

January 13, 2012

Welcome Back to GW. We hope that you had a nice winter break and are pleased to welcome you back to campus for the spring semester. As we begin the semester, we wanted to update you on the status of campus development projects near your residence hall.

Significant excavation work has taken at the project sites for both the Law Learning Center Garage (2000 block of G Street) and the Science and Engineering Hall (on the site of former University Parking Garage), with crews taking advantage of longer work hours over the break. Another change you will notice is that security lighting has been installed at the project site of Science and Engineering Hall. This lighting will remain on overnight to provide security for the project site. Please let us know if this lighting impacts your room when you close your blinds and we will work with you to find a solution. We expect that similar lighting may also be required at the Law Learning Garage site later this semester.

Students residing in Madison, Fulbright, JBKO and Munson will also notice that temporary facilities located on the parking lot adjacent to Tompkins Hall were constructed over the break and are nearly complete. These facilities provide a temporary location for the GW's radiation oncology center, as its current location in the Warwick Building will soon be demolished to allow for construction of the new School of Public Health and Health Services.

The university's prohibition on exceptionally noisy work resumes January 14, 2012. As a reminder, this means that exceptionally noisy work may not occur until after 8:00 am on weekdays and 9:00 am on Saturdays -- workers can begin work at 7:00am, but it may not include certain activities defined as "exceptionally noisy," including: surface scraping and asphalt/concrete demolition; filling of dump trucks/dumpsters with large rubble or scrap metal (soil is permitted); jack hammering; driving of piles; repeated/continuous honking/idling in vicinity of residence halls, and; loud/boisterous outdoor conversations within close proximity to residence halls. Please note that although the university will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, work will take place at the project site in accordance with hours shared above.

It has recently been suggested that "white noise" may be helpful to students who are attempting to sleep. Information on white noise and its potential benefits can be found at various internet sites, including: <http://www.howstuffworks.com/question47.htm>

There are several free white noise options that you can run on your computers or smart phones, here's one we found: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/white-noise-lite/id292987597?mt=8>. If neither of these solutions is viable for you, please use contact info below to email/tweet us and we'll arrange to loan you a portable machine.

If you notice exceptionally noisy work occurring during early hours or have other questions, email either talktogw@gwu.edu or campaign@gwu.edu or tweet @GWDOSHelps with as much information as possible (especially time of day/type of noise), so we can immediately follow up with the construction team. Our thanks, again, for your cooperation as we continue to make GW a world class institution.

Sincerely,

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