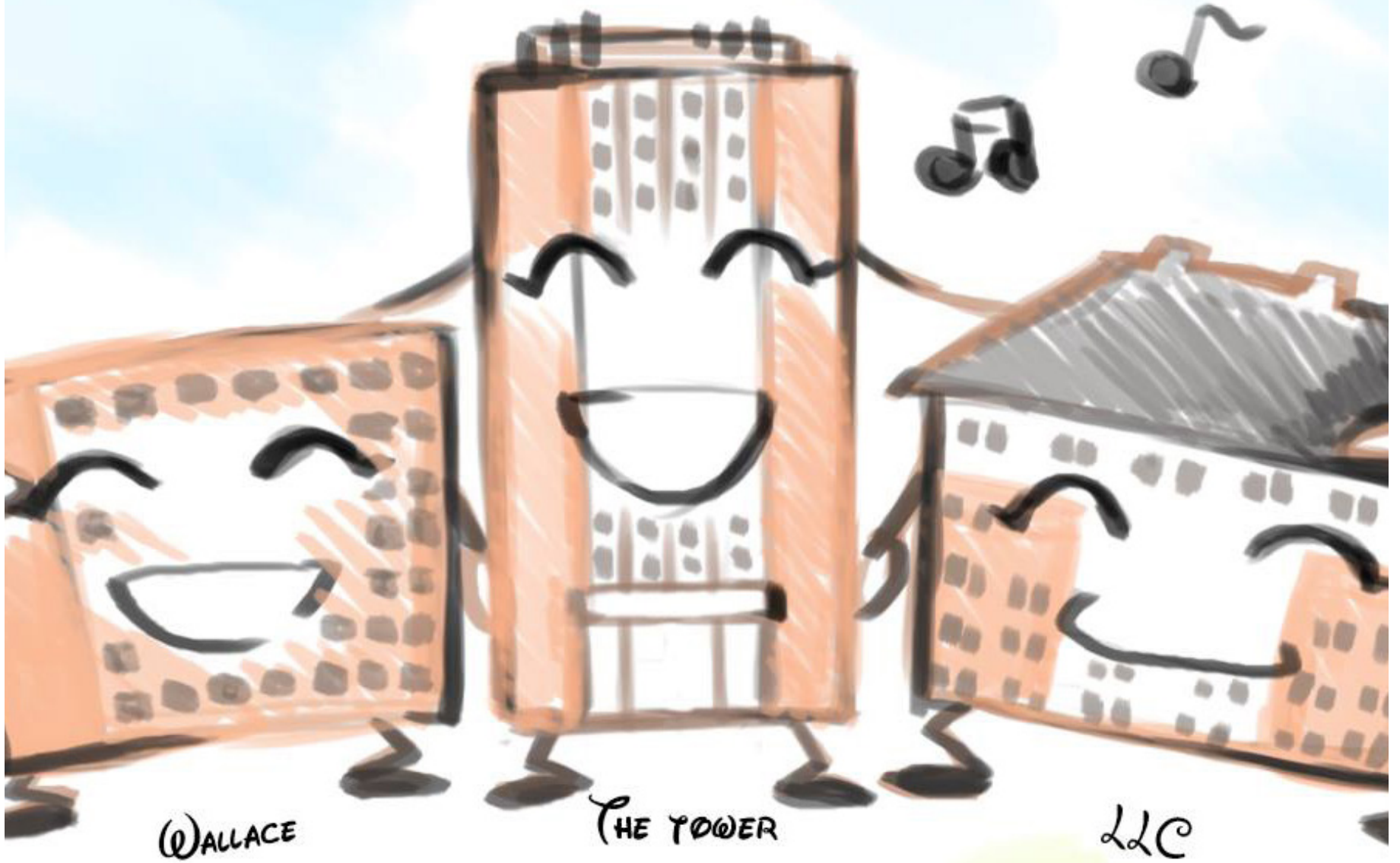


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# Housing Guide



# UI housing options

## Wallace Residence Center

The Wallace Residence Center has four wings. Ballard and Stevenson are four stories and Gooding and Willey are six. Wallace dorm rooms are suite style, which means two double bedrooms share one bathroom. Bob's, the only dining hall on campus, is located in Wallace along with the mailroom for Wallace and Theophilus Tower. Wallace dorm rooms come with a vanity, bunk beds, mini fridge, microwave, cable and Internet. It also comes with laundry machines in the basement of Willey, Gooding and Stevenson and on even floors of Ballard.

### Ballard

- 1st floor - All female of any academic major
- 2nd floor - Coed floor for any academic major
- 3rd floor - Coed floor for students of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majors
- 4th floor - Coed floor for sophomore to graduate level students of any academic major

### Gooding

- 1st floor - Coed floors that are

newly renovated

- 2nd floor - closed for renovation
- 3rd 4th floor - Coed floors for students with interests in outdoor recreation with any academic major
- 5th and 6th floors - Coed floors for students of any academic major

### Stevenson

- 1st floor - Coed floor for Social Justice
- 2nd floor - All male for any academic major
- 3rd floor - Coed substance-free

floor for any academic major

- 4th floor - Coed fine arts themed community floor

### Willey

- 1st and 2nd floors - Coed floor for first-year students of any academic major
- 3rd floor - Coed S.T.A.R. Leadership floor for any academic major
- 4th and 5th floors - Coed floor for any academic major
- 6th floor - Coed 24-hour quiet for any academic major

## Housing deadlines

### Fraternity and sorority life registration

Early registration  
April 6 — May 1  
Regular registration  
May 2 — July 17  
Fraternity and sorority life recruitment  
Aug. 13 — 17

### Deadlines for housing

There is no deadline for housing. However, it is suggested students do it early to get the residence hall they want.

**Request for exemption to on-campus living must be made by May 1.**

## Theophilus Tower

The Theophilus Tower is an 11-story building with academic-themed floors and encourages involvement in the college community. A requirement to live in the Tower is completing the Vandal Edge program that includes things like joining a club and going to events. There are two students per room and each student gets their own twin extra-long bed. Unlike Wallace, the Tower dorm rooms do not have their own bathrooms. Instead, each floor has its own communal bathroom and showers. The Tower is a minute-long walk from the dining hall in Wallace and the Denny's near the LLCs.

- 1st, 4th and 6th floors - all-female floor for any academic major
- 2nd, 3rd and 5th floors - all-male floor for any academic major
- 7th and 8th floors - all-male floor for engineering or computer science majors
- 9th floor - all-female floor for students involved in the Women in Idaho Science and Engineering (WiISE) program
- 10th floor - all-female floor for students in UI Honors Program
- 11th floor - all-male floor for students in UI Honors Program

## Greek

Currently, there are 10 sororities and 16 fraternities with houses or specified floors in residence halls.

### Sororities

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa, Kappa Gamma
- Pi Beta Phi
- Delta Gamma
- Gamma Phi Beta

- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Alpha Phi
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Zeta

### Fraternities

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Sigma Chi,
- Alpha Kappa, Lambda
- FarmHouse
- Kappa Sigma
- Delta Sigma Phi

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)
- Phi Delta Theta
- Delta Tau Delta
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Beta Theta Pi
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Theta Chi
- Sigma Nu

## Living Learning Communities

There are eight LLCs on campus, and they are called the CNR, Engineering, Gault, Gem, LLC 3, Scholars, Syringa and Upham. Each of these buildings have requirements to live there. Upham is specifically dedicated to first-year students. The LLCs offer single and double rooms with same gender suites with a bathroom, kitchenette and a furnished living room. Each LLC building comes with a community kitchen, study lounge, game room and a regular lounge. Due to only one of the LLCs being dedicated to first-year students, they tend to fill up fast, so applying early is a must.

- CNR LLC - open to any student who is a College of Natural Resources major
- Engineering LLC - open to sophomore to graduate level students who are engineering majors
- Gault, LLC 3, Syringa and Gem LLC - open to sophomore to graduate level students in any academic major
- Scholars LLC - open to sophomore to graduate level students in UI's Honors Program or have a GPA of 3.3 or higher
- Upham LLC - open to first-year students only

# It isn't all on campus

Off-campus housing options available for transfer students or students with more than 27 credits

**Claire Whitley**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho requires first-year students to live on campus. However, students with 27 credits or more have the option of living off campus. Moscow is home to several rental agencies that rent apartments and houses to college students.

Palouse Properties is a large rental company in the area with several apartment complexes and a few houses and duplexes. Other agencies include Welcome Home Properties, Woodbury Property Management and University City Rentals.

Most rental agencies are taking applications for summer and fall semesters. Ten-month and 12-month leases are usually available.

University of Idaho sophomore Bekah Whitney made the choice to live off campus because she said it was cheaper than on-campus housing.

"It's cheaper, I don't have to deal with Housing rules that I don't agree with, I have a bigger room and my own kitchen and living room," Whitney said. "With that said, I had a wonderful experience living in the Tower last year."

Sophomore Jesse Wegley said his motivation to live off campus was also driven by money. The draw for living out from under Housing rules also interested him. However, Wegley said he cautions people to use those as their only motivation.

"They should base their decision on an individual basis, considering all the

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It's harder to go to school and live off campus if you have to make money to be able to live.

**Jesse Wegley**

pros and cons," Wegley said. "It's harder to go to school and live off campus if you have to make money to be able to live ... It can be hard to prioritize school, because you are sometimes worried about money."

Whitney suggests a hard look at the people students plan to live with. It can be hard to live with someone who has different levels of cleanliness or ideas of what tidy means.

"Just by looking at someone's dorm room this year, you can pretty much figure out their cleanliness level," she said. "If it's too far from yours, just don't do it."

Whitney explained the process of finding new roommates is long and rental agencies don't help. There is a lot of personal work that goes into finding a new roommate in time, so the rent rate doesn't increase, Whitney said.

Both sophomores said living off campus can be hard, but they believe transfer students should look at it as an option.

"Living off campus is wonderful," Whitney said.

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Michael Chen | Argonaut

Even with first year on-campus rules, there are several off-campus options for transfer students. Any freshman wanting to apply for off-campus living must submit their exemption by May 1.

## OPINION

# Wallace vs. Theophilus Tower

*Tower is the better option for first-year students*

As incoming freshmen, students face the decision of where to live for the next academic year, and no one wants to make the wrong choice.

Students who decide dorm life is right for them still have two options to face — the freshman-only Theophilus Tower or the much bigger Wallace Residence Center. Each choice has its own pros and cons.

As the central residence hall on campus, Wallace offers several facilities not found in other dorms. Bob's Place, the only dining hall on campus, is in Wallace. This allows for quick and easy walks to get food without having to go outside and face the unpredictable Moscow weather. Along with Bob's, the mailroom for both residence halls is located in Wallace, which again saves you some horrible walks. Living in Wallace also means each room has its own private bathroom, shared only with suitemates. This means instead of competing to take a shower with an entire

floor, there are three other people to battle with. This can be nice if students are in a hurry and need to take a shower without having to wait.



**Jordan Hollingshead**  
Argonaut

Most of the cons to living in Wallace stem from the dorm rooms themselves. The rooms in Wallace are small and do not allow you to have a group of friends come over without feeling crowded. Even with bunk beds, they are still smaller than the Tower rooms, which often lead to people coming to the

Tower to hang out.

In Wallace suites, you sleep in bunk beds, which can make sleeping harder for both roommates. The main issue is that in bunk beds you can hear every wake and turn of the person below or above you and this can make it harder to sleep.

Another con is that you have three roommates, which means the odds of liking everyone is small, which can suck because most stuff is shared and there

is only a door dividing the two rooms. Although you and your suitemates get your own bathroom and shower, they are both smaller than usual, which is not such a big deal, but can get annoying.

Unlike Wallace, each room in the Tower comes with two twin extra large beds on opposite sides of the room. Even with two separate beds in each room, there is still more open space than in Wallace, which makes inviting friends over easier. In the Tower, you only have one roommate — and the odds of liking one roommate are better than liking three.

The Tower also promotes getting involved in the college community by requiring residents complete the Vandal Edge program by the end of fall semester. The Vandal Edge program includes things like joining a school club, attending at least two culturally based programs and participating in at least one service project. These may seem like a con, however, it is extremely easy to complete and it will get you out of the dorm room and onto campus.

Since the only dining hall that uses meal plans and the mail room are located in Wallace, students will have to take a minute walk to go get food or their mail. Although a minute walk does not sound bad, you will have to brave the temperamental weather, and in the winter it can get annoying.

Another con is that the elevators are constantly broken, since many people try to get on it at once. If you find yourself in a hurry and live on a higher floor in the 11-story Tower, you may find yourself having to take the stairs and getting some unwanted exercise.

Some people consider sharing bathrooms and showers with an entire floor as a con, because Wallace provides each suite with their own. With six bathroom stalls and six showers, the communal bathrooms can be a pain to share with 38 to 39 other students in the morning.

Both residence halls have their pros and cons, however, I think the Tower provides a better living environment and is a better option for incoming freshman.

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# What makes a house a home

*Delta Zeta women find their place on campus*

**Hannah Shirley**  
Argonaut

After a year of construction, the women of Delta Zeta Sorority will move into their new house on Greek Row just in time for the fall 2015 semester.

Without a house, the members of Delta Zeta lived in Wallace Residence Hall since they were chartered five years ago.

Because of this, Delta Zeta chapter president Elisabeth “Izzy” Martin said the women see both sides of campus living — Greek life and dorm life. She said it’s important to the women that they remember where they came from. That’s why when the architects designing their house asked the women what they wanted, they overwhelmingly decided to keep the suite-style living, similar to how they lived in Wallace.

“We wanted to carry that with us,” Martin said.

The suite-style living is different than the porch-style sleeping arrangements used by most of the other houses on campus. Martin said this willingness to break away from the beaten path and embrace change is something she hopes will define Delta Zeta in the future.

“I’ve noticed chapters love the word ‘tradition,’” Martin said. “Something with our chapter that I’ve noticed is we’re very accepting of change, which is a lot harder for more established chapters.”

That’s not to say Delta Zeta isn’t establishing their own traditions. Martin said the house has hosted an end-of-the-year barbecue for the past two years, which she hopes will continue in the future. Once their house is built, she

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I love the direction our chapter is going. We pride ourselves on having a lot of really diverse women.

**Elisabeth Martin, Delta Zeta chapter president**

said they will have much more space to put on events.

“We want to keep going the positive and healthy traditions and get rid of the negative things associated with Greeks,” Martin said.

Martin, a founding mother of the University of Idaho chapter of Delta Zeta, said she always expected to live in the dorms. Though her dad’s family had all gone Greek, it was never something that interested her.

She said she has this in common with many girls in her chapter. It wasn’t until she came to campus and saw the sisterhood, philanthropy and beauty that inspired her to join. Now, four years later as her chapter president, she said she couldn’t be happier with how Delta Zeta has grown and developed since their colonization.

“I love the direction our chapter is going,” Martin said. “We pride ourselves on having a lot of really diverse women. We have women involved in multi-cultural events, Nourish International, athletics, jazz choir, and that’s something I’m really proud of about our chapter.”

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## OPINION

# Go Greek or go home

*Why joining a sorority is the best choice for you*

Let me start by saying I — like some of you — was totally against Greek life at the beginning of my first year at the University of Idaho.

I lived in the Wallace Residence Center during my freshman year. There was never anything unbearably bad about it, but I quickly learned that UI Greek students were simply making more out of their college experience than I was.

Before college, the only exposure I had to fraternity and sorority life was through rumors and the media. Both of these outlets rely heavily on stereotypes and have a negative bias, so I was led to believe Greek students were nothing but perfect plastic clones of one another who don't care about

academics and just get wasted every day. However, I quickly learned this wasn't the case, at least for Greek life at UI.

Those in the Greek system appeared to have it all. Not only were they having more fun than I was, but many of them were getting good grades and participating in more events. I didn't know how they were doing it, but I saw no reason why I couldn't, or shouldn't, be a part of it myself. So I rushed at the start of my sophomore year.

This has so far proved to be one of the best decisions I've made for my college career. Though my freshman year was far from horrible, my second year has already vastly improved from the first.



**Erin Bamer**  
Argonaut

I have never met such a diverse and beautiful group of women than those who are in my sorority. The misconception that sorority girls are all identical Barbies is completely wrong, and it is clear once people just take a minute to look further.

The rumor about sorority girls being stupid is also not true. Already a good student, my grades have actually improved since being initiated. Most sororities and fraternities have certain academic requirements and encourage their members to get involved in other school organizations. So no, Greeks don't discourage successful behaviors, they actually promote it.

Finally, one of the biggest reasons I'm glad I decided to rush was because of the amazing environment I entered upon join-

ing the Greek system at UI. The atmosphere at my house is one of security and acceptance. I feel completely comfortable around my sisters at all hours of the day, and this may seem like a small thing, but it's extremely important.

During my first year, I used to scoff at the sorority girls who traveled in packs to school events, out to dinner or even just to the library. The fact is though, doing activities in groups simply makes it more fun. I made way more friends in just one month of living in my sorority than I did in my entire freshman year, and they're friends I'll have for life. I'll always be thankful to the UI Greek system for giving me that.

It's unfortunate that so many more negative things are being associated with Greek life due to recent events, like what

happened at the University of Oklahoma. These actions are inexcusable, of course, but I fear that some interested Vandals may assume this reflects the actions of the Greek houses at UI when it doesn't. I fear they'll miss out on some of the best experiences they'll have in their entire lives because they're reluctant to go Greek.

I took the risk by participating in rush, and it paid off. My experience in a sorority has included all of the good things I hoped it would bring and none of the bad. Going Greek helped make my college experience.

What I have to say to students thinking about joining the Greek system is this — I'm like you. I was hesitant, but going Greek is one of the best choices you'll make at UI. If you take the risk, you won't regret it.

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## OPINION

# Living a fraternity lifestyle

*Young college men should consider joining a fraternity, a family*

**Silas Whitley**  
Argonaut

Living in a fraternity is certainly a new world for young college men.

Many will be thrown into a stark new reality of doing chores, laundry and washing their own dishes. Though these trivial things are likely to be scoffed at by “independent” students, it’s just as likely they and many others have yet to experience the reality check fraternities are meant to offer.

The stigma of fraternity men and

sorority women “buying friends” is applicable to any other student on campus who pays to attend college — unless they have no friends. The difference between the friends one discovers by joining a fraternity and the friends the stigma purveyors have is that fraternity brothers are united by common goals and, more often than not, common problems and struggles. Often observable, these friendships are much stronger and more meaningful than threads of friendships founded during chemistry lab or founded through high-school dramas.

On the flip side, joining a fraternity throws a lot of adversity at college men.

There will always be things that happen, regardless of which path someone takes, that won’t be appreci-

ated much. Not everything goes your way. Fraternity men are certain to not get along with each other all of the time. There will be someone who may not be considered a friend.

Joining a fraternity is likely to make personal space pretty null sometimes, which can be hard to manage. This is okay though, as it encourages finding alternative outlets like the campus and many other places around town.

Besides the everlasting friendships formed in fraternities, perhaps the most important skill learned is how to deal with people. Joining house leadership is the best way to do this, but it can also be done without. Fraternity life isn’t a cakewalk, and a lot of times living and leading in a fraternity is like herding cats. When given enough time,

managing forums, interpersonal communication, confidentiality, mediation and general understanding of how people think are all learned. These are very valuable skills sure to be learned, but they — and many others — can all be learned in a fraternity.

Ultimately, the pros and cons of living in a fraternity are in the eyes of the beholder. Being a little more cliché, it is what you make it.

Young college men looking for more friends, fun, meaningfulness, responsibility and experience — both through adversity and not — than their neighbors in dormitories would do well to join a fraternity.

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## OPINION



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Brian Kelly works the cashier stand at Sister's Brew in the Janssen Engineering Building. Sister's Brew is just one of several eatery options besides Bob's Place.

# Beyond Bob's Place

*Students can pick from many eateries on campus*

The Idaho Commons food court is easy to swing by on the way to class, and Bob's is a quick jaunt away from every dorm room on campus, but Vandal Dining options only taste good for so many consecutive meals.

For the hungry and the savvy, there's a wealth of options on campus to satisfy cravings for all things sweet, savory and everything in between.

The 6th Street Marketplace located in the LLCs is home to Denny's All-Nighter and the recently remodeled convenience store, The Grid. Denny's All-Nighter is not open all hours of the night, but will happily serve breakfast and burgers to students for most of each day.

The Grid, while pricier than farther-away options such as Winco and Walmart, offer snacks and groceries conveniently to students on campus who might not have a car, or who might not want to brave the Moscow weather. The Grid offers fresh produce, pre-packaged snacks, simple meal options, an assortment of toiletries and more — it's not the place to

exhaust your shopping list, but it's a great place to go for the basics.

Tucked in the back of the J. A. Albertson Building, Stover's often goes underutilized as a niche on campus, serving pitas 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. It's an easy stop, with all the fresh breads, veggies, meats and cheeses students sometimes forget they're craving. Stover's also brews fresh Starbucks coffee, an integral part of every college student's diet.

For those eager to map out their coffee runs, places on campus to get caffeinated besides Stover's include the Starbucks located inside the VandalStore, Einstein Bro's Bagels located in the Commons, the VandalExpress in the Commons, and Sister's Brew Coffee House. The VandalExpress also offers quick snacks and office supplies for the rushed student.

Sister's Brew offers the widest assortment of coffee beverages on campus. While their location in the

Campus Christian Center is no longer open, students can still find them in the Janssen Engineering Building and on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Sister's offers a different special every day, such as a free shot of flavor or 25 percent off pastries and students who visit them around holidays can try their hand at competing for prizes when they order a themed drink. College is stressful. Winning free chocolate with a morning coffee will help.

Finally, for students who miss the quality of a home-cooked meal, the kitchen in the Wallace basement is open for all students to use — because sometimes there's nothing like fending off starvation just the way you like it.

There are several ways to sate a student's appetite on campus without trudging to Bob's or the Commons food court. All it takes is a little digging.

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# Dos and don'ts of dorms

*Housing options on campus all have some rules*

**Claire Whitley**  
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## What to bring

For every college lifestyle, there are essential items to bring along.

Everyone needs shampoo, towels, posters and sheets. However, University of Idaho Housing has a list of things they suggest students bring or leave at home.

Most students think of bringing microwaves, Bunsen burners and little waffle irons or sandwich presses. These are all not allowed in any form of University Housing. All rooms come equipped with a microwave and a mini fridge — having more of them just takes up room. Coffee pots are allowed if they have an automatic off switch, but anything else should be left at home. Other things not allowed are rice cookers, candle warmers, pets (except fish in a 10 gallon or less tank), fireworks and a food fryer of any kind.

The Housing office offers a few tips and tricks for microwave recipes and how to keep the room smelling fresh on their Pinterest page.

Some of the items ASUI president Nate Fisher suggests bringing are umbrellas and rain boots or waterproof shoes. Fisher also suggests packing at least one crazy costume, because students never know when a good costume is needed for an event, such as Tower Trick or Treat on Halloween or a Vandal Game Day event.

The Housing office offers a full list of what to bring on their website.



Claire Whitley | Argonaut

## Rules

All freshmen have to live on campus unless they submit an exemption form by May 1. Submitting a form does not guarantee an exemption will be granted. Those exemptions under which a student may qualify to live off campus is if they are married, have children, are 21 years old or older or living at home with parents.

All residence halls are substance free for students under the age of 21. The third floor of the Stevenson wing in Wallace Residence Complex is complete-

ly substance free. Smoking is not allowed indoors and smokers have to smoke 25 feet away from any building entrance. There is currently a Tobacco Task Force proposing the idea of a tobacco-free campus, so rules are subject to change.

Visitors to residence halls are allowed only to spend three nights in a row and no more than seven in a semester.

A recent change to the student handbook states any off-campus activity can be subject to university rules. So if someone is caught drinking under the legal age limit, they may get

written up by a Resident Assistant or some other Housing staff member. This isn't to discourage people from going off campus to socialize, it's just an effort to encourage all UI students to be safer, said Corey Ray, associate director of Housing.

## Dos and don'ts

It's important to make whatever Housing option students choose feel like home. If this means bringing house plants to decorate the windowsill, then carefully pack them. Wherever students end up is the place

they will live for nine months, so it needs to be as comfortable as it can be. However, it shouldn't be so comfortable that students never leave their rooms. It is important for students to meet people on their floors or in their suites and get involved with them.

Students should get involved on campus with student clubs they find interesting, whether it be Quidditch or ultimate Frisbee. College life is what you make it.

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Kira Hunter | Argonaut

Women of Steel House enjoy the best of both worlds — Greek and independent student living — in one of the nation’s oldest women’s living cooperatives.

# A little Greek, a little independent

*A woman’s cooperative as alternative housing*

**Hannah Shirley**  
Argonaut

On a campus that often seems starkly divided between Greek and independent students, University of Idaho sophomore Alex Croft said she loves Steel House because it’s the best of both worlds.

“Some of us are really independent and just do our own thing,” Croft said. “But some of us are really involved. We’re never required to do activities, but we have Halloween and Christmas parties and stuff like that, and once in a while we’ll participate in Greek activities, like the Watermelon Bash.”

With a sleeping porch, a house board including

a president, a house manager and a social chair and a tight-knit family environment, Croft said the Steel House culture resembles the Greek system. At the same time, the freedom afforded to residents is much more reminiscent of independent living.

Croft said one of her favorite parts of living in the women’s cooperative is that everyone pitches in to do chores together — not only does it help the women bond, she said, but it keeps the costs of living there low.

“Everybody is fun and laid back, and also really humorous,” Croft said. “I stayed there overnight when I came to Vandal Friday, and I loved that we could all sleep together on the sleeping porch, and I loved that we have pianos and I loved that we have a cook, because everyone wants a cook.”

Steel House, a nonprofit organization, is one of the

oldest women’s living cooperatives in the country and was founded by former Idaho Regent Ethel Steel in 1953. In women’s cooperatives, residents are encouraged to learn to work together to create a home environment and learn skills to be independent.

According to Croft, up to 32 women can live in the house at a time, and applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Croft said the rooms usually fill up quickly — which makes sense, according to Croft, since it’s an appealing environment to so many women.

“I think it’s a great transition into college because there’s so much freedom, but also so many people there to help you out,” Croft said. “It’s very diverse and you get to meet many, many people.”

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# Five meal plans for the 2015-2016 academic year

*All incoming freshmen have to purchase a food plan.  
Students who are sophomores or older living in Living Learning Communities do not have to purchase a meal plan.*

**Vandal Premiere** is **\$1,900** and includes **unlimited** meals at Bob's Place all day, **\$50** Vandal Dollars.

**Vandal Prestige** is **\$1,900** and includes **unlimited** meals per week only from 11:00 a.m. to close at Bob's Place, **\$200** Vandal Dollars.

**Vandal Pride** is **\$1,700** and contains **150** block meals and **\$200** Vandal dollars. Block meals span the entirety of the semester and expire each semester.

**Idaho Freedom** is **\$675** and includes **50** block meals and **\$250** Vandal Dollars.

**Idaho Advantage** is **\$255** and includes **2** block meals per week at Bob's Place and the option to add Vandal Dollars.

*Both Idaho Freedom and Idaho Advantage are limited to Living Learning Communities upperclassmen and non-residents. Vandal Dollars now include Starbucks, vending machines and the VandalStore.*

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