

## Temporary Tripling:

Demand for on-campus housing continues to be high. The combination of a large incoming freshmen class along with an increase in popularity for current students returning to housing this year made tripling necessary to accommodate housing demand. About one-third of all incoming students were assigned to a temporary triple. Information about the possibility tripling was included in the email you received with the housing application. Here is how it read:

“In order to accommodate the large incoming class, some freshmen may be assigned to extended housing in temporary triples.”

Determination was based on the date of the housing application. Please keep in mind that tripling is not done for profit. Indeed, all students in a temporary triple will receive a rebate of \$50.00 per week at the end of their stay in the triple room. A few things to help you plan for this temporary situation:

- Temp Triples are double rooms with one additional bed and two, under-bed dresser units. Desks and closet space should be shared equally during the temporary situation.
- About half of all triple rooms will be returned to doubles within two to four weeks of opening. From there the process slows because vacancies occur less frequently. Some triples could remain for the entire fall semester.
- However, once we are able to break down the triple, the furniture must remain in your room, as we are not able to store the excess furniture.

Relax and don't worry! We've got years of experience with how tripling works and want to share with you some common things that we have experienced:

- We find that regardless of the number of students sharing a living space, your experience is based on the positive relationship you build with your roommate(s).
- Many students will elect to stay tripled even when a double room is offered to them because they are happy with their roommates.
- The key to it all is communication. Reach out to your roommates as soon as you possibly can to discuss how space can be shared during this time. Don't wait until move-in day when conflict can arise if things have not been discussed earlier (i.e., who will sleep on the top bunk).
- If after the first week of school, you are really having a hard time in the triple, please notify your Resident Director who can place you on a priority list to be moved sooner rather than later.

How do we un-triple? Spaces open up when students do not return to school (but did not notify us in advance), and from students withdrawing. We then offer these spaces to freshmen in

temporary triples. If you are listed in "Bed # 3," it will be you who moves. We will contact you and offer you what we have available. If you are happy and do not want to move, and your roommates agree, you may stay, but the three of you will no longer receive the weekly rebate of \$50.00.

The rebate will be applied directly to your account at the very moment the room is un-tripled. If you have a positive balance, the credit will be applied to your balance. If you have a zero balance, you will receive a check or direct deposit with the credit.

Remember: patience, communication, and a positive attitude can really go a long way in developing a workable roommate relationship and living experience, regardless of the number of roommates you have.