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UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Creating an environment where people can be exceptional

University Housing Newsletter

The University Housing Newsletter is a monthly publication of the department for staff members. It is **YOUR** news - you are encouraged to contribute articles or information to share with the department.

To contribute an article to the newsletter, email the entire article by the 25th of each month to Kent Perrodin at kperrod@uark.edu.

Articles will be reviewed for content and may be edited for publishing.

SAYING GOODBYE TO RANDY ALEXANDER AT THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON



A journey through the
Underground Railroad

Sweet Chariot

Gibson Hall

February 24, 7 to 9 pm

CURRENT STUDENT RECONTRACTING FOR 2011-2012

The Process for Contracting for a Room on Campus

The University of Arkansas is expecting another increase in Freshmen enrollment for 2011 - 2012, which means on-campus space for returning student may be limited. For this reason University Housing has adopted an application process for current students wishing to return to campus.

The recontracting process for continuing students began with the Application to Contract on Tuesday, January 25 at 10 am. All students wanting to live on campus during 2011 - 2012 must complete an Application to Contract for a Residence Hall for 2011 - 2012. The application will close on February 4 at 5:00 pm.

Students completing applications to contract during the application period will be notified on or before Tuesday, February 15 if University Housing can take their contract. The online Housing contract will be available for approved students from February 15 to 22.

Additional applications may be taken beginning June 1 if space is available.

Duncan Avenue Apartment Information

The 2011 - 2012 Duncan Avenue Apartments Contract opened on January 25. The Duncan Avenue Apartment contract will remain available until all spaces are filled.

Working with Students during the Recontracting Process

During the Recontracting Process it is very important that students and staff get the best information possible. If you have any questions, or are working with a student who has a question you cannot answer with the information presented here or at <http://housing.uark.edu/recontracting1112.php> do not hesitate to contact the Assignments Office, either by email at housing@uark.edu or by telephone: 575-3951.



Asbestos Abatement at Pomfret Great Room

Important Websites during the Recontracting Process

The Housing website will be the primary means of communicating the Recontracting process, along with any updates, to current students. The pages students need to be aware of are:

Detailed information about the process, with updates as needed:
<http://housing.uark.edu/recontracting1112.php>

Direct link to the application:
<https://housing.uark.edu/recontracting/login.php>

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY DATES

“Back in the old days” the Housing Newsletter regularly published staff birthdays and Housing anniversary dates. I would like to start that again as a way to for us to celebrate our staff, but I do not want to make anyone uncomfortable. If you prefer to not have your dates (without years - only date and month) posted in the Newsletter please email me at kperrod@uark.edu to let me know - thanks! (Kent)

COMPUTER SECURITY @ HOME

Is keeping up with computer security at home a chore? Do you have a computer and do not think twice about computer security? Shavlik Technologies has a service, IT.shavlik.com, that helps users secure their home computers FOR FREE. It is easy and does not require a lot of computer knowledge to use.

While most computer users are aware they need antivirus, fewer are aware they need to spend time proactively updating their computer software to keep their machines secure.

Antivirus is no longer enough. If you have a computer connected to the Internet, chances are it is being attacked EVERY DAY. Antivirus can stop some attacks, but not all. As important as antivirus software is keeping all the software on your computer up-to-date with security patches.

Every vendor, it seems, has a different method of deploying security updates. Some, like Microsoft, have automated mechanisms where updates are automatically installed. Others update when you launch them. Some warn you when they start, but require manual intervention. Still others require you to research version changes yourself and manually apply.

What we all need is a simpler way – a way to determine if our machine is up-to-date without visiting every vendor website. A service provided by Shavlik Technologies aims to solve that problem. The service is called IT.Shavlik.com and is available for free on their website at <http://it.shavlik.com>. This software will allow a home user to keep up to 10 machines updated using their scan and deploy engine. This is a light version of what we use at work to maintain the security of our computer fleet.

I highly recommend that you try this free service. It might prevent your personal information from being compromised and might allow your computer to stay running faster, for longer.

Eric Roberts
Housing I.T.

NO WOMAN LEFT BEHIND SPOTLIGHT: TERESA WILLIAMSON

*<http://onestudent.org/nwlb-chapter-spotlight/>
December 15, 2010*

Kelly Addington, Founder of One Student and Director of No Woman Left Behind recently had a chance to talk with Teresa Williamson, NWLB Advisor at the University of Arkansas about the impact the campaign has had on the Razorback community. Teresa is all energy all the time, but we got her to slow down long enough to sit down for an interview (below). The One Student team is grateful to have such a passionate campus professional spreading the word of NWLB in Arkansas. Teresa and her community have accomplished so much in such a short period of time. We could not be more proud of the University of Arkansas community and can hardly wait to see what else the NWLB Queen of Fayetteville has in store!

What about the No Woman Left Behind Campaign inspired you to get involved?

Several things – For one, the message is SO very simple, yet SO very powerful, take responsibility for yourself first, and those around you next.

I was so moved (and hurt) by the 20/20 program which featured this rape story and the campaign. I found myself up off the couch and SCREAMING at the television. The courage of the three women who kicked in that door – it moved me – to tears, in fact. In my job, I see this kind of thing taking place, I speak to girls who “left their friend behind”, and I see sexual assault and rape occurring as a result. I have only one goal for my mission – to prevent at least one sexual assault from occurring with this message. I want some woman, somewhere to pull this information out and use it to save herself or someone else.

In what ways do you promote No Woman Left Behind at the University of Arkansas?

We started off our campaign with staff and volunteers who would be working move-in. I explained the message and our campaign goal, then gave them one of our fabulous glow-in-the-dark bracelets and asked them to share the message with students/parents they came in contact with during move-in. We then kicked off with a campus-wide event and gave out nearly 1,700 bracelets at our “Razor-Bash” (merchants fair – full day of FREE stuff and food). After this, we turned to hall programming, campus-wide programming, speaking at staff functions and training sessions, and working with Greek Life. Our first session with Greek Life was with all entering freshmen – we

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reached almost 1,800 young men and women that night! We have also used local media and our on-campus RIB TV to promote.

Our promotion is simple – the bracelet and the message. We did create posters, t-shirts, an enormous 6ft banner, a designer table cloth and postcards, but the realities of all of our efforts have come down to the conversations, the presentations and connecting our campus population together with the bracelets.

Given your success with the NWLB Campaign at the University of Arkansas what has surprised you most?

How very simple it all has been to do – after the planning stage and tasking through everything (oh, the lists I have!) – it just started falling into place, one event after the other. I have had countless faculty/staff approach me and thank me for finally bringing something like this to campus; for finally getting this message out loud and clear. Students will come up and freely talk about their own experiences or experiences of those around them and open up with more information and sincerity than I thought possible. I find that women (and even guys here and there) are genuinely passionate about this campaign and the message. I honestly just think it was the right time for a message like this to go across our campus.

What are you most proud of about No Woman Left Behind on your campus?

In truth, that it happened at all. The amazing group that I have had volunteer and/or who work on the Health and Wellness Workgroup (shout out to my CRE staff!) have provided such wonderful support, energy, assistance and talent to the success of this program. Our initial grant goal was to reach 5,000 in one year – we surpassed that in 6 weeks!

What has the overall community response to No Woman Left Behind been?

The community response has been outstanding! Far beyond what I believed it would be. Countless faculty, staff, students and administrators from all over campus have reached out to the program giving thanks or offering to assist. The speaking events have sparked a snowball of more events. At RAZORBACK football games attendants who are wearing the bracelets are constantly questioned about the program and asked

“where can I get mine!” I have had community members from outside businesses call me and ask for bracelets for their offices and we have been interviewed and featured several times now. Colleagues from campuses in other states have asked for bracelets and more information. This campaign is very popular!

What's next?

We are currently working on various ideas for a “second wave” of this campaign. After awhile you see less and less of the bracelets, but I am confident the message is still out there. One of our plans is to roll posters and more bracelets out all over campus – every office, every nook and cranny. Another plan is to perhaps start a “t-shirt” campaign. It’s amazing how many people will ask to buy one of the t-shirts! Every single time I wear it I get asked at least 2–3 times (one day it was up to 10!). Other volunteers report the same thing; that they are constantly asked where they can be purchased.

I have an idea for the future which would involve our local bars and clubs as well – “posters and coasters”, featuring glow-in-the-dark coasters with our message. Obviously, we are limited by funding. I really hope to see more and more schools take on this campaign and look forward to watching NWLB expand nationally!

RIGHT:
Teresa Williamson and Ryan Mallett, Razorbacks quarterback show off their NWLB glow-in-the-dark wristbands at RazorBash.



BELOW:
Meghan Jagnow at the NWLB Table at Razorbash



DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR FLO?

This is **your** opportunity to ask our Interim Executive Director...whatever you want to!

Email your question to Kent Perrodin at kperrod@uark.edu by the 10th of the month. Answers to selected question(s) will appear in the Newsletter at the end of the month.

Coming Next Issue:

- Part I of Move-Out Information
- Summer Conferences
- Summer Projects



Where I Came From and Where We Are Going

I have done many things throughout my life. Born in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana in 1957 I was raised by my stay at home father the first year and half. My father was seriously injured in a work accident that kept him at home while my mother worked. I went to kindergarten in Tucson, Arizona, never attended the first grade, and then started second grade in Dardanelle, Arkansas. Grade school continued in Victoria and Baytown, Texas and Fort Smith, Arkansas. Junior and High School were in Clarksville, Arkansas. In all, by the time I started junior high I had lived in 38 states.

My mother stayed at home after my father went back to work as a union electrician. He mainly worked on large projects such as missile sites, dams, nuclear plants, etc. He died when I was 21, and my mother, age 83, is still alive. I have a half brother, half sister, and a brother, all older than me.

Some of my favorite memories are camping all over the United States. I especially remember waking up early in the morning to the crackling sounds of the campfire and the smell of breakfast cooking. We often went fishing, but I never really got into it. My parents like to tell about the time we were fishing out on a lake when I was two, and I stood up in the boat. They asked me where my rod was and what I was doing. I told them I put the rod down on the water and I was going to walk back. I did catch a flounder in Texas and that was exciting. Growing up I played the piano – briefly, was in the high school band, majorette, and Girl Scouts receiving the Gold Star, the highest award in scouting.

I have been married almost 35 years and have four wonderful children: Rachel and Eric by birth and David and Lisa by marriage. Right now we have one grandson – Tyler who is 3 ½, and we are expecting two more grandsons late this spring.

Prior to starting as a freshman in 1990 at the University of Arkansas, I worked as a Clerk Typist I for the Arkansas Department of Health, a Podiatric Assistant, owned and operated two fast food restaurants for ten years, and was a stay at home mom. While an undergraduate, I was a Resident Assistant (RA) at Carlson Terrace apartments, Manager of Carlson Terrace apartments, Resident Director (RD) at Fulbright Hall and Pomfret Hall, Advisor for Residents' Interhall Congress, oversaw conferences and orientation for housing during the summer, Coordinator for Conferences and Marketing, Director for Residence Education, Interim Director for University Housing, and Director for Administrative Services.

To help balance the intensity of working in University Housing, I spend time with family and friends, enjoy going to the movies, playing with our three dogs, knitting, weaving, reading and visiting antique shops. I look forward, with all of you helping, to create an environment where people can be exceptional. Through sharing of knowledge, understanding processes, communicating why and what we are doing and having accountability to each other, students, parents and university constituents I have no doubt the future of University Housing is bright.

(To be continued...)

Flo Johnson
Interim Executive Director for University Housing