One student's account of his R/O odyssey

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My temporary assignment was a room which was originally double. One of my roommates apparently stayed with his parents in a hotel, however, so I had only one temporary roommate. We agreed that it was not quite in the spirit of things to bring your parents along during R/O Week.

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After a great breakfast and a bike trip to the Arboretum the situation reversed itself. Having been flushed by that very fraternity that had been so hospitable the day before, it was 1) who returned to spend the night in my temporary dorm assignment. My roommate ended up back in the dormitory room. We walked briefly as I returned to pick up my bags.

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