



SOUSA Newsletter

Inside McGill's Libraries

With midterms coming up (you may have already had one!) it's a great time to find your ideal study spot on campus. Let us take you on a tour of what McGill Libraries have to offer!

In General

Why study at a McGill library?

- **You're in close proximity to communal computers, printers and any reference materials you may need.**
- **Libraries offer McGill Wi-Fi, which is free and unlimited for students.**
- **When studying, it's often helpful to get out of the house to eliminate distractions, escape your cluttered bedroom and get into the right state of mind for learning.**
- **They're climate-controlled and quiet.**

McLennan/Redpath/Cybertheque

Jointly named the Humanities and Social Sciences Libraries (HSSL), tons of students from all programs and backgrounds use this library for quiet solitary reviewing, conducting meetings and events, and studying with friends.

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- HSSL has quiet areas with many desks and chairs on most floors. Around exam time you may find even these areas are packed with students so come early to get a spot.
- HSSL has extensive opening hours: morning until midnight during the regular semester, and 24 hours every weekday during midterms and finals.
- There's an eating area downstairs, with a Première Moisson café selling baked goods and coffee.
- With capacities ranging from 3 to 30 people, and features like projection screens and beanbag chairs, the study rooms at HSSL are great for meetings, group study and small events! Book them at <http://libraryrooms.mcgill.ca/booking/groupstudy>.



- On the ground floor of Redpath, you'll find an open, spacious group study area where talking is allowed, complete with desks, chairs and computers.

Schulich

Schulich Library of Science and Engineering is another studying hotspot for a large portion of the undergrad population.

- Schulich has several areas for quiet study spread across several floors, and one group study room you can book.
- It's located right by the FDA lecture hall, so it's really convenient if you have class there! It also has indoor passageways to the McConnell, Burnside, and Otto Maass buildings.
- The architecture is unique (it's older than HSSL.) Check out the fireplace room when you're climbing the stairs!
 - This is where you can find most of the science textbooks that are on reserve.
 - The hours are similar to HSSL: open till midnight, and 24-hours during exams!

Try Something New!

McGill has so many miscellaneous libraries. If you get a chance, explore around and you never know what you'll discover!

- If you want a convenient place to study between classes in McMed, try the 2nd and 3rd floors. It's open during the daytime on weekdays.
- The Nahum Gelber law library is beautiful indoors, it's very quiet, and its hours are similar to Schulich and HSSL (closes at midnight, 24-hours during exams). Conveniently located near Stewart Bio!
- The Marvin Duchow music library has a conference room with a piano! It's a cool place to study, especially if you're down near Sherbrooke and University, but the lighting may be too dim for some.
- The Islamic Studies library is one of the most iconic buildings on campus. It's only open during the daytime, and the top floor is exceedingly quiet. You should check it out at least once during your stay on campus!
- Though it's not a library, remember that as a Science student you have 24-hour access to Burnside basement, which offers computers, study desks, and free printing!

One great thing about McGill is its variety of libraries. With so much choice, you're bound to find a study spot that's just right for your needs!

Skis, Skates, and Snowboards

Your winter guide to slopes, rinks and trails!

You can't escape winter-might as well embrace it! Even in the cold, some outdoor physical activity will always do you good. Winter offers some really thrilling sports, here's what you should check out.

Skating

There's nothing quite like gliding around on the ice on a tranquil winter night. It's great for a date or just an activity to do while chatting with a friend.

- **On a budget? Skating is the ideal winter activity: Montréal has free skating rinks all over the place. They're well-maintained and some have skate rental facilities: I recommend Parc LaFontaine! Check http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?_pageid=5977,94954214&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL for a complete list.**
- **As a McGill student you can access the indoor McConnell Arena for free! Check the schedule here: http://www.mcgillathletics.ca/sports/2012/11/5/GEN_1105124936.aspx. You can also check out the seasonal outdoor rink on Lower Field which has recreational skating during lunchtime on weekdays!**
- **If you don't have your skates in Montréal, consider renting at the rink or buying used off Kijiji or a second hand store.**
- **Depending on the rink, you can add some real Canadian flavour by grabbing some hockey sticks and a puck for your skating experience.**



Snowboarding or Downhill Skiing

In Quebec, snowboarders and skiers actually look forward to winter! Sometimes in the warmer months we're really thinking about the long wait to get back out on the local slopes.

- **There are plenty of great mountains in the Montréal area, and farther out in Quebec City and the State of Vermont. Some are tall, some are short, some are quiet and some are busy. The season can last up until the beginning of April.**
- **If you have your own car, make use of some great student season pass deals! (Since the season is nearing its end this year, there may be additional deals. It's also something to keep in mind for next year.)**
- **For those who don't have a car and plan to go on 3 or more trips, the SSMU Ski and Snowboard Club (<https://www.ssmuski.com/>) is a great option. It's one of the best university ski clubs in Quebec. A 1-year membership (\$100) gives you unlimited transportation (which otherwise would cost \$30 per trip), and you only pay for lift tickets. They also run tons of fun activities and parties both at the resorts and on campus.**
- **If you only want to go to a mountain once or twice, you can look into a service like ExpressTours (<https://www.expresstours.ca/>), which offers a deal including lift ticket and transportation to and from a specified pickup/dropoff point in Montréal.**



Mont Royal

You probably loved hanging out on Mont Royal in the summer. Well in the winter, it just gets better!

- **The trails on Montréal are great for hiking, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing! You can rent all the equipment you'll need onsite.**
- **The east side of the mountain (facing Ave. du Parc) has a sledding hill, in case you want to get back on that toboggan from your younger days.**
- **The Plateau neighbourhood (just east of the mountain) has numerous cafés for your obligatory post-activity hot chocolate.**

Getting involved in winter activities helps give you a positive outlook on what would otherwise be a pretty grim season. It also gives you a way to stay in shape without being confined inside the gym. If you're still not convinced, don't worry; spring is on its way.

By Jon Reid

READING WEEK 2015

If you haven't marked your calendar already, do it now! Reading week is coming up in March and it will be from March 2nd 2015 to March 6th 2015. If you count the weekend before it and the one after, that's a total of 9 days of down time, play time, and study time! To first year students, this may or may not be a familiar concept as many of you may have had similar school breaks around this time of the year as well. Now that you are at McGill, we are here to give you some ideas on what you can do to make the most of this well-deserved break!

1. Going home

Are you feeling a bit homesick? It is a normal feeling especially as we are knee-deep in midterm season and stress can really take a toll on our mental and physical health. If costs are not an issue, consider going home for the week! Seeing family and friends back home will surely rejuvenate you and will allow you to take a real break from the school environment. Whether you are traveling by plane, train or bus, plan ahead to ensure you can get home and come back to McGill in time for the first day of classes - you won't want to be stressed about that!

2. Exploring neighboring cities

Montreal is conveniently located close to many Canadian and American touristic cities, so a mini get-away is possible during the reading week. Consider taking the train up to Quebec City to visit this world heritage site named by UNESCO! For those who want to practice French, this will be an excellent opportunity to do so and the amazing architecture will simply blow you away. You can also opt to take a bus or a train to Ottawa, which is about 2 hours away. There, you can explore the capital city of Canada and visit the Parliament Hill. There is also Toronto, where you can be dazzled by the vibrant city life. Finally, another option is to head down South and visit the concrete jungle - New York City. Get there by bus, train, or airplane and blend into the hustling crowd at Times Square! Again, take note of the time that is required for travelling to all these amazing cities and plan accordingly so you don't have to miss school!

3. Finding comfort in Montreal

Sometimes, all we need is simply some down time. You can use this opportunity to break free from the “McGill Bubble” and explore Montreal for a couple of days! Discover what this city has to offer: from countless cozy cafes to the world-famous Notre-Dame Basilica, it is definitely worth it to spend some time away from books and get in touch with the city. Take some time to rest and to take care of your body and this will help you end the semester with a great finale!

While we encourage you to take a break from school during this reading week, we also want to remind you to keep track of midterms and assignments that may be due right after the break. Last winter, I had 3 midterm exams and an oral presentation within the two weeks right after the break! Therefore, for those of you who might be in a similar situation, it is better to plan your reading week wisely and realistically so that you do not get overwhelmed once you come back.

By Jollee Fung

Setting Up Your Summer:

Start thinking about your post-exam plans!

Don't get caught sitting around on May 1st with nothing to do! Whether it be volunteering, summer school or a job, plan ahead to get that awesome opportunity that's just right for you!

Where will you be?

There are two ways to start your brainstorm: you can ask yourself what you want to do OR where you want to be. Many students prefer to return to their families for the first summer of their degree. If the opportunities you want are available where your family lives, that's great! But depending on what you're looking for, you may consider staying in Montréal or traveling somewhere else.

Job madness!

Need some cash to start off next semester? Want to get some new experience? Do you just want to be productive during the summer? Start job-hunting sooner and you'll find better jobs. Many workplaces begin making decisions in February or March, so get your CV in order before then (<http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/prepare/cv>).

Here are some great resources for the search itself:

- CAPS myFuture (<http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/services/myfuture>) has job ads that are specifically & exclusively targeted to McGill students. Most are in the Montréal area (some don't require French!) but some jobs are in other places too (e.g. Ontario). Keep checking often, it gets updated a lot! This is how I got my first summer job in Montréal as a cashier at Schwartz's.
- CAPS Job-Finding Club (<http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/services/jfc>). This is a two-week program where you and your peers get together to work on your job hunting, CV writing and interview skills. Going through this process with others is a great motivator and you may meet some new friends along the way!
- Service Canada Job Bank (<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/jobs/jobbank.shtml>). This is a well-curated list of job ads. You can search by location and qualifications. Check it often!
- If there's somewhere you really want to work, like a hospital, summer camp or tree planting service, look up the careers page on their website as soon as possible! Don't delay or you may miss deadlines.



Volunteering

There are lots of ways to volunteer in the summer. The nice weather and free time make it an ideal chance to help out in the local neighbourhood or the global community. Here are a few ideas:

- Even if you're in a full-time summer job, you can volunteer part-time! Look for evening or week-end programs.
- Montréal is the place to be for summer festivals. Try volunteering at a summer festival, and you may even get some entertainment for free!
- If you want to add some extra meaning to your traveling, look into the volunteering abroad trips offered by various student organizations on campus. They often take only a small portion of your summer but they may have a huge impact on your life!

Other Activities

If you still don't think you have enough activities to fill your summer, consider these suggestions!

- Plan a camping trip! The great outdoors will give you a much-needed break from busy city life.
- Plan a road trip! This is a super economical way to travel to your desired destination while seeing everything along the way. Who knows what you'll discover?
- Look into doing some research or applying for a science internship! These were covered in the November issue of this newsletter—see <http://www.mcgill.ca/science/research/ours> or <http://www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field> if you still have questions!

The important thing is to start looking into options now before school gets too crazy. Get the ball rolling early and you'll have no trouble lining up your dream summer opportunities!

By Jon Reid

The Great Apartment Hunt: Moving Out of Rez

As the final few months of this school year approach and rez life is coming to a close for many first year students, it's time to start thinking about your next big move: moving into your own apartment! Whether you are looking to live on your own or find an apartment to share, Montreal offers some great options for housing rentals with some of the most affordable prices in the country. But before you pick up your phone at the first À louer sign, let's go over some of the basics to moving off-campus and renting in Montreal.

Basic Terminology

- ⇒ **Tenant**—The person who rents an apartment from a landlord
- ⇒ **Landlord**—The person who offers the apartment for rent
- ⇒ **Lease**—A legal document that describes the rent, rules and regulations of the apartment
- ⇒ **Sublease or sublet**—When you cannot stay in the apartment for the full term of the lease and rent the apartment out to someone else for a short period while you still hold the lease.
- ⇒ **Transfer or assignment of lease** – When you want to leave before your lease ends, and you hand over the lease to a new tenant
- ⇒ **Joint Tenancy vs. Occupancy** – A joint tenant has a lease and rents the same apartment with other tenants. An occupant shares an apartment with other tenants but has no lease, rights or obligations to the landlord.
- ⇒ **Co-signer**—A person who agrees to pay the rent in case you cannot, e.g. a family member or close friend. Sometimes applicable if you have no rental history or bad credit
- ⇒ **Security deposit**—An amount of money, often equal to one month's rent, that you pay to the landlord to cover any damages you might incur; will be given back to you if you keep the apartment in good shape at the end
- ⇒ **Furnished**—The room or apartment contains furniture (often the case in Montreal if you are looking to rent a room)
- ⇒ **Utilities**—Basic services as water, heat, and electricity

The Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood	Description
Milton Parc (the McGill Ghetto)	Close to McGill, lots of student renters, grocery stores, shops and malls within walking distance. Lively neighbourhood, gets noisy on nights and weekends. Expensive with small rooms and less availability.
West of Campus	Close to McGill, newer buildings, very close to McIntyre Medical Building and Stewart Biology, and quieter than the ghetto. More expensive than the ghetto.
The Plateau– Mont-Royal / Mile End	15 – 20 minutes to McGill by bus/metro, trendy and vibrant with lots of cafes, bars, restaurants and parks; more spacious than many Milton Parc rentals. Typical Montreal-style apartments as opposed to high-rises. Moderately priced.
Concordia area	15 minute walk to campus (or 5 minute bus/metro ride). Reasonable rent, lots of 24/7 places, food and services for a student budget.
NDG	30-40 minutes to McGill by bus/metro. Middle class Anglophone residential area, many detached or semidetached duplexes and triplexes, smaller older apartments and few high rises. Moderately priced.
St. Henri	15 minutes to McGill by bus/metro, St. Henri to the south is a working-class neighbourhood with easy access to the Atwater Market, Lachine Canal and Solin Hall; artsy with lots of graffiti; cheap rent.
Westmount	20 minutes to McGill by bus/metro, Westmount to the west is an affluent Anglophone suburb (with its own police force!), expensive grocery stores; lots of mansions on the hill tops, townhouses and luxurious condos. Expensive rent.
Old Port	15 minutes to McGill by bus/metro. Beautiful lofts, historical buildings with modern renovations and finishes. Expensive rent.

Finding the Right Size

In Montreal, the size of the apartment is written as the total number of rooms plus $\frac{1}{2}$ for the bathroom.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Studio or bachelor apartment) – one room apartment with a kitchenette and a bathroom.

Prices: above \$500

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ – one bedroom apartment: a closed bedroom, a living space with a kitchenette and a bathroom. Prices: above \$600

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ – one bedroom apartment: a closed bedroom, a living space, a full kitchen and a bathroom.

Prices: above \$700

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ – two bedroom apartment: two bedrooms or one bedroom with a dining area.

Price: above \$800

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ – three bedroom apartment: three bedrooms or two bedrooms with a dining area.

Price: above \$1000



NDG

Considering a Roommate?

Sharing a living space with a roommate happens very often in Montreal, especially for students. It provides various benefits and you could even end up meeting a friend for life, but it also comes with potential complications. As such, it's important to first consider if you prefer living alone or with someone.

Reasons to live alone:

- ◆ More privacy – You don't have to share any of the rooms of your apartment with anyone! Inviting guests is all up to you and if you want some peace and quiet after a long day without any intrusions of chit-chat, it's all yours. If you really need to get work done, there's no chance of distractions from a party being hosted in the next room. If you like to keep your conversations or phone calls private, there's absolutely no worry about your roommate overhearing them.
- ◆ More freedom – You can do your chores at your own speed without having to worry that leaving your dishes in the sink will be an annoyance to your roommate. If you are a night owl or often get home and your roommate sleeps early, you don't have to worry about tiptoeing around the apartment all the time. Different schedules can sometimes be difficult to work with, especially in terms of space – my two roommates and I have to almost catch the same bus in the mornings and there's only one kitchen and bathroom to divide amongst us, resulting in a lot of prioritizing and dashes out into the snow!
- ◆ No sharing needed – You don't have to worry about anyone eating your food in the fridge or sharing groceries or communal household supplies or your space. It's all yours, all day every day.

Tips for Finding the Right Roommate

- ⇒ Decide if you are going to room with someone you know or a stranger.
 - ⇒ Some of the best roommate relationships my friends have had over the past have been with friends of friends, their roommate from rez or someone they know from rez (ex. they lived down the hall and came over often while in rez).
 - ⇒ They know the person well enough to approximately know their living style and personalities while evading the risk that if they don't get along in the future they won't be risking their friendship.
 - ⇒ Rooming with strangers you find on Craigslist or Kijiji can also work out great but it requires more time and effort to get to know them and eventually trust them enough to be able to live in and leave your apartment comfortably.

Reasons to live with a roommate:

- ◆ Cut the expenses – Living with a roommate can save you a big chunk of the rent. Renting a 1 1/2 studio starts at \$500 while renting a room can be as cheap as \$300-400. You can also save money on utilities since splitting the utility bill usually comes out to less than the bill if you were living on your own. For example, an electricity bill for two people might only be \$10 more than the bill you'd have to pay if you were on your own. You can buy groceries or supplies in bulk which after splitting the costs would also probably be cheaper than if you bought your own.
- ◆ No room for loneliness – There will always be someone to come home to and sometimes it's nice just to know that there's another person present nearby. If you are friends or become friends with your roommate, they're always nearby if you want to hangout late at night or watch a movie together on a whim.
- ◆ Convenience – You can split up the heavier chores like sweeping/vacuuming the floor or cleaning the bathroom as well as take turns grocery shopping. If you're missing an ingredient for a recipe and your roommate's going to pass by the grocery store, it's always convenient to ask if they can pick it up for you on their way home. If you'll be away for a while, your roommate can help you look after your pet or keep an eye on your mail. A roommate will also hold you accountable which can be a great benefit say if you're working on a new workout or diet plan and remind you to stick with your plan. One of my roommates and I used to run together in the mornings when we were both free and it helped us to stay on track and stay motivated.



- ⇒ No matter who you will be living with, it's a good idea to get a clear grasp on each other's habits and living style which can be done with a Roommate Questionnaire (a great one can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/files/students.housing/roommatequestionnaire.pdf>).
- ⇒ In general it's a good idea to find someone who has a similar lifestyle as you do.
 - ⇒ If you like to party until 1 in the morning and your roommate prefers quiet and solitude, there may be friction down the road when you guys can't balance the level of noise and peace that's comfortable for both.
 - ⇒ If you like to clean frequently and your roommate couldn't care less what the house looked like, it could be a nuisance to both when it comes down to deciding on the housekeeping tasks and how often cleaning should happen.
- ⇒ Have a clear discussion on money.
 - ⇒ Make sure the responsibilities for the rent are made clear.
 - ⇒ Go over how each bill will be paid, who is responsible for what portion and the estimates of each portion. Discuss utility bills and also grocery bills if you've decided on sharing food.
- ⇒ Decide on the furnishings
 - ⇒ If you are sharing an unfurnished apartment with a roommate and buying furnishings, discuss how you will pay for communal furniture such as tables and chairs, sofas, tvs and kitchen appliances.
 - ⇒ Decide how you will split them when you are no longer living together.
 - ⇒ Decide on a furnishing style you will both like or be comfortable around.

THE APARTMENT HUNTING GUIDE

1. Search online listings

- Note the style of housing you are looking for i.e. a high-rise, a duplex, a condo, etc., whether you are looking to rent a room, rent an apartment for sharing or live alone, the size of the apartment, the price range that suits your needs the best and the area you wish to live in.
- Lookup ads posted online at McGill Classifieds ads (<http://www.mcgill.ca/classified/housing/>) which are posted by students looking for someone to rent an available room, sublease their apartment or transfer their lease.
- Kijiji (<http://www.kijiji.ca/b-immobilier/grand-montreal/c34180002>) and Craigslist (<http://montreal.en.craigslist.ca/search/apa?s=100>) also provide lots of online listings throughout greater Montreal which is great for students who want to explore and live outside of the immediate McGill area.
- Another great resource to check out is the on-line listings provided at www.mcgill.ca/offcampus under "Apartment Listings".

2. Explore the options in your neighborhood

- Take a walk through the neighborhood you would like to live in and take notice of the red or black À louer signs that are starting to be posted up around this time of the year, which will usually also advertise the size of the apartment that is available.
- If you see an apartment that seems to suit your style, record the phone number and the address for future reference.

3. Visit your apartments of interest

- Call the landlord to book an appointment so they can arrange for someone to show you the inside of the apartment and its amenities such as the laundry room or gym.
- If you plan on living with a roommate, make arrangements to visit the apartment together.
- If you are walking around the neighborhood and become interested in a particular apartment that is available, look to see if there is someone who lives in the building who happens to be around and find out if they like living there, what the neighborhood is like, if the area is safe, etc.
- Remember to keep your options open and visit as many places as possible to discern between the qualities of an apartment that are absolutely important to you and others that you would be willing to compromise.

4. Ask lots of questions about the apartment

- Before you decide on a place, it's crucial that you find out from the landlord or current tenant that everything in the apartment is in working order and good conditions.
- Create a checklist:
 - Do the appliances such as the refrigerator, oven and stovetop work?
 - Do the walls and ceiling for any signs of mold, cracks or peeling paint?
 - Do the doors and windows open and close properly (this is especially important in the winter time when you may need to pay for heating)?
 - Do the faucets in the kitchen and bathroom leak? Is the caulking tight around sinks and bathtubs to prevent future leaks?
 - Is the flooring damaged? Check the floors especially if it is hidden from view beneath carpeting.
 - Are closets provided in the bedrooms if you need them (some of the older apartments in Montreal will not have a separate closet and provide one in the hallway)?
 - Are the outlets in the walls the type you need? Keep in mind that some older apartments will only provide 2 prong outlets (speaking from experience, I found this out the hard way after I had moved into my first apartment and realized I needed a 3 prong outlet for my laptop!).
 - Does the mailbox and key work? (My key did not fit smoothly in the opening to my mailbox and I ended up not being able to lock it only after a few months of moving in leaving me with an open mailbox at one point, which of course was a complete hassle to replace!)
 - Is there a laundry room and is it clean?

5. Trust your gut feelings

- It's very important to get a feel for the apartment overall. Did you feel comfortable after visiting the apartment and talking to the landlord or tenants? Do you feel safe in the neighborhood?
- Trust your instincts: if something doesn't feel right, it's most likely not the right apartment for you no matter how well the qualities of the place seem to fit your criteria.

6. Calculate an approximation of the total expense for each apartment

- Compare prices between the apartments you are interested in.
- Remember to find out what utility fees are included in the rent and factor in the ones that are not included.
- If heating and hot water are not included, call Hydro Quebec or the appropriate company in that area for a yearly approximation.
- Keep in mind that older apartments may be more prone to damage or breakage and factor in additional maintenance or repair costs beyond what the landlord covers as normal wear-and-tear.

6. Note your legal rights and responsibilities and sign the lease

- Carefully read over your lease agreement before signing. Information on leases in Quebec can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/legal/leases>.
- Be sure to familiarize yourself with the rights and obligations of the tenant and the obligations of the landlord, which can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/legal/rights>.
- If you will be sharing an apartment as a joint tenancy, obligations for joint tenancy can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/legal/joint>.
- If you need want to meet with a legal expert to discuss your rights and obligations as a tenant, you can refer to a legal clinic.
 - McGill Legal Clinic: call 514-398-6792 or visit www.mlic.mcgill.ca
 - The Mile End Legal Clinic: call 514-507-3054 or visit www.justicemontreal.org
 - Arnold Bennett Tenants' Rights Hotline and Walk-in Clinic: call 514-488-0412 or 514-990-0190

7. Arrange for move-in

- Moving day is July 1st in Montreal.
- A new lease usually starts on that date.
- Since rez students in La Citadelle, Carrefour Sherbrooke, New Rez, Royal Victoria College, Molson Hall, McConnell Hall, Gardner Hall, Douglas Hall, University Hall and Pres Rez must move out of their rez by April 30th, many landlords around the McGill area are aware of this and offer leases that are available May 1st instead (this is another great reason to start searching for your apartment soon as these apartments will begin advertising in February and March!).

- A few weeks before moving in:
 - Call the utilities companies ahead of your move-in date to be sure you will have running electricity and hot water when you arrive.
 - Don't forget to inform the post office of your change of address.
 - Don't forget to inform your landlord of your move-in date.
- Packing and moving:
 - Pack up your extra stuff in lightweight cardboard boxes
 - ask for these at grocery stores or office supplies stores like Bureau en Gros.
 - Use clean large garbage bags to store extra clothes you can't fit into your suitcases.
 - Take apart big furniture items such as beds and tables for easy delivery.
 - Find friends who have cars or trucks to help you move, rent a van or truck (if you know how to drive) or call up a moving company in the local Yellow pages or online.
 - Some moving companies will offer great deals for students or for moving a certain day of the week which could actually come out to be cheaper than renting a van or truck yourself.

Happy Hunting!

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Good luck this semester
and stay tuned for our
next issue!

