



The exercise classes at the Student Recreation Center are open to all students, on campus or off. Both of UNC's gyms and the dining halls can be used by all students, but those who live on campus say they like the convenience of exercising at a gym just walking distance from where they live.

North-South battle rages on campus

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For many students, North Campus and South Campus are part of one university but exist as two different worlds. And most students claim that their side of campus reigns supreme.

Some students said they prefer the central location of their dorms, near classes. Others said they prefer the view of the Smith Center from their bedrooms.

Charlie Sellev, a freshman at Cobb Residence Hall, said he finds satisfaction in being a few minutes away from Franklin Street.

But sophomore Simone Lovell, an Ehringhaus South resident, said she enjoys the accessible parking of South Campus.

Lovell added that she likes the distance from her classes because she lives somewhere away from the busy class atmosphere.

And the campus even has a debate between which dining hall is superior.

"Lenoir is just as good as Rams Head; it's just not open on the weekends," Sellev said.

But when it comes to recommendations for incoming freshmen, students can't go wrong with either side, said Rick Bradley, assistant director for the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

"There's a good freshman experience in any place; it just depends on what they're looking for," he said.

Bradley highlighted the attributes of each side, associating North Campus with proximity of classes and South Campus with a larger social setting.

He also pointed out the historical significance of the buildings on North Campus.

As for South Campus, Bradley said the freshman experience is better than ever, due to the renovations of dorms as well as increase in services.

"You can have a great experience. It just depends on ... willingness to pursue that experience."

LISA FREEMAN, OCLQ DIRECTOR

South Campus traditionally was thought of as an all-freshman community while North Campus provided a home for upperclassmen.

But Lisa Freeman, director of the Olde Campus Lower Quad Community, said Ram Village and other renovations are attractive amenities that are bringing more upperclassmen down South.

The Student and Academic Services Buildings were a 2007-08 school year addition to South Campus, moving many departments to Manning Drive.

While it's inevitable that South Campus residents have to make the walk to North Campus for classes, meetings and library use, many students said those who live closer to classes don't return the favor.

"I know very few people that make the trip to South Campus," said Amy Hutcheson, a freshman at Craige Residence Hall.

Hutcheson said she enjoys the social atmosphere of South Campus — despite not having the convenience of rolling out of bed and making the short trot to class.

Although the benefits and downsides range for each side of campus, most people agree: The potential to make the most of the college life exists no matter where one lives.

"You can have a great experience," Freeman said. "It just depends on that person's willingness to pursue that experience."

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Proximity top perk on campus

Gyms, dining halls open for everyone

BY MEGAN HANNAY
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Every evening after the professors vacate their offices and staff members go home to their families, 7,900 students remain on campus.

These students, most between the ages of 18 and 22, live together, eat together, work together and party together in their homes away from home.

"(Living on campus) is close to everything," said freshman Paul Hiatt, who lives in Cobb Residence Hall. "I can walk everywhere, and there are a lot of people."

Behind the scenes, UNC employees work to make students' on-campus experience memorable.

"We want facilities that meet a variety of student demands," said Rick Bradley, assistant director of the Department of Housing and

Residential Education.

To find out the desires of students, the housing department used an outside company to survey them.

"The outcome of that is the new construction," Bradley said. "We want facilities that meet a variety of students' demands."

Most students requested more privacy in their living arrangements, which led to the construction of the newer South Campus buildings, such as Ehringhaus South Residence Hall, Morrison South Residence Hall and the Ram Village Apartments, Bradley said.

Sophomore Allison Toges lives in Aycock Residence Hall and plans to live in Ram Village next year.

"We were looking at off-campus (living), but the distance was farther," she said.

Toges said she also participates

in some of the Residence Hall Association activities.

"We had a kickball team and lectures for Martin Luther King day," she said.

In addition to dorm activities, UNC provides the Student Recreation Center and the Rams Head Recreation Center for on- and off-campus students.

"The perks are the convenience of being right on campus, sometimes just a short walk from where you live," said Marty Pomerantz, director of campus recreation.

Freshman Kenny Brock said he often exercises at Rams Head Recreation Center.

"You don't have to exert a lot of energy on the way to the gym," he said. "You roll out of bed and pretty much go work out."

And for that post-exercise hunger, the UNC community gives students a variety of on-campus meal options.

During his first two years on

campus, junior Chris Dorman had a meal plan.

"I found it very convenient, but I wished I could eat off campus more. Now I kind of wish I could have a meal plan sometimes. It would be nice to find a medium," he said.

Carolina Dining provides a commuter meal plan for students who live off-campus. It costs between \$449 and \$549 per semester and provides either 35 or 45 meals with the option to spend money on food outside of the dining hall.

On-campus students have a choice between weekly meal plans and semester meal plans, ranging from seven to 14 meals a week and 105 to 200 meals per semester.


Brock said he plans to stay on campus for a while.

"I'm happy with it. I don't see a need to live off campus."

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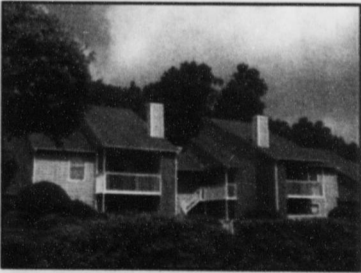
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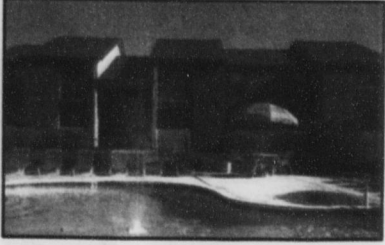


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