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.

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In Memoriam

William H. Lacey Sr.
Born September 8, 1948
Died September 28, 2012

Relationships are a vital part of our lives. Bill Lacey was one of those people who automatically formed a relationship with people upon their first encounter with him. If you met him once he knew your name and the second time you met him, he called you by name.

Bill was the lead service assistant at Pomfret Hall. One could always find him going from one project to the next. It did not matter if he was buffing floors in the Great Room, helping another staff member to determine the best method of addressing solid surface cleaning techniques, or wearing his hard hat into a construction area to assist a contractor, he always gave his best. There never seemed to be anything too small or too large for him to tackle. He was a supervisor’s best friend keeping the needs of the student, staff and department in first place.

Certainly, Bill will be missed because he was a trusted employee, but he will be missed most of all because of the relationship he built as “friend”.

Contributed by Alisha Easter and Judy Kendrick
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - HOTZ

At southwest corner - front desk lobby and sw corner of building opened up

Construction on the floors - setting studs

Standing on the west side looking through the building to the Northwest Quad
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - FOUNDERS

Using a large crane...

...to build an even larger one!

Progress as of September 21
CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day was established as a holiday by Congress in 2004. The late Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia sponsored the legislation which created Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the United States Constitution in 1787. The law proposed by Senator Byrd established an observance of our Constitution's adoption and the rights that the Constitution has given us as citizens of this country.

Each year the Residence Education area does programming related to Constitution Day so that our staff members can encourage our students to be engaged in their community—local, state, national or global. This year, many of our residence halls are conducting voter registration drives at their front desks or in their buildings. (Fun fact: Did you know that September 25 is National Voter Registration Day?). The Northwest Quad sponsored an afternoon devoted to streaming the 2012 Republican and Democratic National Conventions on Monday, September 17.

If you would like to learn more about Constitution day, you can always go to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_Day_(United_States)) or visit www.ConstitutionDay.com.

INTERHALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Residents’ Interhall Congress (RIC) Executive Team and advisors have worked hard over the past several months to put together a weekend of training, team building, connections, and entertainment at the Interhall Leadership Summit (ILS) which took place the weekend of September 7-9, 2012. Approximately 50 student leaders, 10 Coordinators for Residence Education, 2 Co-Advisors for RIC, and 2 Assistant Directors in Residence Education attended the retreat at the beautiful Camp War Eagle in Rogers, AR. ILS is designed to familiarize RIC senators, hall senators, and hall officers with important techniques for on-campus leadership, as well as allow them to meet new friends and contacts in the housing community. ILS started with a bang (literally and figuratively) as CRE for Walton Hall, Michael McAllister, gave a keynote speech about StrengthsQuest in the midst of a fierce thunderstorm. Although it rained for a majority of the first night, the spirits of the participants were not dampened as they created StrengthsQuest banners for their halls, enjoyed food, and played some ice breakers. At the end of the first night, each participant was given a “family” paired with an RIC executive.

On Saturday, the day started with breakout sessions on budgeting and purchasing guidelines within housing, StrengthsQuest 101, event planning, and relationships with housing, NRHH, ASG, and more. These sessions were facilitated by both RIC executives and Residence Education staff and covered information that the participants needed in order to be successful on-campus leaders. After breakout sessions and lunch, participants had free time in their families, where senators and officers had the opportunity to play around with the rope course and waterfront activities, such as The Blob, at The Cove. After dinner, an issues forum was held where executives presented on-campus issues important to them, and participants were given the opportunity to give input on these issues. Additionally, a mock meeting was held to help participants understand the logistics and structure for hall senate meetings. After some goal setting and final bonding activities, the group departed Camp War Eagle on Sunday morning and was back on campus in the early afternoon. Senators and officers returned to campus excited and ready to make a difference for their halls and other students living on campus. All in all it was a great experience! Many thanks to Tyler Powell, Director of Leadership Development for RIC, who coordinated the event and Andrea Allan and Jack Breffe, RIC Co-Advisors, for providing input and support for the team!
Geography Series in Holcombe Hall: Uzbekistan

On the evening of Thursday, September 20, 2012, Janat Bektemirova, a master’s student in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, presented a program on her home country of Uzbekistan for the 2012-2013 Geography Series. Her presentation was the first in this year’s series, an educational program continued from previous years in which members of our community that come from different countries share cultural items in addition to information about their native land. Janat spent an hour describing historical figures, geographical locations, the country’s rich history (including its place in the Silk Road), influential people, dress, unique foods, dating and marriage rituals, and offered delicious traditional food from Uzbekistan. There were approximately 100 attendees in Holcombe Hall’s living room! The next presentation will teach audience members about Pakistan and is tentatively set for October 11. Further details will follow in Holcombe Hall and on Newswire. Geography Series is made possible by the diligent work of campus ISOs, financial support from the Multicultural Center, and space and materials provided by ISS and Holcombe Hall.

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Photos by Pavo Tor Her
Make a Lantern, Light Up a Life

On the afternoon of Friday, September 21, 2012, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) hosted an educational presentation and Chinese lantern workshop titled “Make a Lantern, Light Up a Life”. Mengjiao Liao (known to many as “MJ”), a junior from China studying international relations and economics, organized the program.

Participants first viewed a presentation given by Chinese student Qili Jin (“Lily” to her American friends), a sophomore studying accounting and economics, about underprivileged children in Fenghuang, Hunan, China. For a donation of $5, attendees created traditional Chinese lanterns, which represent hope and reunion, to help support children in Fenghuang who experience poverty and have few opportunities to see their parents because they work long hours in distant factories.

Artists were guided in their lantern making technique by Chenwei Wu, a Chinese student who graduated from the U of A last summer with a master’s degree in communication. About 30 people came to the workshop and had fun learning about the cause they were supporting, and creating beautiful lanterns.

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American Football 101

On the evening of Thursday, August 30, 2012, international students were invited to attend an educational program about the unique game of American football. The event was hosted by Holcombe Hall, was held in its living room, and welcomed about 35 guests. Special guest speakers and school-spirit boosters Andrew Powell and John Carradini – both Resident Assistants in Futrall Hall – led a fun-filled and spirited tutorial about University of Arkansas’ football history, traditions, chants, and rules of the game. Razorback decorations and game-day foods such as Bagel Bites, jalapeño poppers, chips and dip, nuts, football-shaped Reese’s peanut butter cups, and soda helped set the mood. Attendees tried on official Razorback team gear, participated in calling the Hogs, and asked questions. Special thanks to Andrew and John for an amazing presentation, Christ on Campus employee Cory Garren and the Athletic Department for use of the helmets and shoulder pads, and to the Garland Center Bookstore for lending us many festive Razorback decorations.

Woo Pig Sooie!

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In case anyone is wondering why the fire hydrants on the north end of campus are painted different colors: according to campus fire marshal Wayne Brashear they were painted by Fayetteville Fire Department. The different colors indicate water pressure, blue is the best pressure follow by green, orange then red. We will likely see more hydrants get painted in the coming year.

Eddie hard at work building temporary stairs for the Quad loading dock.
CONGRATULATIONS & GREAT JOB!

Congratulations to Housing staff recognized for years of service!

Carolyn Sohn
25 Years

Robert Sutton
25 Years

Michelle Conner
15 Years

Angeedel Clark
10 Years

Marlin Guist
10 Years

Jennifer Hudson
10 Years

Contributed by Florence Johnson
Thanks to Mike Townsend, Pablo Gomez, Lewis McCarty and Bill Lacey for their help with the “A” flood!

Thanks Jodi for the tour of Walton and pointing out some ways minor improvements can make a difference!

Judy Kendrick

I would like to sincerely thank all of the CREs, ADs, and housing staff members who have helped ease my transition into Yocum Hall and have been helpful and patient as I learn the ins and outs of being a CRE here. Your help and encouragement is greatly appreciated!!!

David Stout

I would like to say Great job by Robert Powers and Bryan Finney for their quick response on the Quad Dining dish room drain. Their quick action prevented a flood and a lot of potential water damage.

Aaron England

**Scenes from the Fall Luncheon**

Unit Directors, Reggie Houser, and Mr. Davies took hostess Alisha Easter’s invitation to make new staff announcements and provide area updates. Also, Carroll Hudson captured the camera and held it for ransom.

Photos by Carroll Hudson and Kent Perrodin