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# Thanks, neighbors, for good stories

Weird things happen in apartments, and that's fine with me.

By Sarah Vassello  
Swerve Director

I've never really been one to jump on a bandwagon, especially when the wagon is leading me to a social activity that I don't want to be a part of. And @ me if you want, but I think school spirit is a form of groupthink. As a loyal member of the "School Spirit???? Club," I moved off-campus as soon as I was able to convince my roommate to do so.

We moved to a tiny, tiny apartment about a mile away

from campus where we could both have some alone time and free parking spaces. It was an excellent move for both our bank accounts and our capability to deal with being a student in school that wants to protect the names of students convicted of sexual assault.

Anyway, we love our apartment.

We love the freedom having an apartment brings, and we love that we don't have to answer to a resident advisor. We love that everything works and that we are probably safe and close to school.

But by far, one of the most surprisingly entertaining parts of our apartment is trying to figure out who is living above us.

In our two years in our apartment, we've had a variety of unique experiences.

One semester, I learned that one of my former staffers, who quit under unpleasant circumstances, was living above my bottom-floor apartment. We discovered it at the same time when he was walking up the stairs and I was doing my best to avoid him.

Another semester, I got a text from my roommate that our door to the outside hallway was open. We're both low key forgetful, but one constant is the militant attention to detail we pay regarding our safety and physical possessions. To this day, we're not sure if our neighbors broke in or what

happened, but who doesn't love a good mystery?

Last semester, we are both very sure drug dealers lived above us, thanks to the very thin walls that let me overhear a very angry conversation regarding (the lack of) pick-up, drop-off and the movement of an otherwise unspecified "product," plus a few other details. They were very passionate about sports, as evident by the all-day yelling every Sunday, and good for them for having an emotional outlet in what's sure to be a stressful job.

Multiple sets of roommates have enjoyed throwing heavy objects off of their balcony and onto the grass outside of our apartment.

"Multiple sets of roommates have enjoyed throwing heavy objects off of their balcony..."

Sarah Vassello  
Swerve Director

But for all of our neighbors' quirks come ours, too.

So, thank you, neighbors, for never complaining about my singing Amy Winehouse all Saturday afternoon every weekend I was home alone last year. Thank you for never complaining about when I bring my DTH staffers over and they decide to blast Riff Raff, of all things, for over an hour. Thank you for not complaining when my roommate literally yells every time she watches TV

or a movie and anything — anything at all — surprises and scares her. It happens more often than you'd think, and they're all troopers for letting us live.

Living in dorms is a great way to meet new people, but so is living in an apartment. While I can't walk to class in five minutes, I have more stories to tell.

So, in the words of Fall Out Boy, "Thanks fr th Mmrs."

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## Why do UNC students like to live off campus?

Compiled and photos by staff writer Michelle Dixon.

For many students, moving off campus is a rite of passage, one of the first steps from transitioning from a college student to a full-fledged #adult. From Shortbread Lofts to The Warehouse to Stratford Hills Apartments, we asked students: Why do you like to live off campus?

Christine South  
Senior



"I think my favorite part is having a kitchen. I lived in Ruffin, and the kitchen was terrible and I'm really big on cooking."

Tim Preston  
Senior



"I like being able to go home at the end of the day and live with people that I specifically like and enjoy relaxing around."

Zach Robbe  
Senior



"I like having my own bathroom and shower, and having a parking spot that I don't have to pay for."

Haley Davies  
Junior



"I like having a kitchen I can cook in."

Timber Beeninga  
Senior



"I think it's like the balance between academic life and home life. That balance is good for emotional and mental health..."

Sarah Marr  
Senior



"I like living off campus because it feels more like a home, it feels more permanent than living in a dorm. A dorm is a very temporary lifestyle."

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## Your ultimate playlist for moving off campus

**The Chainsmokers are on there, but so is Chance the Rapper.**

**By Zach Goins**  
Staff Writer

If other on-campus residents are anything like me, you absolutely cannot wait to move off campus and get a little more freedom. So long, dorm life. It's not me, it's you. Well, maybe it's me, too — I guess I wasn't built for your disgusting bathrooms, noisy halls and cramped quarters. The minute I signed my lease to live in a house next year, the celebration countdown began. Suddenly, all that boring stuff you hated as a kid is thrilling. You see a whole new side of yourself as you channel your inner HGTV interior designer and browse through every store shopping for furniture and appliances. I mean, I got a bed and a recliner for Christmas and I was stoked — I guess this is adulthood. As I eagerly count the seconds until I move in June, I can only dream about that first night in the crib. But a legendary night can't happen unless you have the perfect soundtrack. So, Zach Goins Productions™ proudly presents, "Hey DTH, Welcome to My Crib: The Playlist."

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1. "My House" by Flo Rida
2. "Closer" by The Chainsmokers, Halsey
3. "Homecoming" by Kanye West, Chris Martin
4. "No Problem" by Chance the Rapper featuring Lil Wayne and 2 Chainz
5. "House Party" by Sam Hunt
6. "Kids" by MGMT
7. "Young, Wild & Free" by Snoop Dogg featuring Wiz Khalifa and Bruno Mars
8. "Freedom! '90" by George Michael
9. "Bad and Boujee" by Migos featuring Lil Uzi Vert
10. "Party in the U.S.A." by Miley Cyrus
11. "No Role Modelz" by J. Cole
12. "I Love College" by Asher Roth
13. "Home" by Phillip Phillips
14. "Too Many Years" by Kodak Black featuring PnB Rock
15. "Yeah!" by Usher featuring Lil Jon and Ludacris
16. "Juke Jam" by Chance the Rapper featuring Justin Bieber
17. "House Party" by Meek Mills featuring Young Chris
18. "24K Magic" by Bruno Mars
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Living near friends, as well as classes, is one of the perks of living in a residence hall on campus.

# Don't sleep on living in the UNC dorms

By Rachel Jones  
Swerve Assistant Editor

Let me just start by saying: I am moving off-campus next semester.

I am looking forward to it, I have been looking forward to it for a while and I am very, very excited to have a room to myself and a kitchen that's larger than a closet.

Getting a place off-campus feels like a rite of passage — I'm hurtling closer and closer to actual adulthood, and my lease (plus my recently revamped LinkedIn profile) is concrete proof of that.

But there's a large part of me that's going to miss my dorm room. As somebody who thinks she's a lot funnier than she actually is, I secretly love repurposing the truly crappy parts of my life into comedy, motivation or something to talk about instead of my truly horrific attempts at genuine flirting (anybody who's been on a date with me and has heard the story of how I broke my nose in middle school can confirm this one).

I don't think I'm going to get stories on how I met all of my current suitemates for the first time because our shower drain vomited up black mold, or how I accidentally interrupted a Bible study by bringing my girlfriend back home after a date, or how I managed to get a noise complaint while watching the entirety of "What Would Ryan Lochte Do" on my birthday in my triplex next year. I'm just going to have pre-established friendships and an un-lofted bed instead.

There's something beautiful and painful and deeply funny about college showing a bunch of people with different backgrounds, sexual appetites and tastes in music (this one goes out to my Blake Shelton-loving suitemate) into a VERY condensed space and expecting us to get along.

What's even funnier is that it works. I'm going to miss the people I live with. I'm going to miss the flash of sisterhood that comes from having to give a complete stranger a tampon. I'm going

to miss the people who get way too into holidays and put up Halloween decorations in September and tinsel in November. I'm going to miss the spontaneity of forming friendships on the hall.

I'm even going to miss the bathrooms, but that's mostly because Carmichael suites have two stalls instead of the one toilet that I'll be sharing next year, and I love scrolling Twitter in there for at least 10 minutes each visit.


I will miss the people that I've met, the ones that flood your hallway and decide to pregame loudly in dorm rooms after midnight, and take you to your first pride parade and unexpectedly make you laugh when you're mad at your other friends and getting home late from work and slowly but surely dying from your media law readings.

You don't have to be best friends with the people you live with in a dorm. But you can be.

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# Go home: a walk you won't remember

**When considering places to live, think about drunk you.**

By Maria Mullis  
Senior Writer

Part of what makes Chapel Hill the ultimate college town is the classic bars, restaurants and general night life. Coming of age in Chapel Hill truly is a blessing.

In honor of the DTH Housing Guide, I have ranked different places to live solely based upon the drunk walk back home, with a starting point of Franklin Street. Things such as distance, traffic and safety have been considered.

## 1. On Franklin Street

*5 out of 5 stars*

There is no better walk home than one that is a safely lit, two-minute walk. There are many options located directly on Franklin Street

that serve as the ideal option. But they're called "luxury" condos for a reason. They are much too expensive for the average college student and usually not available for students anyway.

However, there are other, more realistic options on Franklin Street as well. Many sorority houses lie toward the end of East Franklin, and while Frat Court isn't directly on Franklin Street, it is a one-minute walk away.

## 2. On-campus living

*5 out of 5 stars*

This includes residence halls as well as Ram Village apartments on south campus. Since the University is so close to Franklin, on-campus living is only a short walk away. I give this living option the full five stars because of the short walk, beautiful scenery along the way and safe walkways (minus the uneven bricks).

There are also many lighting options around campus,

*"...a drunk walk home from Franklin Street is not always the most fun..."*

Maria Mullis  
Swerve senior writer

as well as emergency call boxes which are directly linked to the University police in case of an emergency.

## 3. The Warehouse

*5 out of 5 stars*

I've included Warehouse in a category of its own because these apartments are only a few blocks from Franklin, are fairly popular and are reasonably priced, unlike the luxury condos directly on Franklin. The walk is short and downhill, the roads are freshly paved and the streets are decently lit.

## 4. Neighborhoods behind Franklin

*4 out of 5 stars*

North Street comes to mind here as an example. While the walk is still fairly short, it gets a bit dark the farther down into the neighborhoods you get. There has also recently been some road work done on one of these back streets, which would hinder a drunken walk back home. For that reason, I have knocked off a star.

## 6. Places further down Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

*3 out of 5 stars*

Many apartment complexes like Mill Creek fall into this



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Linda's on Franklin Street is in a good starting location to head home after a night out.

category. The walk is steadily downhill until you pass the gas station, then the road starts uphill.

This walk, from experience, is not the most pleasant, but is doable. However, there are also some dark patches

of road, and a serious lack of street crossing options which can be dangerous.

## 7. Carrboro

*2 out of 5 stars*

Sorry Carrboro, I love you,

but a drunk walk home from Franklin Street is not always the most fun — especially if you live on the outskirts rather than near the main part of town.

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# Off-campus is off-the-charts amazing

## What happens in the apartment stays in the apartment.

By Seth Pyle  
Staff Writer

Living off-campus has its ups and downs — a lot like my kitchen floor. To preface everything, I live in an apartment with two other guys within walking distance of the University. Before moving off-campus, I lived in dorms for two years. There were several factors that precipitated my moving off-campus.

First and foremost, it was the people. Whether it was on or off campus, I wanted to live with my friends and my friends wanted to move off campus.

Secondly, it was budgetary. We found an apartment that cost less than paying for housing on campus, which was a plus for us because we saved some money. We also stopped purchasing meal plans after moving off campus and started cooking our own meals, which translated to more savings.

Those were my/our reasons for moving off-campus. Here

is what living in an apartment has been like for me.

The rent I pay is comparatively low to the other housing options surrounding my apartment complex — meaning some amenities are not the best.

The internet is sometimes atrocious. The cable is always atrocious. And sadly, we still must take our laundry to a washing room.

I personally love to cook, and having my own kitchen is something I truly appreciate and love about living in an apartment.

Plus, my favorite way to cook is with nothing but an apron and shorts on so having a kitchen where I can have some privacy is great.

Setting off the fire alarm now only upsets three people and does not displace a whole residence hall which is nice to think about when the alarm goes off at the slightest whiff of smoke.

Space is a nice, nice thing; all three of us have our own rooms. And while bunk-bedding is scientifically known to create more space for activities and is what I did for my two years on campus, there is something to be said for being able to close my door

at night and sleep in my own, actual bed (I am a taller-than-average person and sleeping in my own bed is a significant upgrade).

Our apartment has its own combined living and dining room. This makes family dinners and having friends over a lot more enjoyable and hassle free.

I have my own parking space. I had to buy a parking pass, but I am guaranteed a spot to park my car, close to my apartment, always — which is not something I had during my time on campus.

There should be an asterisk beside the always. In the case of snow and ice, there is a chance the parking lot becomes an icy wasteland not for the faint of heart or those without all-wheel drive.

But the best space thing is having two bathrooms between three people. Two bathrooms between three people is a significant and noticeable improvement over one bathroom for eight people.

As far as neighbors go, my roommates and I were not the most neighborly people to begin with, even when we were in dorms. With that being said, I still have no



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idea who lives beside me or above me, which is different than when I lived in a dorm and I was at least on cordial terms with the people in my suite. Whether or not this is

a good thing depends on the individual.

These are the things that come to mind when I consider what it is like to live in an apartment. And it is the

collection of these things that make me consider my apartment more of a home than either of my dorm rooms.

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# UNC, please make more dorms like ‘Smart House’

## Where are our Smart Dorms with desk smoothies?

By Karyn Hladik-Brown  
Staff Writer

While being in college and having the freedom of living in a dorm are great, I also love going home. This is mainly because of my mom. My mom and I are extremely close — like Lorelai and Rory close (and yes, we

did watch all of “Gilmore Girls” together because mother-daughter bonding). This past weekend was my mom’s birthday, so I went home. And while I do know how to do laundry and heat up food, I am a spoiled millennial who makes my mom do things for me. Sorry, Mom. But being at home made me realize how much I miss having her while I’m at school. This is where the Disney Channel Original Movie “Smart House” comes in.

In case you’re unaware or not a film buff like me, “Smart House” is a movie about a boy named Ben living with his dad and sister after his mother’s death. Because he doesn’t want anybody replacing his mom, Ben enters a contest to win a smart house that will do all of the mother-y stuff for them. And since this is a Disney movie, he wins the contest. After the family moves in, the dad starts catching feelings for the woman who programmed the house (thank

you, Disney, for empowering women in STEM). Ben doesn’t like this and decides that the most logical way to make his dad stay single forever is to program his house to be a literal 1950s housewife. Because that makes sense. The house then goes crazy and does this weird tornado “I’m your mother now” thing that was basically the scariest thing I had ever seen as a child. Spoiler alert: STEM lady saves the day, the house goes back to normal and Ben prob-

ably grows up to be that guy in “Her.” But the scary tornado scene and how it impacted my childhood are not what I want to focus on. Instead, this is a call to action. I want “Smart House” technology in the dorms. I want to be able to just ask for a smoothie and have it show up on my desk. Or if I had a (secret) pet in my room, my Smart Dorm would be able to play with it while I’m in class. I want an entire wall

devoted to playing my favorite music video while I jump on my dorm room bed, probably upsetting my roommate in the process. So please, UNC Department of Housing and Residential Education, I’m begging you, if you have the knowledge and the ability, make Smart Dorms a reality. Let us have a quasi-mom when we’re away from home (but please leave out the scary tornado business — I don’t need that in my life). @karynhbrown swerve@dailytarheel.com



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## Welcome to my crib: fictional edition

### The locations are fictional, but the estates are #real.

By Seth Pyle  
Staff Writer

There have been thousands of homes shown in movies and television but few of those homes are ever remembered. Here are eight #iconic homes that have become architectural mainstays.

#### Mansions/Castles

*Rich Mansion, “Richie Rich” (1994):* Like your fourth-grade North Carolina history teacher, I am going to enlighten you to some North Carolina geography trivia. The house and grounds scenes from Richie Rich were filmed at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The 250-room Biltmore House is impressive in real life and was made even more so for the movie. Perfect for an immeasurably rich only child who must save his parents.

*Hogwarts, Harry Potter Series:* Harry, and presumably Tom Riddle, considered Hogwarts their first real home, like some students consider Chapel Hill. The castle-turned-school is replete with ghosts, a poltergeist and basilisk but also offers a first-rate education in wizardry

and enough adventure to fill seven books. The castle is surrounded by beautiful grounds, a lake and a forest. Perfect for magically-gifted, troubled young wizards.

#### Underground

*Bag End, The Lord of the Rings series:* Men, elves and wizards will be in discomfort when visiting Bag End since it was built with only hobbits in mind. Sort of like the basement floors of residence halls. The hobbit-hole more than makes up for its lack of height, though, with its fully-stocked larder and well furnished rooms. Perfect for an adventurous hobbit.

*Teletubbies’ Home, “Teletubbies” (1997-2001):* In a world where a baby’s head is the sun, a colorful being must do what it can to survive. The Teletubbies’ subterranean headquarters remains an architectural mainstay in blending technology and simplicity. Perfect for anthropomorphic beings whose life goals are to entertain babies.

#### Underwater

*Anemone, “Finding Nemo” (2003):* Considered a prime real estate spot for clown fish, this anemone is well in distance of a nice school and friendly neighbors. I imagine it as being like a house in

Carrboro, except underwater. Perfect for a single dad trying to raise a son in safety.

*Pineapple, “SpongeBob SquarePants” (1999-ongoing):* SpongeBob’s house was made by carving out a pineapple. Like many of buildings on campus, this one-of-a-kind house features a dimension defying number of rooms. This one-bedroom house is perfect for a bachelor looking to make a name for himself in the culinary world.

#### Non-traditional

*Carl Fredrickson’s House, “Up” (2009):* The house in “Up” is a typical suburban house — that is, until a host of balloons are deployed from the top of house and it becomes a flying vacation home. The engineering marvel of a house is excellent for any retiree wishing to see a little bit of the world before they blow out the candles for the last time.

*Yoda’s Hut, “Star Wars, Episode V: the Empire Strikes Back” (1980):* An example of seamless natural architecture, Yoda’s hut might be just a one-room hut, but it is surrounded by wildlife as far as the eye can see. It’s similar to what living in the Arboretum would be like. An excellent choice for a force-using hermit.

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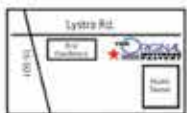
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# The best places to order delivery around town

## Shoutout to Postmates for bringing us Cook Out.

By Alexis Hinnant  
Staff Writer

Whether you live on or off campus, we all have our lazy moments when dining out is just too much of a hassle. Even when the dining hall is a five-minute walk from home or less, delivery is occasionally a must for everyone. Here are some of our favorite picks:

### Wings Over Chapel Hill

Wings Over is cheap with a wide variety of choices and extremely quick delivery. Content wise, the wings are pass out on the couch filling, and the fries are STILL good warmed up. The honey barbecue wings have my heart.  
Delivery: 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Papa John's

Quick, easy and cheap. While similar to Dominos and Pizza Hut, Papa John's is 100 percent better by both taste and service. A classic pepperoni pizza is the way to go.  
Delivery: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

### Panera Bread

Not as cheap as competing options, but definitely a must-have if you're craving soup and sandwiches on a cold or rainy day. Plus, Panera always has a meal + pastry deal. Get the broccoli and cheddar soup for maximum satisfaction.  
Delivery: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Asia Cafe

Cheap and really good Chinese food if you're feeling a takeout night with Netflix or Hulu, if you're into that. The lo mein is a necessity in combination with absolutely everything at the restaurant.  
Delivery: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, extended hours on the weekend.

### Chipotle

Ordering online makes it super easy to decide what exactly you want on your burrito or bowl. Orders are usually reasonable and cheap without chips and guacamole, but still take the risk, because everything's better with guacamole and chips. The chicken and barbacoa bowls are absolutely life changing.  
Delivery: through Postmates

(hours vary)

### Wendy's

Wendy's is a must if you're looking for a light meal that's super cheap. Typically meals run from \$3 to \$6 for just about everything. My personal favorite is definitely the spicy nuggets and fries with sweet and sour sauce, because regular nuggets just don't make the cut.  
Delivery: through Postmates (hours vary)

### Cook Out

If you're looking for a really good burger and fries, Cook Out is the perfect place. It's a typical burger and shakes place, but it almost tastes too good to be a fast food restaurant. Not to mention there are over 40 milkshake flavors. The blueberry cheesecake milkshake is my current go-to.  
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### Linda's

The macaroni and cheese at Linda's is good enough to make you completely fall in love. If you're looking for high-quality burgers, Linda's is perfect, and the Danny Boy sandwich is



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No matter where you live, on or off campus, sometimes you just need food delivered.

worth experiencing. Delivery: through Postmates (hours vary)	with breakfast for dinner. Breadmen's has a wide variety of pancake and waffle combinations that are 100 times better drowned in syrup. They're a fancier and more authentic version of Waffle	House. My favorite item on the menu is the Big Breadmen pancake combo. Delivery: through Postmates (hours vary) <i>@bottledups swerve@dailytarheel.com</i>
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