



Office of Residential Life

Departmental Newsletter

Winter Break Closing: Getting your Room Ready for Break!

The residence halls close for Winter break on **Saturday, December 17th, 2011 at Noon!** Provided below is information to assist you as you prepare your room for break:

There will be a sheet on your door for you and your roommate(s) to sign after completing tasks such as these:

- Unplug and defrost your refrigerator.** (*Uptown East Apartments residents should leave the refrigerator in the kitchen plugged in.*)
- Completely empty all of your trash cans.** Please take all trash to the dumpster or other designated area within the residence hall.
- Close and lock all of your windows and pull shades/blinds.**
- Unplug all electronic equipment** including stereos, alarm clocks, televisions, computers, lamps, etc.

Note: You may leave your fish tanks plugged in.

- Turn OFF lights, close and LOCK your door.**

While you're away, the RAs and RLC in your building will do a quick check of your room to make sure everything is ready for closing. Feel free to ask them any questions before you leave!

Have a safe and happy break - we'll see you starting

Sunday January 8th at Noon!

Winter Break Housing

As Winter break quickly approaches, you may wonder if you qualify for break housing. Below are the criteria for students wishing to apply:

1. You are an International or Interlink student.
2. You are a VU student athlete in mid-season with practice and/or games over break.
3. You are a student participating in a credit-bearing activity such as student teaching, internship, or co-op.
4. You live 500 miles or more away from your permanent address.

If you qualify, please go to www.valpo.edu/reslife and fill out our Winter Break Housing form - this must be complete by **5pm on Monday, December 12th, 2011**. Our break housing buildings are Brandt, Wehrenberg, and Uptown East - if you do not live in any of these buildings and need break housing, please find someone in these buildings who is willing to let you use the room, and have that information ready for the form you need to fill out. If you do not know anyone, there is a space on the form to indicate this.

NOTE: Students ARE NOT automatically eligible for break housing if they hold an on or off campus job that is not directly associated with a credit-bearing academic program.



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Contract Cancellations

If you are graduating, studying abroad, or transferring and will not be living on campus in the Spring, remember to stop by the Office of Residential Life, Harre Union Suite 250, as soon as possible to cancel your housing contract!

Uptown East Apartment Applications

Valparaiso University's Office of Residential Life is excited to offer upper-class students the option to live in The Uptown East Apartments for the 2012 - 2013 academic year. The units include furnished suite-style apartments for two, three or four students. Students will benefit from other amenities including private bathrooms for each bedroom, a washer and dryer in each unit, internet service (not a part of the University's network) including wireless service in the common areas of each unit. The facility also includes a small DVD theatre, group study rooms, a computer room, and a common fitness center and game room.

No first-year or sophomore students will be permitted to live in The Uptown East Apartments. Only **Juniors and Seniors whose total credit hours equal 56 or more** by the end of the Spring 2012 semester are eligible.

Applications will be available starting on **Monday, January 9, 2012** in the Office of Residential Life located in Suite 250 of the Harre Union. There will be a special room selection process for seniors and juniors who desire to live in these apartments. This particular room selection process will be conducted earlier than the regular process in the spring. Please direct any questions to the Office of Residential Life via email (reslife@valpo.edu) or phone (219) 464-5413.

Time to Study - 24 Hour Quiet Hours

Because final exam week is a stressful time when residents may be sleeping and studying at any time of the day and night, 24-hour quiet hours are observed. This allows residents the opportunity to study and rest without distraction.

24 Hour Quiet Hours begin on Friday, December 9 at 10:00 PM and continue until Friday, December 16 at 6:00 PM.

Residents who violate this policy will be assessed a \$5 fine for each violation. Be courteous and good luck on your finals!

Interested in Being Part of a Living Learning Community?

Applications for Valparaiso University living learning communities for the 2012 – 2013 academic year will be available starting in January. Options for these communities include:

- Kade-Duesenberg German House
 - Spanish House
 - French House
- Christian Leadership (Fellowship) House
 - Upperclass Honors
- Global Leaders Community (GLC)

Keep your eye out for more information on these living learning opportunities and for applications when you return to campus in January!

Interested in Going Greek?

Valparaiso University Greek Life
“Leaders, Scholars, Friends For Life”

You can find out all about Valpo’s eight national fraternities and seven national sororities at <http://www.valpo.edu/greek>. We also have interest meetings on **December 8** (9:00 pm for fraternities and 9:30 pm for sororities in NSC 224). Come see what we’re all about!

The deadline for women to sign up for formal recruitment is **Friday, December 9** at 5:00 PM. Applications are available at http://www.valpo.edu/greek/assets/docs/sorority_recruitment_form_pdf.pdf.

Women’s formal recruitment will run from Tuesday, January 10 until Sunday, January 15.

Men’s formal recruitment will begin on Thursday, January 12 with the men’s rush kickoff event.

For more information contact Beth.Garbe@valpo.edu or Drew.Turro@valpo.edu



National Residence Hall Honorary: Of the Month Awards

Has someone in your community gone above and beyond in such a way that you think they deserve recognition? Nominate them for an OTM! There are 5 categories that residents can be nominated for: Resident Assistant, Desk Attendant, House Council/Judicial Board Member, Student, and Program. The winners for the month of October and November are:

Resident Assistant of the Month

Claire Jacobs – Guild/Memorial Hall (October)

Lex Blum – Alumni Hall (November)

Student of the Month

Keiichi Matsumoto Wehrenberg Hall– (October)

Emily Carpenter Guild/Memorial Hall – (November)

Desk Attendant of the Month

Chad Flenz – Alumni Hall (October)

Garret Stec – Wehrenberg Hall (November)

House Council/Judicial Board Member of the Month

Elizabeth Phillippi – Wehrenberg Hall (October)

Jacob Bogatay – Alumni Hall (November)

Program of the Month

Sam Kirkendall – Lankenau Hall (October)

Saule Grybauskas – Alumni Hall (November)

There are two ways you can nominate. You can email valponrhh@gmail.com or you can complete the nomination form at: <http://bit.ly/vtw4KU>

You will need to include who you are nominating, what position you are nominating them for, and then a blurb as to why you are nominating them!



Good luck on your final exams this semester!

Have a safe and restful break and we will see you back on campus in January!



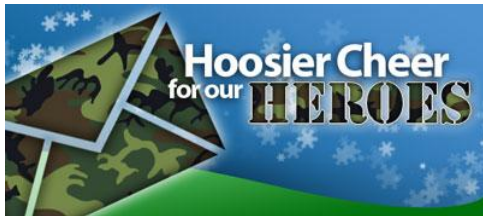
THE BRANDT HALL GAZETTE



November Events in Review

Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes

This event, organized by Joseph Finke, drew 10 resident who wrote cards and letters to members of the United States armed forces serving overseas. Residents had the opportunity to express their gratitude for the troops' service and send warm holiday wishes. A total of 40 cards and letters were mailed.



Car Maintenance



Chris Hoffman and Alex Ryan did this program. The program was to give basic knowledge to students on precautionary measurements they should take before a long journey. They felt this would be beneficial since so many students with vehicles on campus have such a long journey home.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party – House Council

The Christmas Party will be held on December 5. Please look for information to come.



The Brandt Hall Resident Spotlight!

Nathan Terry

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite Movie: *The Dark Knight*

Favorite Food: Asian

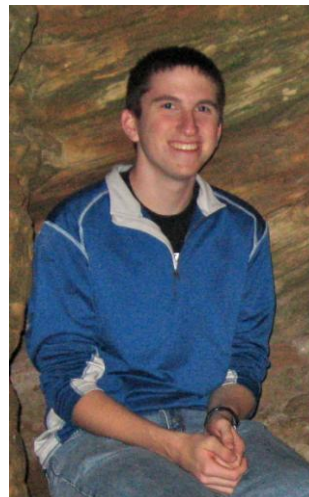
Favorite Sport: Football

Favorite Quote: “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.” -Marianne Williamson

Nathan is a great desk attendant, who is willing to accommodate his schedule to cover shifts.

The Brandt Hall RA Spotlight

Joseph Finke



Favorite Christmas TV Special: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Favorite Vacation: London

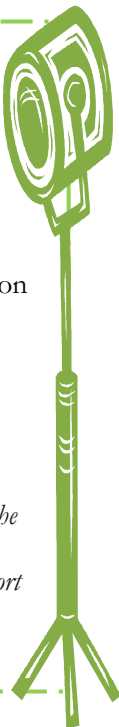
Favorite Dessert:

Snickerdoodle cookies

Best Program So Far:

Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes

Joseph is really an anchor for the Brandt staff. He is there to encourage those who need support and to step in as necessary.



Notices, Quotes, and Fun Stuff!

Get Connected!

We are now on Twitter! Follow us to get updates on important information for all students living on campus, upcoming events and programs in the building, and for the chance to win prizes in fun contests!

You can find us on Twitter at:

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A Note from the Brandt Res Life Staff



Please keep the kitchen clean and to please take your personal trash to the trash area in the main TV lounge.

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.” –Calvin Coolidge

Complete the maze!

