

# Office of Residential Life

## Departmental Newsletter



### Tunnel of Oppression

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

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

### Spring Break Housing

As Spring Break approaches, you may wonder if you qualify for break housing. Below are the criteria for students wishing to apply:

1. You are an International or Interlink student.
2. You are a VU student athlete in mid-season with practice and/or games over break.
3. You are a student participating in a credit-bearing activity such as student teaching, internship, or co-op.
4. You live 500 miles or more away from your permanent address.

If you qualify, please go to [www.valpo.edu/reslife](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife) and fill out our Spring Break Housing form - this must be complete by **5pm on Monday, February 27th, 2012**. Our break housing buildings are Brandt, Wehrenberg, and Uptown East - if you do not live in any of these buildings and need break housing, please find someone in these buildings who is willing to let you use the room, and have that information ready for the form you need to fill out. If you do not know anyone, there is a space on the form to indicate this.

**NOTE: Students ARE NOT automatically eligible for break housing if they hold an on or off campus job that is not directly associated with a credit-bearing academic program.**



### National Residence Hall Honorary: Of the Month Awards

Has someone in your community gone above and beyond in such a way that you think they deserve recognition? Nominate them for an OTM! There are 5 categories that residents can be nominated for: Resident Assistant, Desk Attendant, House Council/Judicial Board Member, Student, and Program. The winners for the month of December and January are:

#### **Resident Assistant of the Month**

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

#### **Student of the Month**

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

#### **Desk Attendant of the Month**

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

#### **House Council/Judicial Board Member of the Month**

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

#### **Program of the Month**

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

There are two ways you can nominate. You can email [valponrhh@gmail.com](mailto:valponrhh@gmail.com) or you can complete the nomination form at: <http://bit.ly/vtw4KU>

You will need to include who you are nominating, what position you are nominating them for, and then a blurb as to why you are nominating them!

### Be an RA at Valpo!

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

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

Contact MaryAnn Matzke at x5763 or [maryann.matzke@valpo.edu](mailto:maryann.matzke@valpo.edu) with any questions.

**Online Room Selection for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year**

**Need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:**

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

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

<u>Step 1</u>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Deadline to fill out online application – <a href="http://www.valpo.edu/reslife">www.valpo.edu/reslife</a>

**Going abroad next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<u>Step 1</u>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

**Need medical housing next year?**

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	E-mail <a href="mailto:reslife@valpo.edu">reslife@valpo.edu</a> to make an appointment to sign up for your room.

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

## Still have questions?

**Visit us: Harre Union 250**

**Call us: (219) 464-5413**

**E-mail us: [reslife@valpo.edu](mailto:reslife@valpo.edu)**

**Check us out:**

**[www.valpo.edu/reslife](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife)**



# The Guild / Memorial Gazette



## January Events in Review

How to do Ordinary Things Quickly. Michael held this even on Friday, January 20. We watched a quick video that taught us how to do ordinary things quickly (highly recommended). Then we raced to see who was the fastest at the quick ordinary things. The winner received Oreos, mmm.

Boring Brick → Awesome Brick. Mike put on his first event of the semester. Residents painted Valpo building-looking bricks to use as doorstops.

Game Night. Sam and Claire had three game nights in a row. Wow!

Tie Dye Cupcakes Round Two. Dia and friends made colorful cupcakes and ate them all, mmm.

## The Guild/Memorial Hall Resident Spotlight!

**Name:** Brad Rutledge

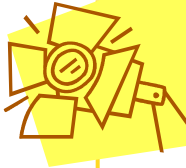
**Color:** Deep Ocean Blue

**Movie:** Nacho Libre

**Food:** Japanese food

**Quote:** "Without love, we are but birds with broken wings."-Tuesdays with Morrie

**Why:** As a transfer student, Brad has definitely acclimated to Valpo quickly, and has made every effort to branch out and be a friend to all he meets. He keeps his door open, is often making plans and meeting up with people to get to know more folks, is considering spring rush, and is also looking into the RA position, all in the first few weeks of the semester. He is a great exemplary resident, and deserves to be recognized as such.



## The Guild/Memorial Hall RA Spotlight



**Mike Siano**

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Movie:** Fantasia (1940)

**Favorite Food:** Chicken and Broccoli Casserole

**Best Program So Far:**

Boring Brick → Awesome Brick!!

This is Mike's first semester as an RA and he's doing an awesome job. He is always full of energy and enthusiastic about all aspects of the job. He's always willing to help and first to volunteer for anything. He is a great addition to the GM staff!

## Upcoming Events

**Valentine's Party**

February 13

*Time and location TBA*

**Tasty Appetizers**

February 23

*Time and location TBA*

**Spirituality Today**

February 27

*Time and location TBA*

**A Walk in Their Shoes**

*Date, time, and location TBA*



