



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.

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 Guild / Memorial Gazette



October Events in Review

“Who do you think you are?” was put on by Sam on Thursday, November 10. Well, in order to find out, people who went to Sam’s event took a few free personality tests on the World Wide Web. Did what they thought about themselves match up with their test results? Anyhow, now that they know who they are, they have a better idea of what they want to do this summer and with the rest of their life.

Noah led some people to Mark Whitacre’s presentation. They learned that he worked for a company that puts preservative chemicals in food. He uncovered a price fixing scandal at that company, mentioned it to the FBI and helped them uncover that stuff. Whitacre was sent to jail for 9 years after stealing 9 million dollars from the food company. After he got out of jail, he was offered the president’s position of a cancer research company. The message was listen to the professionals that help you, because they will help you with what they are good at.

Mr. Noah Finegan led “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?” It was pretty informal. Everyone that showed up got a bunch of general knowledge questions. They quizzed each other, and tried to answer as many as they could either together or individually.

“YOU CALL THAT ART!?!?” was led by Michael with the help of the great Nina Corazzo. Nina, the art history professor at Valpo, came in and projected images of contemporary art having something to do with spiritual and self growth. Each of these images were definitely subject to the question “YOU CALL THAT ART!?!?” but we discussed how each of the images was indeed art. After the program, we made our own ridiculous contemporary art on paper and hung them up behind the front desk.

Upcoming Events

*Look for a December
event put on by house
council!*



The Guild/Memorial Hall Resident Spotlight!



Name: Mark Spychala

Color: Green

Movie: Rear Window

Food: Perogies

Quote: “Life is far too important of a thing ever to talk seriously about.”-Wilde

Why: Mark is a fantastic person, and everybody wants to be his friend. He’s helpful, and encouraging, and just super great.

The Guild/Memorial Hall RA Spotlight



Samantha Cassell

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Movie: Miller’s Crossing

Favorite Food: Truffles

Best Program So Far:

Roommate Olympics



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 Guild/Memorial Res Life Staff



- 1) Please remember to take all personal trash to the dumpsters located in the circle drive. Any personal trash left in floor lounges or kitchens will result in a fine.
- 2) GM has a Facebook page! Like Valpo Guild/Memorial Hall on Facebook to get updates



Here's a fun page for you to color when you need a study break!