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# Update: Returning Student Room Sign-Up 2006

Many on-campus residents of UGA Housing recently participated in Returning Student Room Sign-Up for the 2006-2007 school year. Here is an update on this important process.

## University of Georgia First Year Live-On Requirement

National research has shown that students who live on campus during their first year are more academically successful, more satisfied, more involved on campus, and more likely to continue their enrollment than students who live off-campus. At UGA, first year students living on campus also typically enroll in more credit hours. With the adoption of the First Year Live-On Requirement in April 2003, the University placed the housing of first year students as the highest priority. As a result, a significant number of spaces are held each year to accommodate the incoming class. The first year class for 2007 is projected to reach 4,800 students.

## UGA Housing Capacity

Despite recent construction, there are only 6,834 spaces in 20 residence halls available for undergraduate students. Of the spaces not held for first year students, a number of them are reserved for students enrolled in the academic-residential programs that help maximize the flow of academic resources to the residential population. Examples include the Franklin Residential College in Rutherford Hall, the Language Communities in Mary Lyndon Hall, and the Honors Magnet Program in Myers Hall. This leaves a surprisingly small number of available spaces for regular returning students.

## Improving the Process

A focus group of students from the Residence Hall Association spent many weeks working with the students in their hall councils to discuss last year's process and identify those issues most essential to design of the best possible system. The system they developed was unanimously approved by the full membership of the Residence Hall Association and University Housing's Executive Management Team:

The students felt they needed to prioritize the available space in order to ensure each classification was given a fair chance to have a space next year. It was decided that spaces would be allocated based on their current representation in the halls. For example, current freshmen make up 65% of the students living in the halls, so 65% of the space available for returning students was allocated to current freshmen/rising sophomores. Another key difference was in the method by which appointment times were assigned. Unlike previous years in which every resident was assigned an appointment time, this year students had to indicate that they wished to participate in Returning Student Room Sign-Up by requesting an appointment time through the University Housing web site.

To ensure all residents received notification of these new processes, all residents were sent an informative email, "table tents" were placed on all dining hall tables, evening Question & Answer sessions were conducted in all seven residential communities and posters were hung in the Tate Student Center, the Student Learning Center and in all residence and dining halls.

## Waiting Lists

Two waiting lists were created for those students who did not receive appointment times in the first round of Returning Student Room Sign-Up. The first was for those students who asked for an appointment time, but did not receive one. The second was for those students that missed the deadline to request to participate, but still wished to do so. Since January 23, over 600 students who were initially placed on a waiting list have since been offered a permanent space in a residence hall.

## Other Options

Students who participate in such academic programs as the Franklin Residential College and the French and Spanish Language Communities are guaranteed spaces in the residence halls where these programs are based. More information on these programs can be found at the Academic Initiatives section of our web site at [www.uga.edu/housing/academic](http://www.uga.edu/housing/academic).

While we wish we could accommodate all students who wish to live with us, it is fortunate that Athens is well supplied with private housing options in a wide variety of locations, prices, and configurations. One apartment complex, College Park Apartments, has an affiliation with UGA by virtue of being owned by the UGA Real Estate Foundation, a nonprofit educational support corporation. College Park falls under the jurisdiction of and is patrolled by the University of Georgia's Police Department, with bus service every 15 minutes to the UGA campus. College Park is almost exclusively populated by UGA students, and the owners and managers are knowledgeable and supportive of student success. College Park is located at 505 Riverbend Parkway off College Station Road on the eastern edge of campus. Contact them at 888-999-4831 or 706-353-0779 for more information.

## Conclusion

The Housing Assignments Office continues to make every effort to provide housing for as many students as possible and will continue working to place those students who currently populate the waiting lists. Students on the waiting lists should check their UGA email accounts regularly, as that is our primary means of official communication. You or your students are welcome to contact the Housing Assignments Office at 706-542-1421 or [housing@uga.edu](mailto:housing@uga.edu) with any specific questions or concerns that you may have.

# UGA Language Communities: Translating Language into Life!

***“Opting to live in the French Language Community during my second year has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at the University. We’ve become more than just a group of students living together that are interested in practicing our language skills, we’re a close-knit albeit eclectic Francophile family.”***

The Department of University Housing and the Department of Romance Languages have collaborated to create French and Spanish Language Communities in Mary Lyndon Hall, located in the Myers Community. In addition to requiring participation in a weekly one-hour, one-credit conversation class, these living-learning environments are designed to accelerate language education and enhance residents’ knowledge of the French- and Spanish-speaking world through a “semi-immersion” experience that facilitates rapid skill development, as residents are able to work on their oral proficiency in practical, everyday settings with fellow students, faculty, and invited guests. For these reasons, living in the language communities is also an effective stepping stone for study abroad.

***“The required community Spanish class teaches us aspects like colloquialisms and slang, that we cannot learn in our regular Spanish classes.”***

Under the guidance of teams of Resident Language Coordinators and the graduate assistants who also live in Mary Lyndon, students also help organize cultural events

sponsored by the program, including film screenings, meals, and excursions to concerts, plays, and museum exhibits. There are also many opportunities for students to give back to the community by volunteering to serve as interpreters or tutors.



***“The members of the group that I have been lucky enough to live with are motivated and interested in opening their minds, well aware of the fact that we are becoming more and more of a global community.”***

Students that have completed a minimum of three semesters of college-level French or Spanish, or three years of study in high school, are invited to submit applications to the Language

Community Faculty Coordinators: Catherine Jones (French) and Betina Kaplan (Spanish). For contact information, additional details about the program and additional application instructions, please visit the program web site at: [www.rom.uga.edu/langcomm](http://www.rom.uga.edu/langcomm). Brochures are also available in the reception area of Gilbert Hall.

***“The Language Community was one of the most important experiences of my college career.”***





# Spend the Summer with *UGA Housing Conference Services*

One element of the Mission of the University of Georgia is to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Georgia through their roles in economic, social, and community development. Every summer the Department of University Housing directly supports fulfillment of this institutional mission by making many of the residence halls available to not only other UGA departments, but also to civic groups and organizations from all over the state. *In 2005, more than 14,500 visiting athletes, artists, musicians, scholars and UGA Orientation attendees enjoyed safe, comfortable, and affordable accommodations with UGA Housing* for spans of as little as one night to as long as eight weeks.

The Conference Services program is also an important source of revenue for the Department; UGA Housing is completely self-sufficient, receiving no funding from state taxes, student tuition or any other sources besides that which can be generated from business operations. The Conference Services program allows all 20 residence halls to remain

productive all summer, providing continuous employment for approximately 500 professional staff members and student workers, while also facilitating completion of building renovations and upgrades.

Finally, UGA Housing Conference Services provides a fantastic showcase for the University of Georgia for many youth that may not otherwise have an opportunity to visit the campus. Whether working with children or graduate students, our sponsors regularly report that the ability to stay at UGA has a dramatic positive impact on guests' eagerness to enroll at the University of Georgia.

Are you involved in a summer program that you would like to bring to UGA? Any group that can demonstrate an educational or civic mission is welcome to apply to participate. For complete information on rates and availability, please visit the UGA Housing Conference Services web page at: [www.uga.edu/housing/conferences](http://www.uga.edu/housing/conferences). You may also contact Summer Conferences Coordinator Ed Kelly at (706) 542-8325, or via email at: [ekelly@uga.edu](mailto:ekelly@uga.edu).

## Built in 1936, Mary Lyndon Hall is home to 122 male and female students and the UGA Language Communities, *but who was Mary Dorothy Lyndon?*

Born in 1877 in Newnan, Georgia, Mary Dorothy Lyndon attended Wesleyan College in Macon, graduating in 1896 with the first Dramatic Arts degree ever awarded by that institution. She then studied Dramatic Arts and History at Columbia University in New York before returning to Georgia where she earned her Master of Arts degree in 1914, becoming the first woman to graduate from UGA. After graduation, she taught English at Athens High School before being selected as the first Dean of Women for the University in 1919.

Affectionately known as "Miss Mary", she became involved in many aspects of campus and community life. She directed the Thalian Dramatic Club, founded the Pioneer club, helped organize Phi Mu Sorority's UGA chapter, was recording secretary for the Athens YWCA, was secretary of the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter, wrote for the Athens Banner and taught Sunday school at her church. Countless friends, family and colleagues mourned the untimely death of Ms. Mary Lyndon after she succumbed to pneumonia in 1924.



Mary Dorothy Lyndon



Mary Lyndon Hall

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# Help is Just Down the Hall

The Division of Academic Enhancement (DAE) offers University of Georgia students with easy access to a wide variety of free support resources designed to help them excel academically or get them back on track if they are struggling. In addition to the tutoring offered at the Division's headquarters in Milledge Hall on the Reed Quad, students may receive assistance at the Student Learning Center or through an online tutoring interface.

The Division also offers for-credit elective courses to entering and continuing students under the "UNIV" prefix. Some of these courses focus on helping students improve performance in specific subject areas, while others are designed to help build the study skills that will be beneficial throughout their collegiate career.

Some University Housing residents are only an elevator ride away from getting help! Conveniently located in the Brumby Hall rotunda, the DAE satellite office provides free academic support services to all Housing residents, with workshops regularly scheduled in such topics as forging strong study skills, time management, stress reduction, note taking techniques, and strategies for test preparation. Peer tutoring is also available in math, chemistry, and writing. Students may also schedule a one-on-one appointment with an Academic Specialist trained in removal of the barriers to individual academic success.



Currently under development is a new academic early intervention program, Collaborative Academic Retention Effort (CARE). Designed to address the needs of individual freshmen who have been placed on academic probation, this program will help struggling students recapture good

academic standing by identifying the specific issues that led to probation, then developing an individual academic improvement plan that will allow them to stay on the path to graduation.

The mission of the Division of Academic Enhancement is to help students overcome the academic challenges they face. All students are encouraged to take advantage of the many resources available to them through the DAE satellite office and other campus locations. To view a complete listing of Division services, please visit the web site at: [www.uga.edu/dae](http://www.uga.edu/dae). UGA Housing residents may also contact Ms. Tina Venus, the Academic Specialist for Housing, at (706) 583-0403, or via email at [tvenus@uga.edu](mailto:tvenus@uga.edu), to ask specific questions about the academic services offered or to make an appointment for individual academic assistance.



Students take advantage of the tutoring services offered in Brumby Hall.





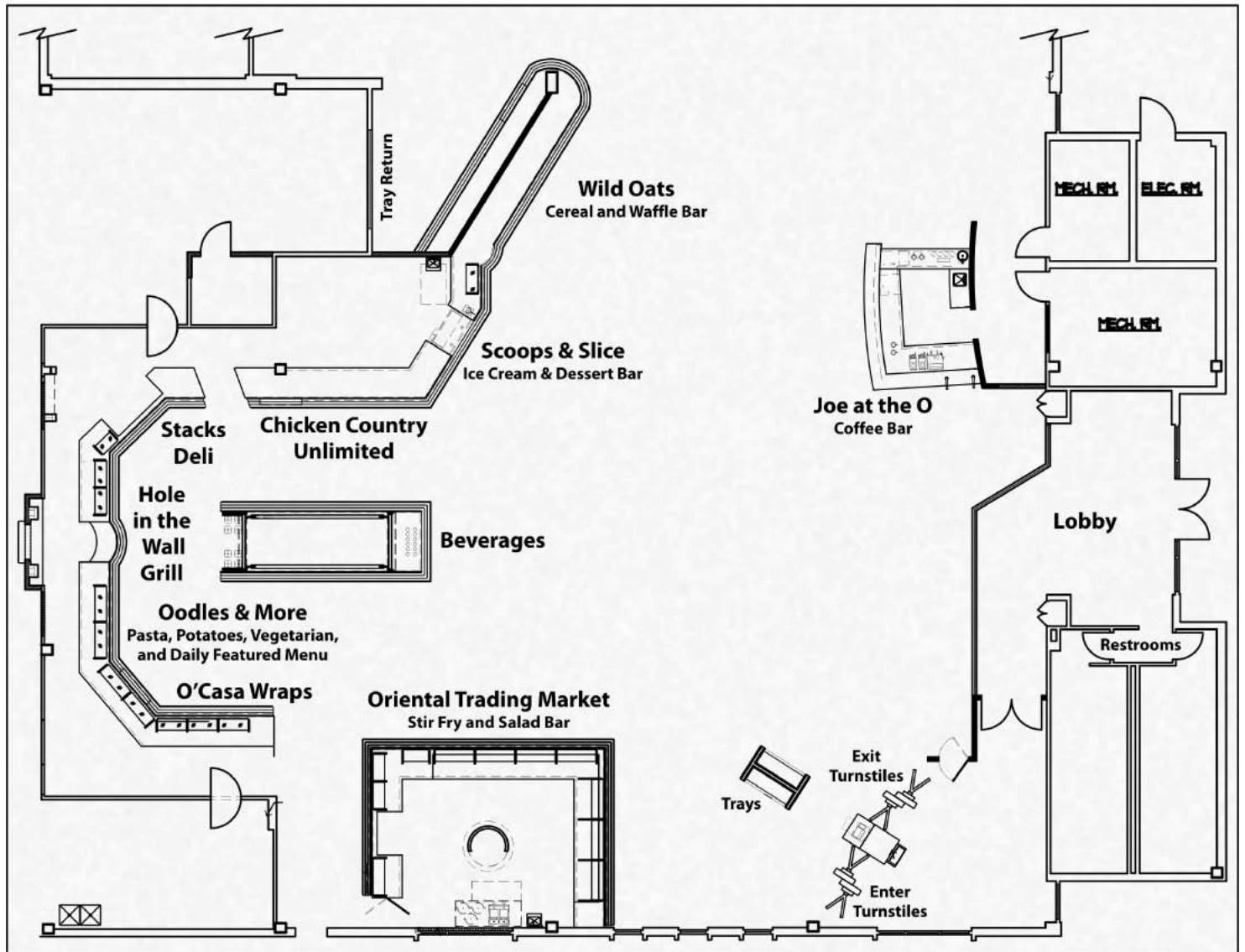
# OGLETHORPE DINING COMMONS

# Refreshed

This summer Oglethorpe Dining Commons is getting the deluxe spa treatment - a top to toe make over which includes a multi-level ceiling, new lighting and new flooring. The renovated entrance will lead customers to the Oriental Trading Market. Choose your favorite fresh ingredients. Then let our chef give them a sizzling ride on the rotating Mongolian grill. Next is, O'Casa Wraps - you call the wrap and we'll roll it for you. The changing choices of featured entrees and vegetarian selections is at Oodles and More. You could also stop in at Stacks deli or the Hole in the Wall Grill for



made to order sandwiches. Then you're smack in the middle of Chicken Country. Before you go, join us for a latte at the new "Joe at the O". It's going to be a great place to refresh yourself and dinner will be served until 8 o'clock.



# 200 Years of UGA Housing & Food Services

Completed in 1806, Old College was the first permanent building on the University of Georgia campus and is the oldest surviving structure in the City of Athens. Originally named Franklin College in honor of Benjamin Franklin, this building was modeled after Connecticut Hall at Yale University and was originally constructed as an all-purpose building with space for classrooms, dining and 24 dormitory suites with fireplaces. A family was also employed to cook for the students. Thus was born a tradition of excellence in dining services and campus housing at the University of Georgia that spans 200 years. At its opening University President Meigs said, "Better accommodations for students cannot be found in any College in the United States."

The Department of University Housing, UGA Food Services and the University of Georgia Alumni Association are very pleased to invite all alumni to participate in the creation of a publication celebrating this historic anniversary. We welcome your photos, stories and memories about what it



was like to live on campus when you were a student. All participating alumni will receive a complimentary copy of the publication and a special commemorative pin.

To participate, please send your stories and photos to:  
**University Housing**  
200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, c/o Ed Kelly '92  
Russell Hall  
Athens, GA 30602

Please remember that any submissions should include your name and/or maiden name, complete postal address, telephone number and email address, as well as your degree and year of graduation. Please make sure you also include the name(s) of the dining halls where you ate, residence hall(s) in which you lived, the year(s) in which you lived there, and, if possible, the floor(s) and/or room number(s). Finally, please try to identify all persons shown in any photos.



Submissions may also be sent electronically by visiting the Alumni Association's web site at:  
[www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni](http://www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni).

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<b>Assignments (Central) Office</b>	<b>(706) 542-1421</b>	Myers Community	(706) 542-5217
Brumby Community	(706) 542-8250	(Mary Lyndon, Myers, Rutherford and Soule Halls)	
Creswell Community	(706) 542-8344		
East Campus Village Community	(706) 542-2041	Reed Community	(706) 542-3753
Hill Community	(706) 542-5934	(Morris, Payne and Reed Halls)	
(Boggs, Church, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell Halls; Oglethorpe House)		Russell Community	(706) 542-8331



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