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.

Thanks to Jesse, Joanie, John, Richard, Diana and Amanda!

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HEALTH INFORMATION FOR HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS

It’s HOT!

This summer, we are experiencing a record setting heat wave. All staff working outdoors need to take extra precautions.

Plan Ahead:

Drink plenty of water. Proper hydration begins the day before; start drinking water the night before (at least 20 ounces) and avoid sodas and “sugar drinks” as they dehydrate the body. Staff working outdoors should also drink 20 ounces of water 30 minutes before the start of work.

Use a Buddy System:

When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness.

During the Day:

• Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working. Don’t wait until you are thirsty to drink.
• Avoid liquids containing large amounts of sugar.
• Wear and reapply sunscreen as indicated on the package.
• Wear a brimmed hat and loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
• Spend time in air-conditioned buildings during breaks and after work.
• Encourage co-workers to take breaks to cool off and drink water.
• Seek medical care immediately if you or a co-worker has symptoms of heat-related illness.

• For more information, please visit:
  http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/
  http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/
  heat_guide.asp
• Warning Signs and Symptoms of Heat-Related Illness
  http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/extremeheat/warning.html

Contributed by Florence Johnson

Heat Exhaustion

• Heavy sweating
• Weakness
• Cold, pale, and clammy skin
• Fast, weak pulse
• Nausea or vomiting
• Fainting

What You Should Do:

• Move to a cooler location.
• Lie down and loosen your clothing.
• Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible.
• Sip water.
• If you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately

Heat Stroke

• High body temperature (above 103°F)*
• Hot, red, dry or moist skin
• Rapid and strong pulse
• Possible unconsciousness

What You Should Do:

• Call 911 immediately — this is a medical emergency.
• Move the person to a cooler environment.
• Reduce the person’s body temperature with cool cloths or even a bath.
• Do NOT give fluids.
*** Ongoing Campus Chilled Water Supply Issues ***

Due to the record heat, Utility Operations continues to struggle to provide adequate cooling to all areas of the campus. The 100 plus degree weather not only creates additional cooling load in the buildings, but also degrades our ability to produce more cooling that is required by the campus. It has also put additional strain on building systems and we have had a number of building specific failures.

I know many of you have been dealing with uncomfortable conditions in your buildings, and we regret any issues this has caused. To try and mitigate the conditions on campus with the tools we currently have available, we are taking the following steps during this record heat wave.

All buildings will be set to operate on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. We are committed to our energy conservation program, and setting back space temperatures has to be an integral part of our efforts. However under the present circumstances, we have to get the buildings cooled down when we can and nighttime is the opportunity to do so. We expect to go back to standard campus HVAC schedules once we get passed this abnormally hot weather, and can maintain the campus where it needs to be.

Where possible, we are setting space temperatures to a minimum of 74 F.

Note this is the midpoint of the current campus standard for summertime HVAC space temperature settings. This will allow the temperature to float between 74 and 76 degrees. We need to do this so that everyone on campus gets some cooling, rather than a few getting all they want, and others doing without. Again once we get past this record heat, we will restore all settings back to normal operating mode.

We have efforts underway to try and increase our capabilities but these will likely not be in place for the next few weeks, and we will continue to look for additional ways to alleviate the problems.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and we will continue to try and make the best of these extreme circumstances.

Scott

Lawrence Scott Turley, PE
Director, Utility Operations and Maintenance
Facilities Management
University of Arkansas

Contributed by Shirley Claypool
Carminda Gomez (in the photograph on the right) was sworn in as an American citizen on July 8th. Many of you know Carminda from seeing her hard at work cleaning the 4th and 9th floors of Hotz Hall. After she finishes her early morning assignments at Hotz she heads over to Duncan Apartments and the Duncan House. Most of you know Carminda is a joy to work with and takes great pride in what she does. Congratulations Carminda!

BEST OF LUCK TO NEW RETIREE WANDA TACKETT!

Contributed by Judy Kendrick
Thanks to Dawn McFeeters for Wanda’s photos

Left to Right: Wanda Tackett, Marvena Rust, Barbara John, Judy Kendrick
Dear Colleague:

Congratulations! You’ve done something great for University of Arkansas students and, we wanted to make sure you were recognized for that.

As a token of our appreciation for your students’ first effort, the Division of Student Affairs recognizes you with the Golden Tusk Award. This pin symbolizes the spirit of teamwork, hard work, and the value of doing the right thing. Wear it proudly, as we are very proud of you!

Your pin is being sent to your department for presentation. Comments submitted for your recognition are shared below.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Pugh, Sr., Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Nomination: Felisha has served as my NUFP Mentor for the 2010-2011 school year. She has helped me every step of the way as I prepared to apply to graduate schools. She was always available to talk, review all of my writing samples, resume, and personal statements and wrote several letter of recommendations for me this year. I know that I can be a successful professional in Student Affairs because I had a mentor like Felisha who was always there showing support and cheering me on. For that I would like to say Thank You!

Contributed by Florence Johnson

Campus Dining Updates

- Brough-to-Go will offer students a quick, portable meal plan option from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday – Friday
- Einstein Brothers Bagels is opening in Walker Hall sometime early September
- Peabody Perks is reopening
- Freshens will offer expanded yogurt options
- Hill Grill’s menu will be revamped to encourage more lunchtime traffic

DID YOU KNOW?
Last year the largest number of students served during one lunch at Brough was 3,027 between the hours of 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Brough has approximately 625 seats.

Contributed by Florence Johnson

A Shout-Out to Summer Student Staff!

We have a group of students who have helped us paint a huge number of residential interiors and some exteriors this summer. When you look at their list of work, it is astonishing that they completed all of it. This group of young people includes high school and college students. They have worked very well as a team. Some had previous summer crew paint experience here at the university and some had no experience. They have been motivated, teachable and flexible. They have approached their work here this summer in much the same way as I think they probably apply themselves in their school work. They certainly get an “A” from me.

Some of the outstanding summer crew members included Taylor Barker, son of Jim Barker and a high school senior this fall; and a new comer for this year, high school student Amy Norvell, daughter of Ron Norvell (former Housing employee).

Contributed by David Pitner
Residence Education has been working hard through the spring and summer of this year to take advantage of an incredible learning opportunity for a few residents. Twelve on-campus residents will have the opportunity to go on a trip to New York, NY for the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. This once-in-a-lifetime milestone provides students an opportunity to connect with a major event in our country’s history that shapes our culture, politics, and everyday life even now, ten years later. Given the recent developments with the death of Osama bin Laden, the further dismantling of al Qaeda, the drawdown of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the emergence of the Arab Spring in countries like Egypt, Libya, Syria, and more, this anniversary will offer Americans a new and different perspective on the attack and on world events today. Though Osama bin Laden is only one man, his death will allow a country in mourning finally experience some catharsis, and this moment is something that will be witnessed and participated in by University of Arkansas students.

Using a previous trip to Washington, D.C. for the presidential inauguration as our template, we conducted an application process to select the students who would be able to go on the trip. A call for applications was sent shortly after the end of the spring semester to all contracted residents for Fall 2011. After a concerted marketing effort through e-mail, Facebook, and internet, we received 53 applications. A committee of 14 volunteers then helped us in evaluating the essays the students wrote as a part of their application. We asked the applicants to talk about the impact they believe 9/11 had on their life as well as the nation, and asked them to reflect on what they think they could gain from the trip. This was a blind review process so that the review committee would not know whose essays they were evaluating.

After the scores were tabulated, we are excited to announce the group of twelve students who are going. They represent several different buildings on campus, different majors, and different class standings from Freshman through Senior. Please join us in congratulating Emily Timpe, Elijah Garcia, Kolbee Gilmore, Daniel Forbes, Lauren Schack, Stewart Pence, Savannah Clah, Brandon Bear, Taylor Schultz, Austin Strickland, Cristine Hendly, and Justin Massingill. These students will not only be able to participate in the memorial services on 9/11, but also be amongst the first to experience the memorial museum, opening to the public on 9/12. Additionally they will get to indulge in distinctly New York cultural experiences like going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, seeing a Broadway show, touring the United Nations Headquarters, and more. The students will also be attending educational activities before and after the trip including a documentary viewing, as well as participating in the International Day of Peace here on campus on 9/22 co-sponsored by the Al-Islam Student Association.

Please also join us in thanking the co-sponsors of our trip, RIC and ISS, as well as our application review committee: CREs Adam Stafford, Briceli Gil, EmmaLe Davis, Andrea Allan, Michael Beaver, Tory Spokane, Devan Ford, and Michael McAllister; AD Felisha Perrodi; Residence Education Director Takama Statton-Brooks; Program Assistant Namiko Bagirivan; ISS Representative Matt Sokoloski; and RIC representatives Cameron Mussar and Conrad Witte.

Contributed by Jack Breffle
Images courtesy of www.dnainfo.com
2011 MOVE-IN SCHEDULE

DAY & DATE........................................................................................................................................................................................................STUDENTS ARRIVING

Monday, August 1.................................................................................................................................................................................................Resident Assistants

Tuesday, August 2.................................................................................................................................................................................................Resident Assistants  
Football  
Soccer

Thursday, August 4......................................................................................................................................................................................Rock Camp Leaders

Friday, August 5.................................................................................................................................................................................................Rock Camp Mentors

Monday, August 8.............................................................................................................................................................................................Duncan Avenue Apartments  
Volleyball  
Orientation

Wednesday, August 10..................................................................................................................................................................................Rock Camp I  
Orientation

Friday, August 12.........................................................................................................................................................................................Lead Hogs  
Last Day of Summer Sessions

Saturday, August 13..................................................................................................................................................................................Limited Reid & Maple Hill Halls (Evening)

Sunday, August 14.......................................................................................................................................................................................Early Arrivals across Campus

Monday, August 15....................................................................................................................................................................................Residential Desk Assistants

Wednesday, August 17....................................................................................................................................................................................Buchanan/Droke  
Gladson/Ripley  
Humphreys  
Maple Hill West  
Northwest Quad  
Pomfret B-Wing  
Reid

Thursday, August 18......................................................................................................................................................................................Futrall  
Holcombe  
Gibson  
Gregson  
Maple Hill East  
Maple Hill South  
Pomfret C & D-Wings  
Walton North & South  
Yocum

Friday, August 19............................................................................................................................................................................................Late Arrivals

Saturday, August 20...........................................................................................................................................................................................Late Arrivals

Monday, August 22...........................................................................................................................................................................................Classes Begin!
This year marks Housing’s fourth in using MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible) to assist students as they transition from their home to our home. The program has grown each year since its inception in 2008 and this year, for the first time, will be offered to over 2000 on-campus freshmen. Preparation begins in the summer, and along with that comes the opportunity to learn from other users of MAP-Works at the Summer Workshop.

This year, the workshop was held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 18th to July 21st at the University Place Hotel. Each day was filled with informative sessions beginning at 8am and ending at 5pm. Training was provided to new and returning users throughout the first full day of the conference. In an effort to expand our reach and provide even better assistance to our residents, we sent four CRE’s and our Assistant Director of Residence Education to the workshop not only to learn the MAP-Works system, but also to meet those who created it and hear from those who can testify to its value for student success, academic achievement, and persistence.

The web survey will launch the second week of September and will be made available throughout the month. There will be incentives for taking the survey as well as for completing the follow-up survey in the spring of 2012.
The Residence Education area is excited to welcome back our six returning Coordinators for Residence Education and to welcome our seven new Coordinators for Residence Education to our team. Here are the building assignments for our returning staff members:

Jack Breffle, CRE for Futrall and Holcombe
Danielle Dunn, CRE for Yocum
Meghan Jagnow, CRE for Pomfret Hantz

Bryttani Johnson, Graduate CRE for Buchanan-Droke/Gladson-Ripley
Adam Stafford, CRE for Maple East
Tamika Wordlow, CRE for Reid

Our new Coordinators come to us from as close as Fayetteville and as far as Florida. Here is an overview of our new CRE staff:

Andrea Allen is the CRE for the Northwest Quad. She was a graduate assistant in Residential Life at Arkansas Tech where she completed her Master of Science degree in College Student Personnel. She also has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from Arkansas Tech.

Michael Beaver is the CRE for Gregson and Gibson. He most recently served as the Assistant Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Development at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. He earned a Master of Science degree in Education from Northern Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Valparaiso University in Indiana.

EmmaLe Davis is the CRE for Maple South. She was a Resident Director at the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education. EmmaLe earned a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma.

Devan Ford is the CRE for Humphreys. She worked in both Administrative Services and Residence Education with University Housing as a graduate assistant last year. Devan is presently working on a doctorate in Higher Education Administration here at the University. She has a Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration of Higher Education from Texas A & M and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communications from Texas Southern University.

Briceli Gil Llavona is the CRE for Maple West. She was a graduate assistant in Residence Life while completing her Master of Science in Higher Education Administration at Florida State University. Briceli has a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Spanish also from Florida State.

Michael McAllister is the CRE for Walton. He worked as a graduate assistant for student organizations and leadership programs while working on his Master of Education in Higher Education here at the University of Arkansas. Michael completed a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Hendrix College.

Tory Spokane is the CRE for Pomfret FYE (B-wing). She worked in the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Office assisting with student conduct while completing her Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University. Tory also has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Florida Atlantic.

This is a wonderful group of staff who bring a wide breadth of experience to the Residence Education area. Please welcome these new staff members to the University Housing team!
DIVISIONAL LEADERSHIP MAINTAINED DURING SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS SEARCH

The Division of Student Affairs is conducting a national search for a new Senior Associate Dean of Students. This individual will assume oversight of a reorganized Dean of Students area, while supervising the two Associate Deans, each of whom will continue to serve as senior leadership staff within the division while supervising five departments each.

Associate Dean Kenner will continue to provide divisional leadership for emergency operations and will supervise areas that have an enhanced “advocacy” focus in support of our strategic plan goal of advocating “rights and responsibilities.” Those units include:

- Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (formerly Community Standards and Student Ethics)
- Center for Educational Access
- Off Campus Connections
- Student Ombuds Services
- Veterans Resource and Information Center

Associate Dean Harbin will continue to provide divisional leadership for assessment and will supervise areas that have an enhanced “campus” focus relative to our strategic plan goals of “innovative programs” and “learning.” Those units include:

- Center for Community Engagement
- First Year Experience
- Greek Life
- Student Activities
- Student Media

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DID YOU KNOW?

In June 1885, the trustees of the university took care of a dispute between the faculty and the president by dismissing the entire faculty and hiring a new one, sight unseen, based on applications and testimonials of the applicants.

The first literary magazine on the University of Arkansas campus was edited by Julia Vaulx. The publication was titled: “Arkansas University Magazine.” Vaulx later became the director of the university library.

TRIVIA: One of the following names is not on Senior Walk. Which one?

1. Dan The Man Schuerich
2. Ming Ching Ting
3. “Hap” Hazzard
4. D. Ray Zerbach

(Answer on last page)
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE DEPARTMENT?

Contributed by Debbie Power
Humphreys Hall Coordinator for Residence Education apartment renovation team leaders (left to right, Reggie Houser, Ron Johnson, Laura Houser Lyon)

TRIVIA ANSWER
D. Ray Zerbach is a fictional name. The other three are all on sidewalks east of Old Main.

Lieutenant Matt Mills, UAPD, Conducting National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training for the Move-In Incident Command Team