



# The Dorm Inform

The Graduate Dormitory Housing Office  
monthly newsletter

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## Housing Selection for 2011-2012

The GHO offers current residents in the 5 campus dormitories the chance to re-select into graduate dormitory housing during March 2011. Students have the option of staying in the SAME building and room again next year (*Same Room Sign-Up or SRS*) OR moving to a new room in their same building or moving to a new building and room (*Open Room Selection by building*). Current residents coming back will select into buildings and rooms before any new applicant is assigned into Housing.

This selection process is “on-line” and will take place at the end of March. All the specifics about how to participate will follow next month. All we ask is that students participating are serious about keeping a dormitory room next year. Students MUST be in good standing with the SFAS Office to participate in Housing Selection and sign a 2011-2012 contract – if you owe money to SFAS and select a room for next year, you will NOT be allowed to sign a contract and will forfeit your new room assignment.

For students inquiring about moving to a Grad Housing Apartment, there is NO internal procedure to have dormitory residents select into grad housing apartments at Berkeley, Mansfield, Whitehall, York-Crown, or Esplanade. All dorm students interested in apartment housing must submit an application for housing on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> through the on-line link at : <http://www.yale.edu/gradhousing/incoming/application.html>. If current dorm students select into a dorm room for 2010-2011 and then leave for apartment housing (either on or off campus), you will forfeit your entire dormitory security deposit – regardless of if you’ve signed a new housing contract for 2011-2012 or not.

## New “DORM ROOMS” available for 2011-2012

If you’ve followed some of the Yale Daily News articles over the past few weeks, you might have read how “Swing Dorm” is finishing its tenure as housing for Yale Colleges as they underwent their year-long renovation projects. Swing Dorm will continue to be used as housing for an overflow of undergrads from several Yale Colleges; it will house a number of Law School students in designated rooms on one of the floors; and Graduate Dormitory Housing is being given a number of 2-bedroom suites to rent out to graduate and professional school students. I was able to view these suites a few weeks ago. There is a kitchenette with a small kitchen sink and 2 stove-top burners as well as cupboards and a very small counter. There is a furnished living room, a bathroom, and two single bedrooms. I add this information to the newsletter now so as you decide if you want to stay in grad dorm housing and think about which building you might want to live next year, you can include this option as a possibility! More information (and pictures) will follow next month as I pull together all the details for Room Selection 2011.

## Rent Rates? Summer Housing? Ohh – so many questions...

The GHO is finalizing the rent structure for our dormitory rooms for 2011-2012. We DO NOT know yet what the rates will be but will advertise that information on our website at the end of February or early March as soon as we can.

The GHO does allow students currently living in the graduate dorms and planning on coming back for the next academic year, the ability to do so for June, July & August. For other students not planning to return for next

academic year, you too can stay living in the dorms for a portion of the summer – June and part of July. All the details about how to sign up and the deadlines for doing so will be published in the dorm Room Selection & Summer Housing brochure that will be distributed in March. **(If you want to read LAST YEAR's brochure visit: <http://www.yale.edu/gradhousing/students/forms.html>).**

Summer rent is billed “by the week” – meaning if you stay for 6 weeks, you only has to pay for 6 weeks. Depending on what the weekly summer rate is for your building, ex. \$150, and the length of time you want housing, ex. 6 weeks, you'll be billed \$900 for your summer rent. Summer weekly rents will be finalized this month and published in March.

I know students have lots of questions but I encourage everyone to be patient and wait until the Room Selection & Summer Housing brochure is published in March. Additionally, I encourage everyone to email [grad.dorms@yale.edu](mailto:grad.dorms@yale.edu) when they have questions – emailing Renee Robichaud directly will actually delay a response =)

## Resident Coordinator positions for 2010-2011

Each year the Graduate Housing Office hires student Resident Coordinators to assist the management staff in keeping the resident dormitories running smoothly. As a sampling, Resident Coordinators assist with Check-in and Check-out periods of the year (the beginning and end of each semester as well as in the summer) supplying both hands-on and administrative assistance, organize and facilitate social programming throughout the year for the building and residents, and assist new residents become acclimated to their residential and the greater Yale and New Haven communities.

Individuals interested in applying for a Resident Coordinator position in the dorms need to submit **a cover letter and resume** to Renee Robichaud, Manager of the Graduate Dormitory Housing Office by Friday February 25th at 4PM. Candidates will be contacted for interviews as necessary. Resumes can be submitted to [renee.robichaud@yale.edu](mailto:renee.robichaud@yale.edu), dropped off at the GHO at 420 Temple St, or faxed to (203) 432-4578.

While the GHO likes to hire individuals from a given dormitory to be the RC in that dormitory for the upcoming year, any resident can apply to be an RC in any of the campus dorms. A confirmed list of open RC positions will be available during scheduled interviews but as for right now, I am looking for

- 1 (possible) Coordinator in Helen Hadley Hall
- 1 Coordinator for 276 Prospect St
- 1 Coordinator for 254 Prospect St

Individuals looking to obtain a Resident Coordinator position description, please email [grad.dorms@yale.edu](mailto:grad.dorms@yale.edu) and one will be forwarded to you.

Good luck with our crazy New England winter!