



The Buzz

December 2010

23-Hour Quiet Hours

23-Hour quiet hours begin on Sunday, December 12, at 10:00 pm and continue through the rest of final exams. Please be respectful of these quiet hours for everyone's Academic benefit during this important time period. Quiet hours will not be enforced from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, however, please note that courtesy hours are always in effect.

Winter Break

All students must leave for winter break 24 hours after their last exams. Only students who have scheduled finals will be allowed to remain in the residence halls to study.

The Residence Halls will **close to all students** at 10:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010. Students who have not left by 10:00 am will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. The last meal to be served will be dinner on Monday, Dec. 20. The dining hall will re-open for dinner on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Students whose ride has not shown up by 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 21, are welcome to wait with their belongings in the Glass Lounge in St. Brigid Hall. No one will be permitted to wait in their room.

Health and Safety Inspections

Health and Safety Inspections will occur on Tuesday, December 21. The Resident Life Staff will be entering all rooms beginning at 9:30 am to conduct the inspections. Staff will be checking for fire safety, sanitation, and other safety conditions. Violations of College policy will be noted and will result in judicial hearings. See the "Room Condition" section of the online Resident Life Handbook (page 23) for additional information or contact any member of the Resident Life Staff. **All residents must complete and sign the "We're Outta Here" form on their room door upon leaving the Residence Halls for the Winter break.**

Students on Probation Reminder

Consequences for students on disciplinary probation include loss of the privilege to reside in the Residence Halls during any college break period. In addition, students on disciplinary probation will lose the privilege of receiving a lottery number or being placed into an assignment for Room Selection until after all current resident students in good judicial standing have been issued a lottery number and are placed.

Break Housing Forms

Students with a college-related reason to be on campus anytime during the winter break period should complete a Break Housing Form. This is required not only for students asking to remain in the Residence Halls after their last final, but also for anyone with a need to return early in January (i.e. accelerated classes).

Please remember, any students on judicial probation will not be approved to remain in the residence halls during any college break period.

Break Housing Forms will only be available on-line on the resident life page of the college web site (gmc.edu). Forms must be completed and submitted electronically to the Office of Resident Life by Tuesday, December 14, at 5:00 pm. Late forms will not be considered.

It is important to remember that anyone applying for housing during the break period is not permitted in the Residence Halls unless their request has been approved by the Resident Life Staff. All students who have applied for break housing will be notified in writing in their gmc e-mail account if their application has or has not been approved.

College Closed

All college offices, including Resident Life Offices, will be closed December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011. Please be sure to conduct any necessary business" prior to leaving for winter break.

Students Moving Out Permanently

Residents who are not returning to on-campus housing for the Spring 2011 semester must meet briefly with John Verdi, #130 Loyola Hall (x460, verdi.john@gmc.edu), prior to moving out. Even if another office on campus is aware of this change, it is important that you see John **ASAP** to complete the necessary paperwork.

Students not returning need to be completely moved out of their room at the end of the semester. In order to avoid excess charges, the room should be cleaned, swept and inspected by an RA. All keys must be turned in at the time of the check-out process to prevent a replacement charge.

Before Leaving for Winter Break Don't Forget....

It is expected that all residents complete the following before leaving their room for the winter break:

- ✓ Turn off the lights
- ✓ Unplug all items (including surge protectors)
- ✓ Turn HVAC units down, fan to auto (not off)
- ✓ Clean room and remove all trash/food
- ✓ Take all valuable items home with you
- ✓ Close and lock windows, pull blinds/curtains
- ✓ Lock Door
- ✓ Unplug, defrost, and EMPTY fridge (keep door open to prevent mildew)
- ✓ Remove all decorations from windows, door frames, common areas
- ✓ Any items (i.e. dishes, shoes, clothes, food, etc.) left in common areas on the day of closing will be disposed
- ✓ All food in the common areas refrigerators and freezers must be removed prior to closing. Any food/dishes remaining will be disposed
- ✓ Submit any maintenance item requests on-line prior to leaving
- ✓ Place your signed "We're Outta Here" form on the outside of your residence door as you leave for break

Room Vacancies

Residents who have a vacancy in their resident hall room should expect to receive a roommate for the Spring semester. It is imperative that all residents with vacancies prepare their room for a new roommate. Members of the Resident Life Staff will visit rooms with vacancies during the month of December to explain the process and ensure that all rooms are ready for students to move in on January 12, 2011. Any student who does not follow proper procedure will be subjected to either fines or a judicial hearing. Your cooperation to this is much appreciated.

Final Exam Schedule

The final exam schedule will be posted outside of the Office of Resident Life (#132 Loyola Hall) and in the main lobby area of Alexandria Hall. You can also access this through the GMC web site (gmc.edu) by clicking on Current Students, Registrar, and then 2010 Final Exam Schedule.

Finals Breakfast

Student Services is hosting a "Finals Breakfast" on Monday, December 13, from 8:30 – 10:30 pm in the Waldron Cafe. Take a break from your studies and enjoy a hot breakfast served by GMC faculty and staff, and administration.

Resident Life Appeal Board

The Resident Life Appeal Board is composed of a panel of residence hall students whose primary responsibility is to review cases that have been appealed as a part of the disciplinary process for residence hall students. When a formal appeal is submitted, the board is then charged with the responsibility of convening to review the disciplinary decision in question. The board consists of students who have demonstrated a commitment to the mission and values of the College. These residence hall students are appointed for their ability to be consistent and impartial. Students interested in serving on the Resident Life Appeal Board should contact the Associate Director for Training and Judicial Affairs who is located in Loyola Hall 140 or at johnson.keisha@gmc.edu.

Graduation Applications

Students who are expecting to graduate in May 2011 must apply for graduation in the Registrar's Office in Campbell Hall. Information is available on the gmc.edu Registrar's page. The deadline for May applications is December 18, 2010.

Happy Holidays From The Counseling Center!!

The Holiday Season can be a joyous time but it can also feel quite stressful especially during these times of economic hardship. Remember not all gifts have a price, often the most meaningful ones come from within! Here are some tips to help you manage your holiday stress:

- *Take part in fun and laughter*
- *Be patient and tolerant of self and others*
- *Make an "I'm Thankful for..." list*
- *Accept what you cannot change*
- *Create new traditions or restart old ones*
- *Practice good health habits*
- *Do not over-plan*
- *Schedule alone time*
- *Continue the holiday spirit after the holidays*
- *Invest in your emotional support systems*

Counseling services are free and confidential. We offer a variety of supportive services to students. Contact us today to schedule an appointment....call x571.

Career Corner

Attention healthcare majors!

Gwynedd-Mercy College is hosting its annual healthcare job fair December 8th, from 11am-1pm in Keiss Hall. Please be sure to dress professionally and bring several copies of your resume for employers to take with them. If you have questions about your resume, feel free to make an appointment with a career counselor to review it.

Career Services

215-646-7300, x230 careerservices@gmc.edu
Located in Campbell Hall

From The Health and Wellness Center

We've Moved!!!!

Come and visit us in the new Health & Wellness Center located in Loyola Hall outside of the Resident Life offices. The doctor is in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30AM-11:30AM free of charge! Call ext. 306/445 to schedule an appointment. We still have some flu vaccine left – the cost is \$20.00 cash or check payable to Gwynedd-Mercy College.

Donna M. Ferguson

Director of Health & Wellness Center

Tips" From Public Safety

The Holiday Season is quickly coming upon us and Public Safety wishes to extend some vehicle safety tips for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Lock your vehicle and pocket the keys

The majority of stolen vehicles are left unlocked, often with the keys in the ignition. Whether you leave it for a moment or for several hours, always lock it and take the keys with you. NEVER leave your vehicle with the engine running. This is an open invitation to the "joyrider".

Secure Valuables and Parcels

Never leave unattended in your vehicle, check books, credit cards, or other such articles. Lock valuables, gym bags, briefcases, packages and your portable GPS in the trunk.

Park in Well-Lit and Busy Areas

This is important for both your personal safety and the protection of your automobile and its contents.

Secure Your Registration

Carry your vehicle registration with you.

Suite Heat

*In order to have your heating units work efficiently in your room, please do not block heating units with furniture, refrigerators or TVs!
Be careful not to put "heat producing" items such as refrigerators or televisions underneath your wall thermostats.*

Black and White Dance

- Date: Friday, December 10th
- Time: 9:00PM - Midnight
- Where: Waldron Board Room
- Music • Refreshments • Live DJ •

Tickets are \$5
All Proceeds go to...



See your RA for details

Happy Holidays From the Resident Life Staff

The Resident Life Staff would like to wish all Gwynedd-Mercy College residents a blessed, happy, healthy and safe Winter Break.

Rick Keisha John
Lori Jen Michelle

