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Marc Cromwell, 25, general manager, Mad Hatter's Bake Shop:

**Perfect Date:** There aren't a lot of great places to take a date unless you want to drop \$200 on dinner.



Durham really caters to the college crowd and to the university professors and doctors--there's not much in between. When you go out in Raleigh, there are lots of single people. There are definitely places to go and meet people.



**Singles Scene:** It's all related to the university. There's a group of locals who hang out, and then there are the graduate students and the undergraduates. They're very divided, and they don't intermix at all.



**Beautiful People:** Pretty much Duke sorority girls, who, unless you're a Duke student, are pretty much untouchable.

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