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Queens College Holiday Cheer

The holiday season is off to a fun and fast start at Queens College. The Student Affairs Office is busy trying to plan our many holiday traditions as well as a few new events.

Our residence hall directors planned a "pre-Thanksgiving" gift. They sponsored a Jog-A-Thon for the American Lung Association. The students, faculty and staff ran for 2½ hours on a cool November afternoon. We raised close to \$1,000 in pledges.

Christmas marks the end of our academic semester; therefore, exams are on our students' minds. The resident assistants are planning such diversions as study breaks, tree trimming parties, and Christmas caroling with other residence halls. The Student Affairs Office is planning the annual Christmas tree lighting party, on our front lawn. This includes caroling with a brass quintet and some hot apple cider. We also have our annual Yule Log Ceremony, where the students throw into the fire, sprigs of holly, symbolizing the past; and then they make wishes for the future. Our biggest event of the season is the traditional "Boar's Head Feast," which originated in Oxford. This ceremony is complete with trumpeters, roast to eat, and students in medieval costumes presenting the traditional "Boar's Head."

Although this is a busy time of the year, I want to take this opportunity to share my thanks, appreciation and Christmas cheer. This has been a challenging and rewarding first semester "in the business." My warm wishes to all those who have helped me along the way. Merry Christmas from Queens College!

Submitted by:
Diana Williams
Queens College

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"In the Wake"

Wake Forest University sends a big hello to all our colleagues out there in NCHO! We'd like to thank ASU for a lovely time in Boone. We know you worked very hard pulling it off!!

At present we're very excited about the new residence hall scheduled to open in Fall 1985. It will be a coed residence hall located on the south end of campus where Greek societies (comparable to sororities) will be given personal programming space. We hope to see a living/learning environment happen here.

Our newly opened Wellness Resource Center seeks to help students learn how to develop themselves in all aspects. This room has pamphlets, self-tests and books on a wide variety of wellness oriented topics. Additionally, personal development issues have been addressed through individual workshops offered by the wellness steering committee. We are anxious to "keep the ball rolling" in this area.

Finally, we are searching for a half-time hall director for the men's residence area. This position will be a 5 month appointment. We are hoping to find someone with residence hall experience and someone who plans to pursue an advanced degree. If any of you are looking for a job - this one's for you! But hurry: this offer ends at midnight tonight!!!

One final note, Phyllis Mable of Longwood College will be visiting the Residence Life Staff at WFU to provide us with her insight and experience in the field of Higher Education. UNC-Chapel Hill will be joining us for this special occasion. We're very excited about this!

"That's all to be told from the Old Black and Gold!"

Submitted by:
Suzanne Stevens
Wake Forest University

RA Drive-In Workshop A Success!

UNCC hosted North Carolina's first ever state-wide RA Drive-In Workshop. One hundred and thirty delegates attended from 16 colleges and universities in North Carolina. We also had a delegation from USC-Columbia. A variety of programs were presented by RAs, Grads, and Professional Staff. Programs varied from Multiculturalism and Gay Awareness to "Mixology," Creative Programming and "Getting What You Want".

The feedback received was very positive and indications were that the state-wide, drive-in workshop should become an annual event. We would like to hear from you if your school is interested in more information on hosting next years event. If so, please contact Ted Phillips, Residence Life Office, UNCC, Charlotte, N.C. 28223.

A special thanks to all of you who participated and made the workshop an "unbeatable experience".

Submitted by:
Daleen Downs
UNC-Charlotte

New Lifestyles for UNCC Residents

Presently, residence living at UNCC offers four lifestyles unique to traditional highrise, suite and apartment living. The Good Neighbor house consisting of all freshmen women is located in the women's highrise; quiet houses are located in the two co-ed highrises; a co-ed hall is found in one of our buildings with suites, and a Venture house is in a co-ed highrise.

According to current plans, three new lifestyles will be implemented in the fall of '85. This includes a Good Neighbor house, all freshmen men with eight special upperclassmen providing leadership, assistance and support which will be in the men's highrise. Secondly, a Wellness house, an environment which emphasizes the overall quality and improvement of a person's individual lifestyle, will be formed in one of our co-ed highrise buildings. The goal will be "living and experiencing a fuller life" with emphasis on the six dimensions of wellness. Thirdly, a limited visitation lifestyle will be implemented which provides an environment where residents can be assured that visitation by members of the opposite sex will be available, but limited to a specified period of time each week.

We believe that these lifestyle options will serve to further meet the needs of our diverse resident population.

Submitted by:
Daleen Downs
UNC-Charlotte

North Carolina Housing Officers Membership Drive

Did you know that there are seventy-six educational institutions in North Carolina with on-campus housing facilities? Did you know that our annual NCHO conference only had twenty-six of these institutions registered? Those of us in institutions that have been active in the organization and sending members to conferences have been puzzled (and are still puzzled) why the rest of these member institutions don't join us.

As your 1985-86 SEAHO Representative, I will be the Chairperson for the newly created MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. In 1985, my committee will strive to improve this representation.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please drop me a line or call me - BEFORE I CALL YOU!

Submitted by:
Lydia G. Lewis
UNC-Chapel Hill

Waves From Wilmington

Everyone from Wilmington enjoyed NCHO and would like to say thanks to ASU and Lydia's Program Committee. We welcome a new area coordinator in January, Lauren Baker from North Dakota.

We are into the critical planning stages of our new residence hall. The new building will add a completely new dimension to our housing operation.

Happy Holidays from everyone at UNC-Wonderful!!!!

Submitted by:
Margaret R. Taylor
UNC-Wilmington

Great American Escape at Western Carolina University

"No thanks, I've had enough." As the theme for The Great American Escape program, this one polite sentence implies a number of things from informed choice to plain, old-fashioned quitting before its too late. This program is designed to promote alcohol awareness among the Western Carolina University community in a direct and entertaining, yet nonthreatening way. It is not designed to discourage drinking but rather to encourage the responsible use of alcohol.

The Great American Escape, developed in 1979, is based on a carnival theme. Featured are about forty colorful booths, including a legal breathalyzer to measure the amount of alcohol in the body, information on how the body metabolizes alcohol and the effects of alcohol consumed with other substances. Booths are developed and sponsored by student clubs and organizations as well as local health and law enforcement agencies. This program, which is extremely successful in terms of participation attracts over 1200 people from the WCU campus and surrounding community.

Coordinator: Jeff Martin Assistant Director of Residence Life and University-Wide Committee

Available to: Total campus and community

Submitted by:
Lisa G. Sons
Western Carolina University

Alcohol Referral Forum: Western Carolina University

A commonly accepted definition of a person with an alcohol problem is an individual whose drinking behavior adversely affects a major portion of his/her life such as job, school work, community relations, social relationships, family relationships and personal mental health. The university and residence halls are the community environment for students. When a student is involved in an alcohol related incident his/her community is adversely effected. At Western Carolina University the Alcohol Referral Forum is a program for residence hall students who have committed some offense in the halls while under the influence of alcohol.

The Alcohol Referral Forum consists of two segments. Students referred by the Housing Office will be required to attend one information and education group session which are presented once a month. The group session, presented by a University counselor, includes general and specific information about alcohol, its effects on the body and mind, alcoholism and responsible drinking habits. The second segment consists of an individual counseling session with a University counselor.

Since its establishment in 1981, over 350 students have been referred to this program. Both students and staff approve of this proactive alcohol education program and few repeat offenders have been reported.

Coordinators: Jeff Martin, Assistant Director of Residence Life and John Ritchie, Counseling and placement Center Counselor
Student Coordination: Students referred
Available to: All students

Submitted by:
Lisa G. Sons
Western Carolina University

On The Move At UNC-Greensboro

The "Pardon Our Dust" campaign is being used to keep students informed of renovation projects occurring in their residence hall. Posters and memorandums with the slogan "Pardon Our Dust" and the emblem of a man wearing a hard hat and a jack hammer in hand are placed in residence halls undergoing renovations asking students for their cooperation and keeping them abreast of each phase of the project. The students don't seem to mind the inconvenience when they are kept informed about the project.

Current renovation projects are window replacements and brick cleaning in four of the residence halls and installation and upgrading of fire alarm systems and smoke detectors in all of our buildings.

RA Selection

RA selection is getting off to an early start this year. Normally RA selection occurs in the spring, but has been moved to the fall semester so newly selected RAs can enroll in the RA course prior to employment next fall. Currently RAs are expected to take the three hour credit course during employment in the fall semester. It is our hope that first time RAs will feel better prepared next fall as a result of taking the course prior to employment.

Submitted by:
Bettina Shuford
UNC-Greensboro

NCHO in Greensboro

The staff at UNC-G is certainly looking forward to hosting NCHO in Greensboro next year. Many of us were able to get some first hand experience at Conference hosting by serving on the local arrangements committee for the Southern Association of College Student Affairs held on November 6-9 at the Hyatt in Winston-Salem. Bob Tomlinson did an excellent job as chairperson for that committee. Steve Haulman the Assistant Director for Residence Life, will be leading the gang in coordinating efforts for NCHO in October. Steve and the rest of the staff hope next year's conference will be as rewarding as this year's conference in Boone.

Submitted by:
Bettina Shuford
UNC-Greensboro

SEAHO News ?!?!?!

Believe the old adage - "No News is Good News". Because...that's about the way it is!

The official SEAHO registration and information packet has been scheduled to be mailed the 1st full week in December. All the North Carolina presenters have been confirmed and have been included on the SEAHO program. Thanks to all who sent in applications! Good luck to those on the schedule!

One small bit of news that may be a little "old" at this point is that Louisiana officially voted to join SEAHO. Louisiana is a welcomed addition to our organization and should make us even stronger and more valuable in our chosen professional circles.

NCARH is Coming!!!

The officially recognized student organization of the North Carolina Housing Officers is the North Carolina Association of Residence Halls (NCARH).

The organization's annual conference is scheduled for February 1-3, 1985, at Lenoir-Rhyne College, in Hickory.

Information has been and is continuing to be sent out to all NC institutions. We need you and your RHAs, SGA, RAs and all student leaders to become a part of NCARH '85.

For more information call: Nancy Semones (NCARH '85 Student Coordinator) or the Residence Life Office, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C. - (704) 328-1741.

Guilty But Not Guilty!!!

At the 1984 NCHO conference in Boone, I was appointed to the position of NCHO Treasurer for the next two years. Guilty!

To make matters worse, I will be replacing the "Pillar of NCHO" - Bill Sposato in this position. Guilty!

But I, for one, respect the move being made by Bill. Ten years is a long time! So, knowing that Bill will continue to influence the NCHO organization and will continue to be available for professional advice and counsel I thank him for the opportunity of continued service - wish him well- and know that he'll be back. Not Guilty!

Submitted by:
Don Miller
Lenoir-Rhyne College

Elon College in Action

The professional staff at Elon College has been well represented at recent state and regional conferences. Presentations included "Dealing with a Loss" facilitated by Terra Prymuszewski at NCHO, "Security Issues in the Residence Halls"

presented by Dottie Souder at SACSA and "Labeling and Stereotyping" co-presented by Jonathan Whaley and Valerie Luko at the RA Drive-In Workshop in Charlotte. Plans are in the works for a Small College RA Workshop at Elon in the Spring.

The Resident Assistant Staff at Elon has been quite responsive to this years new approach to In-Service Training. RAs are given a choice of a variety of topics and seminars to attend to meet staff development requirements. Some of which have been total College sponsored events as well as contemporary movies where the subject matter could be beneficial to the Resident Assistant position such as the recent movie on teenage suicide. Topics have varied from Transferability of RA Skills to Alcohol Awareness to Date Rape to Death and Dying. We are developing a total schedule for Spring Term so that RAs can choose workshops of interest and fit them into their schedules.

Submitted by:
Valerie Luko
Elon College

Faculty-in-Residence at Duke University

The faculty-in-residence program is one of the ways in which Duke University seeks to facilitate, expand, and strengthen interaction between faculty members and students outside the classroom. Trinity College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Residential Life jointly sponsor four faculty members; an additional three are sponsored by the Office of Residential Life. All seven have apartments, four in freshman and three in upperclass residence halls. Two have families with small children. Their disciplines are diverse and include philosophy, physics, history, public policy, mathematics, and drama.

The program affords significant benefits for both the faculty members and students involved. Perhaps the main benefit for faculty members is the chance to get to know a significant group of students well, in a context largely free of the formality and limitations of the traditional teacher-student relationship. The resident students, for their part, seem genuinely delighted to have the opportunity to interact with faculty members in a setting which students consider to be their own.

The nature and extent of the interaction between students and resident faculty members varies from house to house. In part this depends on the interests of the students as well as the faculty members. The faculty members do seek to judge the mood and interests of students in the house and will often take the lead in inviting non-resident faculty members, administrators, or other guests to the residence hall for informal conversation and discussion of issues of interest to the students.

Some of the interest groups and ongoing activities initiated by the resident faculty members have included a film series, political discussion groups, classical music listening groups, and foreign language tables.

Students within the residence halls work with the resident faculty members to plan and present these educational programs while the Trinity College and the Office of Residential Life encourage such undertakings through financial and other means of support.

Submitted by:
Ella E. Shore
Duke University

News From Appalachian

Things at Appalachian have calmed down now that the NCHO Conference is over, and life is returning to normal (at least as normal as residence hall life can be)!! We've received several notes from conference participants and would like to thank those who wrote for their thoughtfulness. We would also like to share that if there is anyone interested in a summary of the conference evaluations, we'd be happy to mail one to you. Please contact Vickie Osteen (704) 262-2160 if interested.

By the way . . . those wonderful T-shirts depicting the theme of NCHO are still available!! For a meager \$7.00 there is still an opportunity to purchase a practical remembrance of the 1984 conference!!! Order yours now!!!

The other project folks at ASU have been involved with was The Other Big Apple Road Race. This was its second year, and the race was a huge success, raising approximately \$2,000 for scholarship. This race will be especially memorable to a certain assistant Director of Residence Life who shall go unnamed at this time!!!

Submitted by:
Judy Vantrease
Appalachian State University



With
warmest wishes
for Christmas
and the New Year.