

## Room Draw, Northfield Option and More!

*If you read nothing else about choosing housing for next year, read this!!*

### NEW THIS YEAR

*Memorial Hall rooms will be available for Room Draw for upper class students only.*

*Cassat Hall rooms will be available for Room Draw. Approximately 25% of the rooms will be held for frosh.*

*Meal Plans: The Block 130 plan will no longer be available.*

The Residential Life staff hope this mailing will help you understand all the housing options for next year. Specific procedural information will be available for each option on the dates listed in the Housing Timeline included in this document. Visit our web site ([go.carleton.com/roomdraw](http://go.carleton.com/roomdraw)) frequently to get up-to-date information. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Residential Life (Ext. 4072), Sevy G10, or e-mail [ResLife@carleton.edu](mailto:ResLife@carleton.edu).

**Off-Campus Study, Leaves of Absence and Proxies!** If you will be on an off-campus program or taking a leave of absence during spring term 2009, you must designate a proxy to work through the housing process on your behalf and provide them with as much information as you can about what you want. In order to have a proxy select your housing, you must provide the name of that proxy to the Office of Residential Life before you leave campus. If no proxy is designated, Residential Life staff will select your housing after all other students are housed.

**Lottery Numbers!?!** Carleton's housing selection system is based upon a seniority system. Lottery numbers are used to determine the selection order within each class. For example, the student within the senior class who has number 20 will select their room after number 19 and before number 21. Each class has their own set of numbers and rising seniors will select a room before rising juniors and rising juniors before rising sophomores. Lottery numbers will be posted on January 27 online at [The Hub](#) to allow all students the opportunity to make decisions regarding their housing options based on their number.

### NEW POLICY

#### FOR NORTHFIELD OPTION

**Northfield Option** is an alternative for those students who dream of neighborhoods, driveways, pets and dish washing. Students are responsible for finding their own apartments or houses after being granted Northfield Option. Approximately 100 seniors will be approved for Northfield Option. Seniors will use their lottery number to determine placement. Detailed application procedures will be sent to all seniors in late January. Additional information is being mailed to seniors and posted on the Housing website.

**Shared Interest Living Communities** are smaller living areas (generally sections of floors or off-campus houses) reserved for student groups formed around a common interest. Priority will be given to groups demonstrating the desire to truly utilize this option as a learning opportunity that will benefit not only the residents of the area but the campus community as a whole. Some examples of Shared Interest Living Communities are Farm House, Green House, and Science Fiction House. For a complete listing of the 2008-09 houses, please go to the Housing website. Applications will be available on February 9 in the Office of Residential Life. An informational session for new applicants and groups reapplying will be held on Tuesday, February 14, to share information and answer questions about the application process.

**Institutional and Language houses** are permanent fixtures in the Carleton housing system. These houses have been designed to provide special residential settings for a variety of purposes. Each house functions within a set of guidelines established by the College and implemented by either a particular department or organization. These houses are seeking new residents for next year...so contact the person listed for more information and pay particular attention to the deadlines set for those applications. The houses designated as language and institutional are:

**The Language House (Parish), Jewish Interest House (Reynolds), Freedom House (Williams), Women's Awareness House (Berg), Asia House (Hunt Cottage), Q and A (Prentice), the Intercultural Center (Stimson) and La Casa del Sol (Hall).**

**ROOM DRAW!** The majority of students on campus will go through Room Draw in May. Using their lottery numbers, students line up and select their place of residence for the coming year. The 08-09 Room Draw Policy is posted on our web pages. In mid-April, the web page will be updated to reflect the 09-10 policy. ***The main thing to remember is that Room Draw doesn't happen until May--Don't stress about it now!***

**Quiet Areas** are designed for those who seek a noise free environment. Residents of a quiet floor agree to provide (and receive) a quiet place to sleep or study at any time.

**Substance free Areas** are designated as a place free of alcohol, tobacco and any drugs. Residents agree not to use substances while on the floor or to cause a disruption on the floor because they used these substances elsewhere.

## HOUSING TIMELINE

### January 27

### Lottery numbers posted

#### NORTHFIELD OPTION:

February 16

Northfield Option Draw, Olin 149

#### INSTITUTIONAL, LANGUAGE AND DACIE MOSES HOUSES:

Dacie Moses

Julia Uleberg-Swanson, Dacie Moses House

Language House

Language Department secretaries

Jewish Interest

Stacy Beckwith, Classical Language Dept.

Freedom House

, Office of Intercultural Life

La Casa del Sol

, Office of Intercultural Life

Asia House

, Office of Intercultural Life

Intercultural Center

, Office of Intercultural Life

Q and A House

Kaaren Williamsen, Gender and Sexuality Ctr.

Women's Awareness

Kaaren Williamsen, Gender and Sexuality Ctr.

#### SHARED INTEREST COMMUNITIES:

February 9

Applications available in Residential Life

February 12

Informational Meeting for New Applicants & Reapplicants,  
Willis 204, noon-1 p.m.

April 2

Applications due at noon

#### ROOM DRAW!!!

mid-April

Room Draw procedure on web pages updated.

April 20 and 27

Information table in Sayles Hill.

April 13, 20

Housing Selection Committee at

and 27

study breaks.

May 11

Room Draw — Seniors!

May 12

Room Draw— Juniors!

May 14

Room Draw— Sophomores

To give you an historical background, the Order of the Draw (a listing of the order in which rooms were drawn last year and previous years) is available on The Hub.

You may contact Residential Life ([ResLife@carleton.edu](mailto:ResLife@carleton.edu) or Ext. 4072) or any member of the Housing Selection Advisory Committee directly if you have questions. Student members are: Abbey Barnard, Emily Cogsdill, Robert Daniels, Devin Daugherty, Gabe Davis, Grace Flinsch, Chelsea Jones, Kai Knutson, Jim Maluto, and Kelsey Ross. Mel Stauffer, Evans/Goodhue Hall Director, is the staff member.

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