Dear Student:

If you currently live off-campus and do not wish to live on campus next year, or if you are graduating in May, this information does not pertain to you and you may delete this message. Otherwise, this message includes important information regarding your housing for next year.

Beginning March 10, you will choose your on campus housing for next year through the automated system for housing selection, in the order of the number of credits you have earned as of the end of the fall 2009 semester. Students with the most credits earned will be allowed to select their housing first. The complete housing selection schedule will be available soon on the residence life web site.

In order to participate in housing selection, your tuition and housing deposit, as well as any unpaid spring term balance, must be paid in the Business Office. If you have questions regarding your financial status, please call the business office at (540)375-2256 or the financial aid office at (540)375-2235.

Several housing changes and additions will take effect beginning next academic year, 2010-2011:

- Approximately half of the spaces in the Market Street complex (Blueridge, Shenandoah, Tabor) have been designated as upper class housing. Upper class and freshman residents will share spaces in the halls and on the individual floors.
- The multicultural theme area will expand to include Chalmers 1st floor. If you are interested in living in this area, please contact Ms. Juliet Lowery at 540-375-2099 or lowery@roanoke.edu.
- Catawba Hall will continue as the Global Village theme area, i.e., international students and domestic students who are interested in international issues and relations or who are seeking the opportunities that living among a diverse population of students provides. If you are interested in living in this area, please contact Ms. Lorraine Fleck at 540-375-4961 or fleck@roanoke.edu.
- Augusta Hall and a 3rd floor suite of Allegheny Hall are available as theme areas for the groups of students who submit winning proposals. Information on how to apply is available on the residence life web site.
- Afton, Catawba, and Elizabeth Halls will continue to remain open during all break periods. If you desire to remain on campus during the breaks and you live in one of these halls, you may do so at no charge.
- Afton and Catawba Halls will continue to remain open year round. Students may pay rent to remain in these halls during the summer months with the exception of a 2 week period at the end of the summer so the rooms can be prepared for new occupants.
- Athletes will continue to be housed in designated residence halls. Detailed information regarding athletic housing will be available soon on the residence life web site.

Additionally, several changes to the meal plan policies and dining choices will take effect beginning next year. Specifically, unused meal swipes will no longer carry over through the
semester. Instead any unused swipes will be forfeited at the end of a one week period. Further details are available on the dining services web site.

It is very important that you make no off campus commitment, such as signing a lease, unless and until you have been released to live off campus by participating in housing selection in March. Some landlords may pressure students at this time of year to sign off campus leases. However, most landlords within this area depend heavily on students to rent their spaces, and no students have been released as of this date. Signing a lease without being released for off campus will not release you from your on campus financial obligations.

Look for further notices regarding the housing selection process during the next few weeks. In the meantime, please visit the residence life web site at www.roanoke.edu/reslife often to find detailed information regarding the schedule, off campus living, building compositions, room and board rates, and much more. Please contact the residence life staff at (540)375-2308 or reslife@roanoke.edu if you need further information.

Thanks and good luck in the housing selection process!

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