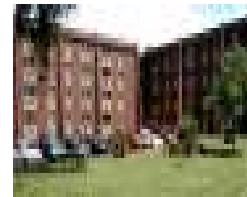




RESIDENTIAL LIFE UPDATE FALL SEMESTER 2002



This report highlights the events and activities of Residential Life for July, August, September, October, November and December 2002



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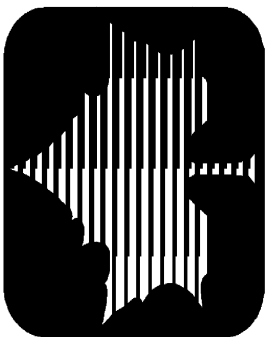
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Residence Hall Staff

The primary function of Residential Life is to support the academic mission of the University by providing a living environment that is conducive to learning and total personal development.

Residence hall staff support the primary mission by:

- Implementation of academically related programs and resources
- Appropriate enforcement of policies governing student life
- Assisting students in the development of tolerance and acceptance of other lifestyles and other cultures
- Assisting students in the development of total self-actualization.

Residence Hall Staff is comprised of a very diverse (gender and ethnicity) group of individuals.

Currently of the 129 hall staff members, the staff consists of:

- 73 females
(28 women of color and 5 internationals)
- 56 males
(17 men of color and 4 internationals)

Hall Staff Training: Head Staff



After a busy summer of planning, renovations, room assignments, hiring and room cleanings the Area Directors, Hall Director and Assistant Hall Directors (the Residential Life Head Staff) begin to return to campus August 1.



Head staff employment contracts begin on August 1 of the new academic year. Head staff are on campus August 1-August 10 participating in training workshops that assist them in the daily operations of residence hall work. They are also involved in team building events, learning about campus resources and becoming familiar with their residential housing areas. Residential Life hires 25 head staff members per academic year. For the 02-03 academic year, 7 new head staff members joined the Residential Life Team.



The Head Staff is comprised of the following:

- 5 Area Directors (full-time master level)
- 1 Hall Director (full-time bachelors level)
- 19 Assistant Hall Directors (graduate students)



Hall Staff Training: RA's/APA's/CA's



RA's (Resident Assistants), APA's (Academic Peer Advocates) and CA's (University Apartment Community Assistants) began returning to campus August 10. Residential Life employees 104 student staff members to work in various capacities within the residence hall system. Of the 104 student staff, 40 were new for the 02-03 academic year.

Upon returning to campus on August 10, the student staff spent time in training sessions addressing topics of team building, conflict management, counseling issues, policy and procedures and various other campus related topics.

A main focus of student staff training is programming and community building. As stated in the Residential Life Mission Statement, our primary function is to support the academic mission of the University. By providing floor and building programs, we provide additional opportunities for students to encounter educational and social activities outside the classroom.

Residence Hall Association



Residence Hall Association is the governing body for the student's living in the residence halls and University Apartments. Meetings are held weekly in HMSU to discuss concerns, upcoming events and programming ideas. Residence Hall Association is a student organized and operated group.

Officers for the 02-03 academic year are:

Jill Grubbe, President

Melanie Smith, Vice President

Angie Smullen, Secretary

Amanda Smith, Treasurer

Carrie Schoettmer, NCC

Amanda Harbaugh, BAC

Residence Hall Association Representatives gain knowledge of leadership, team building, service to the community, program planning and fund raising. Opportunities to gain leadership and team building are developed through individual involvement within the organization. However, additional experience is gained by attending local and regional student conferences.



Residence Hall Association

During the Fall 02 semester, RHA representatives attended the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference (IRHO) October 18th and 19th at the University of Indianapolis. In addition, student representatives attended the Great Lakes Association of College and University Residence Halls Conference (GLACURH) November 15-18 at the University of Wisconsin-OshKosh.



RHA sponsors "Welcome Kits" and "Finals Kits" as fund raisers each year. The programs provide parents an opportunity to send a "surprise gift" to their student upon arriving to campus at the start of the academic year or during finals week.



In addition, RHA sponsors programs that raise awareness about community and global concerns. Box City, a program to raise awareness of homeless issues, was sponsored for the 7th consecutive year. The Caring Cans program, co-sponsored with Sodexo, is an opportunity for the campus community to donate canned food items to a local food bank.





Mentoring for Minorities

The Mentoring for Minorities (Mi Phi Mi) Program has been in existence within the Residential Life Office since 1987. The main goal of the program is to assist minority students with the transitions of social and academic life at ISU.



The 02-03 academic year has been designated as a re-building, re-thinking and re-organizing time for the Mi Phi Mi program. The past several years a decline in the number of students participating in the program caused concern. An advisory committee was formed in January 02 and worked through-out the Spring 02 semester to generate new ideas regarding improvements to the program. The ideas are being implemented during the 02-03 academic year. Thus far, the program has seen an increase in participation and interest.



Program evaluation and assessment will continue throughout the remainder of 02-03. The advisory board will continue to function and assist with program development and implementation.



Programming: Residence Halls



Residence hall programming is an extremely important component of the on-campus living experience. All residence hall staff have specific programming requirements that are implemented throughout the academic year.



Area Director and Hall Director staff members are expected to implement at least one all hall program per semester. Assistant Hall Directors are expected to implement at least 2 all hall programs per semester. Student staff members (RA, APA, CA) are expected to implement 1 program per month.



Programming in the Residence Halls is based on the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO) Standards for Educational Programming. The ACUHO Education-Programming Standards are 15 guidelines designed to assist residence hall staff in the development and implementation of programming efforts. The guidelines were modified for implementation into our system.



Programming: Residence Halls

The guidelines were divided into three main categories (examples of programs are included):

1. Academic, Career & Intellectual
(Time Management, Study Abroad, Leadership, Goal Setting, Resume Writing, Test Taking, Study Skills, How to Schedule Classes, Advising).

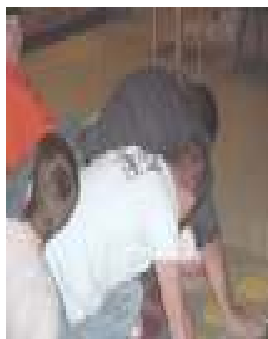
Programming in this category is primarily implemented in the FYI area. However, over 50 Academic, Career & Intellectual programs were implemented throughout the system.

2. Personal Identity & Interpersonal Relationships
(Self-Esteem, Values Clarification, Transition, Diversity Issues, Alcohol Use/Abuse, Religion/Spirituality, Recreation, Sexual Assault/Rape, Greek Letter Organizations, Involvement, Respect and Boundary Issues, Romance).

Personal Identity & Interpersonal Relationships is by far the most popular program category. Over 350 programs were implemented in this category. This category includes the “social” type events (dances, pizza parties, twister, etc...)



Programming: Residence Halls



3. Personal Health & Wellness

(Nutrition, Addictions, Eating Disorders, Coping, Stress, Tobacco Use, STD's, Grief, Intervention, Mental Health, Emotional Issues).

Personal Health & Wellness are areas that are becoming more and more popular with students, especially students living on wellness and substance free floors. Over 80 programs were implemented within the system in the Personal Health & Wellness category.

The use of the ACUHO Standards for Educational Programming is in the first year of implementation within our system. The goals of implementing the new programming model were to clarify categories, implement a programming model based on national guidelines and increase participation.

Thus far, the goals have been met:

- Over 450 programs were implemented

- Over 9,000 students attended hall programs

Detailed program reports and additional information are on file in the Residential Life Office.

Programming: Blumberghall.indstate.edu



Hall Staff members within the Residential Life Office, in collaboration with the ISU School of Education, Department of Counseling and Information Technology, implemented an exciting opportunity for the residents of Blumberg Hall. The Blumies Project was created and implemented by the project team comprised of: Dr. Will Barratt, Pam Costello, Shaun Harkness, Merv Hendricks, Andy Corn, Amber Vanlue, and Rene Coutour. Their constant support and dedication to the success of this collaborative program has been met with much success, on and off campus. Presentations at local and regional conferences has generated interest in the development of similar projects on other campuses and the expansion of the project to other ISU residence halls.

The project team has developed and implemented an integrated web site, discussion board and chat system, using ISU resources, designed to enhance computer-mediated interaction between students and to provide student development and learning content.

Programming: Blumberghall.indstate.edu



The project web site reflects the web technology that students currently use, and uses as many interactive components as possible, which are central to this web site. Interactions are opportunities for students to interact with each other, with residence hall staff and for students to co-create material for the site.



The main features of the web site are:

Main residence hall page that contains information for all residents

Main floor page that contains information for floor residents updated by the RA staff.

Chat rooms and discussion boards for each floor

Links to ISU services.

Links to educational and developmental materials.

Pages were designed with FrongPage 2002, Java and Arcsoft Picture Editor.



Additional information about this exciting program is available at:

Blumberghall.indstate.edu





University Apartments

Indiana State University owns and operates 382 apartments located 10 blocks south of campus on US 41 (3rd Street). The apartments are divided into four Units. Furnished and unfurnished one, two, and three-bedroom apartments are available for students, faculty and staff.



In addition to providing an affordable and quiet place to live and study, the apartments provide opportunities for social and recreational activities. The staff at University Apartments creates and implements programs catering to an extremely diverse population. Programming efforts are also implemented for the children living in the complex.



Occupancy for Fall 02 included:

63 Married Students

16 Single Parents

164 Single Graduate Students

196 Single Undergraduate Students

2 Visiting Scholars

(The totals above include 246 International Students or 55% of the over-all population)



Renovations: Lincoln Quad



Lincoln Quad has been undergoing several renovation projects over the past two years. Snapp & Associates was the primary architectural design team responsible for the overall construction projects. The summer of 02 was the targeted date for completion of all the projects. The projects completed at Lincoln Quad include:

Window Replacement: The most notable renovation project completed at Lincoln Quad was the removal and installation of new windows throughout the facility. This project began in summer 01 with the removal and installation of windows on the south side. The project was completed in the summer of 02 when the north side of Lincoln Quad had the old windows removed and new windows installed. The window project will increase energy conservation, reduce noise and improve the over-all exterior appearance of Lincoln Quad. The window replacement project at Lincoln Quad was completed at a cost of \$590,000.



Renovations: Lincoln Quad

Stairwell Surface and Suite Doors: New doors to the suites and a synthetic surface were installed on the south end of Lincoln Quad in the summer of 01. The same renovation upgrades were completed on the north side during summer 02.



Front Entrance (Pit Area): Another significant and extremely noticeable renovation project that was started and completed during the summer of 02 was the Front Entrance (Pit Area) project. The original stairs and pit area were removed and replaced with a sloping, ADA accessible front entrance area. The Front Entrance, Stairwell Surface and Suite Doors projects were completed at a cost of \$365,000.



Roof: A new roof was installed on the south side of Lincoln Quad during the summer of 01. The project was completed with the installation of the new roof on the north side during the summer of 02. The combined Roof Projects were completed at a cost of \$450,000.



Renovations: University Apartments



A major project implemented and completed during the Fall 02 semester was the installation of a new roof on Unit 4. The project was completed at a cost of more than \$325,000.

In addition to the roof project, the on-going kitchen renovation project that was started during the 00-01 academic year continues. New cabinets, counter tops, and appliances are installed in apartments when occupants vacate.

Other minor, but extremely noticeable, projects that were completed during Fall 02 include:

Installation of new stair treads in Unit 1

New apartment door locks installed in Unit 3

Installation of range hoods in Units 2, 3 & 4

New Mailboxes in Unit 3

Installation of new hallway and bedroom lights in Units 2, 3 & 4.

New water coolers installed in Units 1, 2 & 4

Installation of stovetop fire extinguishers in Units 1 & 2



Renovations: Long Range Planning



On November 24, 2002, Residential Life convened a meeting to discuss, brainstorm and explore future housing options. In addition to the Residential Life staff, several other campus offices were represented. The offices represented included: Campus Facilities, HMSU Director's Office, Fraternity and Sorority members, RHA, Enrollment Management, Sodexo, Student Life, Recreational Sports and Community & Professional Programs.



Topics of discussion included:

- New building construction
- Renovation of existing facilities
- Living Learning Centers
- University Apartments
- Fraternity and Sorority Housing
- Conference Space





Co-Sponsored Programs

In addition to the programs implemented by Residence Hall Staff, the Residential Life Office works collaboratively with other offices to plan, implement and evaluate programs.

Collaboration is defined as sponsorship of a program through money transfers, program planning and implementation and/or actual co-presenting. Below is a sample of programs the Residential Life Office co-sponsored:



Sycamore Advantage

planning committee & participating

Knowing Sycamores

planning committee & participating

SS Sycamore - participating

Tobacco Awareness - monetary sponsor

Speaker, Rick Bender

Leadership Link - participating

Counseling 793-C

planning & participating

OS Earth - monetary sponsor

Rick Hardesty Band - monetary sponsor

Servant Leadership Program

planning committee

Caring Cans - planning & participation

Alpha Lambda Delta-Trick or Treat



Office Highlights



The Residential Life Office had several staff members recognized with awards, nominated for special recognition, served on planning committees or presented at local or regional conferences. The following is a list of a few office highlights:



Donna Fagg, Office Assistant III: Recipient of the President's Medallion Award;

Tanika Taylor, UA Community Assistant: Selected as Winter Commencement Speaker;



Karl Aldrich, Area Director: Selected as GLACUHO Technology Committee Chair

Mary Ellen Linn, Director: Planning Committee for ISPA Conference

Pam Costello, Andy Corn, Shaun Harkness, Assistant Hall Directors: Presenters at NASPA IV-East and ISPA Conference

Rex Kendall, Associate Director: Presenter at NASPA IV-East Conference.

