

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Parents,

It's hard to believe that two months have now gone by. All the homesickness has supposedly vanished and your son or daughter should be more comfortable with living on campus, more comfortable with classes, and with the whole university experience. If, for some reason he or she is still experiencing difficulties, and you are still getting those frantic phone calls, mention the resources that are available to them. Places like the library offer a quiet place to study, and the Academic Advising Centre offers great academic support. The Counseling Centre can help them with difficulties in areas of time management, dealing with stress and personal conflict.

Most of all, remember that living on campus provides access to an excellent support staff. Suggest a visit to their residence coordinator, resident assistant or academic assistant. The Student Housing Office and the Residence Life Office are also here to provide support and referrals. Remind your son or daughter that they will soon be home for a well deserved rest. **BE PREPARED!**

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the staff of Housing, Food and Conference Services, to wish you a joyous holiday season!

Rosalyn Blackwood

Manager of Accommodations

Opening Dates Winter 2011

Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan 4th & 5th

Please make travel arrangements to ensure that your son or daughter does not arrive before these specified dates. If student have a valid **academic** reason for late departure or early arrival during Christmas break, they **must** make prior arrangements on, or before, the deadline date with the Housing Office. They can email the housing office at housing@mun.ca



Message from the Residence Life Office

Hello Parents!

The Residence Life team has been working hard this year to help your child settle into residence. Our Res Ex (Residence Experience 2010) was fantastic with many events to help make our residents feel welcomed and get settled. As always, the Dance in the Square was our most popular event and the evening was warm and beautiful! Throughout the Res Ex week there were many events that were social, fun and also educational. We sincerely hope that your child has settled in and is adjusting to university life well.

October saw the start of a new annual event entitled "Fill the Square". This event was held in aid of Hurricane Igor relief and supported local food banks. The idea was to fill Hatcher Square completely with food or make a cash donation. All in all, for a premiere event, it generated lots of interest and donations. Our hope is to make it bigger and better next year! Thanks to the residence Charity Committees for supporting such a worthy cause. Also in October, our students took part in I ♥ MUNdays, our annual series of events that embrace the diversity, ingenuity, excellence, kindness and community service, and that makes Memorial shine.

Again, this year, our residents plan to be part of the Toys for Tots program run by our Campus Enforcement and Patrol Officers. All the toys collected are donated to the VOCM Happy Tree and are given to less fortunate children at Christmas time.

Exam time is approaching fast! We remind you that there are many services on campus and in residence to help your child with their study efforts. The Counseling Centre can help with time management, test anxiety and study skills, and all services are free of charge. Free tutoring is available to our residents. Almost every department on campus has a help centre, (e.g. Physics, English, Math, Chemistry and French). The Academic Advising Centre is an excellent resource for students in their first year. Should your child need any of these resources, simply direct them to their Academic Assistant or have them visit our office. We are always more than willing to help!

We wish all our residents and their families a very happy and joyous season!

Sincerely,

LoriLynn Rowsell
Manager of Residence Life Office

Darren Newton
Supervisor of Residence Life Office

Erin Dorey
Residence Life Advisor

Dwayne Taverner
Residence Life Advisor

We're Renovating !

Our residence buildings are being renovated with funding provided by the provincial government.

Currently, Bowater House is undergoing renovations. New electric heat, plumbing, lighting, and high-speed Ethernet are being installed. Tenders are now being prepared to start renovations on Burke House once Bowater is completed in December.

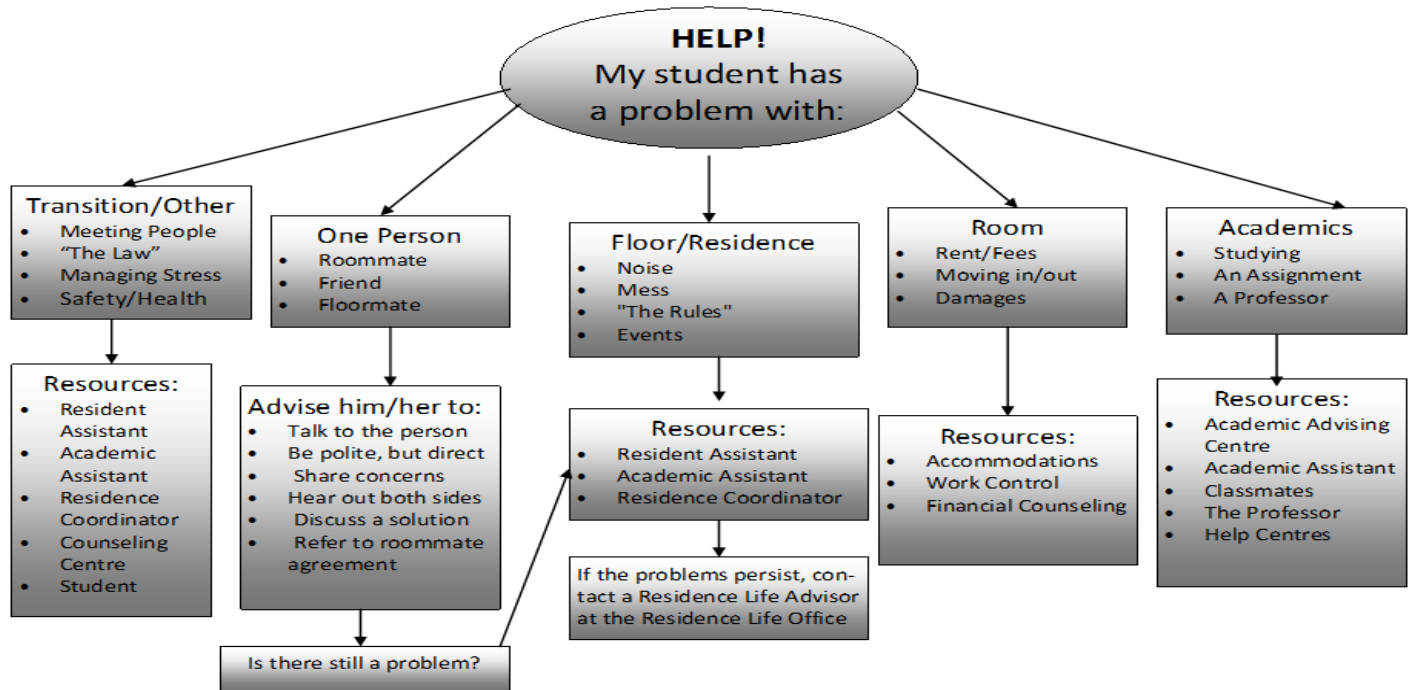
We have also started construction on our new 500 bed residence. The ground work is almost complete and the tender for the building will go out in late October. We expect to have 250 beds in the new building open for Fall 2012.



Storage of Personal Belongings in the Residence Buildings

All personal belongings for students must be removed from all storage areas in the residence buildings at the end of the winter semester 2011. All storage areas will be used by Conference Services for the conference summer operation. Further information regarding storage Units off campus, will be distributed during the winter semester.

How to seek help on campus?



We would like to give special thanks to Bob Ledrew & Sons Ltd. Trucking Company for donating their trucks for the 8th Annual Barnes House Charity Truck Pull in support of Iris Kirby House.

Cover the Square

By the end of Wednesday, Oct. 6, the all-day food drive "Cover the Square," initiated by Memorial's residence houses and the Residence Life Office to assist those devastated by Hurricane Igor, was a resounding success. The much-needed food -- plus a jar full of loonies and toonies -- were distributed to communities on the Burin and Bonavista peninsulas on Friday, Oct. 8, by the Red Cross.

We raised over \$ 600 for the Red Cross and 2850 units of food for the Community Food Sharing Association.



Chartwells Care Packages

We will be offering Care Package Programs. This is a fast, worry-free way to show your son or daughter how much you care by sending a special treat! Being away from home and adjusting to a new routine can be tough, but receiving some extra love from you will thrill your son or daughter.

Care package details can be found at www.dineoncampus.ca, by calling

(709) 737-8125 or e-mail munchartwells@compass-canada.com for more information.



Congratulations!

At the fall 2010 registration, there was a Parents' Corner set up in the Main Dining Hall, with a ballot box for parents to enter their name for a prize draw. The winner of this year's draw was Donna Hodge, Mother of Elizabeth Hodge, resident of Paton College.

Birthday Party

The perfect reminder that you are thinking of them on their special day. Choose a chocolate or white cake, complete with message, six candles, knives, forks and napkins for eight friends.

\$27. 20

With eight cans of pop \$38. 07

Study Break

Pudding or fruit cup, two Rice Krispie squares, two gourmet cookies, two Nutrigrain bars, one piece of fruit and a bottle of juice.

\$13. 59

The Lollipop

A fun gift including lollipops, a bag of chips, chocolate bar, bag of candy and one litre of pop.

\$11. 85

The Snack Pack

A nutritious combination of two Nutrigrain bars, one package of cheese and crackers, one piece of fruit, a bottle of juice and two gourmet cookies.

\$11. 21

Chocolate Lover's Delight

One dozen sinful chocolate brownies and one dozen chocolate ship cookies.

\$20. 34

Fruit Basket

A healthy snack consisting of five pieces of fresh fruit, a package of cheese and crackers, two Nutrigrain bars, a bottle of juice and three packages of herbal tea.

\$12. 17

Cookie Lover's

One dozen assorted gourmet cookies and two dozen chocolate chip cookies with napkins.

\$20. 34

MUCEP-Not Just Another Job

Hi, I'm Erik, the Housing Food and Conference Services main office MUCEP student for the fall 2010 semester. The student jobs offered by the university provide us a great opportunity to explore before we graduate and move on to our careers. Also, as an international student, my experience tells me that all of the staffs members are willing to help and guide you with any difficulties that you may have in many aspects. Because of this, it makes me feel like I am a family member of these of families (departments) . I would highly recommend every student to get involved in this community, get the most out of memorial.

Sincerely,

Erik Yu Zhang