



Welcome to the St. Cloud State University Residential Life Community!

We hope you are beginning to feel at home, connecting to your classmates, roommates, other floor and hall residents, as well as to staff and faculty on our campus. We appreciate your positive participation to this point—we can already see some significant community-building occurring on the floors, in the halls, and on the University level. It is happening through community councils, RHA, Garvey meals, and community service activities. Can you see and feel it too?

HOMECOMING 2007 is the focus for this issue of the Eagle Newsletter. Homecoming is a week when school spirit and fun are experienced through several planned activities and events with friends – old and new. Besides the fun and enjoyment of the week, we as a community are also mindful of safe and responsible behavior.

Individual choices have community impact, and by working together we can continue to promote and maintain a respectful, welcoming, and positive environment on and around campus. For those of you that are new to our campus and homecoming traditions, please be aware that there will be an increased number of residence hall, public safety, and student life staff available over the weekend. Additionally, you will see an increased quantity of Saint Cloud police officers on duty downtown and in the nearby neighborhoods.

Residence Hall security procedures are in place for your safety and to insure a positive environment within the halls. The following are important to note:

1. All entrances/exits will be locked by 5:00pm Friday, October 12 and remain locked (even daytime) until 6:00am Sunday, October 14. Residents can enter through the use of entrance keys and proper identification.
2. Residence Hall students may check-in up to two guests (excluding family and other residence hall students) after 8:00pm. Guests will be admitted by photo ID and through a formal check-in system in the evening. Guests must be accompanied by the resident (host) at all times.
3. Any guest causing a problem or violating a policy within the residence hall may lose guest/visitation privileges immediately and/or for the remainder of the weekend.

We support and encourage responsible fun, but sometimes we experience guests and friends not affiliated with the SCSU community who are not responsible or respectful of others, property, our policies, etc. The negative behavior of both SCSU students and/or their guests is of concern. Alcohol sometimes plays a part in irresponsible choices and we want to educate you in advance as to the problems and consequences to prevent poor behavioral choices.

Despite the many alternative activities offered, too many students come back to the halls intoxicated. We encourage each of you to evaluate your personal drinking habits, and **become familiar with university policy and state law regarding alcohol** (particularly underage consumption laws). We will not assume responsibility for students under the influence and will not hesitate to contact civil authorities for assistance. Noise, vandalism, and resident medical situations or altercations are often associated with poor choices related to alcohol use or abuse.

In addition, **citations issued by the police can be costly** & time consuming if court appearances are required. They can also be problematic for future career requirements (teachers, nurses, law enforcement or others). Did you know that it costs \$182 for an underage consumption citation? With all this in mind, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable Homecoming weekend!

We encourage you to take an active role in promoting safety and security in the residence halls. Please contact your CA, Hall Director or Public Safety if you become aware of or witness any safety or security issues in your community.

Payment Reminder:

If you are utilizing the installment plan option for room and board payments, the third installment of \$875 is due October 5. All accounts must be paid in full by November 5, 2007. Room and board payments should be made directly to the Cashier's Office in Administrative Services. You can check your balance online at <https://webproc.mnscu.edu/eservices/login.html?campusid=073>

Contract Information:

Your housing contract is for the entire academic year. Fall semester contracts are automatically renewed for the same room spring semester. Refer to items #14-16 in your residence hall contract for more information.

Cancellation request forms for spring semester must be submitted to the Residential Life Office in Carol Hall by November 16, 2007. Please note that cancellation requests may be denied. Acceptable reasons for contract release include:

- Graduation
- Withdrawal from University
- Study abroad
- Student teaching (outside of St. Cloud area)
- Serious medical or health problem(s) accompanied by physician documentation.

GEAR UP! ACADEMIC & CAREER PLANNING DAYS

Date: October 16 & 17, 2007

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom

Description: First Year students must attend this event to receive their Career and Academic Planner and information on how to contact their advisor. Students will also learn about career resources, the advising process and selecting a major. NO registration required.

Cost: Free

Sponsor: Career Services Center

SHOW YOUR HUSKY PRIDE OCTOBER 8-14

MONDAY 8 PM RHA Block Party on the Atwood Mall

TUESDAY 5:30 PM No Hate Speaker, Jane Elliot in the Ritsche Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 8 PM Luau Party in Atwood Underground

THURSDAY 8 PM Coronation & Reception in Ritsche Auditorium

10 PM Comedy Magician in Ritsche Auditorium

FRIDAY 9 PM Atwood After Dark

SATURDAY 8:45 AM Homecoming Fun Run

11:30 AM Husky Village and Tailgating

1 PM Football game

7 PM Hockey game

9:30 PM Hill-Case Rootbeer Kegger

SUNDAY 10 AM Homecoming Cleanup - Barden Park

Staying Safe On Campus Is Everyone's

Responsibility and you can help keep yourself and others safe by caring what happens in your community. Things you can do to keep your room safe:

- Lock your door when you leave and take your keys with you, no matter how short a time you may be gone - even when you go to the restroom.
- Lock your door when you and your roommate are sleeping.
- Keep wallets, purses, checkbooks, and jewelry out of sight and locked up if possible.
- Keep a record of all your valuable items, noting descriptions, serial numbers, and approximate dollar values of all items. These records should be kept in a secure location.
- Check with your parents' insurance company to see if your property is covered under their homeowners policy while you are attending school.
- Do not loan your keys to anyone.

