



The Dorm Inform

The Graduate Dormitory Housing Office
monthly newsletter

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Hello Grad Housing Residents,

I'm trying a new format for the newsletter - hopefully making it easier to read everything without opening a PDF document. Let me know if you like or dislike it!

Thanksgiving Feast at HGS Dining Hall

Monday Nov. 22, 2010 4pm-6:30pm

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey & vegetarian main dishes, stir-fry & rice, veggies, drinks, breads, and all the trimmings. Enjoy the feast on china plates in the collegiate gothic HGS Dining Hall, and then take dessert and coffee in the McDougal Common room. The HGS Feast is open to all Grad/Prof students, staff & post-docs and their families & guests.

All FEAST guests are encouraged to share in this season of giving by bringing a can or box of nonperishable food or \$1 donation. Food and money collected will be donated to needy people in New Haven through the CT Food Bank.

***Tickets with timed entry. Five entry times: 4-4:30pm, 4:30-5pm, 5-5:30pm, 5:30-6pm, or 6-6:30pm.**

Grad Dorm & Apt Residents- Please buy your tickets in advance before they sell out! Do not miss this great meal. Tickets will NOT be on sale at the door on the day of the event. *This Meal is NOT included in the Yale Dining meal plan - swipes or points are NOT accepted. Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend.

***Advance Ticket Sales:** Tix are \$6 adults, \$3 kids 3-12, \$0 kids under 3 (ticket still needed for seating). *Tickets on sale weekdays cash or check only, 9am-4pm at McDougal Ticket Office 124 HGS at 320 York Street or OISS at 421 Temple St.

Heading Home for the Holidays

It seems the "the holidays" start earlier and earlier each year - but for many of us in the US, they start in November with Thanksgiving. Weeks pass quickly in December with final papers and exams to be completed before the common holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza arrive. We cap off the joy (and stress) with celebrating the New Year on December 31st into January 1st.

The Graduate Dormitories DO NOT close during the break periods so students can and do stay in the dorms. If you are going to be travelling away from your dorm room for a length of time, please follow these important tips. Before you leave...

- Remove all of your perishable items from your room and refrigerator and empty your trash can.
- Unplug your alarm clock, radio, computer, cell phone, etc. that alarms. The GHO or Yale Security Staff will enter rooms with "nuisance" noise complaints to unplug your alarms!
- Close your windows, turn off your lights, and lock your door.
- Take your keys and ID card with you.
- If you are leaving for break, NO ONE else can stay in your room when you are not here - sorry.

If you are staying in town, watch out for holiday programs sponsored by your RCs or other residents in the community. You do not need to feel alone as many other students will be around the building.

Graduate Dormitory Housing Office CLOSED for break

The GDHO and the Harkness Housing Office are closed for the Thanksgiving break period from Wednesday afternoon Nov. 24 through the weekend, re-opening Monday November 29, 2010. Mail and package delivery to the Offices is limited so do not count on receiving mail "as normal" that weekend.

Additionally, Dining Services will be running Marigold's and the HGS Dining Hall on limited schedules.

- HGS Dining Hall is CLOSED all week Monday – Friday, November 22nd – 26th.
- Marigold's Cafeteria is open for Breakfast and Lunch Monday -Wednesday Nov 22nd - 24th (no dinner service on those days); and closed all day on Thursday and Friday Nov 25th & 26th.

Holiday Shopping Trips

The Off-Campus Programming arm of the GHO is sponsoring a Black Friday shopping trip to the Milford CT Post Mall on Friday November 26th. The bus sign up deadline is this Friday Nov 12th. There are still tickets available so if you're around town, consider going on the trip.

I expect another "big" trip like last year's holiday shopping trip to NYC to be scheduled soon. Keep your eyes open for more details.

Lastly, Quiet Hours Reminder

As we are heading into the stressful finals period, I need all residents to be especially attentive to NOISE. Any noise, such as music, phone calls, TVS, conversations with friends, and musical instruments (which are a no-no in your rooms), should NOT be heard outside of your room. Many people try to be friendly and keep their door open but sometimes that means others hear your phone conversations and music more than they (or you) want!

If it is after 11PM, keep it quiet.

As adults, we can always talk to our neighbors respectfully asking them to quiet down but no one should have to get up out of bed, in pjs, to knock on your door asking you to lower the TV volume.

Thanks for your cooperation!