

November 2011

# Office of Residential Life

## Departmental Newsletter



### Thanksgiving Break Closing: Getting your Room Ready for Break!

The residence halls close for Thanksgiving break on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon! Provided below is information for you as you prepare your room for break:

There will be a sheet on your door for you and your roommate(s) to sign after completing tasks such as these:

- **Unplug and defrost your refrigerator**
- **Completely empty all of your trash cans.** Please take all trash to the dumpster or other designated area within the residence hall.
- **Close and lock all of your windows and pull shades/blinds**
- **Unplug all electronic equipment** including stereos, alarm clocks, televisions, computers, lamps (including lights over your desk), etc.

Note: You may leave your fish tanks plugged in.

- **Turn OFF lights, close and LOCK your door.**

While you're away, the RAs and RLC in your building will do a quick check of your room to make sure everything is ready for closing. Please feel free to ask them any questions before you leave!

Have a safe and happy break - we'll see you starting **November 27th at noon!**

### The Office of Residential Life has Moved!

The Office of Residential Life is now located in 250 Harre Union, on the second floor down the hallway from the 24 hour computer lab.

### Interested in Going Greek?

Valparaiso University Greek Life—"Leaders, Scholars, Friends For Life"

Did you know ...

- ⇒ a third of all Valpo students are in a social Greek letter organization?
- ⇒ students affiliated with a Greek letter organization make up almost 75% of the membership of major student organizations on campus?
- ⇒ Greek students completed over 10,000 hours in community service projects last semester?
- ⇒ Recruitment is just around the corner?
- ⇒ scholarship is a primary focus for Valpo's Greek community?

You can find out all about Valpo's eight national fraternities and seven national sororities at <http://www.valpo.edu/greek>. We also have interest meetings on November 15 and December 8 (9:00 pm for fraternities and 9:30 pm for sororities in NSC 224). Come see what we're all about!

For more information contact [Beth.Garbe@valpo.edu](mailto:Beth.Garbe@valpo.edu) or [Drew.Turro@valpo.edu](mailto:Drew.Turro@valpo.edu)

### Break Housing

As Thanksgiving break quickly 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 Thanksgiving Holiday Break Housing form. You can also pick up and fill out a paper form from our office in 250 Harre Union - this must be complete by **5pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2011**. 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.**

Attention Students, Faculty and Staff! An amazing CORE-approved event! We encourage you to register today!

## **The 10th Annual Valparaiso University Peace and Social Justice Symposium is coming soon!!**

Date: November 5, 2011

Time: 9-4 p.m.

Location: Harre Union B

Topic: Human Rights

Registration: FREE!

**CORE APPROVED!!!**

Our Keynote Speaker features **Priscilla Ruiz Guillen**. She will speak on the topic of Women's Rights & Indigenous' Rights are HUMAN Rights. She will draw on her experience from the human rights situation in Chiapas, Mexico and her work with the Fray Bartolome de las Casas Human Rights Center ([frayba.org.mx](http://frayba.org.mx)), and the role of international solidarity. FrayBa was founded by the renowned liberation theologian, peace activist, and Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia in 1989, and has since been a key ally for Chiapas' indigenous communities. The presentation will be in Spanish and Stuart will provide consecutive translation

The day will include individual Focus sessions presented by students right here at Valpo that will be centered around our theme of Human Rights, as well as information tables where you can learn how to get involved and take a stance! There will be also be **Hunger Theme Luncheon!** What will you eat for lunch today? More than 2.5 billion people live in poverty...over 925 million people suffer from chronic hunger. Hunger affects everyone. Come and experience firsthand how our decisions affect others in the world. Learn firsthand how you can become a part of our community of concerned global citizens who want to end hunger and poverty. Together, we can change the world! If you would like to join us for lunch, your must **PRE-REGISTER by October 31, 2011**. The cost is as follows:

VU Students: \$5.00

Faculty/Staff/Community/Visitors: \$7.00

We encourage you to purchase a ticket, in advance, at the Harre Union Info Desk. Cash or Check only please, and make payable to Valparaiso University.

Now that you know what's in store, **CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER!** Remember, registration is FREE!!!

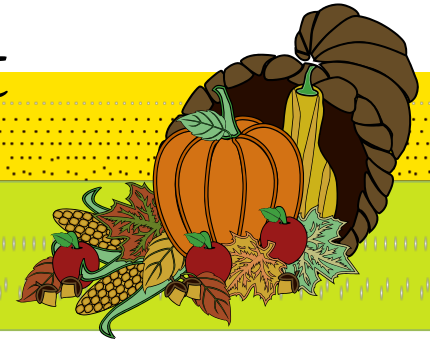
**Please fill out this registration form by November 3rd, 2011.**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en\\_US&formkey=dHBqbm96c0xxbGEtUEFWb3UzV3paUGc6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dHBqbm96c0xxbGEtUEFWb3UzV3paUGc6MQ#gid=0)

### **Greek Life – Order of Omega Progressive Dinner**

The Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society will hold their annual Progressive Dinner on Friday November 11, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Progressive Dinner begins in Scheele Hall Quiet Cafe at 5 p.m. with appetizers, continues to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house for a spaghetti dinner, and ends at the Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity house with desert. You will receive food at all three locations for a \$2 donation. Proceeds benefit local food pantries in Porter County. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a cheap meal, socialize with Greek and non-Greek members, and give back to community! If you have any questions e-mail Chris Burzynski at [Chris.Burzynski@valpo.edu](mailto:Chris.Burzynski@valpo.edu) or Cate Valentine at [Cate.Valentine@valpo.edu](mailto:Cate.Valentine@valpo.edu).

# The Uptown East Gazette



## October Events in Review

**S'mores on the Patio** - This program was a huge success! Residents came out to make their own carmel apples, s'mores, and drink apple cider and hot chocolate by the fire!

**Hispanic Heritage Night** - Daniela and Billy put on a great event with home-made Hispanic food, trivia, and a piñata!

**Pancake Night** - A ton of residents came by to grab fresh pancakes and visit with each other and their RA's!

## The Uptown East Resident Spotlight!

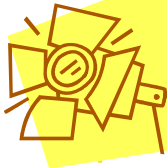
### Austin Gaugert

**Favorite Color:** Wisconsin red

**Favorite Movie:** *Love and Basketball*

**Favorite Food:** Homemade spaghetti with his cooking friends

*~Austin's apartment is always full of friends and other residents of Uptown, hanging out and cooking together. Austin is really contributing to the community here at Uptown!*



## Upcoming Events

### **Peace and Social Justice Symposium**

November 5 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Harre Union Ballroom B

*Uptown East RAs Ryan and Ben will be presenting sessions based on this year's topic of Human Rights. Ryan will be discussing the US/Mexico border and immigration rights ad Ben will be talking about LGBTQ rights in regard to marriage/tax laws and workplace discrimination.*

### **Healing Service**

November 7<sup>th</sup>

Chapel of the Resurrection

### **Study Abroad**

*Date, time and location TBD*

Kristen and Ellen will be hosting a representative from the Study Abroad office to talk about different programs and options for studying abroad. Even if you're a senior you can still have an opportunity to study abroad during Spring Break or over the summer!

## The Uptown East RA Spotlight

### Chris Sparks



**Favorite Color:** Neon Green

**Favorite Movie:** Good Will Hunting

**Favorite Food:** Steak

**Best Program So Far:** S'mores and Carmel Apples by the Patio

*~ Chris is the graduate assistant at Uptown East and is really doing his part to make Uptown a great place. He is Always willing to help out the other RAs and residents with anything they need and he is always cheerful. Chris is a great part of the Uptown East staff, as well as the Uptown community.*



# Notices, Quotes, and Fun Stuff!

## Get Connected!

We are now on Twitter! Follow us to get updates on important information for all students living on campus, upcoming events and programs in the building, and for the chance to win prizes in fun contests!

You can find us on Twitter at:

[@ValpoUptown](https://twitter.com/ValpoUptown)  
Sign up today!

follow us on  
**twitter**



You can also find us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/ValpoUptownEast>



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**Facebook**

## A Note from the Uptown Res Life Staff



- Do not illegally download music and movies from the internet! Comcast has access to all of the IP addresses in Uptown East, and we have received warning notices that residents are illegally downloading copyrighted material. If it continues, individual residents can be held responsible for thousands of dollars in fines!!!
- As we get closer to winter and the first snow of the year make sure you check your e-mail regularly. If a vehicle needs to be moved so that an area can be plowed we will e-mail you and will need you to move your vehicle ASAP!!!
- If you are planning to stay in your apartment over Thanksgiving Break at any time between Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 27 then you will need to sign up with the Office of Residential Life.

*A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.*

– CS Lewis

An addicting puzzle game!

<http://www.planarity.net/>

