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A newsletter from the Office of Student Life

# MOCO MILESTONES

## DORM =

"Dull Ordinary Room of Mine"

"Dismal Ordinary Room of Mine"

## VS.

## RESIDENCE HALL =

"Really Exciting Socially-Interdependent Environment Necessary for Creating Enthusiasm"

"Really Empowering Sensational Interesting Dynamic Exciting Neat Cool Excellent Hall And Living Lodge"

"Really Exciting Sensational Individually-Designed Enlightening New College Experience that Houses an Abundance of Life and Love"

## DORM VS. RESIDENCE HALL

### What's the big deal about the "D-Word?"

If you've been around college or university housing for any amount of time, you've probably heard the term "residence hall" used instead of the term "dorm." In fact, most people who work in this profession frown upon the use of the term "dorm." The difference may seem trivial, but the important thing to remember is the reason behind differentiating between the two words.

We in residence life are focused on providing communities that focus on people, growth and learning; places where students' lives are enhanced through social interaction, educational opportunities, safe facilities, academic resources and comfortable environments. Contrast this to giving people a building in which to sleep (a dorm).

*A residence hall is a place where you live, learn, grow and develop.*

*A dorm is a building.*

### Why Do We Call Them Residence Halls?

On a Caribbean cruise some time ago, a wealthy passenger, a jeweler by trade, enthusiastically approached the captain proclaiming, "Captain, your boat is simply marvelous!" In graciously acknowledging the compliment, the captain pointed out that the use of the term "boat" was inappropriate, and that the boat was indeed a ship. The passenger, not understanding the distinction, promised never again to utter such a reference.

After several days of confinement on the captain's ship, the passenger/jeweler again approached the captain to inquire as to when the boat would next take port. Not being the most tolerant, the captain angrily replied, "If you insist on referring to my ship as a 'boat,' I must counter with reference to expensive pearls as 'beads.'" Sudden enlightenment struck the passenger; the faux pas was now understood. A boat will get you

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from here to there and little else. A ship serves many functions, and provides a variety of services in getting a passenger from here to there.

If any lesson is to be learned from this, just as the "boat" can indeed be a graceful ship, so can the "dorm" be a dynamic multipurpose residence hall. A residence hall can serve as a community center and impact the lives and personal development of students during travels from the first year of college to graduation.

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## GET CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

Once again, the Office of Student Life will be conducting its PAWS (People Active Will Succeed) Program in the residence halls. The goal of the program is to foster positive contributions to the residence life community on campus. Each Resident Advisor (RA) will be handing out PAWS to those residents they believe are influencing the community in a

positive way. This can include helping with programs, working with hall council, or role modeling positive behaviors. Each month, a drawing will be held and students will be awarded gift certificates, M-flex money. At the end of the year, a drawing for \$200 towards books for the following year will also be held. Don't miss out on these opportunities! Be sure to get caught!

## OCTOBER 2005 PAWS Drawing Winners

**Brett Guss**

*\$15 i-Tunes gift card & \$5 Dunkin Donuts gift certificate*

**Jenn Novatnack**

*\$20 Target gift card*

**Sarah Cody**

**Tanya Gable**

**Carl Lehmann**

**Danielle Sacco**

**Kate Shelley**

*2 tickets each to the Common concert*

## BERNIE-WILLIE

So far everything has been relatively calm. The residents in Bernie-Willie are friendly and easy going.

On the Bernhardt side, Shannon has stepped bravely in the shoes of being an RA and so far she has won the hearts of her girls. Most of the programs she organizes are very artsy in their nature, such as making turtles and key-chains. Brynn has gone wild with her programming. She is very creative and is always ready to try different types of programs ranging from quizzes for Hispanic Heritage Month to

pizza parties to trips to the Boyd Theater. Jenn is our Hollywood director. The theme of her floor is Hollywood stars, and throughout the year she is building on this idea by nominating residents from the floor for Hollywood stars, and organizing events that have something to do with the idea of Hollywood. I won't be surprised if in the end she will give Oscars away. Ryan is our public relations and advertisements guy. He is spontaneous and always ready to come up with some fascinating programs. He is caring and involved, and always there for his guys.

Wilhelm has been rather quiet so far this semester (knock on wood) but that doesn't mean that the community hasn't been, as the RA's of Wilhelm can greatly attest. Andrea plans on hosting a mocktail party soon while working with Ape. She's also been working hard in choir in preparation for vespers (she's an alto). Taras has been tirelessly working on a Frisbee golf program for his residents. He is fighting the cold weather to in order to get this program in. He also has proudly broken the gender barrier by being the first male resident hall to include floor painting and

*Submitted by:  
Lubov Anguelova, RD Bernhardt  
Todd Bennett, RD Wilhelm*

decorating with contributing artists from 1<sup>st</sup> Wilhelm. And speaking of painting, Omar is working on painting the bland concrete wall that half of his residents face. He is also in the process of applying for a government scholarship. Last but certainly not least Taranea has been spending a great deal of quality time with her residents and is planning to go out to dinner with them. She is also welcoming the conclusion of field hockey so she can have more time to herself and her studies. That's Willy in a nutshell for ya and the amazing staff that comes with it!

## JO SMITH

The Jo Smith staff has been having a great semester so far! Charlotte, Tammy, Lindsey, Rachel, Lauren, and Rachel have been getting along famously. And the rumors are true, you really can hear a pin drop in our halls... except for when someone has their TV on, which can magically be heard throughout the entire building! And the horrible piano in the lounge has got to go! We've had our fair share of mishaps. The lake on

the ground floor was certainly an adventure. Charlotte definitely enjoyed the view of the buckling ceiling tiles on that particular day! Then there was the fire that Lauren started on her floor-maybe she just wanted everyone to leave her alone in the building for the afternoon. It's hard to say.

While we have had our interesting moments, we also have gotten a lot accomplished

so far. We had a very productive study help session with Angela Lutzi, thanks to Lauren. Charlotte organized a great program with our friends at Crime Victims Council. We had a rather risqué evening with APE when Lindsey threw a condom party. All the goblins came out for Lauren's pumpkin painting party. Rachel has been working hard on our Holiday Hope Chest project. And Tammy is planning a karaoke

and mock-tails night, which sounds like it will be tons of fun!

The staff has been working together so well, it's hard to tell what amazing things will come out of this building next! Only time can tell. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for signs of the hard work that these girls have been doing together!

*Submitted by:  
Rachel Bruckart,  
RD Jo Smith*



*The Annual Haunted House brought out the best in Rau-Hassler!*

## RAU-HASSLER

Rau-Hassler has started off to what will most definitely be a rockin' year! The residents are getting along well and have a good time! Pete, Yi, Brad, Danny, Jonathan, Kate and Andrew are working hard as a staff to host fun and informative programs for everyone. So far, the building has seen a "Sex and Candy" party that brought out half the residents, the annual Haunted

House, and the Diwali/Day of the Dead celebration. Coming up will be a College Knowledge Bowl, Late Night event featuring food, fun games, and movies, and a World AIDS Day benefit concert featuring a live band! Each of the RA's is also planning activities for their individual floors. Hall Council has elected new officers, and sees a consistent turnout every week. They have big plans for

the year, including a Holiday Party and Hall Olympics. The new officers, Jill Rice (President), Amanda Conner (Vice President) and Kristen O'Connor (Secretary/Treasurer) invite everyone to come out for meetings every Wednesday at 9:00 PM in the upper lounge!

*Submitted by:  
Laura Gordon,  
Assistant Director of Student Life*

## SOUTH CAMPUS

Down South, the Res Life staff has been very active in and out of the halls. In addition to their RA duties, Rena and Teenie balance the rigors of nursing majors, but they've still managed to provide some great programming, including Teenie's Domino Rally program and Rena's extremely popular Halloween Foamies. Meghan, who keeps writing on her weekly that her high for the week is "getting to see some cool animal surgeries," ran a great

Floormate Jeopardy program and also has been supporting her residents who have senior recitals this semester. Brendan, knee-deep in an Honors project and re-vamping the *Comenian*, somehow found a way to convince the Clewell boys to clean up their backyard. The whole campus is in the midst of preparing for Haunted House. Most weeks there is a great turn-out for Coffeehouse, which is held every Wednesday night from

9:00 PM-12:00 Midnight and would make a great floor program (maybe you could even use it for your diversity program?). We're also just about to start our Last Lecture series, which this semester will feature Naomi Gal and Dr. Martha Reid. Overall, aside from the stinkbug invasion and the occasional paranormal phenomenon, this side of campus is doing pretty well.

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Stephanie Anderson,  
RD South Campus*



*Submitted by:  
Esther Tutella,  
RD Hillside*

## HILLSIDE/BECK DESCHWEINITZ/TOWNHOUSES

With a good start to the year, Hillside (and Beck/Des and the Townhouses) have been hoppin'. The year started off with a successful welcome back picnic which had a good turnout, and also was delicious. In addition, there are many programming plans in the works, ranging from Holiday Hope Chests to a nature hike at Hawk Mountain. Many things have been discovered so far this semester. A shout out is dedicated to Marc and Casey for their exceptional skills in the art of Jewelry Craft and bead-

stringing. Their bracelet-assembling-rate far surpasses the rate at which any other Hillside representative can, and ever will, be able to string a bracelet. In addition to their obvious skills, both men have incredibly humble attitudes about their abilities. Marc has been busy this semester, with winning football games, doing schoolwork, and generally just being a nice guy. Elyse has also had a busy semester, (heck, we all have busy semesters it seems) with her involvement in field hockey, recycling, and

traveling with "God Band" very early on Sunday mornings. Ginny has not been busy at all. (Joke) With Amnesty international, her desire to help change the world for the better, and her ridiculous organizational skills, Ginny has been very productive this semester and is working ahead of herself in her "ten year plan". Casey's been playing soccer, saying funny things, and keeping it real, literally. Lenore has been quite busy with her jewelry making classes, and her love for tonic water. Last but not least, Erin Marmo has been

busy saving lives (for real). She has been busy keeping people alive during the day, and keeping the noise down at night. She is also obsessed with the TV show *Grey's Anatomy*, most likely because it is a medical show. Esther has been busy realizing that teaching is much harder than it appears to be, and is out looking for a sweater with a school bus on it. She has also acquired a hook arm and an eye patch.

## NITSCH/SPANG

The Nitschmann-Spangenburg area is a unique place where people enjoy the privacy of their own space and at the same time interact with other residents. Those who live in the Spangenburg apartments have the opportunity to spend time outside and have fun with the people living next door. Hopefully, they will continue to do that, now that it is getting cold. Those living in the Nitschmann suites enjoy the

homey atmosphere of the floors. And do not think that the people living in the regular Spangenburg floors do not have fun! The floors are small and the residents get to know each other very well. They enjoy the common areas for watching TV, having pizza parties and supporting their favorite sports teams. There are a lot of different little things happening everywhere. Residents are

close with their RAs and like spending time with them. At the beginning of the year, we had a big welcoming BBQ which was a success. People had fun, there was a lot of food, music and of course BUBBLES! At the moment, Joe, Kristin, Brianna, Tyler, Calvin and Scott, the fabulous Nitsch/Spang staff, is in the process of organizing the next major events and I do not doubt that they will be successful too,

thanks to the energetic and friendly RAs and supportive residents. As a whole, the Nitschmann-Spangenburg staff and area are awesome!

*Submitted by:  
Milena Dimitrova,  
RD Nitsch/Spang*



## INTRA-FRATERNITY COUNCIL CORNER

Submitted by:  
Rob Bernadyn,  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

*"Greek men work together to help family"*

Hurricane Katrina devastated the lives of many people in the Gulf Coast region. The damage was so extensive that many residents could not return to their homes and were forced to seek shelter in other parts of the country. This is what led the Thomas Family to the Lehigh Valley. The family of 15 initially moved to a temporary

shelter until the Red Cross was able to secure them permanent housing in Allentown. Literally, they arrived with only the clothes they were wearing.

While the move was being planned, the men of Delta Tau Delta, Omicron Gamma Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon, banded together to donate bed linens and towels. With the leftover proceeds, the Chapters were able to provide the family with

over \$100 in gas cards. These were added to other household items donated by Greek women, Athletics, Faculty & Staff and the MC Christian Fellowship and served to help this family make a fresh start in a new home.



## ASSOCIATION OF PEER EDUCATORS

Submitted by:  
Laura Gordon,  
Assistant Director of Student Life

The Association of Peer Educators (APE) started off a year of "monkeying around the safe way" with a variety of event son campus. In September, the group sponsored the Clothesline Project in memory of those who have suffered at the hands of violence. In addition, they began a white ribbon campaign geared towards encouraging men on campus to join the effort to stop violence against women. October marked the start of Breast Cancer

Awareness Month. The group worked with Zeta Tau Alpha to raise money for sponsorship to walk in the Women's 5K Classic in Allentown, PA. Members who participated dedicated their efforts to Sarah Weller, who recently passed after battling cancer. On Halloween, APE sponsored a movie night featuring the movie "Thirteen", which covered a host of health and wellness related issues. The group also presented several condom parties.

November and December events will include a "dry keg party" to promote alcohol awareness and collaboration with the Rau-Hassler Residence Life Staff to host a World AIDS Day Benefit Concert. APE will be selling red ribbon condom keypers to raise money at the event.

Members of the group continue to further their training, including a suicide prevention workshop with Dr. Ron Kline,

from the Counseling Center. They plan on developing several new programs on this topic and others to be debuted in the spring semester.

If you are interested in joining APE, feel free to come to meetings every Monday night at 9:00 PM in the APE House, Burnside A. For more information, you may also contact Jill Woodbury at x6611 or email: stjmw06@moravian.edu.

## HOUND AWARD

The HOUND award (Highlighting Our Undergraduates' Notable Deeds) was created to recognize individual commitment to personal excellence, and how this commitment serves the community at large. It is intended to look beyond traditional criteria (e.g. CGPA, athletic statistics, student leadership positions) that already come with significant

personal reward. The Student Life HOUND award will be given each month by the residence hall staff to a residential student who has achieved a notable personal goal and in so doing has served the community at large.

The award will be announced with a short column about the recipient in the first issue of the *Comenian* each month and comes with a \$25 M-flex award

credited to the recipient's account. Record of past recipients will be kept by the Student Life Department.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

BE SURE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THANKSGIVING BREAK TO BE POSTED IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

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