

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 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 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). They must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Contact MaryAnn Matzke at x5763 or maryann.matzke@valpo.edu with any questions.

Online Room Selection for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	March 26 th – 30 th
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:

Step 1
By March 2 nd
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

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

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 10 th
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:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	March 26 th – 30 th
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:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	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:

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 17 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Deadline to fill out online application – www.valpo.edu/reslife

Going abroad next year? Follow these simple steps:

Step 1
By March 2 nd
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

Need medical housing next year?

Step 1	Step 2
By March 2 nd	February 24 th
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	E-mail reslife@valpo.edu 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

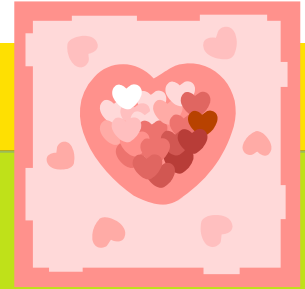
E-mail us: reslife@valpo.edu

Check us out:

www.valpo.edu/reslife



The Wehrenberg Gazette



January Events in Review

- CUPCAKE/MUFFIN WARS was hosted by Jen Sommers and Alex Hoffmeyer. Residents came to the ground floor lounge to share stories and sweets, the stories were almost non-stop!
- Garrison held a Piñata Party in the 4th Floor Lounge. Residents came to take a few whacks at an old piñata filled with candy and then ate and had a blast!
- Resident party “Chinese New Year”—Residents got together in the 3rd floor lounge to celebrate the long tradition of the Chinese New Year. There was food, laughter, fellowship, and a lot of general merriment.
- The Halo Tournament boasted a night of fun first-person shooter action. Residents had a blast.

Upcoming Events

- “A Very Harry Day” will be hosted by Jen Sommers. Look forward to an entire day of watching nothing but Harry Potter movies all day. Start at the beginning with “The Sorcerer’s Stone” and end with “The Deathly Hallows.” Coming to the 4th Floor lounge on a Saturday near you.
- “Hearts, Stars, and Horseshoes. . .” Do you remember the rest of the slogan? Lucky Charms rule!!! Look for a program having something to do with this from Garrison. Time and Place TBA
- “Spring Break Drinking”—if you are intrigued, then keep your ears peeled. It’s going to be one heck of a time.

The Wehrenberg Hall Resident Spotlight!

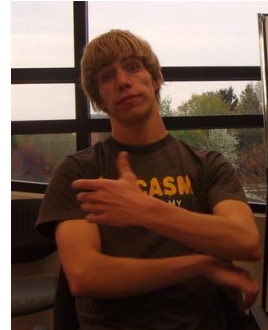
Elizabeth Phillippi

Favorite Colors: Purple and Red
Favorite Movie: *The Princess Bride*
Favorite Food: Curry

Elizabeth loves to make the RA’s feel like their job is not a job by giving hugs and spreading joy to the entire staff. She also serves as the House Council President and helps keep fun going while studying in the 3rd Floor Lounge.

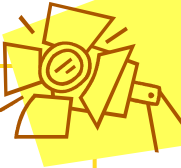
The Wehrenberg Hall RA Spotlight

Andrew Vande Guchte



Favorite Colors: Blue and Green
Favorite Movie: *Independence Day*
Inspirational Quote: “Why do cars carry shipments and ships carry cargo?”
Best Program So Far: Haunted House

Andrew helps out his entire staff by offering support in tough situations even when he doesn’t have to and putting a smile on the faces of every staff member. Plus, Andrew plays a relaxing piano medley in the Union nearly every day, and for that we thank him.



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:

[@ValpoBerg](https://twitter.com/ValpoBerg)

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twitter



A Note from the Wehrenberg Res Life Staff



Keep up the great work and take time to enjoy the wonderful weather!

Want to know some awesome new words from last century?

Learn what
“Kyriolexy” means and
more!!!

<http://www.brownielocks.com/words.html>

Weird and now unused words to broaden your vocabulary beyond your friends’.

JUST A THOUGHT!!

