

Gender Non-Specific Housing: An Issue of Student Safety

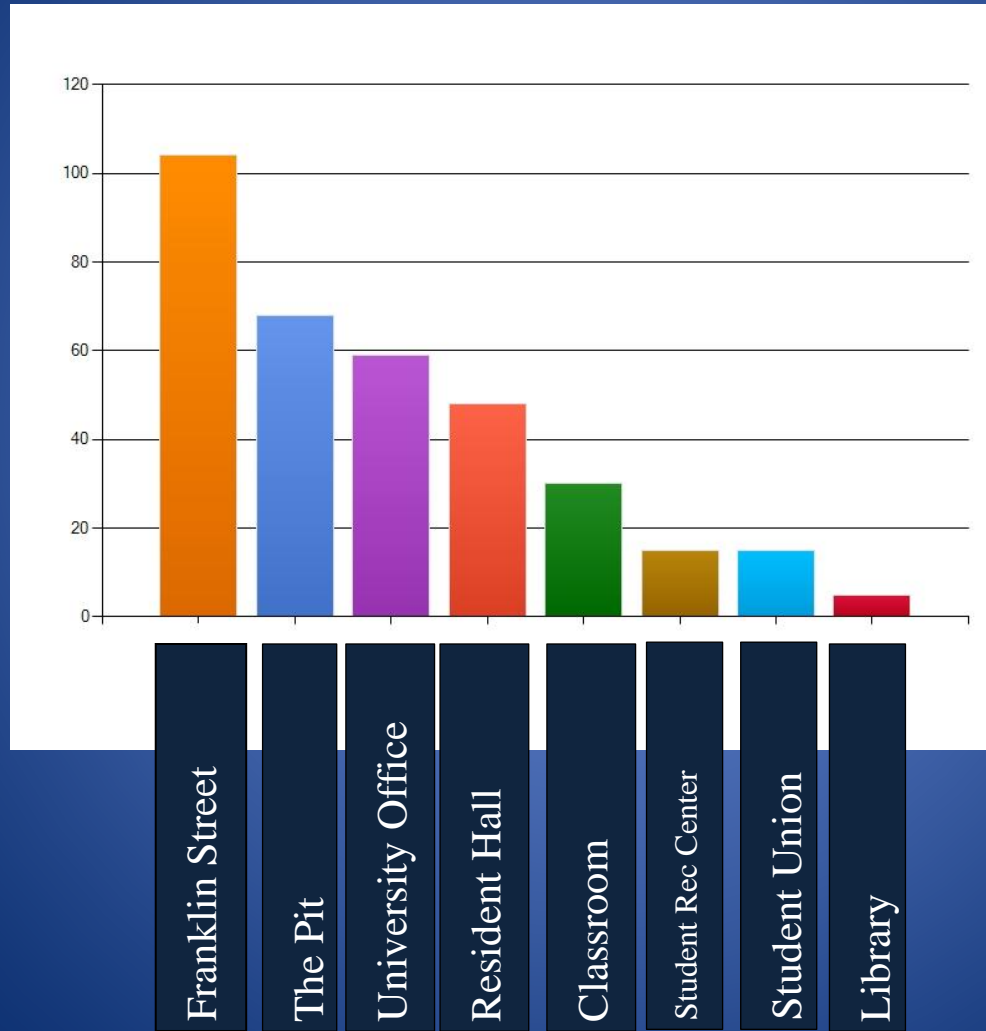
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Why Gender Non-Specific Housing ?

- UNC students are reporting harassment in gender-segregated housing
- Would increase the health, safety, and well-being for students
- Would contribute to recruitment, retention, and academic success of students

Harassment in Residence Halls



Stories from Our Campus

I don't remember the exact first incident because it was continual throughout my first two years at UNC. My masculinity was constantly challenged by other males that were not accepting of alternate forms of masculinity. The continual harassment hurt my self-confidence. Furthermore, it took away any space for me to express who I am as an individual.

Stories from Our Campus

During my first year I lived with 7 other girls. Although they all swore they didn't have a problem with my sexual orientation, I noticed that within a month I had been exiled from suite activities. Conversations stopped when I entered rooms and people hurried to leave the bathroom when I was there. I essentially lived alone with 7 people.

Stories from Our Campus

A friend and I were sitting on a couch in the lounge. We were sitting really close together looking at stuff on the computer screen. A guy came in and stared at us then said 'faggots' under his breath as he walked out of the room. He came back with several of his friends and they surrounded the couch and started calling us names and harassing us. We left and never hung out in the hall lounge again.

What *is* Gender Non-Specific Housing?

- A housing option that allows a student to live in a suite or apartment with students of any gender
- An opt-in only program
- An option in a small number of suites and apartments.

UNC-CH Peer Institutions

Institution	Institution Type	Gender Non-Specific Housing (Fall Began)
Duke University	Private	Yes (2011)
Johns Hopkins Univ.	Private	Yes (2006)
Northwestern University	Private	Yes
Univ. of California- Berkeley	Public	Yes (2007)
Univ. of California-Los Angeles	Public	No
Univ. of Maryland-College Park	Public	Yes (2007)
Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Public	Yes
Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Public	No
University of Penn	Private	Yes (2006)
University of Pittsburgh	Public	No
U of Southern Cal	Private	Contracts w private
Univ. of Texas-Austin	Public	No
Univ. of Virginia	Public	No
Univ. of Washington-Seattle	Public	No
Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	Public	No