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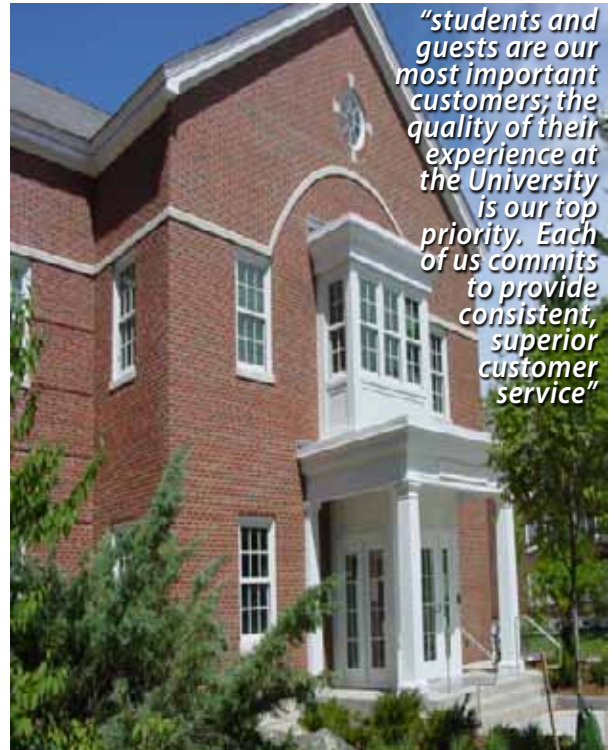
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HOUSING *focus*

Noteworthy housing news and information about reapplying to live on-campus at UNH for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Happy New Year!

With 2011 underway we are busily planning for your return to campus. We strive to provide students with a variety of comfortable, safe and enriching living environments and hope that you are experiencing on-campus living in that way. In just a few short weeks we will begin the housing sign-up process for the 2011-2012 academic year and hope that you will choose to live with us again. This newsletter includes important details about the upcoming sign-up process as well as an assortment of news items and friendly reminders for you and your family. This information will be sent directly to you via email but we also like to keep families in the loop. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please let us know!



"students and guests are our most important customers; the quality of their experience at the University is our top priority. Each of us commits to provide consistent, superior customer service"

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New for 2011-2012

We are pleased to be expanding the choices for students who wish to remain on-campus during the Thanksgiving, winter and/or spring break periods. Adams Tower West, Stoke Hall and SERC A will join Congreve, Fairchild, Devine, Hitchcock and Randall Halls in providing this option to students (additional fees apply). Babcock and the on-campus apartments (The Gables and Woodside) will continue to provide break housing at no cost to its residents.

Sign-Up Process Information

Options for current apartment residents:

(Students may only participate in this process if they meet the reapplication and deposit deadlines!)

We would love to have you spend another year with us at The Gables or Woodside! If you want to stay in your current apartment, bring in new friends, or move to a different apartment or complex, we look forward to having you participate in the online apartment sign-up process! More information (including online tutorials) will be available in early February. We encourage you to keep an eye on your UNH e-mail,

apartment mailbox, the Housing website and the apartment newsletter for more information.

Options for current residence hall students:

(Students may only participate in this process if they meet the reapplication and deposit deadlines!)

Apartment Options for Current Hall Residents -- Are you ready to take the next step towards independent living? The Gables and Woodside offer single, double and built-up triple rooms in apartments that house groups of 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. What sets the apartments apart? Apartment perks include:

- Full kitchens (meal plans are optional)
- Bathroom(s), living room, and dining area just for you and your apartment mates
- Utilities (including cable, ethernet, heat, and electricity)
- Coed apartment options available
- Free housing during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks
- Frequent shuttle service to everywhere on campus

You can be assigned to the apartments in one of two ways —the first and most assured way is to be pulled in by current apartment residents. The other is to put together a group of residence hall students and apply for an apartment matching your group size. Step-by-step details of this process will be available on our website and Facebook in early February.

Wondering what happens if you and your group doesn't get an apartment? When you preference the on-campus apartments in your on-line Housing Re-application, you will also be asked for your back-up plan. That will allow us to activate your eligibility for staying in the same hall or moving to a different hall if you don't get an apartment. It's the best of both worlds - you try for an apartment at no risk of losing out on any residence hall options!

Return to current residence hall —Select an assignment by participating in the In-Hall process on Monday, April 4 and/or Tuesday, April 5. Room selection order is based on a priority point system. Hall staff will post more detailed information in March.

Move to a different residence hall —There are two ways in which you can move to a different residence hall. The first is to be pulled-in as a roommate by a friend who currently lives in another building and will be participating in their own In-Hall. The second way is to participate in the Between-Hall process. The Between-Hall Sign-Ups are done online allowing you to choose your roommate(s) and select your room and building all from the comforts of your computer! Details and instructions will be available in the coming weeks. We encourage you to keep an eye on your UNH e-mail, GSS box, the Housing website and your hall newsletter for more information.

Did You Know?

The Room and Board Agreement, available on the Housing website, is a legally binding document. In order to live on-campus you must accept the terms and conditions of the Agreement as a step in the online reapplication process. You are responsible for fulfilling the terms and conditions of the Agreement once you have submitted your online reapplication.



If you aren't already our Facebook friend, we hope you'll join us at www.facebook.com/UNHHousing

February 14, Monday

Online Housing Reapplication and deposit payment available for current apartment and residence hall students via Blackboard (blackboard.unh.edu) beginning at 8:00am

February 28, Monday

REAPPLICATION AND DEPOSIT DEADLINE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Online Housing Reapplications and \$500 deposits due by 4:30pm for all apartment and residence hall students who wish to return to campus housing for 2011-2012 academic year

March 7, Mon—March 10, Thurs

Online Apartment selection for on-campus residents. Online Sign-Up Process details will be available at the apartment complex offices, Housing Office, and on Housing's website and Facebook pages.

March 11, Friday

Residence halls close for spring break at 5:30pm

March 20, Sunday

Residence halls reopen at 1:00pm

April 4, Mon & April 5, Tues

In-Hall room selection for residence halls. More information available through your RHD and RA in early March.

April 12, Tues & April 13, Wed

Online Between Hall room selection for residence halls. On-Line Sign-Up Process details will be available at the Housing Office, through your RHD and RA and on Housing's website and Facebook pages.

Online Housing Reapplication

All current residents who wish to return to on-campus housing for the 2011-2012 academic year must reapply using the online housing reapplication. This form will be available to you beginning February 14th by logging in to your Blackboard account and clicking on the Webcat/ Services tab. Deadline to reapply and pay the \$500 deposit is 4:30pm on February 28, 2011!

Housing Deposit

Once your online reapplication has been submitted, you must pay* a \$500 housing deposit in order to guarantee on-campus housing for the 2011-2012 academic year. The deposit deadline is highlighted to the left.

**Are you on a full scholarship or worried about having \$500 for the deposit? We encourage you to come see us at Housing before the deposit due date and we can help!*

PLEASE NOTE! We do not bill student accounts for the housing deposit and deposit payments are not made in the same area as a tuition payment. To correctly pay online via e-check, you should return to your completed online housing reapplication and follow the prompts.

If your parents wish to pay the deposit, they must login to the Parent Portal, follow the link to "Student Account and Student Bill—Payments & Deposits," select the "Deposit" tab, click on the "Housing Deposit" link and follow the on-screen instructions.

2011-2012 Housing deposits will only be accepted from students in good financial standing with the University. If you have a financial hold on your account, a message referring you to Business Services will appear on the deposit payment page of your online reapplication.

Deadlines

The demand for on-campus housing is expected to exceed available space and we must be strict with deadlines.

We will not be able to accept late applications or deposits.

Late students may add their name to the housing waitlist however we cannot guarantee that an offer will be made. If it is, students should expect to be assigned to a built-up triple.





How We Communicate With You and Your Family

While we never want to overload students or parents, we do sometimes have information to share and want to let you know how you and your parents can expect to hear from us. As a sustainability-focused university, e-mailing students at their UNH email address is our primary way of keeping in touch. We have heard from students this is their preferred method, and we're happy to oblige!

While we do sometimes use old fashioned paper and the good ol' US Postal Service to communicate with parents and families (like this newsletter that was mailed to parents!), we are more often in touch via email. We gather our parent email addresses from the Parent Portal and currently have parent addresses for 83% of our residents. If your parents are already receiving our emails, great! If they aren't, or if their email address has changed, please ask them to update their information in the Parent Portal so that they won't miss out. We promise not to bombard anyone with emails!

Winter Break Repair and Renovation Projects

While the majority of our repair and renovation projects occur during the summer months, we also take advantage of the winter break to improve our facilities for students. Here are just a few of the projects we worked on during winter break...

- Common areas at our on-campus apartments, Woodside and The Gables, were freshened up with touch-up paint
- The bathrooms in Stoke Hall were updated with hands-free faucets and all carpets were cleaned
- Sawyer Hall got new shower head valves, and the showers on the 2nd floor were repaired. New tub surrounds were also installed
- In Eaton House, the hall-stairwell carpeting was replaced with new rubber flooring
- Randall Hall's stairwell was repaired
- Pull shades in Alexander and Hitchcock Halls were replaced with mini-blinds

And last but certainly not least, our cable line-up was enhanced to include the Disney Channel, Discovery Planet Green and a local Durham channel. **4**