Room Draw, Northfield Option and More!
If you read nothing else about choosing housing for next year, read this!!

The Residential Life staff hope that this mailing will help you understand all the housing options for next year. Visit our web site (go.carleton.edu/roomdraw) frequently to get up-to-date information. The Housing Timeline is included at the end of this document. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Residential Life (Ext. 4072), Sevy G10, or e-mail 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 winter term 2014 and/or spring term 2014, 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 by filling out the Housing Information Request form located on the Housing Website. 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 have been posted online at The Hub to allow all students the opportunity to make decisions regarding their housing options based on their number.

Northfield Option: Carleton College is a residential college; therefore, all students, except those married or having dependent children living with them, live in College-owned residences and participate in the College dining plan. The College recognizes the benefits associated with independent living and, as a result, additionally offers a limited number of releases (75-80) from the on campus residency requirement through the Northfield Option program. Students are responsible for finding their own apartments or houses after being granted Northfield Option. Detailed application procedures will be sent to all seniors in early February. Additional information will be mailed to seniors and posted on the Housing website.

Community Living Environments are smaller living areas (generally off-campus houses) reserved for student groups formed around a common interest. These communities include:

- Science Fiction House
- CANOE House
- W.H.O.A House
- F.I.S.H. House
- Sustainable Living House
- Fitness House
- Culinary House
- Jewish Interest House
- Freedom House
- Women’s Awareness House
- Asia House
- Q & A House
- The Multicultural Center
- La Casa del Sol
- Language House

These houses are seeking new residents for next year. If you are interested in living in one of the existing Living Communities, attend the housing fair on Thursday, February 20th from noon to 2 p.m. with location to be shared soon.
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 13-14 Room Draw Policy is posted on our web pages. In mid-April, the web page will be updated to reflect the 14-15 policy. The main thing to remember is that Room Draw doesn’t happen until May!

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 28 Lottery numbers posted

NORTHFIELD OPTION: Detailed Information will be sent to rising seniors.

COMMUNITY Living Environments: February 20 Interest and Institutional House Fair from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ROOM DRAW!!!
mid-April Room Draw procedure on web pages updated.
April 27 & May 4 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 (a listing of the order in which rooms were drawn last year and previous years) is available on The Hub.

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