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University Housing said good bye this past month to one of its finest Service Assistants. Garland Don Island, 56, passed away August 29, 2014 at Washington Regional Medical Center. He was born on June 22, 1958 in Clinton, OK to Jane Wolf Feathers and Donald Island, both of Clinton. Garland graduated from Tahlequah High School and immediately joined the military. After serving his term, he was honorably discharged from the Army. He attended Northeastern State University. He graduated from the Dean’s Honor Roll with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in psychology. Later in life he attended the University of Central Oklahoma where he graduated with a Master’s Degree in Education. Throughout his career, he worked as an Indian Child Welfare Coordinator with the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe and as a program director for the Sac and Fox Nation and the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. He was one of the first responders to the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995 and helped with the immediate rescue efforts to assist and find survivors. He later became a part of the Red Cross Oklahoma City Chapter Crisis Intervention Counseling Program set up for those that survived and were traumatized during this event. These are just a few of the things he did for his country, state and tribe. He settled in the state of Arkansas working for the Northwest Arkansas Head Start Program as a family service coordinator. He ultimately became a part of the University of Arkansas where he worked with the Athletic and Housing departments and became a Razorback fanatic. It was rare to see him without a Razorback shirt on in support of his beloved Razorbacks. One of his many adopted mottos was “if it’s too loud, then you’re too old”. Garland’s ever present, welcoming and upbeat attitude will be sadly missed, but not forgotten.

Contributed by Jeff Vinger
I was approached by three parents and one grandparent (who attended here in 1954) specifically to say how impressed they were with how well organized the process was and that it was much easier than they had expected. One of these was the parent of a student who politely declined volunteer assistance moving things up to her room so it wasn’t just the help. One parent of a student in Reid said she had experience with three other campuses and this was by far the best.

Carla Martin
Move-In 2014
I wanted to let you know that we had moved my son into Pomfret Hall on Saturday, August 16th. Everything went very well. I think it was very well organized. Things were pretty well labeled/signage in place and everybody that was helping to direct were very courteous. Even once my son initially checked in and got his room key, once we got into the building, there were signs to direct which way for D wing versus C wing.

I just wanted to commend on a job well done.
Christina Taylor

This young man, Henry Berry, helped his sister move into one of the Maple Hill buildings. According to Kathy Thielen, he was very earnest in executing his task, and the pillows, which he rearranged often, only scraped the ground occasionally.

Contributed by Kathy Thielen
WRAPPING UP SUMMER

Summer is a time for most University of Arkansas students to take a break from the regular routine of classes and enjoy a “fun-filled” summer! While the students are away though, the Residential Facilities staff used the time as an opportunity to make it a “facilities filled” summer!

One of Residential Facilities staff goals is to “make ravin’ fans” of all the residents and guests we serve daily. One of the steps taken toward accomplishing this goal is to improve the appearance of our buildings by updating the furnishings and detailing the buildings. Another step we take is to provide quality services to our summer guests making their stay pleasant in hopes of them returning again next summer. Just a few of the notable accomplishments of our summer include:

- Waxed resident rooms in Pomfret and Humphreys
- Shampooed hallway carpets in Maple South
- Removed and replaced over 3,500 pieces of resident room furniture
- Replaced 1,200 mattresses with extra-long mattresses
- Replaced 1,270 old desk chairs with new “gamer” chairs
- Replaced bed sets, mattresses, desks, chairs, armoires and dressers in Holcombe and Gladson Ripley
- New desk chairs in Gibson, Gregson and Futrall
- New desks in Gibson
- New beds, mattresses and desk chairs in Yocum
- Cleaned rooms and public areas for approximately 14,500 summer guests
- Laundered over 14,000 sheets; 21,000 wash-clothes; 16,000 towels; 1,200 blankets
- Replaced the roof of Gregson Hall
- Renovated bathrooms in Yocum Hall
- Replaced carpeting in Yocum Hall
- Installed local area wireless technology throughout NWQ A and B, Yocum and Humphreys Halls
- Replace locksets throughout Maple Hill East and West
- Renovated hallways of Gibson Hall
- Renovated office space in Pomfret B to house Student Conduct office
- Renovated hallways and resident rooms of Holcombe Hall
- Repaired exterior façade of Futrall Hall
- Upgraded CCTV camera systems in Reid and Holcomb Halls
- Installed bicycle FixIt stations at Hotz/Maple Hill and Founders/Humphreys bike racks
- Renovated dish return area of Pomfret Dining
- Established/furnished Pomfret study/classroom space
- Painted NWQ D and Duncan Apartments D and E
- Replaced lobby furniture in Pomfret, Reid, Gladson Ripley, Buchanon Droke
- Replaced control valves in mechanical rooms of Reid, Holcombe and NWQs
- Recommissioned HVAC systems throughout NWQ C upgrading controls and ductwork

Contributed by Judy Kendrick

John Cornelius and Mike Rouse working hard pulling wire for the Futrall emergency generator install. The generator will support the building emergency lighting and the Housing IT server.

Contributed by Aaron England
What’s Happening in Facilities, Continued

Above: Danny Lilze got a little dirty after unstopping a clogged condensate drain at Yocum.

Right Above: David Pitner and Curtis Cody taking a breather from the move in rush at Holcombe/Futrall.

Right: David Pitner grilling burgers for Lead Hogs.

Contributed by Aaron England

2014-2015 Resident Assistants!
This year the Leadership Development workgroup revamped the Lead Hog program. The program itself has been in existence for over a decade and has had its ups and downs. This year’s focus was on relationship building and recruitment for our on-going leadership opportunities on campus. We had nearly 250 applicants this year who participated in four days of events. In continuing tradition, all Lead Hogs moved in early and assisted arriving students on August 18th and 20th by carrying boxes, directing traffic, working elevators, and assisting hall staff with various tasks. (And did so in style in the trendy shirts designed by Founders RA and RIC exec member, Nick Stauffer!)

Newly added this year was an involvement fair where the Lead Hogs were able to meet and talk with various departments across campus about their student leadership positions. The highlight for many of the students was the day at Lokomotion hosted by RIC and NRHH which ended with a cookout on campus. Overall, this year’s program was a great success which will hopefully lead to many more students being involved on campus! Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped to set up for these events during what is already a very busy time!!

Contributed by Megan Witherspoon
Welcome to New Staff!

Residence Education welcomed three new staff members in August, Melanie O’Laughlin, Eric Peltier, and Andrew Thomas. Melanie is the new CRE for Maple Hill South, Eric is the CRE for Holcombe and Futrall, and Andrew is serving as an Interim CRE for Pomfret B-Wing.

Melanie completed her undergrad at Marquette University in Communication Studies. During her time at Marquette she was active in RHA and NRHH and served as a resident assistant and apartment manager. She received her MS in counseling and student development from Kansas State University where she served as an Assistant Residence Life Coordinator. Her favorite thing to do is craft, check out unique shops, become a regular at local eateries, and hang out with her dog Ralphie!

Eric completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at New England College in Political Science and Management respectively. He served as a Graduate and Resident Hall Director for New England College and the University of Maine at Machias, and most recently as the Intramural Coordinator at the University of Maine at Machias. He enjoys playing softball, golf, and skiing, as well as board games and watching movies.

Andrew graduated from the University of Arkansas in May 2014 with a degree in English, Creative Writing. From 2011-2014, he worked as a Resident Assistant in the Maple Hills. He is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Writing for Children and Young Adults through Vermont College of Fine Art. Andrew is ecstatic to be back on the Hill and to be continuing his relationship with University Housing!

Please welcome our new staff members when you see them!

Residence Education would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new Graduate Assistant, Mrs. Kendra Williams. Kendra is no stranger to University Housing, for she served as a Resident Assistant in both Holcomb Hall and Futrall Hall prior to graduating with a degree in Journalism, Advertising/Public Relations, May 2014.

As the Academic Engagement GA, Kendra’s main responsibilities will include, assisting with program initiatives and assessment, creating marketing materials, and facilitating training and recruitment workshops. Kendra’s office is located in the Housing Administrative Building and she can be reached at klbuchel@uark.edu. Please congratulate Kendra on her new role!

Administrative Services welcomes Mary-Kate Carson as the Student Marketing Assistant. Mary-Kate is a junior pursuing a degree in Broadcast Journalism/Communications. She is from Alba, Texas and worked as a Conference Assistant during the summer. Mary-Kate’s already been on campus getting photos of various programs; we’re looking forward to her helping with video production, contributing to our social media presence and writing articles for the newsletter and information for the Website. Welcome to another marketing person with a camera!

Contributed by Grant Carlson and Stephanie Adams
Welcome to New Staff!

Congratulations to Pomfret Hall for Hula Hula, the annual Pomfret Luau. This event, held on August 23, is one of Housing’s contributions to Welcome Weeks programming.

Please join Residential Facilities in welcoming Seth Harpell, Coordinator for Building Services (above) and Keisha Gaches, Institutional Service Assistant, both new to the Housing staff in August.

Photos Contributed by Mary-Kate Carson
Walmart & HGTV Designers Team Up for Pomfret Make-Over

In order to help a residence hall feel a bit more like home and to promote a new line of designer products, Walmart worked with Home & Garden TV (HGTV) to bring in a design team to refresh the Pomfret Main Entry Lobby.

The Mitchell Communications Group coordinated the make-over between Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 with designers Robert and Cortney Novogratz, from the HGTV program “Home by Novogratz.” The “reveal” was held at 10:30 on Friday morning with students, staff, Walmart guests and local media in attendance. The communications group and designers brought students into the event to hold the ribbon for the ribbon-cutting, pose with the new decorator additions, and interact with the design team and the media. Walmart also donated several prizes consisting of designer products, which were awarded by drawing to students in attendance.

Left: John Sugg and Raymond Watts install the large flat-screen TV donated by Walmart.

Below: Ellen Thalls of KFSM speaks with RIC Vice-President Cameron Thomas about his assessment of the make-over.

Bottom: Jeff Vinger watches on while the designers and Jennifer Haile from Mitchell Communications prepare Pomfret RAs Lauren Wethington and Ryan Rogers for the ribbon-cutting event.
Walmart & HGTV Designers Team Up for Pomfret Make-Over

Left: Designers Cortney and Robert Novogratz cut the ribbon - they asked for a cheer and got the Hog Call!

Below: Pomfret RA Bekah Harvey gathers information from Cortney Novogratz for the Traveler.

Above: Big-screen TV, floor lamps, corner shelving, wall art, and a bench now beside the Pomfret Front Desk.

Right: Ryan Rogers, Lauren Wethington, Cortney and Robert Novogratz gather for a selfie!
The traditional End-of-Training RA Lip Sync Show was held on August 13 at the UARK Union Theater. Each staff did a fantastic job; the show was highly entertaining and filled with surprises.

Clockwise from upper left: Takama gets CRE love; Maple Hill South; Hotz Honors; Founders makes a classical entrance; Yocum; Futrall/Holcombe.

Title block: Humphreys.
Razorbash was held on August 28 on the Union Mall, bringing in campus organizations and local vendors to provide information and free stuff to University of Arkansas students.

Clockwise from upper left: Nina Rivera, Reid RA speaks about NRHH; Molly McKinstry, Gregson RA, and Madeleine Chaisson, Pomfret RA, provided volunteer opportunities with the upcoming SWACURH conference; Mary-Kate Carson shooting her boss; Andrew Thomas at the Housing table; Libby Reynolds, RIC President, and Bradley Graves, RIC Programs Director, talk about getting involved on campus; Tory England, Amber Parks and Andjoua McLemore, Futrall RA, at the No Woman Left Behind table.

Additional Photos Contributed by Mary-Kate Carson
Pomfret Hall and New Student and Family Programs cosponsored Bingo Night, a Welcome Weeks Program, on August 26.

Over 200 students were in attendance, vying for prizes including t-shirts, water bottles, hammocks, a movie basket and the grand prize: a PlayStation game console.
Congratulations to the winners of University Housing’s 3rd Annual “Get Connected” Contest, sponsored by Cox Communications!

Each of the prize winners are connected to University Housing by Facebook or Twitter, or both, and entered a drawing during Move-In to receive an iPad Mini.
Hotz Hall Shows Razorback Pride with Pep Rally Win!

Compliment Corner!

Thanks to Megan Witherspoon and Grant Carlson for working the Orientation information table!
Thanks to the Move-in Sign Placement Team: Anna Hartz, Nick Stauffel, Nicole Allen and Marlin Guist!
Finally, thanks to Joe Drain and Aaron Scott for helping take the Move-in signs down - your help was greatly appreciated!

Kent Perrodin

I want to give a big shout out to Leon Smith, Ron Johnson, Vince Voorheis, and Chris Cooke, who have been working very diligently in the extreme heat in August to make sure Duncan residents whose A/C had gone out were comfortable, among other facilities concerns. Your team is amazing!

Beth Salmo

Many thanks to Michael McAllister who was a great help to me and my division “lower Dickson” during move-in

Dr. Stephanie Adams

Thanks to Andrew Thomas for staffing the Housing table at Razorbash, it was also great to have the SWACURH team join us - their enthusiasm drew students to our table. We were even able to answer a few questions for folks

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

It wouldn’t be an August Newsletter without a picture of Robert Sutton. I believe he’s indicating that he is, truly, one of a kind.

SEPTEMBER ATHLETIC EVENTS

Football
9/20 Northern Illinois
9/14 Missouri St.
9/19 Kentucky

Soccer
9/12 Rice
9/14 Missouri St.

Volleyball
9/9 vs. Oral Roberts
9/12 South Dakota
9/13 Stony Brook
9/13 SMU
9/19 Cleveland St
9/19 North Texas
9/26 Tennessee
9/28 Mississippi State

GO HOGS GO!

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