Hello! You’re probably wondering all about how you’re supposed to get into the hall of your choice next year with the roommates you want. Well, this flyer is especially for you, so please read this thoroughly and pay special attention to the calendar. Make sure to read all Room Selection information [here](http://simpson.edu/reslife/room-selection/) on-line. If you have questions, please ask your student staff member. They should be knowledgeable about the process.

**The Lottery System**
- Each first-year resident will receive a randomly assigned lottery number between 3000-3500. The lower the number, the better! Lottery numbers are posted at Student Development on February 23. These random numbers help us determine the order in which students choose housing. The only deduction available is if you filled out the Residence Life Experience Survey in the fall.

**Room Selection Applications**
- Choose your roommate(s)! Once you’ve decided who you want to live with, fill out a Room Application. These are available for download online at [http://simpson.edu/reslife/room-selection/](http://simpson.edu/reslife/room-selection/) and are available at Student Development. All Room Selection applications are the same, except those for the theme houses and Picken Floor Draw.
- Designate which room size your group wants by checking the box on the top of the page.
- Make sure everyone in your group signs the application (unless they are abroad) and chooses a meal plan.
- There is one application, but two deadlines depending on what you are applying for. See calendar below.
- Each person can only be on one application, and applications must have the correct number of people on it for the space you are applying for in order to be valid.
- We anticipate having about 4-7 4-person apartments for rising sophomores. A group of 4 first-year students applying for an apartment must have individual GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

**Room Selection Process**
- Students already housed in a Greek House, Theme House, or the Picken Floor Draw or traveling abroad for the fall semester cannot participate in Room Selection.
- Each application will be averaged by the lottery numbers on it. Each application will be ranked among all other applications of the same type.
- Rankings are posted at Student Development shortly after applications are due.
- According to the schedule on the rankings and the schedule below, come to Room Selection and pick your room for next year on Thursday, April 2.

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**Please note:** All full-time unmarried students who do not live at home or with immediate relatives are required to live on campus. Exceptions to these rules are made for seniors, students over 23 years of age, and veterans through the Petition process. Permission to live off campus for any reason must be obtained prior to moving off-campus or signing a lease or you will be billed for Room and Board. If you are planning to live off campus, petition through StormFront! Full-time registration for the Fall 2014 semester is required for room selection.
As a sophomore, you have several housing options. This should help you decide which is the best fit for you. Be sure to take advantage of the open houses on Feb. 16 and 17 to see the buildings in more detail.

Housing Options

Picken Hall

Built in 1988, Picken is co-ed and houses 90 students, mostly in 2-person rooms that share a bathroom with an adjoining room. There are a few triple rooms available also. Picken has 2 lounges, a computer room, a full kitchen, and a laundry room.

**Picken Floor Draw**

Apply as a group of 12 to share 4 triples and a community bathroom in the basement of Picken. Applications for Picken triples and Floor Draw are due on March 2nd.

Buxton Hall

This co-ed hall features suite-style living for 130 students in large 4-person rooms that share a bathroom with the adjoining room. Buxton has a laundry room, full kitchen, and pool table. Priority is given to students who pair up with another group of four so that they may apply for an 8-person suite together.

Questions?

Ask anyone on the Residence Life student staff! ...or Elyse Morris, x1732, elyse.morris@simpson.edu (Buxton/Picken)

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Apartments

Usually first-years (rising sophomores) do not have low enough lottery numbers to live in apartments, unless you have roommates who are juniors or seniors. If this is the case, they will be receiving information about applying for the apartments. Current students in any class may choose to live together on a room application. This year, there may be spaces for groups of 4 rising sophomores to be in the apartments. Applications with 4 rising sophomores must have individual GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

Are you Greek?

If you are a member of a Greek organization you must make arrangements with your fraternity or sorority **before** participating Room Selection. College-owned Greek chapters are required to turn in a roster to Residence Life by March 1, stating who will be living in their houses for the following year, so please finalize your plans with your chapter. If you will be living out of your chapter house, and participating in the Room Selection process, just follow the steps listed on the first page of the newsletter.

Theme Houses

Theme housing is available for groups from 4-8 students. Students in theme housing develop a theme, complete service hours, and hold projects for the community. Learn more at our Residence Life room selection site.

Check out the rooms!

Come to the Buxton and Picken Open House on Mon, Feb. 16 or Tues, Feb. 17 at 8:00pm! You can walk around and check out which style suites you. Talk to your CA about more details.

Need a Roommate or Two?

Like the “SC Residence Life” Facebook page to find others looking for the right people to fill their application!