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EDITOR'S NOTES



Fall has come. That means we are all either knee-deep in midterms or just opening up; regardless, the cycle of higher education has begun anew. Wherever you are in your institutional process, I hope this newsletter finds you filled with vim and vigor for the upcoming year! Autumn has always been my favorite time of year. It looks, smells, tastes, sounds and feels like football, the first day of school, hot cider, crunchy leaves, a change of wardrobe, death and re-birth, a dusty book, and new students coming to learn. Nothing beats Fall.

This issue has great contributions from a number of new sources (love it!) and some very familiar faces. We are always looking for new topics to cover and new material to print. All it takes is an e-mail or a phone call and you're on your way to the fame and fortune awaiting all submitters to *Soundings*! Let me know if you have suggestions for new topics or anything you'd like to change – there is ALWAYS room for improvement.

Tem Sedgwick
Newsletter Editor

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Colleagues and Friends:

Autumn is always an exciting time for me. The weather becomes cool and crisp; the leaves turn brilliant colors; communities come together on Saturday afternoons to cheer for their home teams; but, most of all, Autumn always brings the hope, and excitement of first-year students in pursuit of their dreams as they leave home to begin their journey with us. Autumn also brings our returning students back to campus with a renewed vigor and commitment to academic and personal goals. It is these moments that renew the spirit and energy of each one of us in the Housing profession and reminds us about why we have chosen our profession.

There are many exciting events happening in our region this year, and we would like to encourage you to take part if you can. The Residential Life Professional Association of Alberta sponsored a drive-in workshop for Administrative Staff this past summer. Central Washington University will be co-sponsoring a drive-in workshop on Living and Learning Communities in late January with the Academic Initiatives Committee. Mike Segawa, The Evergreen State College, is leading a group of Puget Sound Schools in coordinating a drive-in workshop regarding Residential Life and Technology. The University of Idaho will be hosting Northwest Residential Life Leadership Conference early Winter Quarter. Last, but not least, The University of British Columbia is hard at work planning our annual conference to be held February 15-17, 2004.

As you can see, it is going to be a busy a year. NWACUHO is a volunteer organization. Thus, our success depends on our membership being involved with committees and serving on the Executive Board. If you wish to become involved with the Association, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Board members or visit our website.

On behalf of your Executive Board, I would like to wish you great success this academic year.

With Regards,

Vennie Gore
President - NWACUHO



**Find Your
Lucky Charm**

Northwest Residence Life Leadership Conference Hosted by University of Idaho January 31-February 1st 2004

Residence Life Student Leaders are invited to experience the energy th **U. of I.** campus and learn more about how to be a better Residence Life member.

<http://resnet.uidaho.edu/rha/nwrllic/>

HOST NWRLLC!

Do you have enthusiastic RAs and RHA Leaders who would be interested in coordinating the 2005 Northwest Residence Life Leadership Conference?

- ❑ **Check the NWACUHO Website for Bid Packet Information**
- ❑ **Ask your State or Province Rep for assistance with guidelines**
- ❑ **Submit your Bid to the NWACUHO President by November 17**

**The Host Campus for NWRLLC 2005
will be announced at NWRLLC 2004 in Idaho!**

A WORD FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

BY: BRETT PHILLIPS AND NICCI VIRELL



Hey NWACUHO! On behalf of the 2004 NWRLLC committee, we would like to say that we are super excited for the arrival of our region's schools in January. Even though we are only a month into the academic year, our committee has made great progress towards what will be surely a great conference. Here is a brief synopsis of what you can expect to see and gain from the conference.

Everyone has a quality about themselves that makes them a unique and good leader. At NWRLLC 2004 we are referring to this quality as a "lucky charm." Through our programming, community service, and keynote speaker, we hope to help every delegate learn what their lucky charm is, and how to fully utilize it.

In order to relay prompt information to all colleges and universities, a website is being created for the conference. On it you will find information on travel, dining, programming, accommodations, and how to contact the conference staff. Registration will be possible on the conference website starting in early November. The website's foundation has been set, but it won't be officially launched until mid-October. The website address is <http://www.reshalls.org/nwrllc>.

An exciting change to this year's conference is the addition of a community service project. With so many people coming together for the purpose of leadership, we feel it will be a wonderful opportunity to share something of ourselves with those who are less fortunate. More information about the service project will be posted on the conference website as well as sent directly to delegations in our November mailing.

Start checking the website for weekly updates and new information about the conference. The University of Idaho hosting committee looks forward to helping you "Find Your Lucky Charm" and seeing you at NWRLLC 2004 on January 30th and 31st!



ALBERTA UPDATE

Hello to our NWACUHO Housing and Residence Life colleagues from Alberta Canada. We are pleased to report that we have experienced only a handful of snowstorms to date and are fingers crossed for a repeat mild winter.

On behalf of our RLPA (Residence Life Professional Association) President, Tracey Mason (University of Alberta), I am excited to acknowledge the following association activities. In the heart of Kananaskis country, our 2003 Student Leadership Conference will take place the weekend of October 31st to November 2nd. Residence staff and hall associations will gather for this innovative leadership experience involving guest speakers, student driven workshops, and team development exercises. Approximately 90 plus student leaders participate. The conference is welcoming Constable Mark Crowell, Waterloo Regional Police, as the 2003 keynote speaker on the topic of "student ethics, values, and citizenship in higher education." A special acknowledgement for Clint Galloway (University of Alberta), Camille McFarlane (University of Calgary) and other professional staffers for committing to this worthy project.

The RLPA will host its fall business meeting at Olds College in Olds Alberta, November 20th and 21st. Contact Tracey Mason (tracey.mason@ualberta.ca) for additional details.

A few new folks and position changes to announce. The University of Calgary is excited to welcome Jim Dunsdon as Director of Residence Services. Jim is departing the University of Toronto – Scarborough Campus and begins his new role on November 3rd. The University of Alberta is pleased to welcome three new residence life coordinators, Sarah Garskey for Henday Hall, Janet Athanasiou for Kelsey Hall, and Ian Blankenberg is filling Denise Delong's maternity leave in family housing. Congratulations to Denise on her baby girl! And finally, your scribe is also changing positions. I am departing the University of Calgary and heading down the street to Mount Royal College as Manager of Residence Services on November 3rd.

A special hats off the University of Alberta for opening their new building, Schaffer Hall, on time, with 418 single rooms with private washrooms for second years, 20 guest suites, a new conference centre, and a gymnasium for residents. Very exciting.

Best wishes everyone. Get ready for Vancouver!
Joel Lynn
Alberta Representative, NWACUHO

BC UPDATE**University of Victoria:**

It's been a busy fall at UVic. Housing staff and students are surrounded by the sounds of construction as they get ready for 2004. Students have moved in to the new apartment units (116 beds), and approximately 600 more single rooms will be ready to go for next fall.

Plans for increased residence life staffing for 2004 are underway, and there will likely be some new entry-level positions at UVic for next year. Stay tuned for job postings!

Simon Fraser University:

Staffing changes are the name of the game at SFU this fall. New hires include Lisa Buckley, Assistant Director Residence Life and Derek Bideshi, Residence Area Supervisor. Maureen Kates McConnell, Residence Life Services Coordinator, will be spending the next year working for SFU's Student Development and Programming office, taking a short break from residence life.

University of British Columbia:

A successful opening day included the opening of a new traditional-style residence building, Tec-UBC House, bringing total bed space at Place Vanier residence to 1,370. A new staffing structure has been implemented, with 10 Residence Coordinator positions for UBC's two traditional-style residences for first and second year students. These entry-level positions provide supervisory and residence life experience to student staff who are interested in pursuing a career in residence life.

Staffing changes at UBC include saying farewell to Chad Elliott, Residence Life Manager (RLM) for Leadership Development and Training and welcoming Carol Young, RLM for family and staff/faculty housing. Chad is now pursuing his Master's Degree at the University of Alberta. His position has been filled by Patty Hamblar, formerly the RLM for family and staff/faculty housing.

ACUHO-I Apartments Conference:

Several folks from BC attended this year's ACUHO-I Apartments Conference. This year was the 25th anniversary for this conference and for the first time, it was held in Canada! Jan Fialkowski and Glendon Scott of SFU, as well as Patty Hamblar, Cassandra Engel and Carol Young of UBC, attended the apartments conference in Huntsville, Ontario. Interest sessions focused on everything from millennial students to working with parents and programming for family

and single-student apartments. . Next year's apartments conference will be held in Kentucky! This conference is highly recommended for anyone who runs apartment-style residences, whether for families or single students.

OREGON/HAWAII UPDATE

Eastern Oregon University:

EOU has selected Aramark as the new dining services provider for campus residences, implementing its 'Real Food on Campus' program for fall term in newly-renovated dining facilities. Another dining area renovation made way for a pizzeria, grill, deli, espresso bar, and convenience store. Eastern and Aramark have also initiated a student oriented catering service.

Todd Oldenberg has gone north to Anchorage to head up the residential life program at Alaska Pacific University.

Oregon Institute of Technology:

OIT started off its year with a new "September Bridge" program, a joint program between Housing/Residence Life and the Tech Opportunities Program. Fifteen new students arrived early on campus for a two and a half day intensive orientation on topics like math, writing skills and campus resources. Student Success Mentors, a position created last year to assist residents with academic issues, contributed significantly to the success of the new program.

Shannon Cole joined the OIT staff as the Assistant Director of Residence Life, replacing **John Hollan**, who moved to the University of Oregon's residential life program in July.

Linfield College:

Linfield opened the year with a renovated apartment complex and an additional Wellness program in one of its halls. Enrollment is up this year, resulting in 102% occupancy and the need for some overflow housing in a 9-bedroom house on the edge of campus.

Tina Dumonceaux has joined the Linfield staff as Area Director for Volunteer Services, also working with Student Apartments and the Volunteer Services Coordinator.

Oregon State University:

OSU was down to the wire again this year on having all residences ready for fall opening, with two residence halls in final stages of summer upgrade projects just days before opening. Summer projects included relining water pipes in two residence halls, replacing hallway and lounge carpeting, upgrading lounge furniture, and lots of room painting. The Weatherford Hall renovation project is in full swing, with demolition of the former dining center completed just before students arrived for fall. OSU is also working with Lorig Associates, College Housing Northwest, Mahlum Architects and Walsh Construction on a public-private renovation or rebuild of the College Inn.

Department Director, **Tom Scheuermann**, was honored recently as OSU's Outstanding Professional Faculty Member of the Year, receiving his award at the All-University Convocation at the beginning of fall term.

Steve Owens, the University Housing and Dining Services Fire Prevention Specialist, has become certified as a Fire Inspector by the International Code Council; he also completed a course this summer at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

New graduate Resident Directors joining OSU's staff this year are **Shelly Clark, Evan Hudson, Kaila LaMarche, Emily Boling, and Carly White**. After **Matt Rygg** departed to join the residential life program at Washington State University in June, **Josh Ashcroft** was hired as the full-time RD for Halsell Hall, OSU's community service learning residence. **Tim Wilborn**, a Halsell resident, appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show on October 20 to talk about how community service changed his life.

University of Oregon:

Our focus on academic initiatives and our partnership with Academic Affairs continues to grow! Our Residential Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) have increased from 13 to 23, and now include such Interest Groups as, *Painting with Sound, Shakespeare's Stage, Cultural Patterns in the Middle East*, and *Exercise as Medicine*. We employ 23 student Freshman Interest Group Assistants, with funding for the program coming from University Housing and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

Collaboration between University Housing, the Honors College, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies has created another new academic initiative in the

form of our Residential Academy. Assistant Professor Sharon Schuman serves as the Residential Academy Interim Director and is charged with creating additional living/learning connections. Dr. Schuman advises our Residential Honors Hall Advisory Board as well as another residential complex advisory board and coordinates academic programming panels around topics such as, *What Is Islam?*, *The Future of the United Nations*, *The Criminal Mind*, *Who Should be President?*, and *What is Music?*. Dr. Schuman's leadership continues to bring students and faculty together to discuss issues of global importance.

We have had three staffing changes since the last *Soundings*: **Lou Vijayakar**, formerly Director of Family Housing, has come back to her roots in Residence Life as an Assistant Director, bringing valuable experience and enthusiasm. Lou will be focusing on Professional Staff Recruitment and Training, Multicultural Connections, and Academic Initiatives. **John Hollan**, formerly of Oregon Institute of Technology, joins our staff as an Assistant Director. John will be focusing his considerable energy on Leadership Development, Programming, and Academic Initiatives. **Amy Juve**, a recent graduate of Oregon State University's C.S.S.A. graduate program, returns to UO as Complex Director for Hamilton.

University of Hawaii at Manoa:

Increased enrollment this year at UH Manoa resulted in the need to lease a large number of double rooms from a local Waikiki hotel for fall semester housing accommodations. Resident floors have residential life staff and operate like on-campus residences – except that students in this overflow housing have a pool, weekly maid service, and are only one block from famous Waikiki Beach.

The Island RAP program for RA's from the various student housing programs in Hawaii was held October 18 at Chamanade University. Participants included RA's from the host school, BYU-Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific, UH-Hilo and UH-Manoa.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

With a new fall comes new faces, new initiatives and new adventures. As we enter into the rainy season of this state, I advise you to soak up all the opportunities, as there are many!

Washington will host three drive-in workshops this fall/winter. PLU and UPS are co-hosting a Resident Director Drive-

in Workshop. PLU hosted this event last fall, and experienced great success. They hope to create an annual tradition. Also scheduled for this fall, a Drive-In Technology Conference that will market and share current trends in housing software and technology. Central Washington will host a drive-in workshop on Academic Initiatives, that is partially sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee of NWACUHO. This event will take place in January and is open to members of staff and faculty who have an interest in Academic Initiatives and living/learning environments.

There are many changes and additions to departments across the state, and several of the schools have listed information about incoming team members. Please indulge yourself in perusing the individual reports of Washington schools below. And finally, as this fall marks my second year as the Washington State Representative, my term appointment has come to an end. Thank you, I have enjoyed servicing as your representative!

Eastern Washington University:

The Residential Life Coordinators have been entrenched in staff training since August 1, 2003. There are 5 individuals who are returning to sustain the quality living environment we offer our students. In addition, 2 new professionals were hired to complete this fantastic team.

Michelle (Shelly) Gipson comes to us from Tacoma, Washington. She completed both her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. She comes to us with a variety of experiences ranging from Student Activities to Resident Director. She likes to ride horses and was part of the Equestrian Team at Clark. Shelly is assigned to Streeter Hall and will be supervising 20 student employees.

Crystal Pletka comes to us from Cross Lanes, West Virginia. She completed her Bachelor's degree from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. At Coastal, Crystal held several positions in the Residential Life Department from Conference Assistant to the Assistant Residence Hall Coordinator. In addition, she was a Science Lab Instructor to undergraduate students. Crystal is assigned to Morrison Hall, which is the Wellness Building and will be the advisor to SEAL (Students Educating about Life). We are excited to have both Shelly and Crystal on our team.

In addition to the Residential Life Coordinators, 7 Administrative Community Advisors and 55 Community Advisors/Floor Managers have been hard at work since September 2,

2003. Training has been going very well and we are very proud of the student staff and the talents that they bring with them.

The Housing and Residential Life Office moved from its former location to a brand new area in August. We are very excited because we tripled the area space which includes an ad resource/conference room for the Residential Life staff. Everyone is excited about this new arena with lots of storage and filing cabinets. Yeah!

The fall enrollment is up. Each residence hall is almost 100% full. The total occupancy is 1868, 774 males and 1094 females. We are looking forward to meeting the new and former students when we open on Friday, September 19, 2003.

Evergreen State College:

With **Linda Hohman's** retirement, **Chuck McKinney** has been promoted to the senior Residential Life position. **Andi Seabert** and **Monique Vallot** have also been promoted to newly created Area Director positions and will be supervising the Resident Director and RA staffs. As a result of these promotions, **Dionne Smith**, formerly of Baldwin Wallace College, was hired to be our newest Resident Director.

In our administrative area, **Iris Lopez** was hired to be an Office Assistant III responsible for payroll, purchasing and personnel matters. Iris previously worked in our campus Facilities Office.

Pacific Lutheran University:

The beginning of the 2003-2004 academic year at PLU brought with it one of the largest new student classes in our history.

In residential life, we are excited to welcome **Julie Johnston**, a 1999 PLU grad, to our Resident Director staff. Julie returns to us most recently from Oregon State University where she was a two-year Hall Director and received her Masters of Education in College Student Services Administration with a Counseling Minor.

We have also begun a new partnership with Academic Affairs with the creation of a Chinese House. This language and culture wing in Hinderlie Hall houses 11 of PLU's Chinese Studies students who are interested in learning more about the Chinese language and culture. The initial reports

from students and faculty indicate that this pilot program will be successful. The hope is that Chinese House is a step towards a larger International Hall on the PLU campus.

Seattle Pacific:

Seattle Pacific welcomes three new staff members this fall, **Shawn Whitney**, **Katie Krombein** and **Sonja Whitaker**.

Shawn Whitney, Residence Life Coordinator, was born and raised in the American heartland of Redmond, WA. He attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA where he received his BA in Sociology. Shawn returned home to complete his MS in Marriage and Family Therapy at SPU. He is passionate about investing in the restoration and growth of relationships. Shawn and his wife Melissa are also honored to be participants in the SPU community. Shawn enjoys tennis, outdoor activities, time with family and friends, traveling, and Sportscenter. One of his life goals is to attend all of the tennis grand slams. Shawn is drawn to Residence Life because of the opportunity to invest in the lives of college students.

Katie Krombein, Graduate Assistant, was born and raised in the Midwest. She graduated from SPU in June 2003 with a B.S. in Psychology and is now pursuing a Masters in Counseling from Mars Hill Graduate School in Bothell, WA. June was a big month for Katie, as she not only graduated, but got married as well. She enjoys spending time with her new husband, hanging out with friends, reading, and spooning. Katie is excited to be a part of the Residence Life staff to continue working with her peers and learning from her community at SPU.

Sonja Whitaker, Administrative Assistant for Residence Life, is a Seattle native. After graduating from Kings High School, she went to North Park University in Chicago, where she earned a BA in English Literature. Sonja has been married to Brian since 1991. Together they lived in Phoenix, AZ and Charlotte, NC before settling in Seattle again to raise a family. They have two kids, Emma and Jackson. When she is not working, going to church, or going to her kids soccer practice, softball practice, swim team, games, and music lessons, she likes to ski, swim, and travel. She is taking the occasional Psychology class at SPU in preparation for her ultimate goal of pursuing a graduate degree in Psychology. Sonja joined the SPU staff in 2002 and the Residence Life staff in the summer of 2003.

The University of Puget Sound welcomes several new changes this fall. With the assistance of our Debbie Chee, Assistant Director for Student Development, we have implemented a formal Community Standards process into all of our theme living areas. Approximately half of our Resident Assistant staff received focused training sessions on facilitating/developing community standards within their residences.

We have hired four new permanent Resident Directors and one part time Graduate Resident Director:

Sara Hays received her Masters of Education in spring 03 from Seattle University. Sara worked at UPS as a summer intern for Orientation and Student Activities in 2002, and we are excited to have her back with us on a permanent basis. She is the Resident Director for University, Smith and Anderson/Langdon halls, and also advises the Resident Student Association and Casino Night Committee.

Ben Hahn received his Masters degree in Education in spring 03 from Oregon State University. Ben is the new Resident Director for Schiff and Harrington Halls, which are primarily theme-based living environments. Ben is also responsible for Continued Training Sessions and January Training, and he assists with Fall Training.

Bernadette Buchanan-Mencke, joins us after working in multicultural student services at Colby College in Maine. She received both her BA and her M.ED. from Washington State University. Bernadette is the Resident Director for Todd/Phibbs hall, our largest traditional residence hall. Bernadette is also responsible for working with many of the operational procedures within Residence Life. These include room switch processes, damage billing and housing selection.

McCarren Caputa received her Masters in Education, spring 03 from Western Washington University. She is the Resident Director for Register and Seward halls, and Langlow House (the honors theme area). McCarren also assists with Staff Selection and Fall Training, and she supervises the eight Greek House Coordinators for our Greek chapters with on-campus residences.

Lexi Harlow is the new Graduate Resident Director for Trimble Hall. Lexi is a 2003 graduate of Puget Sound and current graduate student in UPS's Physical Therapy program. This is Lexi's fourth year working within the department of Residence Life, prior to this appointment she worked an undergraduate Community Coordinator for three years.

University of Washington:

The University of Washington is pleased to welcome **Clive Pursehouse** to the Residential Life staff as the Haggett Hall Resident Director. Clive, most recently a Resident Director at the University of Pittsburg, received his Masters degree from Western Michigan University.

For the third year, Lander Hall hosted new residents participating in Early Fall Start, an academic program intended to ease new first year students into college life at the UW. Approximately 250 residents moved in a month before the halls opened, and eight Lander RAs came to campus early to begin building community with these residents. The RAs provided programs focused on campus life and the city of Seattle at the rate of almost one event every day of Early Fall Start.

Construction on the Nordheim Court apartment complex for upper-class single students began in March 2002. On July 1, 2003, Nordheim Court opened its doors to about eighty students who would be the charter residents of this incredible new development. Over the course of the summer, the rest of the 450+ residents moved in. This kept Community Assistants really moving and excited as they saw the property come alive with eager college students.

Western Washington University:

Western Washington University (WWU) has hired two new Resident Directors for the 2003-2004 year as we begin our first year employing 12-month Resident Directors. **Erica Barton**, who received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and MSW at the University of Nevada – Reno, joins us along with **Alice Schwehofer**. Alice hails from Michigan where she received her Bachelor's degree in Health Science and Masters Degree in College Student Affairs Leadership from Grand Valley State University. WWU also welcomes back former Resident Director and recent Washington Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program Director **Ronna Biggs**. Ronna is serving this year as interim Coordinator for Programming and Leadership Development, a position we anticipate filling in a permanent capacity through a search process beginning later this academic year. Additionally, we are in the midst of hiring a new Director of University Residences, to fill the position **Kay Rich** will be vacating upon her retirement in early January. WWU is proud to offer its brand-new Campus Recreation Center to students and staff beginning this year; a wonderful State of the Art Facility housing Cutting Edge Equipment.

Whitman College:

Whitman College welcome new four new Resident Directors:

Jessie Crabb received her BA in 2003 from Lewis and Clark with an International Affairs major. She secured a research grant for independent study focusing on globalization and its effects on Ireland and she studied Peace and Conflict in Ireland in 2002. Jessie is from Odessa, Texas and she was an RA for three years there as well as a summer conference manager. Jessie will be in Douglas/College House/Marcus.

Lindsey Hayes is a 2003 graduate of Whitman College with an Asian Studies major. Lindsey was an RA in Lyman House and while at Whitman led two Scrambles and is a Wilderness First Responder. She has studied in both Sweden and China. Lindsey is from Roberts, Montana and is an environmentalist who eats beef.

Shannon Kirkpatrick is a 2003 Whitman graduate with an English and German Literature major. Shannon has been a Student Academic Advisor in Jewett Hall; an RA in the German House and the Senior Resident of Anderson Hall. She has studied in Germany and is from Aloha, Oregon and is a great cook.

Leann White is a 2003 Phi Beta Kappa Whitman graduate with a degree in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science. Leann was an RA in both Prentiss and Anderson halls. She was also an intern in the Career Center where she worked with internships and their database. Leann is a native of Richland, Washington.

Whitworth College:

Whitworth College welcomes new Resident Director, **Kelli Helsel**. Kelli completed her Master's degree in Student Development from Azusa Pacific University in May.



NWACUHO Resource Directory Goes On-Line!

Submitted by Dave Dettman, Assistant Director of Residence Life, Western Washington University

Have you ever been stumped finding a new fall training keynote speaker for your staff group? Or just wanted to share files, emails, and expertise with a group of persons with a like interest or need? Perhaps you'd like to start a new "user group" or "ad hoc committee" to work on some housing-related issue?

In order to provide better services and outreach to NWACUHO regional schools and institutions of higher learning, NWACUHO began compiling a list of persons willing to serve as "consultants" or "resources" on a wide range of topic areas of interest to us all. Serving as a resource contact means being willing to provide information and/or reasonable guidance to colleagues throughout the NWACUHO region either by telephone, email/web, written materials, and/or to present workshop(s) on housing-related topics. That list is now available "on-line" for you to use or to join.

If you are open to serving as an occasional resource to fellow colleagues and would like to add yourself as a resource, please go to this section of the NWACUHO website: <https://secure.nw-acuho.org/resourceDirectory/index.php> - and choose "New User". If you wish to simply access persons already within the Resource Directory, please go to the same section of the website (as listed above), choose "Search" and continue. Later on, as more users become aware of this site feature, the list of resource people will likely grow. Remember to check back periodically and to let others know about this feature. This resource has been provided to you through NWACUHO resources. We hope it will be of benefit to you.



Western District Rep. Report

Dear NWACUHO Colleagues,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are getting set to welcome in a new academic year!

Having recently returned from the ACUHO-I Annual Conference, I must first send my thanks to the many members of NWACUHO who helped make the conference a success. The opportunity to host the conference in the Western District was wonderful, and the commitment, pride and truly selfless work of numerous NWACUHO staff ensured that the conference exceeded its goals. The Las Vegas conference was attended by a record number of participants, both in terms of registrants and exhibitors, and by all accounts was a great event. I know that many of you served on the host committee, exhibits committee and/or as on-site volunteers. Bravo to you all!

The conference had a marvelous international flavor as the Sunday general session opened with a "Celebration of Nations." Flags from all countries having ACUHO-I institutional members were brought in, placed in standards, and were present throughout the conference. International attendance was high with many first time participants from Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. It made for a fair dinkum conference, mate.

The Executive Board Summer Meeting agenda was loaded with a hefty 32 items. I'll spare you all the details, but I would like to share a few highlights with you.

1. After a year of intensive review, the ACUHO-I Strategic Plan has taken shape with 5 outcomes/goals:
 - a. Clarify ACUHO-I's purposes and audiences
 - b. Enhance and improve leadership and effectiveness of ACUHO-I
 - c. Clarify member needs and expectations
 - d. Address member needs and expectations
 - e. Assess the effectiveness of ACUHO-I
2. Out of these goals, 4 initial action items were established:
 - a. A review of publications
 - b. A thorough review of how membership is solicited, developed and served
 - c. An evaluation of the work of the ACUHO-I Foundation
 - d. A review and Committee and Chair appointments
3. ASRA (United Kingdom) was welcomed as the newest region to affiliate with ACUHO-I.
4. Recent revisions to the "ACUHO-I Professional Standards" document were approved. For those of you not familiar with this document, I would encourage you to review it and use it as a part of your staff training and when

opportunities arise to do internal (or external) organizational reviews.

5. Instead of receiving monthly ACUHO-I announcements, the email will now be distributed on a weekly basis! The goal of this change is twofold: 1) Association members will receive updates in a more frequent and timely manner and, 2) regions, committees, workshops, networks, etc., will be encouraged to take a more active role in submitting updates to the Central Office for distribution to the membership.

6. The site for the ACUHO-I 2006 Conference was selected. We will be traveling to Atlanta! (Remember that next year's site is Montreal and Milwaukee will host the conference in 2005.)

7. It was determined that \$50,000 will be given to the Research & Information Committee to solicit Request for Proposals for a workforce development study. This grant is the result of continuing dialogue on how best to encourage, nurture and retain staff in the housing profession.

8. For those of you who have not yet reviewed the "AID" site (ACUHO-I Institutional Database) on the ACUHO-I web page, I'd encourage you to do so. The site has extensive information on member institutions and can be used to review programs and draw conclusions about how your university "stacks up" against your institutional peers. The site is password protected so you will need to get your User ID and Password from your CHO.

I am now entering my second year as the ACUHO-I Western District Rep, and the next region to nominate/host the Executive Board representative is... AIMHO. If you know of anyone from our neighboring region that you would like to nominate for the slate of candidates please let me know. Also, I always look forward to hearing from regional members (institutions or individuals), so if you ever have any requests, questions, concerns or positive feedback for the ACUHO-I Executive Board, please don't hesitate to send me an email at Peter.Rosenberg@wwu.edu or give me a call at 360-650-2960.

Finally, though it is still a ways down the road, I look forward to seeing you at the 2004 NWACUHO Annual Conference in February. My fond memories of last year's conference in Seattle are still fresh, and I anticipate more of the same in Vancouver! I will host a session at the conference outlining more details of ACUHO-I activities and initiatives, and I hope to see you there.

That's all for now. I wish you the best in the months ahead!
Peter Rosenberg
ACUHO-I Western District Representative
Western Washington University

Drive-In Workshop

Fine Tuning Your Engine to Successfully Host a Drive-In Workshop

By Dave Dettman, Assistant Director of Residence Life, Western Washington University

The Fall 2003 Technology and Residential Life Drive-In Workshop is here! Participation in its planning has been received with great enthusiasm and attendance numbers look promising. It is bringing together NWACUHO members interested in a very relevant topic that fills a perceived need.

The success of a drive-in day workshop such as this one suggests that it's an effective way for you and fellow NWACUHO members to share valuable information in a cost-effective, relatively convenient manner. It's also a good way for local schools willing to host a drive-in workshop to meaningfully contribute to the advancement of practices and concepts related to a housing area of interest. And it's also a great way to connect up with old colleagues, meet new ones, and discuss important (and not so important!) matters.

So, what are some key factors you should know in putting together a day workshop?

First, it's probably not going to be as difficult as it seems. To get started, one person or a small group needs an idea or vision or perhaps to have a passion about a particular subject around which the day workshop could be held. The next step is to put out general "feelers" to your potential audience to see if enough interest exists in the topic to proceed further.

You will want to line up support for your workshop in the area where it will be held. What type of facilities do you envision needing? What space requirements will there be to carry out the day workshop in the format and style that you want? It may make sense to start modestly in terms of scope (both in terms of facilities needed and number of attendees expected). After you've done it once, who knows – your day workshop may generate enough interest and enthusiasm to try it again and perhaps expand on what you've originally done.

Seek financial support. NWACUHO actively supports and encourages day workshops knowing that we're a vast region geographically and a 'drive-in' format lends itself to

the needs of many housing professionals. Is it also possible to garner support from any local schools that may be involved in putting together the workshop or (local) vendors? Even if they're not able to provide financial support, if they are able to provide resources (such as AV equipment, printing, etc.) these forms of support can greatly offset any financial costs of the workshop.

Does it still look feasible? Great! You will now want to gather a core of volunteers that can help put together the workshop. For logistics, you'll want the host institution's support (reserving room space, facilitating with parking assistance and the like). You'll also want to solicit others within the region that may have a similar passion or interest in the workshop topic. NWACUHO can help by sending out your request to its membership. Additionally, you can look up all members in your local area through the NWACUHO website (www.nw-acuho.org) on-line directory and email this subgroup. How many volunteers do you need? Probably a core group of about 8 to 10 will be plenty – depending on your workshop's complexity.

If your school has a conference operation, it may be able to assist or provide consultation regarding the functional areas to cover in planning your workshop. Generally speaking, it may look something like this:

Essential areas:

Overview Planning (format of the day, session content, flow of day's sessions. This can often be the most nebulous concept yet important to consider for keeping scope and focus)

Site (space, equipment, arrangements)

Technical (coordinating any presenter/speaker technical needs and/or "day of" logistics)

Program (call for programs, selection?, scheduling programs). This can be greatly reduced depending on the scope of your workshop.

Registration (handle participate registration, coordinate payment of monies, if any)

Budget (costs to host & cost to attendees, if any)

Others to consider:

Keynote speaker (will you want someone to 'kick off' the day? Identifying and working out any key note speaker needs)

Publications and Communication (an extra – will you need a one-page schedule of the day for participants? Will you want to do some type of feed back/evaluation?)

Food (while you may not need to provide food, you may need to look into break refreshments or the logistics of a meal site if you have a day work shop that overlaps lunch)

Entertainment (any giveaways? T-shirts? Pre senter gifts?)

a very optional area!

Logo/Theme

Evaluation and Summary (don't let the content die with you! Be sure someone writes up important information about the workshop, collects session materials, etc. and passes them along to NWACUHO. This greatly helps for the next time around and provides resources to those unable to attend). This can include photos for the NWACUHO newsletter.

You'll have to set up a timetable. What's realistic? How much time will be needed for logistics? Marketing and publicity? If your planners aren't geographically concentrated, consider building in more planning time as your ability to communicate and coordinate will be reduced.

To make a drive-in or day workshop a success you'll require a program and topic that will appeal to many people, one dealing with broad issues or a topic of extreme relevance and interest. Having a great program and speakers may not be enough. You must find an audience. That means effective marketing and appropriately timed advertising. Finally, learn from the past. Talk to those who've put on previous workshops. NWACUHO can help. NWACUHO can also help put you in contact with such people. Remember, NWACUHO is here to help – be it with financial resources, knowledge, or coordination assistance. Good luck and on behalf of the NWACUHO Executive Board, we wish you the best success!



We're ready for take off!

Good Afternoon, this is your Captain speaking. We have reached our cruising altitude. I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land... it's a bit cold outside, and if you walk on the wings it affects the flight pattern.

*We would like to call attention to one of our passengers and keynote speaker, **Jim Milina**. He is a quadriplegic paralysed from the chest down who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Eastern Africa in 2002. Jim is an extremely positive individual and one who knows, not only the power of having a dream, but also how to see it through to success regardless of what barriers and limitations may get in the way. Jim will tell us his story and describe what he considers his keys to success: teamwork; determination; resiliency; human spirit; focusing on abilities, not disabilities; and the importance of having and pursuing one's dreams.*

*Your in-flight services aboard NWACUHO Airlines will include on-line registration services, which will be available soon at www.nwacuho2004.ubc.ca. Registration fees for NWACUHO 2004 will be \$300 USD for NWACUHO member institutions and \$325 USD for non-members. The registration deadline is **January 16, 2004**. Registrations that occur after January 16 will be subject to a \$50 late fee.*

New this year! You can enter an early-bird registration draw to win a deluxe room package: a free upgrade to a deluxe room, an in-room gift basket and a massage at the resort spa. To enter, all you have to do is register by December 16, 2003!

Keep checking the website for updated information!

www.nwacuho2004.housing.ubc.ca

Call for Nominations

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Are you looking for a way to get more involved in NWACUHO? Would you like to give back to your profession? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then NWACUHO is looking for you. We need your help! NWACUHO is currently seeking nominations for elected and appointed positions.

Elected Positions:

The **President-Elect** is a one-year term position on a three-year track towards providing primary leadership for the association. As President-Elect, the incumbent is primarily responsible for the conference program and working with the host committee on the development of the year's conference. The President-Elect transitions to become the Association President in his/her second year of service with the Executive Board, and then Past-President in his/her third year.

The **Treasurer** is primarily responsible for providing fiscal guidance and advice to the organization and managing all on-going NWACUHO financial transactions and associated record keeping functions. The treasurer prepares various reports on an on-going or as-needed basis including Quarterly and Annual Financial Reports and the Annual Proposed Operating Budget as well as coordinating membership dues. The position is for a 3-year term.

The **Product & Services Coordinator** is primarily responsible for working with and acting as liaison for the numerous exhibitors and sponsors of the Association. The position is for a 2-year term, elected by the association's membership.

The **Secretary** is primarily responsible for maintaining the official records of the association, including meeting minutes, membership listings, directories, and other information. The position is a 2-year term.

Appointed Positions:

In addition to elected positions, NWACUHO is seeking interested persons for the appointed positions of state and The State & Provincial Representatives act as a liaison to members in their respective state or province, provincial representatives for British Columbia and Wash-

ington. The State & Provincial Representatives act as a liaison to members in their respective state or province, and work to represent the concerns and voice of the association's membership. Representatives also work closely with the President Elect on the annual conference program. The positions are appointed by the President-Elect for a 2-year term.

If you're interested, please fill out the form in this newsletter or contact:

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Call for Programs

This Call for Programs is an invitation to **YOU**. The success of the conference depends on your willingness to present at the conference. Since this association represents professionals from housing, facilities, business services, conferences, education, and dining, we encourage you to think about a presentation that would benefit one or more of these areas.

Please note that due to the February conference date, all program proposals are due by Friday, December 12, 2003 at 5:00 PM. Information regarding submittals will be found in the following pages.

PROGRAM PROPOSAL CHECKLIST:

1. One copy of the completed Program Proposal form.
2. One 75-word program abstract suitable for publication in the conference program.
3. Attach a program description that reviews the program's relevance to the conference. This description should be no longer than two pages. Include an outline, program, goal, time allotments, and an overview of the program.
4. Please note any special considerations needed regarding room set-up, items participants may need to bring, etc. Keep in mind that access to technology related and A/V equipment may be limited. *We encourage presenters, whenever possible, to supply their own projectors or other necessary A/V equipment for their presentation.*

Submit your program proposal(s) to the following address:

Chris Jaehne
McCarty Hall Desk, Box 354470
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195-4470
Voice: 206.685.2245
Fax: 206.543.6139
Email: jaehne@u.washington.edu

Please write if you would like a copy of the Call for Programs via email.

Program Proposal

SPECIAL NOTE: Please mark all of your materials with your name and program title. Everyone submitting a proposal will be notified regarding their status by early January either by e-mail or regular mail. **Please note that program sessions are 75 minutes long**

PROGRAM TITLE: _____

Coordinating Presenter: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Office Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____ Institution: _____

Office Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

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ABSTRACT: (Please describe your program for the conference program booklet in 75 words or less; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

LENGTH OF PROGRAM:

_____ One Session (75 minutes)

_____ Two Sessions (150 minutes)

AUDIO VISUAL NEEDS

We encourage presenters whenever possible to supply their own LCD projectors for their presentation. We will try to accommodate everyone as best we can with the two LCS projectors available. We recommend other forms of visual aides, such as an overhead projector, be used if possible.

- 35 mm slide projector with remote
- Overhead projector with stand
- Projection screen
- VCR/ TV
- Cassette player
- Microphone
- CD player
- Dry erase board with markers
- Easel
- Easel Pad
- LCD Projector

Will you need interpreter services to present your program? Yes No

If yes, what type? (ex: sign language): _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

First time presenter? Yes No

Maximum number of participants: _____

Lecture style: Round Table:

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Administrative/ Business
- Apartment/ Family Housing
- Chief Housing Officer
- Conference Services
- Facilities/ Custodial
- Food Service
- Residence Life (mid-level)
- Residence Life (new professional)
- Technology
- Support Services
- Other

SCHEDULING

Are you submitting more than one program proposal for this conference? Yes No

Please note any scheduling conflicts:

2003 NWACUHO AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

David B. Stephen Award

The prestigious David B. Stephen Award recognizes a member of NWACUHO who, over their years of service, has provided outstanding contributions to our association. David B. Stephen served this organization as President, Newsletter Editor, initiator of the Northwest Training Institute and in many other capacities during his tenure in the Northwest. Through this award, we wish to honor those who have contributed to NWACUHO with extreme dedication and spirit. This award is voted on by the NWACUHO Executive Board, and is given at the annual NWACUHO conference.

Nomination Process: Please submit a letter of nomination (maximum of two pages) describing the contributions of the nominee by January 12, 2004.

NWACUHO AWARD for Excellence in Service

The NWACUHO award for Excellence in Service is designed to acknowledge the ongoing contributions of a professional in the NWACUHO region. The award will be given to a person who has and continues to be involved within the NWACUHO region, or whose service has and continues to better the region on a national or international level. This award is voted on by the NWACUHO Executive Board, and is given at the annual NWACUHO conference.

Nomination Process: Please submit a letter of nomination (maximum two pages) describing the contributions of the nominee, especially as they relate to how this person has been and is involved in NWACUHO, and their efforts to better the region on a national or international level. Nominations are due by January 12, 2004. Submit your nomination by e-mail, letter of fax to:

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**2003 NWACUHO NEW PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
NOMINATION FORM**

Purpose: The New Professional Award is designed to make participation in the annual NWACUHO conference possible for graduate students or first-year professionals who are interested in working in housing and residential life.

What is Awarded: The award consists of a waiver of the conference fee, accommodations (room) during the conference, and reimbursement of travel expenses up to \$300 U.S. (receipts required). The 2004 Conference will be held February 15-17, 2004, in Vancouver, BC.

How Many Scholarships are Available: There are two scholarships available. One for a Candidate delegate and for an American delegate.

What's the Catch? First, someone other than yourself must nominate you. It has to be submitted on time. Nominees must either be from a NWACUHO member institution or hold an individual (paying) membership. Finally, recipients will be expected to present (co-present) a program during the conference as a condition of accepting the scholarship.

HOW CAN YOU NOMINATE SOMEONE? Simply submit the following information by e-mail, memo, or fax:

- Name of person you are nominating
- Verification (your word will do) that this person is either a graduate student or first-year professional (no more than one year beyond graduate school).
- Your name, title, and institution.
- A statement on why you believe this person should receive this scholarship

Scholarship nominations are due no later than January 12, 2004 to:

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Scholarship winners will be notified by January 31, 2004

Executive Board Member Nomination Form

Call for Nominations

I would like to Nominate: (You can nominate yourself)

Name: _____

Institution: _____

For the position of (Circle one):

President Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Complete Contact Information:

Nominated by:

Name:

Institution:

Signature:

***Feel free to make copies of this form and nominate more than one person.

Please Return Nomination Forms by November 17, 2003

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From the ‘burbs to the bush: A city slicker’s journey to rural Alaska

By *Mary L. Bankhead*

I always have wanted to lead an interesting life, even if only for a short time. So, when I began my job search last October, I kept all of my options open. No place was too far, too strange, or too anything. The only limiting factor I developed was that I would not job search in Indiana. Now, please do not understand me—Indiana has wonderful institutions of higher education with one of the most developed statewide community college systems in my opinion. I am very confident that I could have gained invaluable professional experience at any of the institutions in Indiana. However, considering the fact that I am from Indianapolis and have spent most of my life in Indiana, I questioned rather or not I would be able gain true life experience if I “went back home” for my first post-graduate position.

After months of searching on the Student Affairs websites, I decided to attend the Oshkosh Placement Exchange (OPE) because, in all honesty, who can afford to attend NASPA or ACPA on the meager wages of a graduate student? OPE, similar to SPE, MAPC, and SPE@SDSU, is a placement exchange conference that focuses on networking bachelor, graduate and masters entry-level professionals with employers seeking such individuals. The OPE openings are mainly housing positions with institutions from Midwestern states, but there a few institutions from other states, such as New York, Nevada, Washington, and, of course, Alaska.

Out of respect for employers and myself, I decided only to interview with schools with which I had sincere interest. So, I only pre-arranged interviews with 12 schools. OPE is an experience to say the least. It is a great deal of fun and excitement, yet tiring and fulfilling at the same time. After the initial round of interviews, all of the schools I interviewed with offered second interviews except for four, which made me feel good. I went on the seconds mainly the last night and the final morning, leaving OPE with prosperous hopes for future employment.

The one thing that was not discussed in OPE’s Candidate Briefing is interpreting employers and the entire process as a candidate after OPE. After OPE, six-million and four questions continuously traipsed through my mind with re-

gard to my interviews, employers, and future employment. Fortunately, I had my thesis and class work to distract me from time-to-time. My graduate advisors and thesis committee members were also very encouraging in the entire process and I am truly grateful for them and all of their efforts. Also, five of my fellow classmates attended OPE and were dealing with the same issues, so I was not totally alone with my inner turmoil. As time passed, all of my classmates who were job searching received and accepted job offers with various institutions in the Midwest. It was difficult being the last one without a position, but, reflecting back, I think there was a reason that I was the last one to obtain a position.

Many people asked, and continue to ask, why I chose to move over 4,000 miles away from home, family, and friends to an unknown place (an on-campus was not possible) that is the exact opposite of that which I am accustomed. My answer to that question is just that—I did not want to assume a position that would not challenge me in every way possible. In all honesty, none of the other positions intrigued me as much as the Residence Hall Manager position. I decided to take the position over my other job offers for many reasons. First, the position comes with really good benefits—9 month contract (SUMMERS OFF!! WOO HOO!!), really good health insurance, and the pay is very good when comparing my position to other similar entry-level positions in Student Affairs. Secondly, virtually everyone else who graduated with me chose to stay in the Midwest. I have never been one to follow the crowd and graduate school is probably not the best place to start doing that.

Also, the people I interviewed with for the position back at OPE came across as very cool, laid-back, not too high strung people—the exact type of people with whom I really wanted to work because I truly believe that the people you work with play a major part in your experience. . I also really wanted to challenge myself with my first job out of school and did not want to take the “normal” track with my career. Since the PERS program is relatively new in comparison to other more established Residence Life programs, I knew that I could make a lasting impact yet, at the same time, learn a great deal. The final reason, which resounded so loud and clear in my head as I accepted the position over dinner, was had I accepted another job offer, I would have wondered what my life would have been like had I chosen to come to Alaska—an option that simply was not.

The Inaugural NWACHUO Living/Learning Conference

January 9 & 10, 2004

Hosted at Central Washington University, Ellensburg WA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Bill Zeller, Assistant Vice Chancellor Student Housing, University of CA - Irvine. Join professional staff, faculty and students in beautiful Central Washington to learn through experiences and best practices of living-learning communities, theme houses, and academic interest areas throughout the northwest. All student affairs professionals, faculty, and students connected with living-learning communities are encouraged to attend! The program will begin at 7 p.m. on January 9 and conclude at 3 p.m. on January 10.

CALL FOR PROGRAMS

Seeking presenters for conference breakout sessions. Registration packets are in the mail. If you do not receive your packet by 11/1/03 or have questions, please call CWU University Housing & New Student Programs at 509.963.2735.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

December 5, 2003

Having been in Alaska for a full two months, I have not regretted my decision at all. Sure, there are times when I want to “just run” to Wal-Mart, “swing by” the mall to get John Mayer’s newest CD, or get some vanilla bean, cranberry juice, or bananas from the grocery store. Of course I miss city life for it has been a major part of the twenty-three years I have spent in this life. And of course I miss being away from my family and friends, especially with the time change. But, I also enjoy everyone waving as you pass them by while driving, hearing the neighboring dog mush team bark at everything that passes by “their area,” watching the Northern Lights dance across sky when they feel like making an appearance, and watching the sun set over the Yukon River. These are some of the many pleasures of small town living in rural Alaska. I am learning so much, especially from our students. Our students are very similar to many teenagers in the lower 48—very moody, extremely trendy, and not quite sure about life. But, our students are probably the most interesting teenagers with which I have ever had the pleasure of working. Our students have experienced so very much to be so young. And, truth be told, all that they have experienced has not been great by far. But, being able to know that I can play an instrumental part in their growth and development and, sometimes, be a part of the healing process, is truly the most rewarding aspect of my position. Do I think I will spend the rest of my life in Galena? Probably not. Alaska? Maybe. Who knows what lies ahead of me? Life’s path has so many bends and curves that it is impossible to predict where it will take you. But, I do know that right now, I am truly enjoying this particular turn on the road of life.

Mary L. Bankhead is a Residence Hall Manager with Project Education Residential School in Galena, Alaska. She is a summer 2003 graduate having earned her master’s degree in College Student Affairs from Eastern Illinois University. Her master’s thesis was entitled A qualitative exploration of White women in historically Black sororities at predominately White institutions in the Midwest. She can be contacted via email at mbankhead@galenanet.com





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Dr. Bill Zeller,

Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Housing
University of California—Irvine

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

5—7 p.m. Check-in/Registration

7 p.m. Keynote Speaker

8 p.m. Reception

Saturday, January 10

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. Program Showcase

9:30 a.m. Breakout Session #1

10:30 a.m. Roundtable

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Breakout Session #2

1:30 p.m. Breakout Session #3

2:30 p.m. Closing

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Best Practices
- Theory/Research surrounding Living Learning Communities
- Assessment
- Student-led Successes
- Professional and Paraprofessional Staff Supervision of Living Learning Communities
- Collaboration of Faculty, Staff and Students

COST

\$59/person — Full Package, Double Occupancy

\$79/person — Full Package, Single Occupancy if available

\$39/person — Commuter Package

Packages include Friday Reception, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and parking.

HOSTED BY

Central Washington University
University Housing and New Student Programs
400 E University Way
Ellensburg WA 98926-7513
509.963.2735

Directions & Conference Facilities



CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Check-in at Courson Conference Center. Our registration desk area has two computers for guests to check their e-mail and our lobby has a 24-hour coffee and tea dispenser where guests can read the local newspaper and enjoy a complimentary beverage.



The Munson Retreat Center offers hotel style sleeping rooms and service. Dining and meeting rooms are conveniently located in the same building. Lodging availability is limited and will be administered on first come, first serve basis.

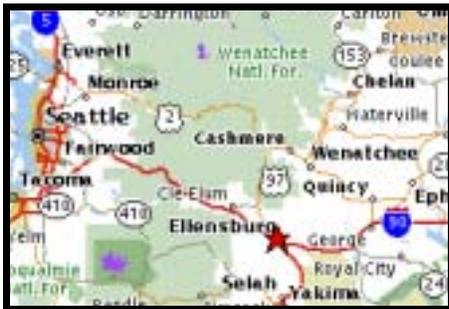
DIRECTIONS TO CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

FROM SEATTLE: Take I-90 Eastbound to Ellensburg Exit #106. Follow the road through the intersection of Main for 5 more blocks.

FROM PORTLAND: Take I-5 North, then east on I-90

FROM YAKIMA, TRI-CITIES: Take I-82 Northbound to I-90 West bound for Seattle. Take the very first exit #109 towards campus. Take a right off the off-ramp and follow Canyon Road/Main Street to 8th Avenue. Turn right on 8th and go 5 more blocks.

FROM SPOKANE: Take I-90 Westbound to Ellensburg Exit #109. Take a right off the off-ramp and follow Canyon Road/Main Street to 8th Avenue. Turn right on 8th.



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12. Wilson	29. Library	46. Campus Courts
13. Holmes	30. Language & Lit	47. Student Health
14. Barto	31. Dean	48. Power Tech.
15. Basettis Complex	32. New Science	49. Student Village
16. Hogue	33. Hertz	50. Aquatics
17. Michaelson	34. Hebler	51. Student Union



**NWACUHO Living/Learning
Conference**
January 9-10, 2004

CALL FOR PROGRAMS

Due by November 14, 2003

NWACUHO, in cooperation with Central Washington University, invites presenters to submit nominations for breakout sessions during the Living Learning Conference in January 2004. Presentations should address one of the following topics:

- ◆ Best Practices
- ◆ Theory/Research Surrounding Living Learning Communities
- ◆ Assessment
- ◆ Student-led Successes
- ◆ Professional and Paraprofessional Staff Supervision of Living Learning Communities
- ◆ Collaboration of Faculty, Staff and Students

Program Title: _____

Presenter(s): _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Program (less than 50 words, for conference booklet):

Program Outline:

Return to: University Housing & New Student Programs
Attn: LLC Conference
400 E University Way
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Ph: 509.963.2735 Fax: 509.963.1892

Presenter(s) selected will be contacted by
December 5, 2003.

Thank You

Hope this finds all of you enjoying the chaos of check in. After letting all the experiences and learning of Seattle and Vegas settle in my brain for a while, I wanted to let all of you know one more time, how much I appreciate the support of NWACUHO as an organization and each of you as individuals. I am guessing by your involvement in the organization, that you know what I mean when I say how fantastic it feels to have the support and encouragement of your peers.

I hadn't realized that ACUHO-I was quite as big as it was until I arrived at the first keynote. It was such an opportunity to meet people from around the world, and especially to connect with colleagues who also had an interest in the area of disordered eating. While I was soaking up the immense diversity of the ACUHO-I group, I have to let you know that the high point of the conference for me was when I connected with folks from NWACUHO. It was reassuring in a sea of people to see both familiar and friendly faces!

Thank you again so much, for the support, encouragement and opportunity.

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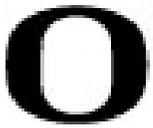
ACUHO-I Foundation

Submitted by Mike Eyster

Did you know that the ACUHO-I Foundation funds scholarships for Housing professionals to attend the National Housing Training Institute (NHTI), the annual conference and more? The Foundation also funds cutting edge research on the effects of student housing on residents. If you would like to learn more about the ACUHO-I Foundation you can check the web site at <http://www.acuho-i.org/foundation/foundnew.html>.

If you would like to support our profession by contributing to the Foundation, there is also a pledge form on the web site if you would like to support the work of the Foundation.

If you would like more information about the Foundation, feel free to call or e-mail me at (541) 346-4269, meyster@uoregon.edu



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