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.
Approximately fifty students, faculty, staff and other guests gathered on January 25 for the Founders Hall Beam Signing Ceremony. Fortunately the contractors were at a point in the construction that allowed them to immediately place the beam following the signing.

**From the Arkansas Newswire:**

The beam-signing ceremony was opened by Danny Pugh, vice provost for student affairs and dean of students, who used his time to thank the individuals and organizations responsible for the completion of Founders Hall. Provost Sharon L. Gaber described what the construction of Founders Hall means for the University of Arkansas and how it is one of many steps to bring the university to the front of the stage in the 21st century. Onnissia Harries, Resident Interhall Congress president, addressed life on a growing campus from a student’s perspective and what Founders Hall will mean for current and future students. Florence Johnson, executive director of university housing, went into detail on the building itself and what effects it will have on the campus.

Founders Hall will be a mid-level choice for students on the university’s price-tiered housing system. It will contain more than 114 double or single rooms, providing approximately 214 beds. There will also be 10 study rooms throughout Founders Hall and a lower student to bathroom ratio. The residence hall is projected to achieve 30.2 percent more savings on energy consumption compared to the average hall of that size. The building’s cost of $26.5 million will be split with University Housing paying 75 percent of the total costs, and University Dining paying 25 percent. The building’s expected completion is August of 2013, in time for the fall semester.
Dr. Gaber starts off signing the beam

Lynne Williams, Flo and Onnissia sign

Setting the beam in place!

Students and Coordinators for Residence Education gather for their turn
Building Services Winter Break Update

While many University of Arkansas employees look forward to the refreshing slower pace on campus during the Winter break, Building Services staff focuses on refreshing the halls to welcome students back for another semester.

Building Services staff was able to complete the following tasks:

- Blitzed Maple Hill and Walton Hall bathrooms
- Shampooed carpets in Gibson, Gregson, Walton, Futrall, Gladson Ripley, Buchanan Droke and Yocum halls
- Waxed stairwells in Gregson, Humphreys, and Reid
- Top scrubbed bathroom floors in Yocum and Humphreys
- Deep cleaned laundry rooms in Futrall and Pomfret
- Deep cleaned the community bathrooms in all halls
- Cleaned trash rooms and trash chutes in Reid, Yocum, Humphreys, Futrall, Holcombe, Gladson Ripley, Buchanan Droke and Pomfret
- Deep cleaned the of public area in all fraternity houses
- Assembled thousands of linen sets in preparation for Summer Conferences

As you can tell from the above list, Building Services staff works extremely hard during the break period to accomplish the tasks that can only be done while the students are away. Staff takes pride in their accomplishments and invite you come out and take a look at the halls. You will be impressed!

Monthly maintenance training:
Campus Fire Marshal Wayne Brashear’s talked with the maintenance staff about fire safety.

PM Tech Gene Chadbourn discussed the filter ordering and Preventive Maintenance process with staff.

Contributed by Judy Kendrick

Contributed by Aaron England
The message in the very first Valentine card? “I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine.”

1. Approximately what percentage of women in the USA buy flowers for themselves for Valentine’s Day?

2. If you were around in the late 1800s, how much would you spend on a Valentine’s Day card?

3. The British Museum has the first-ever Valentine’s Day card on display. What year is the card from?

4. “Sweethearts” heart-shaped wafer candies displaying printed messages, were created in what year?

5. On average, how many roses are delivered on Valentine’s Day?

6. Approximately how many heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for each Valentine’s Day?

7. For Valentine’s Day men spend approximately twice the amount that women spend (according to the Valentine’s Day trivia web page). How much, approximately, do men and women each spend?

http://www.promogrouprewards.com/10-lovely-valentines-day-trivia-facts/
The ResNet team has been hard at work planning for and providing user support for network changes occurring in our residence halls, apartments and managed properties.

For the last several years, ResNet relied on an information system called Bradford Campus Manager to manage the network. The time had come, however, to consider major changes and beginning last spring the ResNet team collaborated with University IT Services to evaluate a replacement.

During the end of last semester, Gladson-Ripley and Futrall Halls were transitioned to the new management software called Junos Pulse Gateway as a field trial. The testing went well and the ResNet team is working hard to continue to support students as the software is upgraded in each building.

This semester, the Northwest Quad has already been moved to the new software. Pomfret Hall is next in line. The plan is to move all the remaining properties by the end of the spring semester.

Transitioning to the new software requires special efforts on the part of the ResNet team, requiring a slow rollout to each building/floor. During the change, the ability for each student to access the network is destroyed. Many students can follow the instructions and re-gain Internet access on their own. But for students who have trouble, we need resources ready to roll to avoid lengthy outages. Some devices, such as game consoles, require staff intervention as they must be manually registered to gain access to the network. The additional support required by routers sometimes requires research to identify why particular models do not work by default.

During this upgrade, additional flexibility is being offered on a trial basis. Students have not been permitted to use wired or wireless routers in their rooms. We are evaluating the impact of the use of these devices in the hopes that we will be able to permit students to use them freely. Doing so provides two advantages: first, students can multiply the number of network ports in their rooms allowing for multiple concurrent devices to be on the network and second, students can provide their own personal wireless in buildings where we currently provide no wireless on resident floors.

The impact of these changes should provide for a better network experience for our students.

In Other IT News:
The online ‘Leave Reporting Form’ for non-exempt employees is coming soon. If you have access to a computer, you will soon be able to request leave, change requested leave, and submit on-call hours without using paper. Watch for more information on the Housing listserv.

Contributed by Eric Roberts
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Clock-wise from upper-left:

- Founders Hall - floors are set
- Founders Hall - placing rafters
- New sidewalk along Garland Avenue past Holcombe and Lot 30
- Preliminary demolition work at the site of the Housing Administration Building - from the east and west
Residence Education and University Housing bade fond farewell to two Assistant Directors in January.

Dr. Kerri Smith joined Housing in 2008 and worked with Academic Initiative programs, including the campus Living/Learning communities and Student Leadership - primarily as advisor to the Residents’ Interhall Congress.

Kerri has moved on to New York University to continue her work with Academic Initiatives.

Melissa Vergara came to University Housing in 2011 and served as the AD for Student Rights and Responsibilities.

With her move to DePere, Wisconsin, Melissa assumed her duties as the St. Norbert College Director for Prevention Education and Student Judicial Affairs.

Best wishes for success to Kerri and Melissa!
In order to provide our students seamless service formerly within the responsibility of Kerri Smith and Melissa Vergara, several Housing staff members will be assuming the following tasks:

Tory Spokane will serve as our Interim Assistant Director for Student Rights and Responsibilities (Conduct)

Heather Schneller will be working with our LLCs this semester

RIC: Andrea Allan will continue to advise and Eric Hall will join her

MapWorks: Meghan Jagnow will take the lead with this, assuming the responsibilities Kerri had.

Orientation: David Stout will take the lead with this group.

New Student Convocation: Felisha Perrodin

Move-In Roles
Lead Hogs—Grant Carlson will take lead
Carpets—RIC Advisors
Linens—NRHH Advisors
Lofts and Microfridges—Alisha Gilbride

Division of Student Affairs Assessment Committee: Heather and Adam Stafford will become part of the membership here.
Residence Education would like to welcome Eric Hall to University Housing and to Fayetteville! Eric started January 2, and he currently serves as the CRE for Pomfret FYE. Eric is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he received a Master of Arts in Higher Education and Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration. He is very excited to transition from “Roll Tide” to “Woo Pig Sooie.”

At Alabama, Eric served as both an RA and Assistant Community Director. He comes to Fayetteville with his fiancé Whitley (not to be confused with Whitney). The two plan to marry June 22! Whitley was recently accepted into the University of Arkansas School of Law and works in the Office of the Registrar.

Please join us in welcoming Eric and Whitley to the University of Arkansas family!
Happy to see Carminda and her smiling face back!

_Alisha Easter_

I would like to thank John Cornelius and Bryan Finney for spending most of their Sunday to unclog a stack of sinks at Maple Hill East. Great job! Thanks for your hard work.

_Aaron England_

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**CONGRATULATIONS & GREAT JOB!**

John Cornelius and Bryan Finney received Mr. Vinger’s ABC Award (Above and Beyond the Call). John and Bryan worked Sunday January 20th to unclogged multiple sink drains at Maple Hill East.
SWACUHO 2013 is rapidly approaching! University Housing at the University of Arkansas and Residence Life at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith are hosting the Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers from Saturday, February 24 to Wednesday, February 27 and we will need help!

SWACUHO will have ample opportunities for Housing staff members to assist the conference with registration and transportation. This is a FANTASTIC opportunity to interact with Housing staff members from the SWACUHO region! More information will be available on the Housing listserv prior to the conference. In the meantime, clear room on your calendar to make time for this rare opportunity!

Valentine’s Day Trivia Answers!

1. 15%
2. $35 - Automated printing would eventually bring that cost down
3. 1415
5. 110 million
6. 35 million
7. Men spend $160 and women spend $80 (on average)