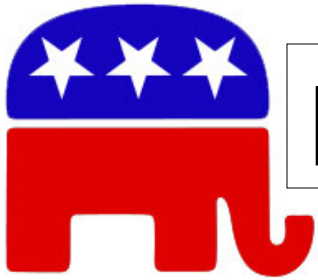


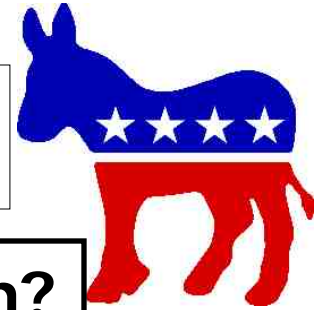
The Resident Charger

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ELECTION '08:



What's YOUR decision?

This month, take ownership of your choices.

A few days into November, you will take part in a heated and critical Presidential Election. Who you choose to vote for is your decision. Chances are, you plan on making an informed decision that you've considered for a while now. Don't let this end when Election Day is over. Keep making smart choices. The choices you make now can have an effect on the people you care about, and the choices you make now can affect your life down the road. Don't you want that outcome to be positive? It can be – just think about the kind of person you want to be and make it happen. Get involved, help out a friend, stay healthy. Figure out what you need to do to be that person.

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November To Do list:

1. *Vote.*
2. *Volunteer.*
3. *Get a flu shot.*
4. *Go to a career services workshop.*
5. *Try something new.*
6. *Make plans for Thanksgiving break.*

BE SMART, STAY SAFE

One way that you can stay safe (and help everyone else stay safe) is to know who you're letting into the building. Don't open the door for people you don't know. If they live in your building, they should have a key of their own. If they don't live in your building, then whoever they're visiting should come meet them at the front door. Nervous to confront them? Don't be! It's your safety!! You don't have to be rude, just simply say "Do you live here?" If the response is no, then politely ask them to call their guest from outside and close the door behind you. In Regency and Forest Hills, you should never "buzz" anyone in without asking who it is first, and if you aren't expecting anyone, then don't let anyone in.

Check out more safety tips that have been posted on bulletin boards around the residence halls this month!!

ROOMMATE RUMBLES

Q: *I'm a freshman and I live in a triple room. One of my roommates has a boyfriend who lives across the quad in Botwinik, and he is over in our room all the time! I don't want her to be mad, but what can I do to let her know I signed up for three roommates, not four?*

A: Technically, overnight guests are only allowed Friday and Saturday nights. So, if your roommate's boyfriend is sleeping over during the week, it would be totally understandable if you explained to her that you don't feel comfortable having overnight guests during the week, and that you also don't want anyone in the room to have to face repercussions for violating Residential Life policy. If you feel comfortable enough, have a conversation with her boyfriend directly, you could let him know how you feel, too. Otherwise, you and your roommates can agree on ground rules for guests. Maybe you don't want visitors after a certain time, or you don't want guests sitting on your bed. Be honest with your roommates about your comfort zone, and respect each other's boundaries. It might help to write them down so you can all refer back to your list if there is ever a conflict. Your Resident Assistant can help you with this if you ask him or her to assist. Our goal in Residential Life is for every student to feel that they have a safe and comfortable space to study, sleep and relax.

GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK

Did you know that your cell phone charger uses almost the same amount of electricity whether your phone is charging or not? This might be surprising to those of you who leave your charger plugged in 24/7, but it's true! Think about unplugging your appliances (blow drier, computer battery, phone charger, microwave) when not in use. If everyone does a little, together we can make a big difference. Using less electricity is greener AND cheaper – and green habits are good ones to get into now, before you start living and paying the bills on your own!

CONDUCT CORNER

Q: *What happens when there's a fight on campus?*

A: Conflicts are inevitable with so many different people living so close together on campus. While respectfully disagreeing is perfectly acceptable and even encouraged, arguing isn't – and resorting to violence is never appropriate. Any actual or threatened abuse, assault or injury to a person is a Student Code of Conduct violation. In addition, harassment, hazing, and intimidation are violations as well. Threats delivered via the internet or cell phone in any way are subject to consequences. Students charged with a Code of Conduct violation will have to complete the conduct hearing process, as outlined in your handbook, starting on page 81.

If you notice that you or someone you know seems to have a hard time dealing with anger, please remember that there are many resources on campus that can help you, and many things you can do to help yourself. If there are certain situations where you tend to get out of control (i.e. when you've been drinking) try to limit your exposure to these situations. Make an appointment with the Counseling Center (located in the basement of Sheffield), where you can get individual counseling, or sign up for Anger Management classes. Think about completing a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense, for women) or RFM (Resisting Aggression with Defense, for men) course, offered to all students by Campus Police, free of charge.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Healthy Relationships Week November 17 – 21

Poster Contest – posters reflecting the week’s theme of “healthy intimacy” can be submitted to the Office of Residential Life until the 21st. The winning poster will be professionally printed and displayed on campus, and the winner will receive a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

If you’ve ever asked: “How do I find out what is happening on campus?” Here’s your answer: Go to www.newhaven.edu/studentactivities and click on the calendar. Or, try [www.newhaven.edu/student-life/CampusLife/StudentAffairs/residential life/24406/](http://www.newhaven.edu/student-life/CampusLife/StudentAffairs/residential%20life/24406/)! All your programming needs at the click of your mouse!

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS NEED THE MOST HELP AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. WANT TO GIVE BACK? CONTACT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE AT communityservice@newhaven.edu for volunteer opportunities throughout the month!

CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

Call (203)932-7342 or email jobs@newhaven.edu for dates and times or to RSVP – all these workshops are happening in November!!

- Resume Writing, 11/17 @ 3:05pm
- Cover Letters, 11/12 @ 12:15pm; 11/24 @ 1:40pm
- Art of Interviewing, 11/10 @ 1:40pm; 11/19 @ 12:15pm; 11/24 @ 3:05pm
- Pros & Cons of Technology, 11/10 @ 3:05pm; 11/26 @ 12:15pm
- Networking Etiquette, 11/17 @ 1:40pm

MUNCHIES ON MONDAY!!!!

Monday, November 3rd @ 4pm in ORL
MAKE YOUR OWN PLASTIC FOOTBALL HELMET

Want to apply to be an Resident Assistant for Spring 2008?

- November 4th, 4pm, Bixler Common Lounge – RA Information Session – Come learn everything you need to know!
- November 5th, 7pm, Bixler Common Lounge – RA Info Session (In case you missed the first one!)
- November 6th Applications available in the Office of Residential Life
- November 13th Applications due!

Other Things You Should Know About In November:

November 4 – ELECTION DAY!

Week of November 10 – Health & Safety Room Inspections

Week of November 17 – Healthy Relationships Week

November 18, 6pm – Domestic Violence Vigil in Bartels

November 26, 10am – Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving break

November 30, 12 noon – Residence Halls reopen and there is less than a month left in the fall semester!

**RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH AT 10am AND RE-
OPEN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH AT NOON.**

Exterior locks to all the residence halls are changed at 10am on Wednesday November 26. If you live more than 500 miles away, are a designated athlete approved to stay, or an international student, you will be able to stay during the break. You will need to visit the Office of Residential Life by 4:30pm on Wednesday, November 19th to sign up. You will then be given more information regarding your "break key" (a \$10 cash or check will be required) and any other requirements you will need to meet in order to stay. Don't miss this deadline! If you live closer than 500 miles, but have an off-campus job you need to work at during the break, you will need to arrange off-campus accommodations on your own for the weekend as you will be unable to access your residence hall and no exceptions will be made.

DID YOU KNOW?

In order to better work with you, the Office of Residential Life has extended its regular business hours. The main office, located on the ground floor of Bixler Hall, is now open:

Monday 8:30am – 6:30pm
Tuesday: 7:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday: 8:30am – 6:30pm
Thursday: 7:30am – 4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Before you leave!!!

When you leave your room for the Thanksgiving Break you are responsible for the following:

- All windows must be locked and closed and the blinds pulled.
- Clean room and empty trash from your room and common areas.
- Remove perishable food from your refrigerator.
- You DO NOT have to unplug fridges.
- Make sure items are moved away from the heaters.
- Make sure faucets and showers are not leaking and securely shutoff.
- Remove any valuable items. The University is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

During closing, all rooms will be checked by Residential Life staff members to ensure that the rooms are secure, in compliance with the University housing agreement, and to perform the necessary maintenance checks and repairs. Special attention will be given to heat settings in the apartments as they must be set at an appropriate level to avoid freezing pipes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mario Pierce, Assistant Director of Residential Life, at EXT: 4568 or email mpierce@newhaven.edu

Thank you for your time and consideration!
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Have ideas for next month's newsletter? Know somebody who deserves some recognition for their work with residents on the UNH campus? Got a question for "Roommate Rumbles" or "Conduct Corner"?? Send an email to Resident Director Kristin Heller at khell1@newhaven.edu or submit an anonymous note in the Resident Charger box at the front desk of the Office of Residential Life. You could be in the next issue of "The Resident Charger"! Until then, enjoy life here at UNH, be responsible, and make the most of all the great resources available to you!!