Fake IDs?
I’m only 18, and I heard everyone on campus has a fake ID. Where’s the best place to score one and what are the best bars to use them at?

REALITY CHECK: Using false or fraudulent identification to obtain alcohol is a misdemeanor in North Carolina, which may result in a state-issued citation and/or a mandatory court appearance. If you’re approached by a law enforcement officer from Durham Police, Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), or Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), it’s best to remain compliant, give the authority your legal identification, and answer all questions honestly. Further, it’s a violation of Duke University policy to either possess or consume alcohol either on or off campus if you are under 21. Driving while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol may also result in a suspension of one or more semesters.

Working together with dorm-mates
It turns out three of the people in my dorm are all with me in the same engineering class, so besides walking all the way to Teer together, we’re totally gonna share all of our homework and research.

REALITY CHECK: Unauthorized collaboration on assignments, exams, or tests is considered cheating and a violation of the Academic Dishonesty policy at Duke. It is not permitted to give or receive aid for an assignment without the express permission of the instructor. To clarify what types of group work may be allowed for your classes, consult your instructors at the beginning of each semester.

Free MP3s and movies for all
I can’t wait to get to campus and grab all the best music, movies, and games, not to mention share my awesome collection with other people!

REALITY CHECK: Duke’s Computing and Electronic Communications policy does not permit illegal file sharing of copyrighted media. Several Duke students have received pre-litigation or settlement offers from the Recording Industry Association of America for publicly making available files of music, TV shows, and movies for which they do not own the copyright. The dollar amount of settlement requests to students typically range between $3000 and $5000.

Parties
I keep hearing about all of the awesome off-campus parties with free booze, tons of people, lots of food, and loud music. How do I get invited to them?

REALITY CHECK: Off-campus houses are situated in residential neighborhoods with a city noise ordinance beginning at 11 PM. If the police are notified that a party has been getting out of control, they may approach the house and end the party. It’s also important to remember these ordinances as you’re walking home. Again, if you’re approached by any law enforcement official, it’s best to be compliant with them, which may mean the difference between a warning and a citation or arrest.

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