sister.

"Even though we have some of the same friends, I still meet new people," Athena said. "We have different majors and different friends." Athena is a junior business major.



Junior Athena Zourzoukis (left) shares a room in Cobb Residence Hall with her sister Eleni, a sophomore

To room together, the key ingredient for the Zourzoukis sisters is friendship. Athena said they do not hold grudges about things or let disagreements build up like some roommates do. "We listen to each other; we help each other through the tough times," Eleni said.

Senior Tom Crawford lived with his twin brother in Graham Residence Hall during their sophomore and junior years. This year, Bob lives in the Kappa Sigma fraternity house and Tom still lives in Graham. "We purposely did not live together our first year here so

that we could learn about college on our own," Tom said. Tom said the brothers enjoyed living in the same dormitory room, but then decided to live in different places for their senior year. They are both Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers. Kim and Kelly Craven, twin

sisters who live in Kenan Residence Hall, have never been separated from each other for very long. They shared the same room at home, played tennis and ran track together in high school. They thought about just living in the same dormitory, but they later decided to live in the

same room. "Then our parents only had to buy one refrigerator, one carpet, and they could visit us at the same time," Kelly said. "Other advantages were that we have the same habits, like study hours and when we go to sleep at night."

Both Cravens are business majors and will start the core business courses next semester. The sisters are taking opposite sets of classes so that they can find out about courses and teachers and tell each other about them. Another reason for different courses is to eliminate competition between the two.

Kim doesn't think that she has missed out on the college experience by rooming with her sister. "I don't wish I'd done it any differently," she said. "If you can be close enough to a sibling, you should room with them. The good outweighs the bad."

Freshmen Ronnie and Jeanie Gontram, also twin sisters, live in Cobb Residence Hall. After both were accepted at UNC, the Gontrams decided rooming together would be more convenient. They share the room with a third roommate, a girl they met at Mars Hill a year before they came to UNC.

Ronnie said the third roommate helps keep the peace. "When Jeanie and I fight, Tara is there to tell us to cool it and make up," she said.

Ronnie said that although she and her sister have totally different personalities, they still remain close. Because they moved a lot while they were in school, the sisters shared activities such as the Brownies, gymnastics and summer jobs. They still do things together, but with other people as well. "We like to have our other friends and to go out with different people," Ronnie said.

The Gontrams are not majoring in the same field. "I made my choice for journalism in high school," Ronnie said. "I sort of 'called' it first."

Program helps students find summer employment in Great Britain

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If you're tired of spending your summers flipping footlongs at the neighborhood Dairy Dog, or if you're frightened by the thought of 90 days in the parental penitentiary

filled with summer lawns to be mowed, summer movies to be missed and summer faces more familiar than friendly, then it's time to try something bold, exciting and new this summer.

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skip the country and land a job in England. You can scratch your travel itch, see strange, new faces and live on your own, within your own means.

Although getting a job in a country with 20 percent native

unemployment may seem a summer dream, it's not impossible, according to the Council on International Educational Exchange. Though unemployment in Great Britain is more than double the U.S. rate, CIEE helps provide employment for students in select fields such as hotel, restaurant, office, agricultural and resort work. Students who pay the CIEE fee of \$82 receive a work permit for six months, advice and listings to aid students in job and housing hunts.

For students who seek quick, short-term work that is not exactly executive caliber, the CIEE plan may help ease the continental transition and ease them into jobs. CIEE led UNC students Andrea Szot and Anne Turner toward British "temp agencies" that locate temporary jobs, mainly in office work. Turner and Szot soon parlayed their word processing abilities into a management consultancy position and a newspaper job, despite having no pre-arranged contacts before setting

out from the States.

Other UNC students have been able to find employment on their own without going through the usual channels. Though student work permits are often required, they are only good for six months and are unextendable. Therefore, students who wish to work a bit longer may seek jobs outside the normal city spheres where permits are usually not demanded.

Bill Bradford, a first-year medical student, was able to combine study in London and work on a Scottish farm. Bradford used his time in the city to locate a job that would take him to the more removed sections of Great Britain.

Bradford, who calls himself a devoted world traveler, has also studied and worked in Japan, Norway, India and Alaska and will head to Pakistan this summer. He said his work endeared him to one British custom. "The British work ethic, or lack thereof, creates a healthy overall

environment. The working day essentially ends at noon when you head for the pub."

Britain's relatively small size and its oft-touted public transport system make in-country exploration another easy weekend option. Whether you wish to check out Wordsworth's home in the Lake district or look out for Nessie, the most famous of Loch Ness' attractions, you can take the night train after work Friday and be back at work bright and early Monday morning.

Students interested in summer jobs in England shouldn't worry that their chances to avoid the summer-time blues in Hometown, USA have already passed. It takes about two or three weeks to get a work permit and applications are accepted year-round, according to travel agents. The Office of International Study, located in the basement of Caldwell, has brochures, books and CIEE applications.



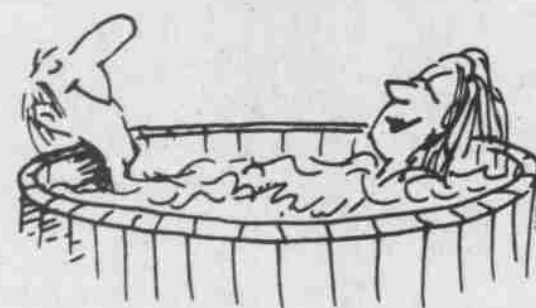
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