

Office of Residential Life

Departmental Newsletter



Tunnel of Oppression

Please join us for the Tunnel of Oppression in the Harre Union Ballroom A on March 28th from 5PM to 10PM, or March 29th from 10AM to 5PM. The Tunnel of Oppression is an experience that highlights contemporary topics of oppression and privilege. Participants will pass through a series of areas where they will be subjected to scenes, imagery, and information regarding various social issues of oppression designed to challenge and educate.

The Tunnel of Oppression is a grassroots diversity program that originated in 1993 at Western Illinois University. Modeled after the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, the goal of the Tunnel of Oppression has always been to not simply educate participants on oppression, but to have them experience it firsthand. While most participants may have never experienced many of the issues in the Tunnel, they may be able to obtain an understanding of oppression or discrimination through the true experience that is the Tunnel of Oppression. Though the content can be very intense and emotional, the highly interactive and engaging experience makes the Tunnel one of the most highly effective diversity programs employed in higher education today.

Spring Break Housing

As Spring Break 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 Spring Break Housing form - this must be complete by **5pm on Monday, February 27th, 2012**. 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.



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 December and January are:

Resident Assistant of the Month

Amy Schutte – Alumni Hall (December)
Samantha Cassell – Guild Memorial Hall (January)

Student of the Month

Joel Luedtke – Alumni Hall (December)
Alyssa Arwady – Wehrenberg (January)

Desk Attendant of the Month

Caleb Rollins – Alumni Hall (December)
Kimberly Fisher – Alumni Hall (January)

House Council/Judicial Board Member of the Month

Dounia Ardahji – Alumni Hall (December)
Patrick Olson – Alumni Hall (January)

Program of the Month

Jen Sommers & Alex Hoffmeyer – Wehrenberg Hall –
Cupcake vs. Muffin War (January)

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!

Be an RA at Valpo!

Applications for Resident Assistant positions for the 2012-2013 academic year are available now! Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, attained at least sophomore status by the end of the Fall 2012 semester (24 credits or more), and have lived on campus at Valparaiso University for at least one semester.

Applications can be found on Residential Life website (www.valpo.edu/reslife/RA.php). They must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Contact MaryAnn Matzke at x5763 or maryann.matzke@valpo.edu with any questions.

Online Room Selection for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	March 26 th – 30 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now. Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.	Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.

Don't need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1
By March 2 nd
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

Want to live in Uptown East next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 10 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing.	Uptown East Applications are on our website and due on February 10.

Want to live in a fraternity house next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	March 26 th – 30 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now. Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.	Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.

Want to live in sorority housing next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February/March
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Your Chapter President will contact you about your room placement.

Want to be part of a Living Learning Community (Fellowship Hall, Upper-Class Honors Community, Global Leaders Community) next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 17 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Deadline to fill out online application – www.valpo.edu/reslife

Going abroad next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1
By March 2 nd
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

Need medical housing next year?

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 24 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	E-mail reslife@valpo.edu to make an appointment to sign up for your room.

All students must log in to the online room selection website and choose one of these options by Friday, March 2, 2012.

Still have questions?

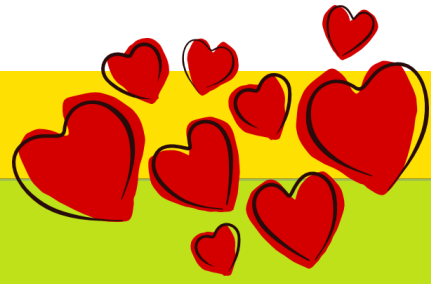
Visit us: Harre Union 250

Call us: (219) 464-5413

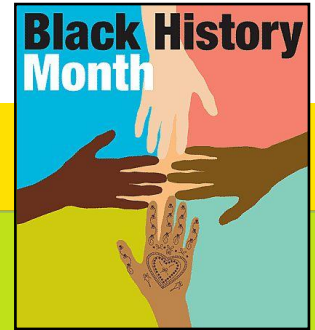
E-mail us: reslife@valpo.edu

Check us out:

www.valpo.edu/reslife



The Uptown East Gazette



January Events in Review

Bracelet Making—Residents came out to learn how to make popular “wrap bracelets” from Pinterest.com!

Cookie Time!—Residents stopped by Jaz’s room for free home-baked cookies!



MLK Day Discussion—Residents went to MLK Day sessions and discussed afterward.

Upcoming Events

Planning to live in Uptown East again next year?

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic are available NOW on the Office of Residential Life website at <http://www.valpo.edu/reslife/assets/webform/UPE.php>
Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 10!

Facial Night!

Keep an eye out for flyers about a free facial and to learn about skincare to keep you looking young and fresh for many years to come!

Oh Crud!

Come and learn to play a new game in the Amenities Center!
Date and time TBA.

Superbowl Party

Come to the Amenities Center at 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 5 to enjoy the Superbowl on the big screen in the theater room! There will be FREE pizza and wings from Wings Etc.!

The Uptown East Resident Spotlight!

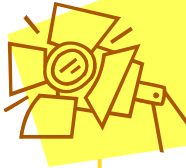
Tabitha Gerardot

Color: Turquoise

Movie: Pride and Prejudice

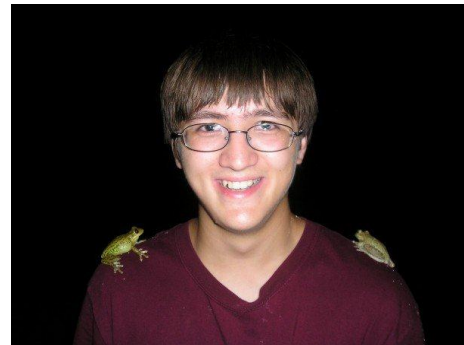
Food: Ice Cream

Quote: "Now is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It won't last forever. We must take it or leave it." -C.S. Lewis



The Uptown East RA Spotlight

Ben Ema



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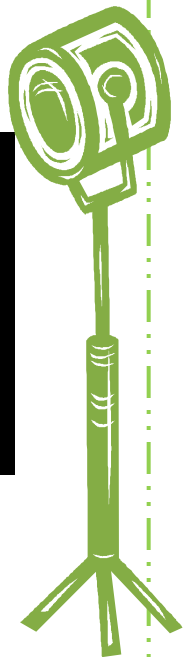
Fav Color: Blue

Fav Food: Chicken Parmigiana

Fav Movie: Princess Bride

Fav Quote: Seven days without laughter make one weak. ~ *Joel Goodman* ~

Best Program: STRESSED?!?!?!?



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:

[@ValpoUptown](https://twitter.com/ValpoUptown)

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You can also find Uptown East on Facebook:

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A Note from the Uptown East Res Life Staff



- The Uptown East website for submitting work orders has changed. Please go to: https://uptowneast.residentportal.com/resident_portal/?module=maintenance_requests&action=create_maintenance_request
- Please do not leave trash in the stairwells!
- Don't forget that applications to live in Uptown East for the 2012 – 2013 academic year are available now and due on Friday, February 10 at 5:00 PM!

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which things that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

~ John Stuart Mill