Room Draw, Northfield Option and More!

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

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 (www.carleton.edu/student/housing) 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@acs.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 2008, 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 seniors will select a room before juniors and juniors before sophomores. Lottery numbers will be posted on January 29 online at The Hub to allow all students the opportunity to make decisions regarding their housing options based on their number.

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 165 students will be approved for Northfield Option. Sign up at The Hub beginning on January 31. Seniors and juniors signing up prior to February 14 use their lottery number to determine placement on the wait list. Detailed application procedures will be sent to all students in late January. If you are unable to put your name on the wait list, please email ResLife@acs.carleton.edu including your name and the name of your proxy.

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 2007-08 houses, please go to the Housing website. Applications will be available on February 11 in the Office of Residential Life. An informational session for new applicants will be held on Tuesday, February 12, to share information and answer questions about the application process. There will be a second information session on Thursday, February 14, for groups that are reapplying.

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).
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 current year's Room Draw Policy is posted on our web pages. In mid-April, the web page will be updated to reflect the coming year's 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

**NORTHFIELD OPTION:**
- January 29: Lottery numbers posted
- January 31: Northfield Option sign-up begins
- February 5: First Northfield Option offers made

**INSTITUTIONAL, LANGUAGE AND DACIE MOSES HOUSES:**
- Dacie Moses
  - Language House: Language Department secretaries
  - Jewish Interest: Stacy Beckwith, Classical Language Dept.
- Freedom House: Intercultural Affairs
- La Casa del Sol: Intercultural Affairs
- Asia House: Intercultural Affairs
- Q and A House: Kaaren Williamsen-Garvey, Gender and Sexuality Ctr.
- Women's Awareness: Kaaren Williamsen-Garvey, Gender and Sexuality Ctr.

**SHARED INTEREST COMMUNITIES:**
- February 11: Applications available in Residential Life
- February 12: Informational Meeting for New Applicants, Hill Lounge, noon-1 p.m.
- February 14: Informational Meeting for Reapplicants, Hill Lounge, noon-1 p.m.
- April 3: Applications due at noon

**ROOM DRAW!!!**
- mid-April: Room Draw procedure on web pages updated.
- April 21 and 28: Information table in Sayles Hill.
- April 14, 21- and 28: Housing Selection Committee at study breaks.
- May 12: Room Draw — Seniors!
- May 13: Room Draw— Juniors!
- May 15: Room Draw— Sophomores

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

You may contact Residential Life (ResLife@acs.carleton.edu or Ext. 4072) or any member of the Housing Selection Advisory Committee directly if you have questions. Student members are Rob Bradley, Landon Chan, Fred Kieley, Becca Kilman, Angie Kim, Lauren Millikan, Kate Richey, Wei Qi Tan, and Charlotte Turovsky. Mel Stauffer, Evans/Goodhue Hall Director, is the staff member.

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