Students ponder on and off campus housing options

By Scott Bryant
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According to the Campus Life Handbook, 91 percent of a college student’s time is spent outside the classroom.

“Residence life is more relational than just putting a roof over your head,” said Kathy Southall, director of residence life. “Never again will you have a time in your life where you will be around 1,100 peers.”

Room forms for next semester are due April 22-25 and students may be considering other alternatives than living on-campus.

Other students disagree and believe off-campus living provides a sense of inclusiveness and an easier method of involvement.

“I get to be involved in everything,” said freshman Jody Webster, on-campus resident. “I kinda feel disconnected from what’s going on. I’m not in the middle of everything anymore,” said junior Cassie Paddock, off-campus resident. “Something goes on every night.”

“I get more sleep, my grades have gone up and the cost of living is cheaper,” said senior Keri Baumgardner, off-campus resident.

The cost for one student to live in a kitchen apartment on campus plus a seven-meal plan, which is the minimal requirement for one semester, is $1,820.

Broken down into four different months, a student with a seven-meal plan along with a kitchen apartment pays $455 per month on campus.

The cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Cedarwood Apartments is $579 per month.

Adding the costs of phone and utility services, which on average for four students is $250 per month, the cost of living at Cedarwood Apartments per month is $829.

One student sharing an apartment in Cedarwood pays on average $250 per month plus the cost of food.

The cost of a two-bedroom apartment at Northridge Apartments is $647.

The price for four college students to live is $897 including utilities. Each student would pay $224 per month plus the cost of food.

The cost of a two-bedroom apartment at Cherry Grove Apartments is $635.

Cherry Grove guidelines state that no more than two unrelated adults are allowed to live in one two-bedroom apartment. Thus, the rate for two college students at Cherry Grove including utilities is $885.

Each student would pay $442.50 per month plus the cost of food.

Cedarwood, Cherry Grove and Northridge Apartments all have pools within walking distance and each two-bedroom apartment contains washer and dryer units, dishwashers, ovens, two bathrooms and refrigerators.

Senior artists display talent

By Laural Smith
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Three Union seniors are gearing up for their senior art exhibit to showcase April 23-29.

Kelly Carter, Betsy Gardener and Paul Farmer are all having exhibits in the art gallery located in the Penick Academic Complex.

Carter is showing paintings and drawings. Her focus will be on the childhood, female genocide and female mutilation.

“I've always had a heart for kids and I've recently heard a lot about these things going on,” said Carter. “I wanted other people to know about what is happening and I am showing that through my passion for art.”

All art majors must do a senior exhibit. “I have learned a lot about gallery exhibits and how to do them and what goes into them through the whole experience,” said Carter. “This really helps in learning the whole gallery experience.”

Paul Farmer is showing work in graphic design and painting. He is doing a series of paintings dealing with the use of the line. Farmer said the line is one of the principles in art and is the first thing we see in a creation. He is also incorporating graphic design into his paintings.

Student teachers honored at tea

By Edwin Sentell
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“I have always known that I wanted to be a teacher,” said senior Riley Wood who student-taught third grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Jackson, Tenn. this semester.

“She has been an incredible person to learn from,” said Wood about Shirley Richardson, her cooperating teacher.

Wood teaches in Richardson’s class of 23 students. Although she is currently the student teacher for the third grade, she is certified to teach grades kindergarten through eighth.

“My goal is to be a positive role-model to the kids because some of them don’t have that in their homes,” said Wood.

When asked if she enjoys teaching, Wood said she loves it. She also says her students tell her that they enjoy her teaching.

“The only way to really learn how to teach is to actually just do it,” said Wood.

Wood along with other student teachers will be honored at the Department of Education’s annual Appreciation Tea on May 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Coburn Dining Hall.

Cooperating teachers, like Richardson, and their principals are invited to attend as well. The Appreciation Tea is not only to honor student teachers like Wood, but also to show appreciation to the professionals who have prepared them to teach.