

# Stake your claim for your favorite dorm spot

## Best and Worst of On-Campus Living

Dorm	Best	Worst
Cobb	variety of facilities, aerobics	high cost
Joyner	located directly across from Davis	built facing wrong direction
Craige	graduate students, mature crowd	location, few undergrads
Ehringhaus	Beach Blast, athletic table	far from campus
Winston, Connor, Alexander	coed, adjacent to gymnasium	noisy
Hinton James	close-knit, diverse residents, near SAC, low lottery anxiety	farthest from campus
Morrison	dorm govt., near Kenan Stadium	distance from campus
Aycock, Graham, Stacy	small, single sex, location	need renovation
Everett, Lewis	newly renovated	parking, heavy ticketing
Mangum, Ruffin	situated by library	will renovations be done?
Grimes, Manly	newly renovated, handicap ramps	dustbowl quad, eyesore
Avery, Parker, Teague	large rooms, near athletic facilities	cold balconies in winter
Whitehead	secret location	secret location
Carmichael	central air, living/learning suites	expensive, sanitary-feeling
Spencer	directly faces Franklin Street	maze-like interior
Alderman, Kenan, McIver	spacious "Gone with the Wind" type lobbies	many triples, small rooms
Old East, West	history, tradition, location	aging, awkward towers
Granville	near Frat Court, cafeteria, maids	twice cost of dorms

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Students applying for on-campus housing for 1989-1990 are debating which residence halls are best and scrambling to reserve spaces.

With guaranteed housing for sophomores, a larger number of incoming freshmen and the reopening of two newly renovated residence halls next year, residents must make room requests carefully and on time, housing officials said.

Area directors, resident assistants and students interviewed last week gave their opinions about which features of residence halls in their areas were best and worst.

If luxury, amenities and space are important and keeping within budget is not, then Granville Towers and Cobb and Carmichael residence halls are the best bet.

"Carmichael and Cobb are the highest-priced dorms on campus," said Anne Presnell, Scott Residence College area director.

But those halls have air conditioning, large furnished lounges with televisions and on-site programs in their basements and meeting rooms.

Granville Towers has specialized each of its basements, said Randy Gettys, assistant general manager of Granville Towers. That way nothing a student needs is more than an elevator ride away. There is a computer center and women's exercise room in the east tower, a weight room in the west tower and a study basement in the south tower.

Food is also included at Granville Towers, but it isn't free. A mandatory 10 or 19 meals per week plan is a required purchase for all Granville residents. Compare the cost of three meals a day and room for \$2,175 at Granville to \$713 for a mid-priced campus dorm and a \$679 Lenoir Hall meal plan — a difference of \$783 per

semester.

A wide selection of residence halls with the lowest price tag of \$654 is available for budget-conscious students. Avery, Ehringhaus, Hinton James, Morrison, Parker, Teague and Whitehead all fit into this range. These South and Mid Campus dorms have one unappealing feature to many students — location.

Many students choose North Campus dorms because they are closer to classrooms, libraries and Lenoir Dining Hall. This creates a problem in the lottery process because more students request North Campus residence halls than South Campus.

Some students have special needs for North Campus rooms. Joyner hall resident Anita Sharma, a freshman from Winston-Salem, was assigned to a room in Ehringhaus before beginning her freshman year. She applied to Granville Towers in the summer to avoid the long walk from Ehringhaus to central campus, she said.

But over the summer, she contracted a disease that continued through the fall, making her too weak to walk long distances. Sharma's doctor appealed to University Housing, and she now lives on the third floor of Joyner.

"Now I have eight o'clock classes in Hamilton and can leave from Joyner five minutes before class," Sharma said.

A student interested in being in the center of campus can take the risk and apply for a North Campus residence hall. But if students want to avoid the hassle of worrying whether a room is guaranteed, applying for any one of the South Campus residence halls almost ensures a spot, housing officials have said.

"Hinton James is definitely the easiest to get in through the lottery," said senior Annah Langdon, an RA on the sixth floor of Hinton James.

The ease of lottery processing is not the only good feature of South Campus residence halls, students say. People there tend to form closer friendships because they stay in the residence hall once they are there, Langdon said.

"People on South Campus come to stay after class. They don't go back to campus or run to Franklin Street in the afternoon," she said.

South Campus residence halls are noted for having active governments because of their size and centralized atmosphere.

"Morrison is one big building of residents which makes it easy to have one huge strong government," said Roger Nelson, Olde Campus area director, a former Morrison AD.

The Scott College residence halls — Avery, Teague, Parker and Whitehead — have strong governments, Presnell said. This, along with their location between athletic facilities and classroom buildings, and some of the largest rooms on campus, makes Mid Campus popular, she said.

For a different flair added to the experience of college dorm life, Carmichael Residence Hall created a slate of programs called the Living-Learning Programs. Students apply to live in one of five language and cultural environments in Carmichael.

Students must evaluate their lifestyles, activities and priorities before deciding where to live. A good or bad dorm situation can make or break a school year because a majority of time is spent studying, sleeping, eating and relaxing there. Evaluate the alternatives and choose carefully.

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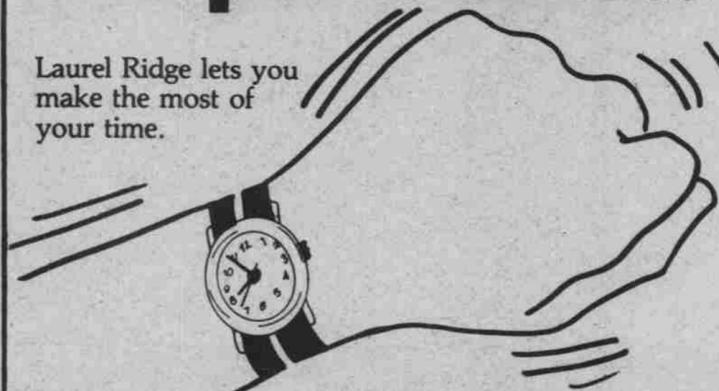
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