

Durham:

new hometown Getting Around

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I know you've only been here for five minutes, but it's true. Durham is your new residence, Science and Math your new neighborhood.

This, of course, means different things for different people, depending upon whether you came from Lizard Lick, NC or from the bustling Queen City or from your house on Hillandale Rd. ten minutes away.

But whatever your situation, it is true that Durham is a great place for a student to spend a couple of years. The resourceful and cautious student will never run out of places to go in all of that free time you have heard so much about.

I know what you are doing now. You are wishing you could find me, shake me senseless and scream into my left ear "But I don't have a CAR!!! How in the name of Pete am I going to get any farther than the end of the parking lot?". Well, chum, welcome to the wonderful world of public transit.

The closest hangout for NCSSM students is 9th Street. A few steps out of Bryan circle and up 9th a couple of blocks are all of the eating places you see to your right and many others, gift and clothing shops, Durham mainstays The Regulator Bookstore and Poindexter Records, a Kerr Drug and other businesses.

A short walk on Main St. or Hillsborough Rd. in Erwin Square Plaza is Mad Hatter's Coffee Shop, where Science and Mathers like to

go for their caffeine breaks.

The Duke campus is a great resource for NCSSM students. Many kids like to run around Duke Wall, a good 1.7 mile route.

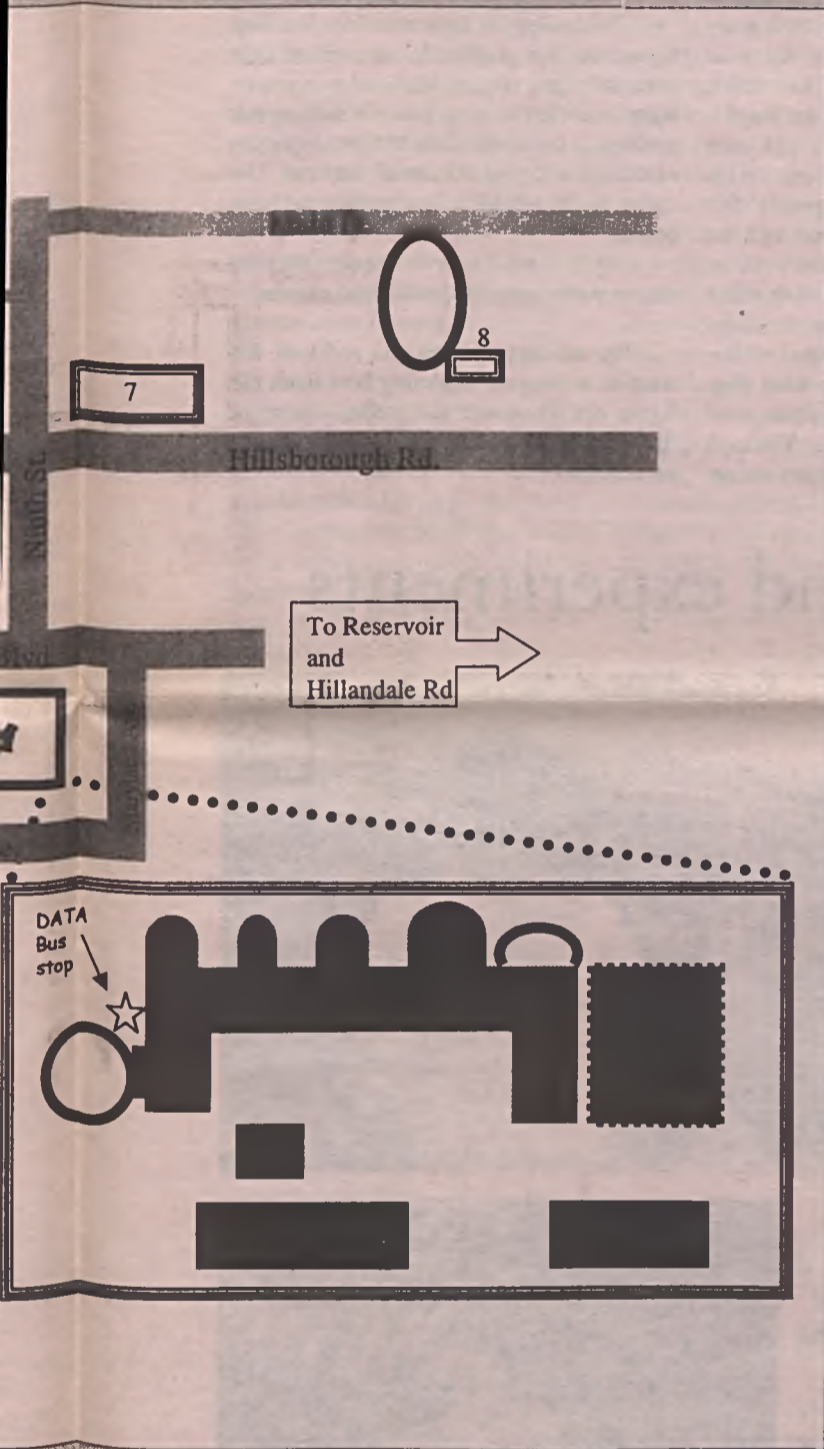
A left off of Broad St. onto the bike path will take you to the main buildings of Duke East Campus (including Libby Library, the smaller one—good for quick reference) and to the bus stop where the free Duke shuttle runs from East Campus to West Campus when Duke is in session. On West Campus you will find Perkins Library, a great place to do research, and beautiful Duke Chapel.

Also within walking distance in the other direction down Broad St. and Guess Rd. are Northgate Mall and Harris Teeter.

Sure you can walk to 9th St. and to Northgate, and van loops run during the week, but if you are not familiar with bus riding you'll get that way.

The Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) bus line will be the main mode of transportation for NCSSM students this year. Students can get to malls, restaurants and theaters on the weekends and can ride to and from Northgate during the week (see article below.)

Well-planned trips are the best kind. Always travel in pairs and, better yet, in groups. It's much more fun that way and downright unsafe to go alone. Make sure you've left enough time to get back, and take the school's phone number and the phone numbers of any people you know in the area, just in case the unexpected does occur.

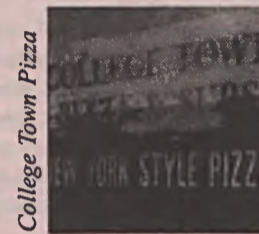


Good eats



Bruegger's

Deli-type atmosphere serving bagels, bagel sandwiches and side dishes. Vegetarian



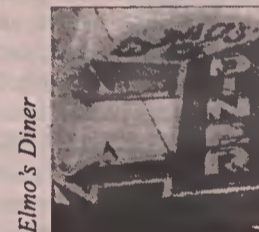
College Town Pizza

The place to go for a hot lunch. Serves pizza, stromboli, salads and subs. Vegetarian.



Cosmic Cantina

"The best Mexican food this side of the Border." Cantina is a favorite hangout. Vegetarian.



Elmo's Diner

A home-cooked meal for not much money. Elmo's serves a variety of hardy food. Vegetarian.



Francesca's

For the sweet tooth. Serves rich deserts, handmade icecream and gourmet coffee.



Jimmy John's

Subs starting at \$2.00. Quick delivery to Bryan and Hunt Lobbies.

Weekdays?

Route 1 buses pick up at Watts Circle 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. about every half hour. Northgate Mall is on this route.

Weekends?

The D'Weekender stops in the same place from 6:30-11 p.m. South Square Mall, Duke and Wynnsong Theater are stops.

So, how much is it?

Cost is \$.35 (bring exact change) for students. If you plan on changing buses, ask the driver for a transfer ticket.

Any other advice?

Carry a schedule and read it carefully. Ask the driver if the bus you are about to get on is going to your destination.

