

WHAT IN THE HALL?



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ADVICE FROM AN RA...

BY: ALISHA DOCKERY, RESIDENT ASSISTANT IN PACELLI HALL

AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF, ALL OF US RA'S ARE EXCITED TO GET BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS WITH SOME NEW RESIDENTS AND FAMILIAR FACES! WITH THE FALL 2013 SEMESTER STARTING, TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO START THIS NEW BEGINNING OFF STRONG! DO NOT BE AFRAID TO GO OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE! MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE NEW INTERESTS (AND YES! I

AM TALKING TO ALL OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS OUT THERE AS WELL). MANY NEW CLUBS HAVE FORMED ON CAMPUS, SO GO AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER! LEARN HOW THEY CAN HELP YOU GROW INTO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE. COMPLETE MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS THAN WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU. DO NOT DO THIS ONLY FOR SERVICE HOURS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR YOURSELVES.

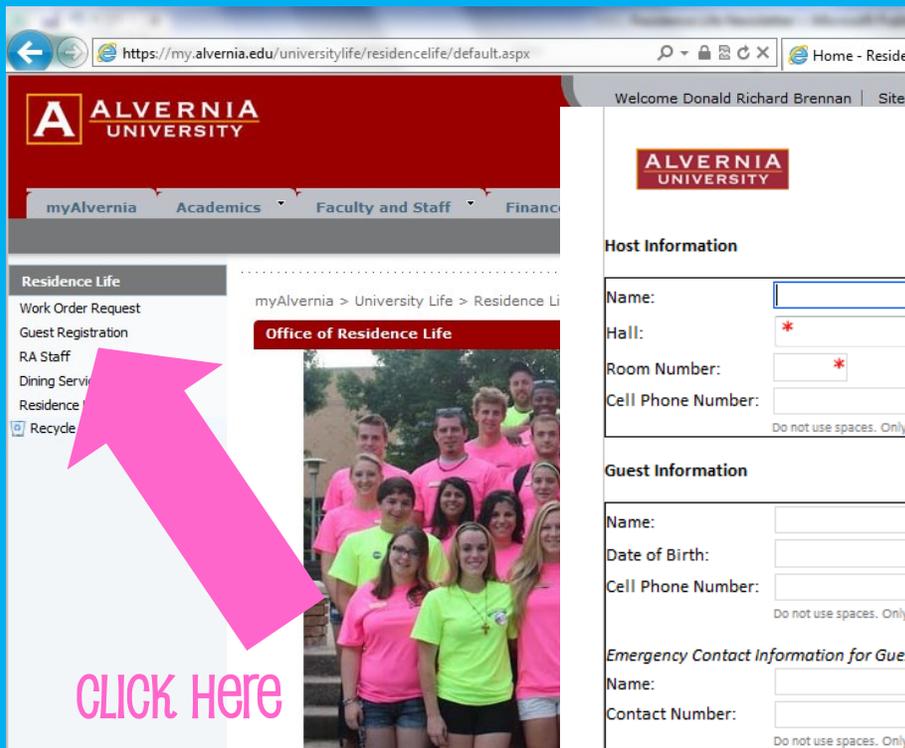
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REMINDERS: GUEST REGISTRATION

ANY GUESTS STAYING OVERNIGHT MUST BE REGISTERED AND CARRY THEIR GUEST REGISTRATION WITH THEM WHILE VISITING CAMPUS. YOU MAY REGISTER YOUR OVERNIGHT GUESTS BY LOGGING INTO MYALVERNIA USING INTERNET EXPLORER, AND NAVIGATE TO THE RESIDENCE LIFE PAGE BY USING THE LINK OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PAGE OR THE TABS AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. ONCE ON THE RESIDENCE LIFE PAGE, CLICK THE GUEST REGISTRATION LINK TO OPEN THE FORM, FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION, THEN CLICK ON THE PRINT VIEW BUTTON. TO PRINT YOUR FORM EITHER USE THE KEYBOARD SHORTCUT CTRL+P OR PRINT FROM THE BROWSER. PLEASE REMEMBER OVERNIGHT GUESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY MUST BE OF THE SAME GENDER AND CAN STAY NO LONGER THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VISITATION POLICY, REFER TO PAGES 44 AND 45 OF THE STUDENT HANDBOOK. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE.



CLICK HERE

A screenshot of the 'Guest Registration Form' on the Alvernia University website. The form is titled 'ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY Guest Registration Form'. It is divided into three main sections: 'Host Information', 'Guest Information', and 'Emergency Contact Information for Guest:'. Each section contains several input fields with red asterisks indicating required information. The 'Host Information' section includes fields for Name, Hall (a dropdown menu), Room Number, and Cell Phone Number. The 'Guest Information' section includes fields for Name, Date of Birth, and Cell Phone Number. The 'Emergency Contact Information for Guest:' section includes fields for Name and Contact Number. A 'Next >>' button is located at the bottom of the form. At the very bottom, contact information for the Office of Residence Life is provided: 'Office of Residence Life | 610.796.8320 | Veronica Hall | Alvernia University | 400 Saint Bernadine Street | Reading, Pennsylvania 19607'. Two large pink arrows point from the right side of the form towards the Host and Guest information sections.

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE FORM AND PRINT THE REGISTRATION

HAVE ISSUES OR IDEAS FOR YOUR HALL?

YOU CAN GET YOUR VOICE HEARD BY THE RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD BY ATTENDING THEIR OPEN FORUM. OPEN FORUMS ARE THERE FOR RESIDENTS TO GET THEIR: (1) FACILITIES ISSUES HEARD, (2) IDEAS FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, (3) PROGRAM IDEAS, AND (4) ANY OTHER IDEA OR ISSUE A RESIDENT MIGHT WANT TO BRING UP.

WHEN? THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 @ 8:30 PM IN THE BERNARDINE LECTURE HALL!



MONTHLY UPDATES FOR THE FIRST YEAR AREA FROM YOUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Hope all of your semesters are off to a great start! The first year area has been hard at work throughout the first four weeks providing programs that help our new residential students learn to live with one another, help them adjust to college life, and allow them to find mentor relationships with upper class students. It is important that as you begin to get more comfortable with the people who live around you, that you do a couple things. It is always really important to lock your doors – you never know who is going to walk into your room when you aren't there. It is also so important to either stay with your laundry or get down to the laundry room as soon as your time is up. Don't let your laundry sit in the machines, that's just asking for someone

to look through it, and take clothing. Remember that common area damages are one of the biggest issues we deal with in the buildings. Take your room trash out to the trash areas (and make sure you put it in the cans. . . if you don't you will be charged), don't leave your room trash in lounges, common bathrooms, lobby trash cans, etc. If you follow these simple pointers, life will be better, I promise. Lastly, I'd like to know when my staff (the rAs) is doing really good work. Please send me an e-mail if you catch your ra doing someone above and beyond the call of duty! My e-mail address is JOSEPH.BENYISH@ALVERNIA.EDU. The office of residence life will be sure to recognize them for a job well done! Best of luck with the next couple weeks!

BY: JOE BENYISH, RESIDENT DIRECTOR FOR THE FIRST YEAR STUDENT AREA

ADVICE FROM AN RA

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Be active and present in your building or hallway, while you grow in community with your peers / friends. My friends, college only last 4-5 years, so please make the most of it!

So I leave you with some advice and a challenge from my building partner, ra Terry Harrington, "Today and every day I challenge you! Go talk to someone new or to someone you barely know. Get to learn more about them, why?

Because it's fun and more importantly it helps us learn & grow as individuals." You never know when you are meeting the friends you are meant to have for the rest of your life! Good luck this semester and may you start changing lives!

BY: ALISHA DOCKERY, RA IN PACELLI HALL





BRENNAN BULLETIN



MONTHLY UPDATES FOR THE TRANSITIONAL STUDENT area FROM YOUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR

IT'S BEEN a GREAT START TO THE FALL SEMESTER. THE SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE LIFE IS SOMETIMES THE MOST DIFFICULT. AFTER COMPLETING YOUR FIRST YEAR: (1) YOUR PASSIONS AND GOALS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED, (2) RELATIONSHIPS FROM YOUR FRESHMEN YEAR ALSO CHANGE QUICKLY, AND (3) YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE HAVE ALSO CHANGED. CHANGE IS IN THE AIR. HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH ALL THIS CHANGE? CHANGE ISN'T a BAD THING. IN FACT, CHANGE IS WHAT HAS TRULY HELPED ME TO GROW THE MOST IN MY LIFE UP TO THIS POINT. EMBRACE THE CHANGE AND I GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL COME OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE WITH a MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO YOU are.

THERE are a FEW ISSUES TO QUICKLY DISCUSS ABOUT MY area. FOR THOSE IN JUDGE HALL AND ANTHONY HALL,

FACILITIES IS WORKING ON THE DEHUMIDIFIER ISSUE. WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY are TO YOUR BUILDINGS AND are WORKING as QUICKLY as POSSIBLE TO resolve THE ISSUE. VILLAGE 4...YOU HAVE HAD SOME ISSUES IN THE recreation ROOM. IF YOU COOK IN THE recreation ROOM, CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES. YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR FAILING TO CLEAN THE KITCHEN. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS AN OTTOMAN STOLEN FROM THE recreation ROOM THAT IF NOT RETURNED YOU WILL ALL BE BILLED FOR. RESPECT THE recreation ROOM as IT IS a PRIVILEGE THAT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SOPHOMORE year. GET INVOLVED IN ALL THAT YOU CAN. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

BY: DON BRENNAN, RESIDENT DIRECTOR FOR THE TRANSITIONAL STUDENT area

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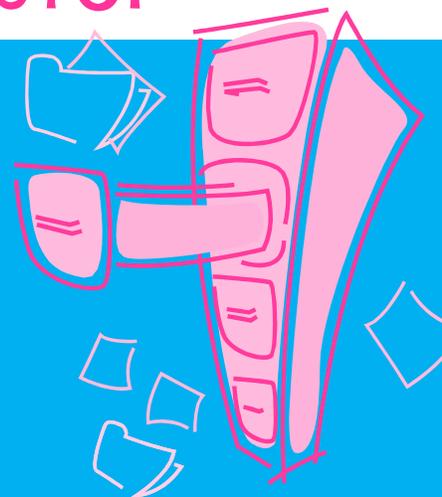
MONTHLY UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

SUMMER FLEW BY; BUT we are excited TO HAVE ALL OF YOU BACK TO THE HALLS THIS FALL. WE HAD a LOT OF CHANGE THIS as we prepared TO OPEN FOR THE FALL. FOR THE FIRST TIME, OUR TOWNHOUSES were FILLED WITH AFFINITY COMMUNITIES. we are so

HAPPY TO see THE AMAZING SERVICE AND PROJECTS THAT ALL OF OUR AFFINITY COMMUNITIES DEVELOP.

IN ADDITION, TWO NEW COMMUNITIES BEGAN IN THE FALL (1) TRANSFER STUDENT COMMUNITY AND (2) academic AND career EXPLORATIONS COMMUNITY.

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS CORNER

HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

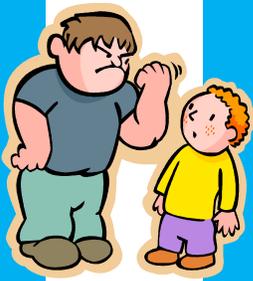
BY: DAVE STUART, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS THIS MONTH ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY OUR DEFINITION OF BULLYING.

BULLYING IS WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP REPEATEDLY AND INTENTIONALLY IMPOSES HARMFUL ACTS UPON ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. ACTS MAY BE PHYSICAL, VERBAL, EMOTIONAL OR ELECTRONIC RESULTING IN EMBARRASSMENT, FEAR, PAIN OR DISCOMFORT.

I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SOME EXAMPLES OF BULLYING, WHICH IS A TYPE OF HARASSMENT. EXAMPLES OF PHYSICAL HARASSMENT MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO HITTING, PUSHING, THROWING OBJECTS, TOUCHING, OR THREATEN TO DO SO. EXAMPLES OF VERBAL AND ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO UNWANTED DEROGATORY OR VULGAR JOKES OR INNUENDOS, PHONE CALLS, TEXTED MESSAGES, FACEBOOK POSTS, TWEETS, UNWELCOME OR UNSOLICITED SEXUAL ADVANCES, DEMANDS OF REQUEST, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY OFFENSIVE OR PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL.

FOR THE FULL HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY PLEASE SEE THE STUDENT HANDBOOK P. 30, AT [HTTP://WWW.ALVERNIA.EDU/CURRENT-STUDENTS/PDF/STUDENTHANDBOOKREVO10812.PDF](http://www.alvernia.edu/current-students/pdf/studenthandbookrevo10812.pdf).



DETAILS FROM THE DIRECTOR...

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BY: KAROLINA DREHER, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

WE ARE SO PLEASED TO HAVE ALL OF YOU STAYING WITH US ON CAMPUS THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOU STAYING WITH US IN THE YEARS TO COME.

I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH THE WORK OUR RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION HAS DONE THIS FAR IN THE SEMESTER. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE HOW MANY WANTED TO GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THA

SPONSORS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND CONTINUE TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR HALL AND ON CAMPUS.

I HOPE THAT YOUR ACADEMIC YEAR GOES WELL. KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE HERE TO HELP. IF YOU EVER NEED SOMETHING OR NEED TO TALK, PLEASE COME BY OUR OFFICE IN VERONICA. IF THERE IS ALSO A TIME WHEN YOU NEED TO SEE A DOG, SWING BY OUR OFFICE AND MEET ONE OF OUR RESIDENT PUPS.

RHA ROUNDTABLE



YOUR SUMMER DOESN'T HAVE TO BE OVER!

BY: OLIVIA DUNZELMAN

RHA VICE PRESIDENT



JUST BECAUSE SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE FUN HAS TO END.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION AT ALVERNIA IS LOOKING TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH CONTINUED FUN, ALMOST AS IF SUMMER NEVER ENDED.

"WHAT'S THE #1 ON RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION?"

RHA IS A LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION THAT ALLOWS THE STUDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENCE HALLS TO REPRESENT THEIR BUILDING. RHA SERVES AS A GOVERNING BODY FOR THE RESIDENCE HALLS AND FOCUSES ON THE NEEDS WITHIN THE STUDENT COMMUNITY.

RHA ALSO HELPS DEVELOP LEADERS WHO WILL MAKE ON CAMPUS LIVING MORE LIKE A COMMUNITY THROUGH PROGRAMS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. BEING A PART OF RHA HAS GIVEN

ME THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS MY OPINIONS ABOUT WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN ON CAMPUS AND GET THE STUDENTS TO INTERACT WITH OTHER STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT HALLS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT WE ADDRESS OUR STUDENTS' WANTS AND NEEDS AND DO OUR BEST TO GIVE THE STUDENTS AT ALVERNIA PROGRAMS THAT BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT ON CAMPUS

We all have had one time or another where we wished we had a soccer ball to kick around or a football to throw, on those nice afternoons after classes.

Gamma is now working with the Office of Residence Life to have rentable sports equipment of all kinds available on campus.

It's very simple, all you have to do is go to the residence hall desk in Veronica Hall with your student ID and someone will be able to assist you.

available equipment: volleyball, football, soccer ball, whiffle ball and bat, kickball, various board games and more.



QUACK ATTACK DAYS

Students got excited on September 10 when multicolored ducks invaded campus. Students had to search for 1 of 27 ducks. If found, they could return the duck to the Office of Residence Life for one of several prizes. It went really well, students enjoyed the competition. Quack Attack Days will return on October 10.

GHA FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 24

FRIENDLY'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER

5:00-8:00 PM AT THE FRIENDLY'S
ON LANCASTER AVENUE

SEPTEMBER 26

GHA OPEN FORUM

8:30 PM IN BERNARDINE HALL LECTURE HALL

OCTOBER 1

DOG EAT DOG

8:30 PM IN THE STUDENT CENTER

OCTOBER 2

GHA COUNCIL MEETING

8:30 PM IN THE PRIVATE DINING ROOM IN THE
STUDENT CENTER

OCTOBER 10

QUACK ATTACK DAYS: HALLOWEEN EDITION

OCTOBER 14

CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER NIGHT

4:00PM-8:00 PM AT THE WYOMISSING STORE

OCTOBER 16

GHA COUNCIL MEETING

8:30 PM IN THE PRIVATE DINING ROOM IN THE
STUDENT CENTER

OCTOBER 24

GHA OPEN FORUM

8:30 PM IN BERNARDINE HALL LECTURE HALL

*see our OCTOBER issue to see the
remaining events for the semester.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEWLY ELECTED RHA COUNCIL MEMBERS!

CLARE

JOHN HENNINGER
CONNOR BECHTEL
BRIANNA ROBERTS
CAROLYN STABILE
ASHLEY MONZO

JUDGE

RACHEL MORAN
SHANNON DILLON
SAMANTHA BROCKWAY

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TYRA ROBERTS
DALTON ZERKOWSKI

DALTON HUNT
KYLE GRIM

VERONICA

BRIAN SCHNEEBELI
SARAH QUIGLEY
MATTHEW MURPHY

ANTHONY

JENNIFER MACK
LAUREN MADDOX

VILLAGE 4

CARLY WELCH
PETER HAMATI-ATTIEH

VILLAGE 3

ELIZABETH FURMAN

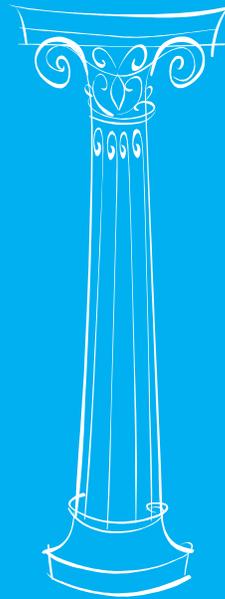
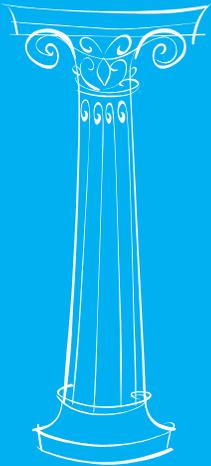
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NRHH UPDATES

WHAT IS NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY (NRHH)?

NRHH IS A NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY THAT ONLY ACCEPTS 1% OF IT'S TOTAL RESIDENT STUDENT POPULATION. THEY HAVE FOUR PILLARS OF RECOGNITION, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND ACADEMICS. FINALLY, THEY SELECT OTM AWARDS EVERY MONTH (SEE BELOW).



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BE SELECTED?

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE. YOU MUST: (1) HAVE LIVED IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING FOR ONE SEMESTER; (2) 2.5 GPA. THE CURRENT MEMBERS WILL THEN SELECT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS IF SOMEONE WILL BE ALLOWED MEMBERSHIP.

OTMS: OF THE MONTHS

RESIDENT ASSISTANT OF THE MONTH

TERENCE HARRINGTON

ACTIVE PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

WATER WARS-VANESSA HERNANDEZ

PASSIVE PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

LAUNDRY 101-JARED TOLL

COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH

1ST FLOOR ANTHONY

DIVERSITY PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

SEX SIGNALS

HEALTH & WELLNESS

SPOTLIGHT

OF THE MONTH

ALADDIN

STUDENT OF

THE MONTH

MICHAEL LAVERY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

BRIANNA WHITTON

FIRST YEAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

EDWIN OLIVO

FACULTY/STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

PROFESSOR PETER RAMPSON

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE MONTH

ORIENTATION SERVICE DAY

HOLLERAN CENTER

KEEPIN' UP WITH KIEFER

MONTHLY UPDATES FOR THE UPPER CLASS STUDENT area FROM YOUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR

WELCOME BACK TO ALVERNIA AND TO THE UPPER CLASS STUDENT area! I HOPE THAT YOUR SEMESTER IS GOING WELL, AND YOU ARE SETTling INTO YOUR SCHOOL WORK AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. THE rAs IN YOUR area HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO PLAN PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH AND CONNECTED TO YOUR NEIGHBORS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR UPPER CLASS area PICNIC ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH FROM 4-5:30PM IN FRONT OF THE CAMPUS COMMONS BUILDING.

SOMETHING YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED IS THAT IT CAN BE NOISY, PARTICULARLY ABOVE AND BELOW YOUR apartment. IF YOU ARE HAVING AN ISSUE WITH A NEIGHBOR WHO IS NOISY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO FIRST TALK TO THE ROOM CAUSING THE NOISE IF IT IS EXCESSIVE IN NATURE. IF YOU DO NOT GET THE DESIRED RESPONSE FROM YOUR request, PLEASE TALK TO YOUR ra. IF THE NOISE IS OCCURRING IN THE EVENING BETWEEN 9PM-MIDNIGHT, YOU MAY CALL THE VILLAGE 4 DESK AT EXTENSION 1962. THE rAs ON DUTY WILL COME LISTEN TO THE NOISE IN YOUR ROOM BEFORE

CONFRONTING THE NOISY ROOM. A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO RESIDENTS LIVING IN VILLAGE 3 THAT YOUR QUIET HOURS ARE FROM 8PM-9AM EVERY NIGHT. FOR ALL OTHER BUILDINGS, QUIET HOURS ARE 10PM-9AM, SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND 1AM-9AM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR JUST WANT TO SAY HELLO, MY OFFICE IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE VILLAGE 3 APARTMENTS, AND I CAN BE REACHED BY EMAIL GINA.KIEFER@ALVERNIA.EDU.

BY: GINA KIEFER, RESIDENT DIRECTOR FOR THE UPPER CLASS STUDENT area

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