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northwest associate of college and university housing officers



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# a word from the president

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I recently “guest lectured” in a leadership class at Gonzaga University. The class was studying Kouzes and Posner’s *Leadership Challenge* and I was asked to lead them on the topic of “Modeling the Way.” As I reread this section of the book I synthesized their points to a three step process:

- 1) Solidify your personal values
- 2) Ensure that your values lead your actions
- 3) As a leader live by the credo of “do as I do”

While I am obviously simplifying the authors’ research, I found myself reflecting on how this truly applies to where the NWACUHO Organization finds itself as we begin the 08-09 academic year. We spent much of last

year *solidifying our values* in the creation of our core purposes (Do you remember them? If not, they are Promoting Best Practices, Providing Professional Development Opportunities, Encourage the Collaborative Sharing of Ideas, and Examine Future Trends.). We are now working to *ensure that these values are leading our actions*. You will see evidence of this throughout this issue of the Soundings, and in how the Executive and Host Committee are planning for the upcoming conference in Anchorage. Finally, it is my belief that the Executive Committee is asking everyone in the region to *do as we do*. Please nominate worthy individuals and programs for recognition, attend local drive in conference opportunities, be in communication with your state or provin-

cial representatives with ideas you have, run for one of the Executive positions that will be available in February, and make plans NOW to travel to Anchorage in February for our annual conference.

The Executive Committee has been working hard all summer and is geared up for the push to Anchorage. I am honored to work with such a committed team of professionals. Know that they are truly working to implement the vision and purpose of NWACUHO throughout the region and serve you and the housing profession on a continual basis.

Enjoy this copy of the Soundings. If you have any questions or comments or ideas for NWACUHO, please do not hesitate to contact me.

# a word from the newsletter editor

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Greetings from Alaska! I hope that this issue of the Soundings finds you well. A few months ago my friend Michael Votava accepted a new position at the University of Alaska Anchorage. In a very “un-Emily Boling-like” move I applied for his open position and less than two months later, found myself moving to Alaska.

It has been a hectic, crazy ride, but I am definitely enjoying the new challenges of working and living in Alaska. I miss all of my Oregon friends and I am truly grateful for all of the experiences I was afforded at Oregon State University. One of the things that excites me the most about my job move is the opportunity to serve on the 2009 An-

nual Conference Host Site Committee.

In the month that I have lived here, I have found Anchorage to be a fascinating town with tons of diverse entertainment offerings. So please, register for the 2009 conference and don’t forget to pack your warm clothes! I can’t wait to see you all in Anchorage in February!

register for the annual conference at [www.nwacuho.org](http://www.nwacuho.org)

# nwacuho executive board positions

information on how to get involved in the region

## **NWACUHO Executive Committee Positions:**

There are 4 positions open on the board for this coming year; President-Elect, Newsletter Editor, Oregon and Alaska representative. Becoming a board member is an excellent opportunity for anyone that is looking to expand upon his or her professional roles and fantastic way to give to the region. Many people have questions about taking on these roles, so below is some important information to know about:

### Meeting Information

- The executive board meets 3 times a year.
- Dinner costs are covered during the meetings and lunch on the full meeting day is also covered, other meals are considered "on your own."
- The meeting dress code is casual.
- Agendas are developed by the president, with input from ALL members of the board and sent out prior to the meeting.
- Flights and or other modes of transportation are taken care of by each individual and their home institutions. For members who are having difficulty covering the cost due to issues around budgets, the board may be able to assist in funding costs of travel.
- Hotel is covered during the fall and spring meeting, but during the conference it is up to institutions to cover your hotel costs.

•The fall meeting is usually held at the end of October, or the beginning of November and is held in the location of the upcoming February conference.

• Meetings begin on the first evening at 7 p.m. for group time and dinner, with meetings all the following day, and departure time around noon on the third day. There is a meeting tied to the annual conference and for this meeting we start on Friday night, meet most of the day Saturday.

• The conference runs Sunday evening through Tuesday evening's closing banquet.

• The spring meeting alternates between Seattle, WA area and Vancouver BC area. The meeting is usually in May. Typically the schedule is like the fall meeting.

For the coming year (2009-2010) the following positions are available:

### **President Elect (1-year term, 3-year commitment, elected)**

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 position is elected by the association's membership.

### **Newsletter Editor (2-year term, elected)**

The Newsletter Editor is primarily responsible for overseeing all production elements of the NWACUHO Newsletter "Soundings" which is published three times per year. Duties include coordination of newsletter production timelines, layout editorial functions and distribution. The position is for a 2-year term, and is elected by the association's membership.

### **State & Provincial Representatives (2-year term, appointed)**

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. A more complete position description may be viewed by "clicking" on the "hotlink" of the state or

provincial representative title you are interested in on the executive board contact information web page at <http://nwacuho.org/>.

### **If you are interested in any of the above positions, or in nominating a colleague for one of these opportunities, please submit the following by December 12,2008:**

\* a one page nomination statement and summary of experience for distribution to the association's membership

\* a letter of support of your involvement from your institution's Chief Housing Officer or immediate supervisor.

Note that the association has limited funds available to provide financial support for board member attendance at board meetings, and financial support from your institution is desirable. We do not however, wish to discourage member involvement based upon financial restrictions. Submit both to Dan Larson at [Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu), or mail to:

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# nwacuho annual awards

information on how to recognize someone who has been involved in the region

## Excellence in Service Award

The NWACUHO Award for Excellence in Service is designed to acknowledge the ongoing contributions of a seasoned professional in the NWACUHO region. The award will be given to a person who has and continues to be involved significantly within the NWACUHO region, or whose service has and continues to better the region on the national or international level.

## The 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, and 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 the same kind of spirit.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime achievement Award acknowledges the contributions that individual housing professionals within our region have made as leaders and mentors throughout the course of their careers, whether at NWACUHO regional institutions or elsewhere.

Nomination Process for all awards:

Please submit a one to two page letter of nomination describing the contributions of the NWACUHO member no later than Friday, January 9th, 2009. The NWACUHO Executive Committee will select the award winner. Submit to Dan Larson at [Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu) or mail to:

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# new professionals scholarship

"A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?"

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

**As a student affairs professional, what would be the last words of wisdom that you would impart on our students and on our profession about the role of a student affairs/housing professional?**

In your submission please provide insights into any applications of student development and motivational theory, trends in higher education, and the NWACUHO Core Purposes.

**WHO:** All new professionals within their first three years of professional employment. The individual must be on the full time or graduate staff member at a NWACUHO affiliated institution.

**WHAT:** NWACUHO New Professional Scholarship

**WHEN:** Deadline is January 9, 2009 to Richard DeShields, NWACUHO President-Elect, [deshielr@cwu.edu](mailto:deshielr@cwu.edu)

There will be two winners of the NWACUHO New Professional Scholarship. We will choose an American winner and a Canadian winner. The recipients of this award will receive a waiver of the conference fee, accommodation during the conference, and reimbursement of travel expenses up to \$500 USD. The two winners will co-present their papers at the regional conference in Anchorage, Alaska and will also submit an article for the NWACUHO Soundings newsletter for the edition that will be published following the conference.

Nominations will include the response to the stated question and a letter of support from the individual's host institution. The criteria will include the ability to address pertinent issues in student affairs/housing and perceived potential of the individual in the housing profession.

## **NWACUHO Best Practices Request for Proposal**

The Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers recognize the importance of identifying our institutions that are leading our profession in programs, technology, innovations, policies and procedures.

The Association invites our member institutions to submit bids for evaluation in the area of  
**Sustainability.**

**Format:** Bids will be developed in a PowerPoint Presentation, with a clear content index, referencing each content requirement section.

### **Content Requirements:**

- Executive Summary
- Program Elements
  - Resident Education
  - Use of alternative energy
  - Use of recycled products
  - Purchasing practices
  - Facility maintenance practices
  - Certifications
  - Demonstration of progressive practices
  - Creating a culture of awareness and activism
- Supporting documents/Examples
  - Relevant research
- Assessment of desired outcomes
- Other?

### **Evaluation Process:**

Whereas “best practice” is not decided based on quality and readability of the bid, it is critical that the presentation clearly articulates the elements of the practice, and be succinct PowerPoint presentation should be a self-guiding presentation, no longer than 5 minutes.

Evaluation will be based on the scope and depth that program addresses each content requirement.

Bids will be evaluated by a panel of seasoned housing professionals practicing within the field relevant to the Best Practice topic. Please submit proposals to Dan Larson at [Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Dan.Larson@oregonstate.edu) by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, for consideration.

### **Award Process:**

Acknowledgement of the institution of the “Best Practice” will be identified prior to the Annual Conference. Attendance at the conference is not required for proposal consideration. The awarded institution will have their presentation shared at the annual conference, and be recognized during the Association Business Meeting.

**www.nwacuho.org**

# annual conference program proposals

Please submit online program proposal at: <http://www.nwacuho.org/?ProgramProposal>

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Presenters will be notified of program acceptances before January 23, 2009. All presented materials may be posted on the NWACUHO website and by submitting a proposal you are giving permission for the NWACUHO programming committee to submit information at [www.NWACUHO.org](http://www.NWACUHO.org)

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## ask shevan advice column

Ask Shevan is a column designed to provide resources and information to housing professionals working in the North West Region. Questions can be asked by sending an e-mail to [askshevan@nw-acuho.org](mailto:askshevan@nw-acuho.org). Shevan will aim to answer all questions in upcoming additions of the Soundings Newsletter.

Dear Shevan,

I am a new professional in the north-west region and I do not know anyone yet. I'd really like to connect in with a seasoned professional in the region in order to feel a part of something larger. Where should I start?

Feeling Lost in the North West

Dear LITNW,

First of all, don't stress. What you

are experiencing is not unlike many others within the region. The North West region is a friendly region – if you don't believe us check out the pictures on the website. There is a sweet picture of the Oregon Rep as a Pirate!

The best way to feel a part of something larger is to get out there and start talking to people. The first place is to look within your institution. Who are you working with? Can your supervisor recommend anyone in the department with whom you can connect with? Chances are they know at least one to two people who would love to speak with you about their experiences and how to become involved in the region.

Another place to look is on the NWACUHO Website ([www.nwacuho.org](http://www.nwacuho.org)). On this site you can find contact information the executive board who oversee committees; you

may be particularly interested in the New Professional Committee which aims to build connections between new professionals within the region.

Another great resource is your State or Provincial Rep. Typically, these individuals know many people around your State/Province and in other area's as well. In our history, all of the State/Provincial Reps are really easy people to talk to, and LOVE receiving phone calls, Instant Messages, or Facebook pokes. Please call them!

Last but not least, don't be afraid to talk to people. If you're at a conference, a drive-in or participating in a webinar; get out there and build those connections.

Good Luck!

Love,  
Shevan



We hope the new academic year has started off well for you! October was National Careers in Student Affairs month. As you reflect on your collegiate experience, you may recall a specific mentor that supported you along the way. You may wonder about how they started their career as a Student Affairs Professional. When you look at the college catalog, you won't see "Student Affairs" as a major, but that is the strength of our field. We have professionals from various backgrounds! If you have always wanted to work with students, then this could be the field for you! Most folks in this profession either (1) earn a post-graduate degree or (2) start working! If either of these peak your interest, The Placement Exchange (TPE) in Seattle is for you!

The Placement Exchange is a placement event for candidates and employers, but TPE also has a year round on-line placement service. This year's placement event will be held March 5-8, 2009 in Seattle, just prior to the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) annual conference. Last year there were over 400 Universities and Colleges on site and over 10,000 interviews were conducted. TPE offers one stop shopping for the next step in your career and that is hard to beat.

For more information, please explore the website at <http://www.theplacementexchange.org/>. We hope to see you in Seattle!

Best Wishes,

The Placement Exchange

## Alaska Pacific University

“It has been a full summer of transitions and renovations at APU. Firstly, a number of exciting changes in our professional housing staff has occurred. Meg Gregory, APU’s previous Director of Housing, recently relocated to Del Rio, Texas for an extended “sabbatical” as she likes to call it. Now filling her role, Ben Hahn is the Director of Campus Life for Residential Programs. Joining the Campus Life team is Liz Steinborn, Assistant Director for Residential Programs and Activities. Liz is an APU alum and previously held a staff position in APU Admissions. Also, joining us from Eastern Washington University is Sonja Olson, who is now serving as our Assistant Director for Student Development and Safety. All three are excited to be working in their new positions, steering the department in new directions, and getting to know the new resident population.

In expansion news, five of our suite style housing units have been completely upgraded; adding 20 beds to our roster. With APU currently at the close of our month-long Fall Block, our new and enlarged resident student body is courting with enthusiasm for the new on-campus program curriculum. Liz and Sonja recently hosted a 24-Hour Leadership Relay retreat with full participation from our first year class. We have also seen a large influx of involvement in our Resident Hall Council organization and we are sending our first delegation to PACURH in many years.

As with last year’s tradition, APU teamed up with University of Alaska Anchorage’s Residence Life Staff for some student staff co-training. Many new cross campus RA bonds have been made, including some friendly competition oriented programs like touch football and soccer. We are also excited to be working with UAA and other Alaskan colleges and universities in hosting the 09 NWACUHO regional

conference in Anchorage, Alaska. We have a lot of great things in the mix and we look forward to sharing the Alaska experience with you in the spring. We hope to see you there.”

## University of Alaska Anchorage

The University of Alaska Anchorage has many new professional staff members on board. Tashina Cavasoz is our new East Hall / Templewood Residence Coordinator. Tasha comes from Sitka, Alaska and has previous experience working with timi tullis at Mt. Edgecumbe High School’s residential program. Samantha Callister is our new North Hall First Year Experience Coordinator who has three years of prior experience at UAA as a Resident Advisor. Tasha and Sam take the places of Kerry Day who has taken a new job in Wisconsin and Jeremy Davis who has taken a new job in California.

Michael Votava is transitioning from his role as Associate Director of Residence Life at to a new role at UAA as Assistant Director of Student Judicial Services. As Michael transitions out, Emily Boling will transition in as the new Associate Director of Residence Life. Emily comes from Oregon State University.

Manch Garhart joins TJ Miller as a new staff member in Housing’s Recreation and Activities Program which offers many outdoors trips and recreational programs throughout the semester. Within hours of opening on-line reservations for the fall 2008 activities, all events were filled to capacity and all activity sign ups were closed.

UAA, APU, UAF, UAS, PWSCC, KPC, and AASB all participated in an Alaska Drive-in / Fly-In Conference held at UAA on August 4-5. Close to 30 participants spent time touring the APU and UAA campuses and sharing best practices from each institution.

## University of Alaska Southeast

Student Housing is full to capacity this fall, showing a recovery from last year’s 35% drop in first-time freshmen in residence. The number of Alaska Scholars has doubled, as well as the number of PITAAS freshmen in Housing. Stephanie Self replaces Kenner Barnes as the Residence Hall Coordinator & Summer Conferencing Coordinator, coming to us from Western Kentucky. Stephanie brings experience and education in Student Affairs as well as management experience in the hospitality field.

The university plans an extensive remodel and refurbishment of the apartment buildings during the upcoming summer, which will take several of the campus’ total 294 bedspaces offline. The apartments are slated to receive new roofing during summer 2009 as well. The department will be assessing its current staffing levels and summer conferencing operations during the academic year, expecting some organizational restructuring and hopefully the addition of new positions. Currently less than three FTE professionals are employed to coordinate all residence life, housing, and conferencing functions at UAS. In the meantime, a full-time administrative assistant will be added to the staff for the remainder of the year until new positions are proposed and approved for FY10.

Ms. Jennifer Bosley has been hired as the live-in Student Wellness & Peer Education Coordinator of the department’s residential-based wellness program. Jennifer is a licensed counselor with extensive experience in substance use assessments, preventative education, and treatment.

The UAS staff looks forward to assisting UAA in hosting the 2009 NWACUHO Annual Conference in Anchorage, and hopes to see many of you there!

Compiled by Michael Votava  
Alaska Yukon Representative

# ALBERTA state and provincial updates

## The University of Alberta

The school year at the University of Alberta has gotten off to a tremendous start. The Residence Life Leadership Team, particularly Chelsey Brokop who headed the efforts, has worked hard on a more intentional and systems wide orientation program. We collaborated with our student staff and student associations to generate area specific programming which addresses four common orientation goals. These goals included community, safety and wellness, academics, and personal development. Each goal was linked to three or more specific learning outcomes and will be followed up with surveys and other assessments. We are confident that the information we collect will guide us in developing these programs.

We presented two systems wide orientation programs for all of our new residents. Mike Domitrz presented "Can I Kiss You?" a presentation on healthy dating, communication, respect and sexual assault awareness and, as usual, was very well received by students. Jim Matthews visited for the first time to tell students about "Beer, Booze, and Books" a frank presentation around alcohol use and university to give students more information to guide their decisions around drinking.

There were a few staffing changes at the UofA, we were sad to say goodbye to three Residence Coordinators: Tonia

Ness, Alan Krause, and Melodie Sanford, we wish them the best in their future endeavors. Our new team members Brianna Murphy, Kelli Hewins, and Brett Phillips have had a great start in Lister and are bringing fresh ideas and great energy to the team. Brett Phillips and Chris Fukushima have taken on Residence Area Coordinator roles in addition to their RC duties. We are looking forward to a strong and fun year in residence life this year!

We are offering a new residential cohort this year in partnership with the Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences which will build on the experiences we have had with our Science cohort.

Last year the University of Alberta engaged the services of the architectural and planning firm Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas + Company to help us produce a study with comprehensive recommendations for the future of the University's residence system. We have been through several drafts of the study report and are now engaged in a major review of the latest draft with a variety of stakeholder groups. Once this is complete, the (quite possibly re-written) study will make its way through the University's approval processes and ultimately become part of its Long Range Development Plan.

We are in the process of trying to retain a private company to finance, build and manage

two new residences, a graduate student residence and an aboriginal student residence. The model for the second one would actually be a facility that would house both aboriginal and non-aboriginal students so that they can learn from each other. (The understanding we have with the companies bidding on this project is that the University will run the Residence Life function in these two residences.)

## Red Deer College

Red Deer College is busy planning capital maintenance projects thanks to a \$4.37 million infrastructure investment announced last month by the Government of Alberta. This funding is part of a larger announcement made by Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. \$155 million will be shared amongst 12 post-secondary institutions in Alberta, including RDC. "We are extremely pleased with the continued support from the Government for enhancing the learning opportunities and environment for the students of Red Deer College, and Alberta. As the Minister has stated, the environment a student learns in has a great effect on their success," says Ron Woodward, President of Red Deer College. Red Deer College plans to use the funding for various infrastructure renewal projects around campus such as energy conservation projects, improving air quality and general overall upgrades to the facility.

RDC opened a new chapter in its history early this September as staff and community members celebrated the reintroduction of the College with the reveal of its new brand. With a more clearly defined identity, RDC is better prepared to showcase its competitive advantage to future students and prepare them for success in a variety of careers. The most visible examples of RDC's new brand include our new logo and tagline ('When you get here you understand') assuming a more professional, consistent and cohesive look and feel with how we present ourselves to the public. RDC's Marketing and Communications Department, with the extensive help of Indigo Ice, RDC's strategic marketing partner and agency of record, were charged with the task of this brand re-vitalization process. The College's Leadership Team had come to realize that Alberta's post-secondary landscape was changing and this change warranted a more proactive stance in market positioning and recruitment.

Another major change for RDC this year was the introduction of "The Loop". "The Loop" is RDC's new web portal (based on the Luminis Platform) that provides personalized access to web services. "The Loop" is customizable so that the information and tools you need and want are available when you log in (such as Banner, Blackboard, College email, Account infor-

mation and other services that you would usually need separate log-ins for). In this aspect “The Loop” was created to be a one-stop-shop for web-browser related needs. All registered students, faculty and staff have access to course information, group tools, campus life, work life, personal calendars, email, and more... anytime, anywhere. This is especially useful when you are away from the campus or working at home and need to access RDC information or services as access to “The Loop” is found on the homepage of RDC’s website.

## NAIT

A lot is happening at Fairview NAIT Residence. Recently the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Doug Horner, met on May 14 with the public members of the boards of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC), and Northern Lakes College (NLC). The purpose of the meeting was to explore how best to provide postsecondary learning opportunities in northwest Alberta. Under the Roles and Mandates Policy Framework which was approved by government in November, there are new ways to ensure that the post-secondary system is responsive and aligned to meet the needs of learners, the economy and society. As of July 01, 2009 NAIT Fairview Campus will become a part of GPRC.

It was only a few

years ago that we transitioned from Fairview College to NAIT and we are experts in transitioning! We are excited for the new connections we will be making with staff at GPRC and we have already met together on a few occasions and enjoyed sharing time with people who have “walked a mile in our shoes!” Residences for the fall are close to full occupancy and it is nice to be operating at full staff (the first time in four years) with a new group of students. This year should be an exciting one for us and we hope to catch up with you all at the conference in Alaska!

## Mount Royal College

Mount Royal College has had a smooth move-in process despite the many job transitions that occurred this summer. In residence, we are excited to have our hallways full of students once again. For the second year we have filled residence and maintained a waitlist and for the first time in a while we are fully staffed and excited to welcome Oyin Oladejo and Shane Gorman to our Front Desk operations. Mount Royal College is now into the implementation phase of our University transition with the addition of 6 new degree programs offered this Fall. Finally, in residence we have completed the third and final phase of our east renovation project. The project was a huge success finishing on time and under budget and the newly renovated units have been well received by all of

our students and staff.

## The University of Calgary

Hello from Calgary! Our fall term has been going very well, starting with a very successful move in on September first. We’re very happy to have Julie Guindon on board as our new Residence Life Coordinator in Kananaskis Hall. Julie comes to us from St. Francis Xavier University and has been doing great things since her arrival.

Our \$53 million hotel and residence project is scheduled to open on August third, 2009. This will be the university’s first major hotel operation. It’s designed to support an aggressive and expanded casual traveler and conference guest business plan. A \$6 million plan was just approved to complete major interior and building systems upgrades to our two oldest, traditional style residence towers.

The university is completing a feasibility study on a new 600 bed hybrid-dorm style building that will go to our Board of Governors in late fall for review and approval.

We are excited to be adding more on line functionality to our ONE-card (formerly the Campus Card).

A very exciting event that will be happening on our campus is the Third Annual Canadian Conference on Student Leadership. This is happening from November 13 to the 16. If any Canadian institutions would like more information about this conference, please

contact Gareth McVicar at 403-210-9611 or at gmcvicar@ucalgary.ca.

Best wishes to all as we move through fall term!

## The University of Alberta (Augustana Campus)

Hello from the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta! Our year got off to a great start with 350 residents moving into our First Year and Ravine Complexes. We kicked off the year with a successful orientation, including events such as the New Student Conference where first year students learn about campus and being a university student, the annual Freshman Bowling trip and a fun game of Mission Impossible. Augustana’s annual theme this year is From Field to Fork: Talking and Learning about Food, and every student received a copy of Barbara Kingsolver’s Animal, Vegetable, Miracle. In order to get students excited about the book, the residence community hosted read-ins, where faculty and staff came into the residence lounges, were fed cookies and milk (direct from the cafeteria!) and read sections of the book. The events were a huge success, and drew many students out to the book panel held in the middle of September. Also in September the Augustana cafeteria hosted a local food supper, where the roast beef, corn on the cob, carrots, salads, rolls and desserts were all grown locally in the province of Alberta.

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We are also excited to introduce a new student leader position, the Extra-Curricular Community Service-Learning Coordinator, in addition to our three Hall Coordinators and twenty-one Resident Assistants. The ECCSL Coordinator is responsible for bringing community service-learning opportunities to our residence students. 2008-2009 got off to a great start, and we look forward to more of the same as fall turns into winter!

## SAIT

It's finally here! SAIT is finally able to boast that the Tower is complete! The Tower adds an additional 720 units to the 456 already in place in East Hall. Eight conference rooms, 1 study room, games room complete with pool, air hockey, foosball, table tennis and a card gaming table, and 15 common areas for studying or lounging, each with their own flat screen television. The building was set for completion in August of 2008 but due to construction set backs was unable to open the doors until May of 2008. It was a long time coming and a welcome addition! Opening through the summer

months gave staff plenty of time to "work out the kinks" as the leasing staff was preparing to fill the building by August! Leasing has been going well with approximately only 5% of the units left to fill as of September 2008. The push to fill is on and the leasing staff is looking to have the both buildings completely filled over the next month. With so many new projects popping up around SAIT's campus, it is finally nice to know that our portion is done!

With the addition of the building SAIT Residence was happy to welcome Josh Hassall as the new Assistant General Manager (Leasing) and Rebecca Mayhew-Lear as our new Leasing and Conference Coordinator. Josh and Becky have been busy with the additional leases but have easily slid into their positions and doing what it takes to get the students in!

As the Residence Life Department more than doubled in size with Community Assistants, the relief came as Stephanie Woods was hired for the Resident Director position. Stephanie had been a CA for the past year and was a shoe-in for the position. Bringing with her an

advanced level of maturity, great supervision skills, tons of programming ideas and an all around fantastic personality! She has been a breath of fresh air for Carmen Hintz - AGM (Residence Life), and Carmen is looking forward to all of the ideas that they can bring to the table together.

All in all, SAIT Residence is doing well! The opening of the building has been a bit trying on all of us and as we continue to tread into slightly unknown territory, the people around make this an easy task to handle!

## Lakeland College

Wow, it's been a great summer. It seemed to come and go in a blink of an eye. This summer, the Lloydminster campus hosted the 2008 Saskatchewan Regional Colleges Conference. It seems as though that conference ended and Lakeland started getting ready to host the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer games. The Lloydminster campus became Athletes Village for a week.

On the Vermilion campus, there were fire etc. students living on campus for the entire summer. There were also numerous

camps that ran throughout the summer. A brand new group of 15 RAs arrived for training the week before the full time students moved in. They are a tremendous group and are having a lot of fun in their new roles. On August 31st, 156 students and 40 students with families moved into residence at the Lloydminster campus. The next day, 512 students moved into the residence on the Vermilion campus. Both campuses are once again buzzing with activity.

The students moving into Zeta dorm on the Vermilion campus were even more excited than most. This summer, Zeta received a makeover. Its summer makeover included new floors, doors, windows, heating, plumbing, kitchens, bathrooms, and a card lock system. The students love the new renovations. By the end of October, we hope to have Gamma dorm completely made over. The students can hardly wait to move in. Renovations will continue on the remaining dorms on the Vermilion campus and we are looking forward to all of the new makeovers.

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**Simon Fraser University** It has been a busy summer preparing for the arrival of all the new students. We were happy to see that we were full again this year with record numbers of applications. This summer has been a busy one preparing for many new initiatives, staffing changes, and facilities challenges.

First and foremost we are pleased to have welcomed a new staff member to the Residence Life Family, Brenda Slomka. Brenda joins our team as the Residence Area Supervisor for the traditional buildings, taking over for Ella Wong who left for a job with UBC recruitment. Brenda comes to us from Queens where she has worked as Residence Life Coordinator for the past three years. Brenda brings with her a vast knowledge of student government and leadership development. We are excited to welcome Brenda to the SFU team and she looks forward to meeting fellow members of NWAUCHO at the various events and conferences.

An exciting piece of news is that we are well on our way to the rehabilitation project of our graduate building, Hamilton Hall. The project is a repair of the building envelope as well as complete remodel of the interior (new floorings, bathrooms, kitchens and furniture). The project is expected to be completed for May of 2009.

We have introduced many new initiatives this year to our residence complexes. The most notable

would be the introduction of our **Living Learning Communities**. After completing a needs assessment it was decided to introduce 4 communities this fall. We began by working to create partnerships with various student services as well as faculty stakeholders. We hired Living Learning Liaisons who are working with our campus partners to program and provide support to the four various communities:

- Faculty of Science Floor: floor for first year students enrolled in faculty of science courses.
- Faculty of Arts and Social Science: floor for first year students who have registered in 2 of the top 5 arts and social science courses.
- Green Living: section within our upper division building for students who share a passion for reducing their environmental impact.
- Faculty of Business: for students enrolled in the various business administration programs.

We have worked with our advising team to monitor the success of these LLC's by comparing their academic success through our Student Information Management System. We are hoping that we see quantifiable evidence and support for the program so that we can grow it in the future.

With the introduction of the recent provincial environmental regulations residence and housing has begun to introduce some exciting initiatives to help

reduce SFU's environmental impact one resident at a time. Some key initiatives are:

**The Attic** -This summer we unveiled a residence Thrift Shop. This is an initiative proposed, developed and organized by one our student leaders Ms. Josina Vink. She had watched over the years as vast amount of quality used items were being thrown out each year. Her experience told her that many residents could use the "stuff" that was simply being tossed away. Wanting to reduce the amount of useable household goods that were destined for the landfills, she started the Attic. Students can donate used belongings, where they will be washed and displayed in a space in residence. Students who want or need items can visit the store front to gather what they need for a small donation (not required though). We are happy to report that during move-in the Attic was completely emptied and brought in almost \$400 in donations. We are excited to see how this service has helped students as well as reduced the amount of waste going to our landfills from residence.

**Tupperware in Residence** -Thanks to kind donations from SFU's Health Promotions team, Chartwells and Residence and Housing, we have introduced a Tupperware program in our dining hall. Each student on a meal plan received a free Tupperware container, set of cutlery, and a pamphlet on

eating well on a meal plan. Students planning to eat on the go can ask for their meal to be placed in a Tupperware container, take the cutlery and eat their meal anywhere they wish. They can then return this to the dining hall to be washed and reused once again. This program not only will help reduce the amount of styrofoam and plastic being discarded, but the pamphlet has provided tips to students on how to eat well and cost effectively on a meal plan. The buzz around this program has been wonderful. Students are happy to have a method to make an environmentally friendly choice when eating on the go.

**RezWatch** – While not a sustainability program, it is a program we are proud to introduce. RezWatch is a community-based crime prevention program that is based upon the BlockWatch model. Through partnerships with SFU Security and the Burnaby RCMP we have introduced the program throughout our residences. Darren Baker, an SFU student, developed the program to help students in residence take responsibility for protecting their homes and fellow community members from the senseless crimes that can occur. Participation is simple and the rewards are endless. Participants learn tips on how to secure residence, identify and report suspicious activity, identify ways to protect personal property, receive emails on crimes that have occurred on campus, get to know

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neighbors and ultimately develop a strong sense of community. Each participant will get a sticker to put up on their door to their room to serve as a visual deterrent and reminder that residents in the area are paying attention in their residence. We hope to see a reduction in the number of incidents of property crime in residence as a result of the great new student lead program.

## University of the Fraser Valley

The big news here is that the British Columbia government made us a full-fledge university and we dropped the word "college" from our name. This may have helped increase the number off people at the institution as well as we saw our occupancy rise this year as we entered into our second year of operation in the new residence.

We are excited to have Elicia Tournier join us after her maternity leave. We had a great first summer experimenting with student summer housing and our first conference season. We had a great move in and Orientation week of welcome as we celebrated our new name and identity as a University.

## University of Victoria

New Programs- UVic Residence Life has started a new program this year called "PEAK UVic". The Peak program is a class for first year students which has a combination of aspects that help students "do well" academically and "be well" in a more holistic

sense. The content is quite linked to the first year academics of students -and pilot studies show a statistically significant increase in student's GPA's as a result of participation. The course is based around small group interaction and meaningful conversations about the issues that are current in a first year student's life. We'll be excited to share more after the first group of student's graduates from our class!

**S t r u c t u r e**  
Changes- We are in the first few weeks of a new staffing model -one which separates out the student behavior portion of the traditional RA job from the programming /peer helping side of the job. It means we have more roles in our department -which gives us the opportunity to tailor our recruiting and training for the positions. The positions that enforce community standards are generally folks who are a little more experienced and don't necessarily live in residence, which we are hoping will mean that they will not have some of the challenges enforcing rules with their peers that RA's have traditionally had. Also, it means people who are drawn to RA type roles because they love programming or peer helping can focus more on those aspects without the challenge of the student behavior.

**Staff Changes-**  
We are delighted to welcome Glynnis Morgan to our team at UVic. Glynnis went to high school in the Victoria area but left to

complete all of her undergraduate work in Ontario. We are happy to report that upon graduation the West Coast was calling her and she is our newest Residence Area Coordinator.

Zoe Woods, who was previously a Residence Area Coordinator at UVic (as well as former Soundings editor!) is our new Coordinator of Community Standards. Zoe brings a wealth of experience from Laurier, U of Alberta, and of course, her time at UVic and we are looking forward to her newest set of contributions to Residence Life at UVic.

## Changes at UBC

Residence Life at the University of British Columbia has undergone some staffing changes over the past few months. We were joined by four new team members throughout the summer. Emily Webb and Shari Walsh have joined the team as Residence Life Managers at UBC Okanagan. Shari and Emily both hail from Ontario. Emily is an alumna of the UBC Residence Coordinator program and has also worked as an Intern with the Programming Resource Centre within UBC Residence Life. Before joining the Residence Life team at UBC Emily attended the University of Waterloo where she was a part of the UW Residence Life Staff and got her BA in Psychology and Business, with a specialization in Human Resources Management. Shari completed her Masters in Student Affairs Administration at Michigan

State University in May 2008. While she was there she worked as the Assistant Hall Director in two Living Learning Communities. Prior to moving south of the border, Shari attended Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario and received her undergraduate degree in History. While a student at Trent Shari was actively involved in student life as the introductory Seminar Week Coordinator.

Joining us at UBC Vancouver are Cate Rankin and Kate Ferguson. Cate is the Residence Life Manager at Place Vanier and an alumna of UBC. Before becoming part of the Residence Life team in August, Cate worked as a Student Development Coordinator here at UBC where she focused on Orientations and the Vice President, Student Emerging Leaders program. Kate Ferguson, the Assistant Director Residence Life, comes to us from the University of Guelph where she had been working as a Residence Life Manager. Kate brings 5 years of experience in the field, both at Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Also at UBC Vancouver, Evan Hilchey has transitioned into a new role as the Residence Life Manager for Fairview and Thunderbird residences, as has Woo Kim who is initiating the role of Program Resource Centre Coordinator.

## Residence Life Collaboration

Last year UBC Vancouver

and Okanagan embarked on a journey of collaboration and knowledge sharing when the UBC Vancouver Advisors hit the road to join the UBC Okanagan Advisors at their campus in Kelowna. The partnership resulted in the desire to continue to build on the program and bring the two training programs together even more. The result for this year's Advisor Orientation was even more integration, networking, and consistency.

This effort at collaboration required lots of planning as the two campuses don't have a whole lot in common. The UBC-V staff is 165 people strong while the UBC-0 staff is a bit smaller with 40 staff members. Also, the UBC Vancouver campus just celebrated its 100th year and is therefore a bit more established than the Okanagan campus which is going into its 4<sup>th</sup> year as UBC Okanagan.

Emily and Shari,

our colleagues from UBC-0 joined the Residence Life Managers in Vancouver for planning meetings, and also collaborated through conference calls. Emily and Shari returned to Vancouver to take part in Residence Coordinator training during early August to give our senior student staff the opportunity to get to know them and to recognize them as part of the larger UBC professional staff. The UBC-V crew left Vancouver on a sunny Thursday morning and spent 4 great days at the UBC-0 campus. Our staff members stayed together, ate together, learned together, and played together - creating true partnerships between the two campuses. When the UBC-V gang returned to Vancouver, UBC-0 joined us and they had the opportunity to take part in more sessions as well as explore the city of Vancouver. Our student staff members enjoyed the collaboration and had this

to say:

"An amazing transformative experience where I learned a lot about myself and others and made a ton of memories along the way! The UBC-O campus was fantastic; it had breathtaking views and sights, all in a small, intimate setting. Everyone that goes there is truly privileged! The UBC-0 advisors were great to work with, and welcomed us with open arms. It would be great to connect with them again later in the year!" - Kevin B., 1st year RA, UBC Vancouver

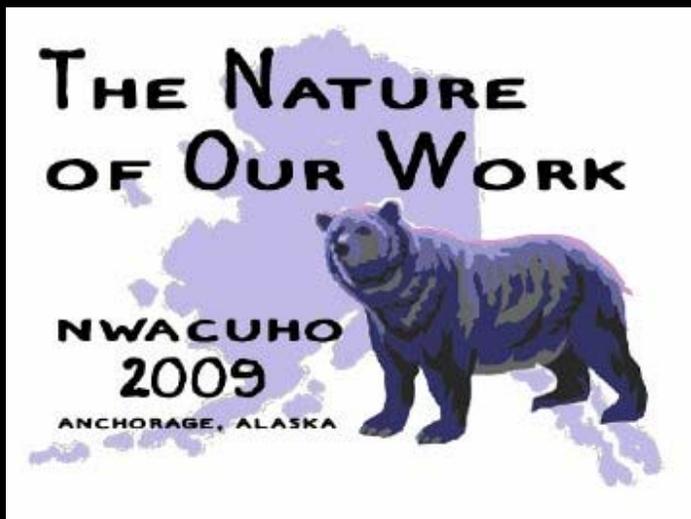
"Yes, I enjoyed training with UBC-V. They are such a diverse group of people and it was so cool because we all had something in common. It is exciting to be a part of a group of 40, but to be involved with a group of that size was a really neat experience. Also, they have a lot more background experience since UBC-V has

been around so long so it was great to collaborate ideas and hear some of their stories and experiences." - Whitney R., 1st year RA, UBC Okanagan

"I thought that going to Kelowna was a great experience because we got to interact with the UBC-0 advisors. It was a different atmosphere than staying in Vancouver. The residences and all the facilities were really nice and we took advantage of them really well. The Coffee house is always my favorite part. I love it!" - Diana M., 2nd year RA, UBC Vancouver

This collaborative effort was most definitely a success that allowed our student staff from the two campuses to work together and share ideas. It's an endeavor that we will absolutely be continuing in the future!

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**Seattle Pacific University** We are breathing deep in these early fall days as the quarter gets underway at Seattle Pacific University, after six full weeks of staff training and new student orientation. Ready to get into the rhythms of the academic year, our Residence Life staff is a balance of new and returning staff with great experience and enthusiasm. Two new Residence Life Coordinators come to SPU by way of Geneva College in Pennsylvania; Jennifer Reill (an SPU alum and former peer advisor in our department) and her colleague Brian Jensen (a Bethel University, St. Paul, MN, graduate) earned their Masters degrees in Higher Education while working in residence life at Geneva College. We thank Jenn for the great marketing and recruiting she did on our behalf! Our new Assistant Residence Life Coordinator, Dayspring Schlachter, got her feet wet in Student Life at SPU through interning in Student Programs as part of her graduate work at Seattle University where she is working on a Masters in Student Development Administration. We are happy that she decided to stick around and join Residence Life while she completes her program. Additionally, SPU senior and 2007-08 Residence Life Intern, Jessica Miller was promoted to a new Hall Advisor position where she works closely with the Hall Council, sharing her wisdom-gained-by-experience with student leadership, and

inspiring our staff with her love for learning and willingness to charter new territory along with us. Returning staff includes four second year Residence Life Coordinators – Lynnea Common, Levi Davenport, Zach Hartman, and Scott VanderWal – and our fifth year veteran, Paula Green, completing the team. With too many years of experience to sum up here, Kimberlee Campbell, Director and Chief Judicial Officer, along with Leigh Hopkins and Sharon Barr-Jeffrey, Assistant Directors, give this dynamic staff direction, support and encouragement along the way.

After all the welcoming, training and opening activities, we are pleased to move forward into this new year full of potential and opportunity. On the immediate horizon is Fusion, our extensive welcome from returning residential students to new residential students. In its eighth year, Fusion continues to be a high energy, positive bonding event that builds community on campus and keeps attention focused on connection rather than initiation. Naturally, in tune with coffee counter conversation and non-stop media coverage, many current campus programs center around the upcoming Presidential Election in November. And among notable continuing programs that have grown larger in scope, is one student lead organization called Abolition, developed under the advisement of RLC, Lynnea Common, following the impactful

Not For Sale Campaign events last fall which inspired many to join the movement to end human trafficking and enslavement. SPU students and staff continue to give meaning and breathe life into our University's mission to "engage the culture and change the world."

### **Washington State University**

Greetings from Pullman! Things are going really well in Coug land as we rapidly head toward midterms. We just completed our Homecoming with *BIG CONGRATULATIONS* going out to Waller, Wilmer-Davis & Stevens who took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Scott-Coman celebrated a fabulous second and Regents and Stimson proudly accepted 3<sup>rd</sup>! Way to go, residents and staff! Other highlights include, but are not limited to, student excitement over the refurbished Stephenson South and East halls, new hall construction underway with an anticipated opening of Fall 2009 and a really cool sustainability competition with UW to be concluded at our Apple Cup Football Game. That's right, we're sending a big shout out to our fabulous colleagues at UW who suggested the One Thing Challenge so we're all going to commit to doing one thing that supports sustainability and living more green in both Seattle and

on the Palouse. Turning your attention to our living learning communities, our common reading book has been a huge success this year. *Stiff, the curious lives of human cadavers*, by Mary Roach, has been keeping us all busy and our Freshmen Focus classes are more engaged than ever before! Our CUB renovation was finally unveiled and it has been a great gathering place for the Pullman campus community so be sure to drop by for a latte and tour if in town. Enrollment has been up and our hall communities are thriving with lots of energy and programs! We have begun our system review process to help assess where we need to go for next year's housing rates and are also examining our ten year master plan for ongoing improvements of our halls and apartments. Like I said, it's a whirlwind of wonderful! Hoping all of you have gotten off to a great start for the fall and that each of your campuses are doing well. Enjoy the fall and **GO COUGS!!!**

### **Eastern Washington University**

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Eastern Washington University welcomed residents to a fresh, new academic year. Our mascot, Swoop and EWU faculty and staff greeted parents and helped students move in. It was

a smooth opening weekend which included a 52-31 football win over WWU. (Sorry, Willy, I *had* to mention it. J ) New occupancy strategies implemented for fall 2008 paid off, our occupancy is up significantly over Fall 2007.

The new EWU University Recreation Center opened and, as with any new facility, there are a few kinks to work out but it opened to generally favorable reviews. Located in the heart of the residential corridor, this facility will serve as the primary center for student, faculty and staff recreational activities. For those who missed it in the last Soundings, the facility includes *The Roost* (a new dining location which is quickly becoming a new favorite hangout), fitness space for 135 strength or cardio stations, 200-meter indoor running track, indoor climbing wall, EWU Epic Adventures outdoor recreation, Health and Wellness offices and an NHL-sized ice rink.

We also celebrated our Living Learning Communities with the Annual LLC Kick Off Dinner on October 1. Great things are happening with all five Communities. We have exceptional collaboration this year with Deans and faculty of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Arts and Letters. The first large program sponsored by the CSBS LLC is titled "The Election of Your Lifetime" which will delve into how the media influences your vote. The panel

will include professors of Philosophy, Government, Communications Studies, and History. Cool stuff!

Another exceptional fall quarter event is "House Calls". Faculty and staff meet for a dinner, then head out to an assigned hall and floor and visit all of the rooms. (We warn the students we're coming!) It's a chance to ask the students how they are doing and see if they have any questions or concerns after their first month here.

Progress continues on our Residential Campus Master Plan with Brailsford and Dunlavey. In approximately six months the plan should be complete and significant decisions made as to the future of the EWU residential campus. We are confident that a clear vision will emerge and the ultimate beneficiaries will be our students. If you have any questions or suggestions about our process, please direct those to Toni Taylor, Director of Housing, at [ttaylor@ewu.edu](mailto:ttaylor@ewu.edu).

In August, Eastern welcomed a new Dean of Students/Associate VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Al Thompson. Dr. Thompson is a member of the Residential Life team and is making daily contributions to enhance the success of the residential community. We also welcomed two new Residential Life Coordinators, Michelle Schultz and Jordan Keithley.

As we dive into 2008-2009, we are working harder than ever to make a

difference in every resident's life. There is always more to do and we recognize we are the lucky ones that get to do it!

## **Edmonds Community College**

This year, the Housing Office at Edmonds Community College is off to a great start! For the 2008-09 school year, changes are in effect to help enhance residential life services for our student population, and campus community.

This past summer, we hired Hing Potter, to join our housing team of 3 full time staff members. As the Residence Hall Coordinator, he will help to facilitate both residence halls at Sophie Court and Somerset Village, which includes helping to mentor the Resident Assistants team, department and campus-wide programming efforts, recruitment and retention of students, data entry and new student arrivals coordination.

Another temporary change this year is the expansion of the Residence Hall to Sophie Court, across the street from the north campus complex. While we still retain one building at Somerset Village, we begin a two-year lease on Sophie Court to meet the high demand of applications for Residence Hall space.

This school year also is a historic one for Edmonds Community College, as we will see the construction of a brand new student housing facility being built on campus. Named Rainier Place, this

facility will boast state of the art amenities for students: including free Wi-Fi Internet connection, television hookups, a large student lounge/game room, a computer bar and an expansion of the RA team as well. Rainier Place is built with the students in mind, as it will offer single studios, 2-bedroom studios, 2-bedroom apartments and 4-bedroom apartments, with a total of 181 beds. Groundbreaking was October 9<sup>th</sup> with completion scheduled for Summer 2009.

A national search for a live in professional, Coordinator of Residential Education (CRE), will begin in February 2009. This position will tend to the traditional jobs of hall director; supervision of RAs, campus-wide programming and overall management of the residential life program in the building. Along with our on-campus housing program, Edmonds Community College Housing Office continues to place and support over 700 students in local Homestays throughout the school year.

## **Gonzaga University**

The semester opened the last weekend of August at Gonzaga. It was an eventful summer, with a record class of freshman being admitted to the university. This caused some challenges, as the number of students still under the university's two year residency requirement exceeded the number of bed spaces available in lower division spaces. Some

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sophomores were subsequently moved into upper division apartments, while others were moved into university owned houses off campus. This was quite the challenges at times, but everyone handled it well and the sophomores have adjusted well to their new living arrangements.

The Kennedy Apartments, a 421 bed space upper division facility finished construction on its second phase. Last year, this facility housed only 225 students. The addition of the new half nearly doubled the building's capacity. Residents are also enjoying living in a (mostly) construction free facility. The Block Council for Kennedy has created a time capsule with various items including basketball programs, CD's, and melted pipes from the fire that burned down Kennedy the first time it was being built.

On the other end of campus, Gonzaga is currently building a new under division facility. The first phase of this facility will hold over 300 students, a residence director, chaplain, and a faculty in residence. Additionally, this facility will be the first at Gonzaga to have front desk operations. This first phase of this project is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in fall of 2009 when another record freshman class is expected to come in.

Gonzaga is also happy to introduce Esther Gaines, the newest member of the Residence Director team at GU! Esther comes

to Spokane via the University of Wisconsin Stout. She completed her undergraduate work at Washington State, and is happy to be back home! Esther is overseeing the Dussault Apartments while also serving as the advisor for RHA.

Shane McKee, Residence Director of DeSmet Hall, has seen significant successes in the ManTalk program he administers, a program that works on promoting communication and development of college males through conversations on a variety of topics. Last year, Shane piloted the program in one hall. This year, the program has secured funding, hired student facilitators, and has expanded to four halls with an estimated eighty participants per week campus wide. A huge congratulations goes out to Shane for all of the hard work and dedication he has put into making this program so successful.

## **Western Washington University**

WWU welcomes new staff for the 2008-2009 academic year:

**Martin Reed** is the new Associate Director of University Residences, Facilities. He comes to Western from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Hui-Ling Chan** is a new Assistant Director of Residence Life. She comes to Western from The Ohio State University.

**Shaunte Rouse** is the new Resident Director

for Beta Gamma. Shaunte comes to us from Ohio University, where she gained a Masters Degree in Education in the College Student Personnel Program.

**Caiden Marcus** is the new Resident Director for Ridgeway Kappa. Caiden joins our staff after having completed his Masters Degree in Student Affairs and Administration in Higher Education at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

**Chenthuran Jayachandiran** is the new Resident Director for Ridgeway SHADO. Chenthu comes to us from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where he received a Masters Degree in Community College Counseling with an emphasis in Higher Education Counseling.

**Matthew Tombaugh** is the new Resident Director for the Fairhaven Complex. Matt joins our staff after teaching English for three years in Japan. Prior to this, he gained a Masters Degree in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University.

## **Central Washington University**

We are proud to announce new Residential Life staff to Central Washington University.

**Ian Miller** began working for University Housing and New Student Programs at CWU in September 2003 as a Residence Assistant in Beck Hall. Since that time he has held positions as an RA in

Meisner Hall and as a Residence Hall Manager in Hitchcock and Davies Halls. Ian graduated from Central Washington University in June 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Ian currently works as a professional Residence Hall Coordinator at CWU and will be completing a Master of Professional Accountancy in March 2009.

**Mike Mierzwinski** comes most recently from the University of Florida, where he earned a M.Ed. in Student Personnel in Higher Education, serving for two years as a Graduate Hall Director as well as working in a practicum with Student Judicial Affairs. He also has interned at Texas Christian University, working with summer conference housing. Before this, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, involved with residence life and leadership including serving terms as an RHA and NRHH officer.

**Benjamin Anderson** has just started as the new Apartment Complex Coordinator at Central Washington University. He attended Lewis & Clark College where he majored in Communication and Theatre. He is planning to start work on his first master's degree while at CWU with an ultimate goal of getting his PH.d in Communication. Benjamin is very excited to join the CWU Housing team and is really looking forward to all the surprises in

store throughout the academic year.

**Joseph (Joey) Bryant** joins the Central Washington University family as the Coordinator of Student Conduct and Responsible Citizenship. Joey is an alumni of CWU where he earned a Bachelor's degree in History Teaching Broad Area with a minor in Political Science. Prior to joining the CWU team, Joey was a substitute teacher working in the public schools. Joey hopes to get his Master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education shortly and eventually work towards a PhD in a similar area. Joey Bryant is a life-long learner and is excited to be a part of this incredible field in which he gets the opportunity to work with students to help them grow, learn, and succeed.

**Sarah Friswold**, originally from Bay Village, Ohio, completed her Bachelor of Science from Bowling Green State University in Geology and Environmental Science in 2006. While at Bowling Green Sarah's interest in student affairs and housing began through involvement in various student leadership and staff positions. After graduating with her bachelor's degree she transitioned directly into a graduate program at Indiana University Bloomington. While at IU Sarah's primary assistantship was with IU Residential Programs and Services as a Graduate Supervisor, she also gained experiences as a graduate intern with IU

Orientation Programs and as an alcohol abuse screening counselor in the IU Alcohol Alternative Intervention Program. In 2008, after graduating IU with her Master of Science in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration, Sarah accepted a Residence Hall Coordinator position at Central Washington University. At Central Sarah works primarily with first year communities and the Science Talent Expansion Program Living Learning Community. As a student affairs housing professional Sarah's guiding vision is to create a living community which is inclusive, supportive, and affects a positive and educational change on an individual level.

**Announcements:**

Jenna Hyatt, Director of Residence Life & New Student Programs has been appointed as the NASPA/ACUHO-I The Placement Exchange (TPE) Chair for 2010 (Chicago). Currently, Jenna serves on the 2009 TPE planning team.

NASPA/ACUHO-I TPE is in Seattle this year. Mark your calendar for March 5-8 for TPE 2009. <http://www.theplacementexchange.org/event/reg.cfm> Registration is open.

A Presidential Sphere of Distinction award was granted to a planning committee to add an LLC focused on Asian Pacific Islanders. We will launch this LLC beginning Fall 2009.

Housing and New Student Programs adds two distinc-

tive programs and departments. We take on this responsibility with much excitement and intentionality.

CWU Parent and Family programs launched this past summer during orientation. University <http://www.cwu.edu/~housing/parents.html>

We welcome and announce that the CWU Wellness Center <http://www.cwu.edu/~hcms/wellness/>

has merged with University Housing and New Student Programs. A major initiative that was developed and implemented was to partner with Alcohol Wise. We have had an overwhelming positive response to Alcohol Wise <http://www.cwu.edu/~hcms/wellness/alcoholwise.html> which was expected for all incoming students to take prior to opening this fall. Over 1411 or 97.5% completed the tool. Parents and families were also encouraged to take the online assessment as well.

In addition, we have added Student Health 101 as an online resource for students both within the Ellensburg Campus and for our University Centers. <http://www.cwu.edu/~housing/parents/studenthealth.htm>

University Housing and New Student Programs currently has a new residence hall under construction. It is scheduled to open fall quarter 2009 adding 476 beds to our residence hall system. We are excited about this project. Central Washington University is committed to

combating global warming and other environmental dangers. With the pressing need for new housing on campus, CWU hired a team of experts to design a residence hall that will set new standards in environmental stewardship and energy efficiency.

**Pacific Lutheran University**

It has been a productive summer and fall at Pacific Lutheran University. We welcomed four new staff members to our team in Residential Life, redesigned our student leader training program, and implemented a new model for community development in the residence halls.

Hal DeLaRosby is the new Area Director for Foss and Pflueger Halls. Hal comes to PLU from UW-Platteville where he was a Resident Director for the past three years. Hal brings a great deal of experience in training, learning styles, and supervision.

Ian Jamieson is the new Resident Director for South and Kreidler Halls. Ian is a 2008 graduate of PLU and is currently enrolled in the Master's program in Student Development Administration at Seattle University.

Melissa Kirby is the new Resident Director for Tingelstad Hall. Melissa comes to PLU from Youngstown State in Ohio where she worked in Residence Life as a Hall Director and counselor. Melissa brings a wealth of experience in counseling, health and wellness promotion, and alcohol and other

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drug prevention.

Sarah Lloyd is the new Resident Director for Stuen and Ordal Halls. Sarah comes to PLU from the University of Northern Colorado where she served as a Hall Director. Sarah brings a great deal of experience in student leadership, diversity education and advocacy.

Hal, Ian, Melissa and Sarah join Resident Directors Nikki Overway and Sarah Allard who are returning for their second year at Pacific Lutheran University. The main office staff of Tom Huelsbeck (Assistant Dean/Director of Residential Life), Jeff Olsen Krengel (Director of Residential Programs), Stephanie Serventi (Assistant Director of Residential Operations), Rebecca Rumpza (Senior Administrative Associate), and Dana McDonald (Operations Assistant) are all returning and excited for the year ahead!

This summer also brought a significant change to our work with student leaders at PLU. We adopted the Social Change Model of Leadership as the framework for student leadership on our campus. The Fall Student Leadership Institute brought over 200 student leaders from across campus to learn about their top five strengths, their values, their role as change agents, and their role as leaders within our community. The theme this year was focused around the phrase "I Am...Because We Are..." We have also instituted a 10-month leader-

ship program for student leaders to continue their development throughout the year.

We also worked to change our approach to community development in the residence halls. During student leader training for our department, we worked with student leaders to learn more about identity development, student learning and meaning making, and advocacy. With this information as background, the professional staff facilitated a conversation with their staffs and hall councils to create unique community development models for each residence hall. We have seen a significant increase in the ownership and commitment on the part of student leaders and residents in building safe, inclusive and dynamic residence hall communities.

These changes have energized the professional and student staff and we are excited for the year ahead!

## **Green River Community College**

It has been a time of transition for the Campus Corner Apartments (CCA) at Green River Community College. We are pleased to welcome new Director, Debbie Daniels, who joined the team in May. Also new to the team, Assistant Director, Lauren Pigott who started in August. We opened for the Fall Quarter with a full professional and student staff and reached record occupancy numbers. About 70 percent of our

residents are international students participating in the IESL or academic programs at GRCC. This diversity brings challenges with language barriers and customs but also provides a great reward by allowing all residents to have global experiences early in their college careers. This academic year, CCA will have a renewed focus on community development. With the support of GRCC, we added a new position, Assistant Director of Community Development. Tiffany Hayes, a GRCC alumni, will be working closely with GRCC Student Programs and CCA residents to build a strong community. We know this will be a challenge, but believe that our current staff will succeed at creating a "home away from home" for our residents.

## **University of Puget Sound**

Please join us in welcoming to Puget Sound two new Resident Directors. Aaron George joins us from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California where he was a Graduate Resident Director for Greek Life. Aaron is responsible for University and Smith Hall. Additionally he supervises our Greek House Coordinators and focuses on educational opportunities Diversity and Social Justice issues for our student staff and residential students. Brandi Lindberg-Lund joins us from Central Washington University where she was previously a Resident Director. Brandi is responsi-

ble for Register Hall, Seward Hall, the Langlow Honors house and the First year Language and Culture house (FLAC). In addition Brandi also works with our Theme House program.

## **St. Martin's University**

We are proud to announce the opening of our newest residence hall. Parsons Hall with a capacity of 261 students in both traditional double loaded corridor and suite style housing. Parsons has a computer room, fitness room, mail room, and espresso stand and large kitchen in the lobby area.

We have a new Residence Director on Staff. Hannah Mitchell joined our staff in August. She has a BA from Willamette University where she was an RA and did an internship in the Housing office.

## **University of Washington**

We are delighted to have such a strong returning group of Resident Directors returning to Residential Life, as well as to welcome three new exceptionally qualified individuals. This is a talented and experienced group of professionals who will provide sound leadership and management to the residence halls and apartment communities at the UW.

**Darcy Canseco** will be moving up to Hansee Hall after two years in McMahon South. **Katie DeWilde, Kelly Schrader, Robert Lechtenberg, Zach Tobin, Melanie Mitchell, and Sarah Gremer** are all returning to

their communities as Resident Directors. Coordinator for Leadership and Programming **Jake Siegel-Picus** returns, as do the Administrators **Deb Nelson, Clive Pursehouse, Erica Barton and Christopher Glenn** and Assistant Director **Chris Jaehne**.

Haggett Hall has a new RD in **Michelle Primley**, who most recently worked as the Assistant Director for Enrollment Counseling at Washington State University, and prior to that worked as an Assistant Hall Director at both the University of Tennessee and at Washington State University. Michelle earned bachelor of arts degrees in political science (pre-law) and English teaching from Washington State University.

McMahon Hall North welcomes **Jennifer Connors**, who most recently worked as a Resident Director at Pacific Lutheran University, and prior to that worked for two years as a Residence Life Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Jennifer completed her master of social work degree at the University of Michigan, and earned her undergraduate degree in family studies at Central Michigan University.

The Resident Director in a newly added position in Mercer Hall is **Megan Graves**, who graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in communication and sociology, and a minor

in environmental science/resource management. Megan has worked the past two years as the Residential Life Intern, and has also worked as a Resident Adviser.

In anticipation of Stevens Court Resident Director **Sarah Gremer** and her husband Josh becoming parents this October, we are also welcoming **Ozie Goodwin III**, who has agreed to serve as Interim Resident Director for Stevens Court Apartments from September 2 – December 19, 2008, while Sarah is on family leave.

Ozie most recently graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, earning a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a minor in writing. Ozie worked as a Residential College Director for two years before moving to Seattle and the University of Washington, where he will begin his graduate work in the Evans School of Public Affairs this autumn.

The University of Washington is also excited to be launching the One Thing Challenge with WSU. The One Thing Challenge is a competition between residential students from WSU and the UW: What if you could do one thing, something easy and simple, to make a positive difference for the environment? What if doing one thing became a personal habit? What if hundreds and thousands of others joined you in doing their one thing? That's the One Thing Challenge.

To add some fun, UW and WSU res hall students will be engaged in a friendly competition. The campus with the most participants will celebrate with bragging rights and the ceremonial awarding of the One Thing Cup (a trophy made of recycled material).

The One Thing Challenge between UW and WSU is your chance to commit to making a difference. By committing to one thing, you'll develop greener habits. Eventually, you'll find there are more things you can do to reduce your impact by saving electricity, water or fossil fuels.

Can you commit to change one thing between now and Apple Cup on November 22? We think you can. Work with your friends, create a One Thing floor or house pledge and hold each other accountable. For more information, go to <http://depts.washington.edu/one thing>.

**University of Idaho**  
The University of Idaho continues to see many changes within University Housing. After a successful opening with increases in our overall occupancy by roughly 6%, we are beginning the process of developing a strategic plan and assessment strategy for the department. Our goal is to complete our strategic plan and assessment strategy by the end of the academic year.

This fall, we also welcomed in several new staff members. Tina

Deines is our new Coordinator for Marketing and Recruitment. Tina joins us from Kansas State University and brings with her a wealth of knowledge. Leah Durnin and Lisa LaPlant come to us from the University of Arizona and Eastern Washington University. The two serve as Resident Directors in Wallace Residence Complex. Alyssa Lindsay is our new Apartments Resident Director. Alyssa is a graduate of Texas A&M.

With the addition of our new Marketing Coordinator, University Housing has invested lots of energy into a new marketing plan. Currently, we are developing a 6 minute promotional video that will be used in recruitment efforts and our website. We are in the planning stages to redevelop our website and points of emphasis. Additionally, we are reinforcing some of our marketing efforts and strategizing how we most effectively reach students and parents.

University Housing also took over the operations for the Twin Larch Leadership Center located just 15 minutes from campus in the Moscow Mountains overlooking the Palouse. The Center provides a day-retreat for the UI campus, surrounding community and other institutions. The Center began operations this summer and looks to expand its efforts in the coming years.

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