



The Buzz

February 2011

Fall 2011 Room Selection Time Line

Monday, January 31

Room Selection Applications Available
(outside of Loyola #130 and Alexandria #130)

Wednesday, March 18 ~ 3:00 pm

Housing Deposit payment deadline in
Campbell Solution Center

Room Selection Applications Due in #130
Loyola Hall

Friday, March 25

Room Selection Lottery Numbers Distributed
to student mailboxes

Monday/Tuesday, April 4/April 5

Room Selection in Waldron Boardroom

Wednesday, April 20 ~ 5:00 pm

Last day to Request Full Housing Deposit
Refund for 2011-2012

Housing for Fall 2011

Room selection information for Fall 2011 is available to students beginning Monday, January 31, 2011. Any student who is interested in living on campus next fall must submit an application to the Office of Resident Life and a \$250 deposit through Student Billing in Campbell Hall. Eligibility for housing will only be considered after **BOTH** items have been submitted. Please take note of important dates and deadlines on the time line above.

PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with Student Billing, the College's policy requires that room deposits for room selection will not be accepted or processed, nor will lottery numbers be issued for any student who has an outstanding balance on his/her account.

Health and Safety Inspections

Health and Safety Inspections will be occurring on **Saturday, March 5, 2011**. The Resident Life Staff will be entering all rooms between the hours of 9:30 am and 12:30 pm to conduct health and safety inspections. Staff will be checking for fire safety, sanitation, and other safety conditions. Resident Life staff can and will confiscate items not allowed in the Residence Halls as well as any items that are identified as College property. Violations of College policy will be noted and will result in judicial hearings.

See the "Room Condition" section in the Resident Life Handbook (on-line) for additional information or contact any member of the Resident Life Staff. Please note that the Office of Resident Life is not responsible for any confiscated items that are lost, broken or damaged in any way.

Students on Disciplinary 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 who choose to participate in next year's Room Selection Process this Spring semester will receive their lottery numbers at the end of their rising class; these students are allowed to be "pulled into" a room by another student during the room selection process.

Spring Break Information

The Residence Halls **close** for Spring Break on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 10:00 am. They will **re-open** on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 12:00 noon. Students with a college-related reason to be on campus anytime during the Spring Break period must complete a Break Housing Form, available on-line only.

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

All completed forms must be submitted on-line by Friday, **February 25, 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 through email if their application has or has not been approved. For more detailed information regarding breaks, please refer to the Resident Life Handbook available online.

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.

February – Important Dates

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| 2/25 | 5:00 pm Request for Spring Break Housing Forms Due |
| 2/25 | Accelerated Session III Ends |

Resident Life - February Fun

Guess the number of Hershey Kisses in the container correctly to **win a \$25.00 VISA gift card!** One guess per resident - the person who guesses the closest without going over wins! In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected in a drawing from those entrants. The contest will run from February 7 – 11, 2011. The winner will be announced on Valentine's Day at 2:00 pm outside of the Resident Life office.

When you enter the contest, be sure to trace your hand and add to our Resident Life Valentine's Day interactive bulletin board:

*"The place to improve the world is first
in one's own heart and head and hands"*

Stop down to the Resident Life Office (#132 Loyola Hall) Monday – Friday between 8 am and 4 pm to participate!

Stop! Think! Reflect!

Have you tried to show compassion...

By thinking about how your words make others feel.

- Did you think before you spoke?
- Did you recognize that your words have power?

By thinking about how your actions make people feel.

- Did you practice The Golden Rule of "Do to others as you would have them do to you"?
- Did you remember that actions speak louder than Words?

By understanding WHY someone is acting the way he/she does.

- Did you stop to think how you never REALLY know what it's like to be in someone else's shoes?
- Did you try to make an effort to understand people's moods instead of reacting to them?

By being considerate to other people.

- Did you know that when you do things to help others, everyone feels better?
- Did you remember that simple acts of kindness can be greatly appreciated by people?

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them." - Dalai Lama

Let kindness be contagious!

Jeanne McGowan ~ Director, Counseling Services

Happy Valentine's Day – Keep Your Heart Healthy

- ♥ Park your car at the far end of the parking lot. The short walk to your residence hall/class helps your heart stay strong.
- ♥ Take the stairs instead of an elevator.
- ♥ Try to take a few minutes between classes and at lunchtime and take a short walk around the campus.
- ♥ Take a walk after dinner with a friend. Discuss a shared class, or a common activity.
- ♥ Walk up to the athletic fields and take in a game.
- ♥ Choose a healthy meal for lunch or dinner with no fried foods every day.
- ♥ See your physician for annual check-ups.

Questions???

Call The Health and Wellness Center at ext. 306

Resident Assistant (RA) Appreciation

Wednesday, February 16th, is National Resident Assistant Appreciation Day. It is a day to honor our RAs for the many things they do. Remember, they are students too, but they take the time and patience to take care of the residents of their floors and halls. It's not easy to be an RA. Sometimes being a leader means to be more responsible, to step out of the box, and be courageous; to go against the grain. The RAs we have at GMC are strong leaders and we want to thank them all for the hard work they do. Not only do they work hard for the Resident Life Department, but most of all, for their residents. The RA staff enjoys sharing exciting things with the staff that their residents are doing. Even when they are up late at night dealing with a crisis and have to be up for an 8 am class, they try hard not to complain. The RAs do this job because they care. It's not about the money and it's not about the glamour. It's about having a strong desire to teach and have compassion for their fellow students. So, the next time you see an RA, thank them for all they do!

Remember to keep your door locked
and always carry your ID and
room keys with you...
even if you are just going down the hall
to visit friends. Also,
Please help keep our community safe!
NEVER prop open an exit door!!!

February Common Hour

- 2/2 *The New Blackboard Enterprise* SB#14
Blackboard's new features and system add-ons
- 2/2 *Heart Healthy Living* Location: TBD
- 2/9 *Perspectives and Climate on the GMC Campus: Violence, Bullying and Bigotry* SB#22
Results of the recent Martin Luther King Day survey completed by students, staff and faculty; share concerns in this open forum
- 2/16 *Custom-made Yearbook* SB#16
Make a custom-made yearbook with your own photos; learn how to sign in on the new yearbook site and customize your yearbook
- 2/16 *The History of Hip-Hop: A Journey in Spoken Word* JBA
A creative collection of history using the art of spoken word to illustrate the evolution of hip-hop genre from its deep African roots to its current mainstream appeal
- 2/23 *A recovery story of Hope: Living with an Eating Disorder* JBA
Two sisters tell their personal story of their family's experience with bulimia, body Dysmorphia and recovery.

