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The RESIDENCE UPDATE Newsletter is produced monthly by Student Housing Services. Need to contact us?

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 Monday through Friday

**St. Patrick's Day Guest Policy**

Just a reminder that guests are not permitted for St. Patrick's Day (similar to the practice during Halloween). This means guest restrictions are in effect from:

**Friday, March 17th, beginning at 8am through to Saturday, March 18, at 12pm.**

During this time guests (including those from other residences) will not be permitted to visit you in residence. This information is highlighted on page 7 of the Residence Community Living Standards. Please contact [reslife@uoguelph.ca](mailto:reslife@uoguelph.ca) or a member of the Residence Life Staff if you have any questions. Have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day!

**March Break High School Tours**

Please be advised that the University of Guelph will welcome several hundred potential students to campus each day during Ontario high school March Break (March 13 - 17) as well as Campus Day to be held Sunday, March 26. You may experience large groups of students and parents (with their trained U of G Ambassadors/ Tour Guides) in your residence building. We hope that you will provide our guests and their families with a warm and positive welcome.



### Early Quiet Hours

As many of you are aware, there are midterms being written on Saturday March 4, 11 & 25. As a result, Quiet Hours on **Friday March 3, 10 & 24** will begin at **11 pm**. Please be considerate of others who are studying on those evenings.

If you are looking for after-hours study support, the **Academic Drop-in Centres** are open Monday to Thursday, 7-9 pm, in Mountain and Lennox Halls, East Residence and Biology House. Each evening has a study theme, but the academic leaders can usually address a wide range of topics. For those of you in the North area residences (Johnston, Mills, Maids, Lambton & Lennox-Addington) your ID card will give you access to the Academic Drop-in Centre in L/A during the open hours of the ADC.

Good luck!

### Income Tax and Residence

All University of Guelph residences are *designated residences* for property tax and rent purposes, meaning that residence fees cannot be claimed as rent payments on income tax returns. The only claim that is allowed is \$25 for the year (with no receipt necessary). For this reason, the University does not issue tax receipts for residence fees. For more information see question 2 at <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oeptc/faq.html>

### Residence Scholarships - Apply Now Using the Link Below!

3 x \$500 Returning Student Scholarships  
2 X \$500 Residence Life Staff (RLS) Scholarships

Requirements:

- demonstrated financial need
- minimum 70% average
- for RLS scholarships, must attain a ResLife position

Deadline to apply is **March 31, 2017**.

Full info at:

<http://housing.uoguelph.ca/current-residents/residence-scholarships>

**Note:** you may apply to and be eligible for both of the above Returning Student and Residence Life Scholarships, but you cannot *receive* both scholarships.

### Summer 2017 Residence

Are you in Guelph this summer?

Living on campus during the summer is a great experience -- the University campus is beautiful, and you are close to Arboretum trails, city amenities and transit. If you are taking courses, working on campus or on a co-op term, living on campus is the perfect solution. Summer students are housed in East Village townhouses for the full Summer 2017 semester (May 9 - August 19).

And better yet, if you are living in residence for S17 and returning in September, the stayover fee for the "gaps" between semesters this year is zero dollars. To apply for Summer residence, apply online at <http://www.housing.uoguelph.ca/applyonline>. There is no deposit required for Summer residence.

### April Check-Out

Undergraduate students are reminded that they must make arrangements to vacate their residence room 24 hours after their last exams or by noon of April 25, whichever falls first. More information will be included in your check-out information email later this month. For those of you who need to apply to stay after your required check-out time/date, further information will be provided in your check-out information email.

### Residence Mail - Make Arrangements

*Check your mailboxes and arrange forwarding addresses!*

Please remember to arrange for your mail to be forwarded before your final check-out date for residence. Mail received after April 25, 2017 will be "returned to sender". Please notify all your contacts of your new addresses, and do not use your University address for any on-line orders that could potentially be delayed in delivery. Before returning your keys and leaving residence on your final check-out date, please stop by your mailboxes and clean them out. Any items that are left in the mailboxes, or parcels left at the Desk after April 25, 2017, will also be "returned to sender".

### Outstanding Residence-Related WebAdvisor Fees

Please check your WebAdvisor to see if you have any unpaid fees relating to damage charges, keys, etc. If you have any questions about your residence-related fees, please contact us at ext. 58700 and Student Housing will direct your call.

### Residence Formal



The annual Residence Formal dinner and dance, hosted by Interhall Council, will be taking place next Friday night, March 10, in Creelman Hall. Tickets are \$35 and include a three-course dinner. They can be purchased in your hall through Council selling tables, or online at: <http://til.tt/E7Hv?s=wb&u=kmclare0>. Hope you brought your suit or favourite dress back!

### STI Testing Challenge



See that happy, dinosaur-looking cartoon above. That's chlamydia. Or so says Google images. Why is cartoon chlamydia in your newsletter? On March 14, the Wellness Education Centre will be partnering with the Guelph, Wellington and Dufferin Health Unit and Student Housing to provide free gonorrhea and chlamydia tests to U of G students. We are hoping to test over 400 students so gather with your friends and come by the new Event Centre (Athletics) between 9:30am and 3:30pm. Enter via the new (Garney Henley) entrance off East Ring Road.

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# RELAY FOR LIFE

A 12 hour overnight fundraiser for cancer

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

Register @ [relayforlife.ca/guelphu](http://relayforlife.ca/guelphu)

 [relay@uoguelph.ca](mailto:relay@uoguelph.ca)

 [rfl\\_uoguelph](https://www.instagram.com/rfl_uoguelph)
 University of Guelph Relay for Life

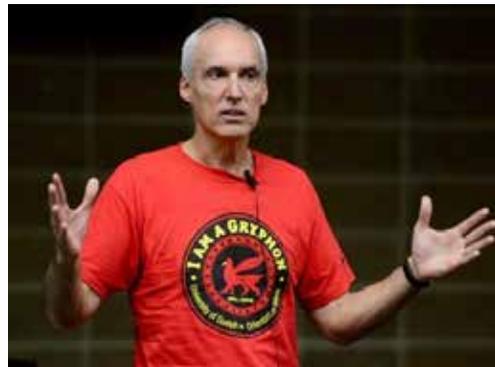
Starting at 7 pm on Saturday, March 11 and lasting until 7am on the 12th, the annual Relay for Life overnight fundraiser is an event you don't want to miss! How Do You Get Involved: Register online with your friends in teams of 5-15 people at <http://relayforlife.ca/guelphu>. Have 4 or less interested friends? Connect with your RA who will help you get registered.

### St. Pat's Pancake Breakfasts!



As St. Pat's day has a strong drinking tradition, the Res Life team wants to do as much as possible to ensure that all our students who do choose to drink are as safe as possible. This starts with a FREE pancake breakfast running in each residence hall on the morning of the big day. Each hall will be advertising the time and location of their breakfast. Check with your community RLS member for details.

### It's Called... House Calls



On March 20, 21, and 22, faculty and senior administrators at the University of Guelph will be joining us in residence for some door-to-door check-ins with students. Packing reminders about the resources available to students during exam time and ballots to win some amazing prizes, you can a knock on your door sometime between 6:30-8:00pm on one of the program nights. Who will you see at your door? Professor Williams or Jacobs? Demers and Levere? Stay tuned for more information about when your area of campus can expect visitors!