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## Risley Hall

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Start Date: June 2003

Completion Date: June 2004

Architect:

Renovation Date(s):

Contractor: MAXIM 2000 Inc.

### Building History

The newest of Dalhousie's traditional dormitory-style residences, Risley Hall provides accommodations for primarily first year undergraduates in 490 single rooms. Risley was constructed on the site of the former offices of the Women's Centre, Dalhousie Faculty Association, Marine Affairs Programme, Nova Scotia Government Employees Union, graduate residences and Commerce House.

Construction of the \$19.6 million building was contracted to MAXIM 2000 Inc. It began in June 2003 and finished one year later, with the building opening in September 2004. The residence is named for John Risley, in appreciation of his leadership and generous support of Dalhousie over the years. Risley is Chairman of Clearwater Fine Foods Inc., one of the largest and most successful seafood companies in the world. He served on the Dalhousie Board of Governors from 1992 to 2004 and chaired two major fundraising campaigns that made possible construction of the Marion McCain Arts & Science Building and the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building.

Risley Hall's design incorporated the desires of students, equipping each room with a sink, individual heating controls, and wiring for telephone and Internet. The residence also has a spacious cafeteria-restaurant, lounge and laundry facilities on every floor.

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