There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2014-15 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 17th).

2014-15 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 is run Monday—Thursday, 8am to 7pm
- 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.
- New this year: 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

New for Next Fall—Introducing Brooks Crossing!

Slowly but surely our newest residence hall is emerging from the west bank of the Genesee River! Due to be complet-ed by August 1, 2014, Brooks Crossing is an apartment style building open to juniors and seniors only. There will be 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. Students will live on floors 2—11. UR ResNet will be extended to include Brooks Crossing. In the future, there may be a privately owned restaurant on the first floor—this is still to be determined. The basement will have a large programming space and kitchen in addition to a bike storage room. Laundry facilities are located in the basement. The UR crew team will also have space in the basement area for scull and boat storage. Students living in Brooks Crossing may select a Group 4 meal plan. Brooks Crossing will be similarly priced to River-view with the exception of the 1 bedroom apartments which will be priced a bit higher.

Jackson Court
Andersen and Wilder Halls

Suites in these buildings are a little bigger than average. There are two traditional large bathrooms per floor plus two individual unisex bathrooms on each floor as well. Each floor has a large community lounge and a well equipped study room. There is an elevator.

Suites
- Typical Single = ~9’ x 13’
- Typical Double = ~11’ x 21’

This will be our third year in O’Brien Hall. This is a LEED Gold certified building for those of you who are interested sustainability.

Hill Court
Meet @ Gale House Lobby

Riverview
Meet @ Building C Lobby

Jackson Court
Meet @ Service Desk in O’Brien

Southside & Maisonettes
Meet @ Valentine Service Desk

Lobby

Open House
Sunday, April 2—4 pm
Hill Court
Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater

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 two story room. Mattress-es are placed directly on the loft deck. The singles are adequate size – more square shaped. Some of the furniture in each room is built-in. Each suite has a common room to itself – small but it works.

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.

Did we mention that there are shared balconies?

Phase 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, 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.

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 (Hill Court) or Jackson Court. Besides, there is bus service (Blue line) or you can hop on the Park Lot shuttle to get to campus easier than if you had walked from other areas.

You can have a Group 4 meal plan – great opportunity to save some $$$.

Riverview Apartments
Buildings A, B, C, D & E

(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!

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 very 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 has been expanded to Riverview!!!

(Riverview cont’d)

UR Security 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 the most expensive housing option, 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 real people who live in the neighborhood near Riverview – this neighborhood is called the Plymouth-Exchange Neighbor-hood and it borders on the 19th Ward but is actually a separate section.

• 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 expen-sive residences to live, 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 everything 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 resi-dence 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 6.

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

• Southside (some still call it GLC) – buildings include deKiewiet (pronounced “de key evil”); Valentine and the Maisonettes.

• The 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 have to 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 can-celled.

• 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 hall-way 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, Academic Living Center, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D’lions, you will submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be differ-ent. You will receive special instructions.
Every eligible student will get further 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.

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

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 apartment or suite, three students to fill a deKiewiet 3 -bedroom apartment, etc. Exceptions are made for students who aren’t able to select a single – they can select a double and a roommate will be assigned.

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 time. If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Academic Living Center, Greek group or will be an RA, CA or GHA. Try to attend your floor/building meetings where lottery information will be discussed. For example, Student A has a selection of time of Wednesday, at 4:02pm. 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 designated apartment. If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Academic Living Center, Greek group or will be an RA, CA or GHA. Try to attend your floor/building meetings where lottery information will be discussed. For example, Student A has a selection of time of Wednesday, at 4:02pm. 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 designated apartment.

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. Students with financial holds on their accounts will receive an email notice the week of March 17th. Check with the Bursar for specific information about your account.
Lottery Workshop
February 20
4 – 5 pm Harper Lounge (SBA)

The Executive Director for Residential Life & Housing Services, Laurel Contomanolis, will discuss the room selection process and answer your questions.

Special Interest Housing Fairs
Feb. 19 4—6 pm Tiernan Comm. Room
Feb. 20 4:45—6:45 pm SBA Lobby

Representatives from all non-greek Special Interest Housing groups will be there to answer questions and hand out applications

Off Campus Housing Fair
February 18th
11am—2 pm Hirst Lounge, WC

Many landlords will be available for you to talk with. Also, have questions answered by Keisha Brookins, Off Campus Housing Coordinator.

Important Dates to Remember

February 19 Special Interest Housing Fair
Tiernan Community Room 4:00 pm—6:00 pm

February 20 Lottery Workshop
Harper Lounge, SBA 4:00—5:00 pm
Special Interest Housing Fair
SBA lobby 4:45-6:45 pm

February 24—28 Special Interest Housing Week
Watch for details!

March 17-21 Contract information distributed to students
Financial Hold notices emailed to students

March 21 On-line contract submission begins

April 1 Special Interest Housing, Academic Living Center & Greek member lists due to Reslife

April 4 Deadline for all SIH, ALC and Greek students to submit on-line contracts

April 6 OPEN HOUSES 2 - 4pm
Southside
Maisonettes
Jackson Court
Hill Court (Phase)
Riverview Apts

April 9 Contract deadline—on-line process closes 5 pm

April 11 Selection dates and times distributed to students

April 14-17 On-line Room Selection (8am—7pm daily)

April 22 First Day to submit Room Change requests

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Have You Considered Off Campus Living?

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.

Stop by the Office for Off Campus Living programs (in ResLife, 520 Gates wing, SBAH) or check out our OFF CAMPUS CONNECTION listing service at www.rochester.edu/reslife/off campus.

Looking for a roommate, suitemate or apartment mate?

The Office for Residential Life and Housing Services will maintain a list of students interested in finding others to become parts of suites, apartments and rooms. Stop by the ResLife Office to put in a listing or to find others looking for possible matches.

Who can participate in Room Selection?

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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.

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, it is possible to break your housing contract after room selection is over. 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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