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**SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
OF HOUSING OFFICERS**

Dear SEAHO Membership,

By the time you read this letter, you will probably be concluding your Fall departmental training program. I hope you have started the year off with a lot of enthusiasm and well-defined plans. Also, I hope you spent some time figuring out a way to maintain that enthusiasm and stay focused on attaining your goals. One way to keep the enthusiasm high during the fall semester is to take advantage of your state and local conferences, such as the state housing conference. Many states have their housing conferences in the Fall. These conferences are ideal for entry-level professionals and graduate students to gain experience presenting on a particular topic and holding a leadership position. I encourage the mid-level and chief housing officers to stay involved in their state housing organizations. You have such a wealth of knowledge to share with the next generation of housing officers.

The ACUHO-I Conference & Exposition (ACE) was held in Seattle from July 7 – 10. Although it was my second time attending the annual exposition, I cannot think of a better venue to hold an international conference (except for an exquisite resort in Florida). Coincidentally, ACE will be held at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida from June 21 – 24, 2008. Sue Beebe definitely had her “hands” involved in the promotion of next year’s event (in case you were not there, Sue greeted participants throughout the conference with gigantic Mickey Mouse hands near the promotional booth). Lisa Diekow and Diane Porter assisted with the booth, as well. Consider making your reservations now.

While in Seattle, I noticed that SEAHO had a major influence at the conference. Starting with the President (Connie Carson), who did a phenomenal job, Kathy Hobgood presented constitutional changes at the business meeting, Deb Boykin just stepped down as the Southern District Representative, and Vera Jackson received the James A. Hurd Award (this award is presented annually by ACUHO-I to a member of color to honor and recognize outstanding contributions to our association and profession). Norb Dunkel is the current President-Elect. The web address, <http://www.acuho-i.org/Default.aspx?tabid=576>, will provide detailed information on the new proposed governance structure for ACUHO-I. Please take some time to look at this. Voting for this proposal will take place August 1 – 10.

I can say with tremendous confidence that the SEAHO Governing Council has worked extremely hard at reviewing several initiatives and proposals. There has been a lot of on-line correspondence and conference calls to discuss the future of placement services at the annual conference. I want to thank everyone that took the time to provide feedback on the placement services issue. The issue still has not been completely resolved, therefore it is a topic that will be discussed further at the mid-year meeting (October 28 – 30). The contract for the 2010 Conference has been approved. It will be held in Williamsburg, VA, February 23 – 27. Also, the Educational Programs Committee will be responsible for the coordination of the case study competition, instead of the Program Committee. The faculty-in-residence proposal, revising the fee waiver scholarship, and the 2-year committee chair commitment proposal are just a few initiatives that will be getting some attention between now and the mid-year meeting.

In closing, I truly hope that you have a fantastic kick-off to the year. Let me know if you have any questions and/or want to be involved in this wonderful organization. Just in case you do not know, I am the Director of Residence Life at Virginia Tech now. I can be reached at leonm@vt.edu.

Sincerely,

Leon McClinton, Ph.D.
SEAHO President, 2007 – 2008



A welcome from the Co-Editors...

Hello and welcome to our summer edition of the SEAHO Report. We hope that everyone had a great summer and that you were able to enjoy vacation time at the beach, the mountains, or in your own private quiet place. If you are like me, you reflect on what happened to the fun carefree summers of our childhood. Even with work being a part of most of our summers, plenty of opportunities for rejuvenation and reflection exist in our profession. Hopefully, many of you were able to take advantage of these professional development opportunities and you also supported your staff in taking advantage of professional development opportunities. We welcome any and all accounts of any professional development experiences for future editions of the SEAHO Report. We have been busy here at UGA hiring new staff and training new staff to prepare for when the undergraduate staff and students return to the halls in August, and I am sure that all of you have been doing the same for your respective campuses.

We extend a sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to the Report during this past year. We are very proud of the quality of the SEAHO Reports from 2006 – 2007 and hope you have observed what we consider to be continued improvement in the quality of the report and the professional look of the Report. We believe that this improvement really can be contributed in great part to all of you who continue to contribute great quality submissions. We will continue to strive to do our best to bring you a quality regional publication that allows you to recognize your campus achievements and share with other campuses ideas that will assist them in serving their students.

We would like to take this time to recognize one person who brings this all together on our campus, Gail Cole-Avent. Gail is a doctoral student in the Student Affairs Administration program here at UGA and also serves as a doctoral intern for the Department of University Housing. She is the responsible person who brings the report together, works with the printers on the layout, and ensures that everything looks great before final print. So we want to give a great big KUDOS to Gail for her hard work, time, and commitment.

We hope that you have great fall openings and that your staff training for the upcoming 2007 – 2008 academic year is successful. We will continue to work hard to achieve excellence in the publications for this upcoming year. Please submit articles and updates on the great things happening on your campus. Good luck with all of the upcoming events and thanks for all of your support.

We encourage you to continue to submit articles and to encourage all level staff at your institution to submit articles and updates. Here are the deadline dates for the next 2 issues:

Fall Edition: Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Winter Edition (conference): Tuesday, December 18, 2007

As always, articles can be submitted to seaho@uga.edu. We are very excited to continue our journey as co-editors and welcome any and all feedback.

Ralphel Smith and Scott Nelson

University of Georgia
SEAHO Report Co-Editors

Editorial Staff

Back Row (Left to Right): Ralphel Smith, Michael Pennington, Scott Oliver, Scott Nelson and Tamara Burke.

Front Row (Left to Right): Kathryn Hall, Ashley Lester, Kenya McKinley and Gail Cole-Avent.

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SEAHO 2008 Conference Program Committee

Hi SEAHO friends! :o)

I'm pleased to announce that the SEAHO 2008 Program Committee is now accepting proposals for the February conference in Savannah, GA. Log onto the website at www.seaho.org to find the link to the proposal page. Use the same proposal form if you are submitting for a pre-conference workshop. As a volunteer organization, SEAHO relies on YOU to share your expertise with your colleagues. YOU have something valuable to contribute! We can't wait to see your proposal!

Mindy Miller Renew

Wake Forest University

SEAHO 2008 Program Chair



www.SEAHO2008.org

Visit our website for hotel information, conference schedule and the program proposal form! Pre-conference proposals are due August 24 and general proposals are due October 19!

Everything I Need to Know I learned from My Coaches

Elizabeth Cox

Emory University

Who was your first supervisor? My first supervisors were my coaches. They evaluated my performance, encouraged me when necessary, helped correct my mistakes, and left me with skills for the next level. As a new supervisor, I find myself clinging to basic principles I learned from my many coaches throughout the years. I may not have realized it on the playing field, but each has influenced the way I work and interact with staff and students. These principles made their teams successful. Now as a supervisor, I use those same ideas to make my staff successful.

Every great coach and supervisor has an aura of leadership. They command respect through their actions. When a leader takes their place in front of the group, the group follows. You must understand your non-negotiable principles and expectations, know your team, teach the fundamentals, have fun, and recognize the good and the bad. These are what propel you from a just another boss to a good supervisor and leader.

Coaches set the tone for the season from the first day of tryouts. Everyone sits down and the coach brings the season to order. The coach sets the guidelines for the team: on time is late, come prepared and ready to play everyday, always tuck your shirt in, do the little things right, and have fun. These anecdotes were not just the first pep talk of the season, but expectations for the year. These expectations remain the foundation of our team and our program.

Just as coaches set standards from the first day of practice, supervisors must set expectations from the first staff meeting. This not only emphasizes their importance, but it can head off miscommunication and misunderstanding. Staff members need clearly defined expectations set early so that they can start the year successfully.

Expectations set the tone for the year. Expectations set priorities. Sometimes they may seem obvious, but they need to be reiterated nonetheless. They add cohesion to the group. Each new group may require some different nuances, but some expectations remain the same throughout the years. These ideals are what veterans pass onto the rookies. They are the foundational principles of your

organization. Setting expectations early sets everyone up for success. It sets a clear path for the staff. A good set of expectations pushes people to do more than they thought they could. They push them to success.

Success can come in unordinary packages. In college, we had a threatening and unconventional pitching duo. Our first pitcher seemed to be the strongest one. She threw the hardest and had the most types of pitches. Batters stepped into the box the first few innings trying to catch up to the ball. By the fifth inning, they would have their timing down and hitting the ball. Then, we brought in our secret weapon, our “junk” pitcher. Her speed was slower than the starter, but her pitches moved all over the plate. Batters were flabbergasted at the change. They had just caught up to the first pitcher, and they had a terrible time slowing back down. Our coach recognized the beauty of this combination.

Coaches choosing the optimal line up help ensure success. They know the strengths and weaknesses of every player. They know which combinations are going to overcome the opponent. Whether you are a starter or a bench warmer, coaches understand every team member is vitally important for victory.

Supervisors must identify the strengths and talents each individual brings to their staff. We must recognize that different does not mean better or worse but just different. The one-two punch of a group can be greater than any one individual who seems to be a superstar. Good supervisors recognize team members as assets and use those combinations to optimize success.

“Keep your eye on the ball” is probably the first and most fundamental idea many have learned in sports. I cannot remember the first coach to tell me this, but I know all of them have repeated it through years. It is simple and transcends all levels of competition. It is a fundamental element to sports.

Supervisors also arm their staff members with fundamental skills. These skills can be taken from their current position and utilized wherever the next step will take them. Fundamentals range from timeliness to attention to detail. By emphasizing doing the little things right, people will learn that big things can happen.

Mistakes also happen. Often, mistakes are obvious. A coach once told me to give myself 10 seconds to be upset. After those ten seconds, you pick your head up and think about how to do it right the next time. If you dwell on the mistake, the mistake wins. You recognize the mistake, learn from it, and keep playing.

Mistakes teach people to swim when they think they are sinking. They must be acknowledged not to scold, but in order to grow. We must let our staff members make mistakes. Supervisors cannot swoop in and fix every problem. As each lesson is learned, staff members gain more confidence and skills to tackle the next problems they may face.

Just as we recognize our mistakes, we must also celebrate our accomplishments. Just as coaches recognize the most valuable player or the most improved, supervisors must recognize the accomplishments of our staff members. If a staff member got an A on a test they thought they failed, we must recognize that. If our department accomplishes something great within the profession, we must recognize that. Just like remembering to have fun can rejuvenate our spirit, so does celebrating our accomplishments. Formal and informal recognition is a spark that can ignite the whole staff.

Even after every championship and award, sometimes practice could seem anything but fun.

Those were the days we wanted to be anywhere else but on the field. Our coach noticed the change in our demeanor. They saw burn out lingering on the horizon. We needed a break. We needed to be reminded of what it meant to enjoy what we were doing. A day off or a light practice gave our brain and body a rest. It rejuvenated our love for the game and reminded us of our reasons for being there.

In the professional world, supervisors must notice the stress of their team. Everyone gets stressed out. Small breaks are the greatest gift we can give. We revitalize ourselves and our staffs through outings, food, or just casual conversation. Getting our mind off of work for a few minutes help us to focus and perform better. We remind ourselves and our staff that we are not in our positions because of the glory, the hours, or the salary. We do our job everyday because we enjoy it.

Each coach taught me a different lesson, but all remain important in both my personal and professional life. If we as supervisors teach these principles, we will leave our staff not with just another entry on their resume, but with life-long skills. Just as these coaches shaped the lives of their athletes, we shape the lives of our students.

Elizabeth Cox is an Area Director at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a varsity athlete at Emory on the track and softball teams.

Favorite Faculty Nominees Honored at Reception

Brandi Dawson

Virginia Tech

A reception was held on Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 P.M. in Owens Banquet Hall honoring those nominated for the second annual Favorite Faculty program, and the students who recommended them. This provided a chance for students and faculty members to spend time together outside of the classroom and celebrate their positive interactions.

The Office of Residence Life sponsored the program to give on-campus residents an opportunity to recognize their favorite faculty members for their dedication, outstanding contributions, or personal influence. Nominations soared this year, with a total of 117—twice the amount received last year. One hundred one students nominated 84 faculty members, with several receiving multiple nominations. Physics instructor Roger Chang and Contracts and Database

Coordinator Megan O'Neill received 10 nominations each.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to gather these faculty members together to celebrate the impact they have had on the students they teach, while also encouraging the students to spend more time with faculty outside of the instructional setting,” said associate director of residence life James Penven.

Both teaching/research and administrative/faculty members were eligible to be nominated. The program encourages students to recognize the positive impact faculty members have on them and their college experiences.

For more information contact James Penven at (540) 231-6205 or jpenven@vt.edu.

GLC Transition Team Nominated for Governor's Award

Brandi Dawson
Virginia Tech

The Graduate Life Center transition team has recently been recognized for their outstanding work in managing the change over from the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center to the state-of-the-art GLC—the only one of its kind in the United States. The team has been nominated for the Governor's Teamwork Award by Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Edward F.D. Spencer, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. In addition, members of this team were named Virginia Tech's Employees of the Week for the week of February 26.

The Governor's Awards will be announced during Virginia's Public Service Week in May, when the state will recognize the contributions of public employees at the Governor's Award Ceremony in Richmond. The Teamwork Award is given to a group of employees that consistently exhibit the qualities that make teamwork essential to an agency's success, including coordination of efforts to produce quality service or innovative results.

In January 2004, the space that was then a hotel and conference center was designated as the future site of the new Virginia Tech Graduate Life Center, after it was determined that graduate and professional students needed their own areas and venues on campus. The hotel vacated the building on June 30, 2005 and the GLC planned to let residents move in

on August 14. There was some question as to whether all of the preparation and changes could happen in such a short amount of time. However, with the leadership, commitment and determination of the transition team, the facility successfully opened on time.

The team oversaw remodeling efforts, created new policies, hired staff and prepared to move in more than 100 residents, among other tasks. Team members went above and beyond their duties to complete the project—most evident when new students reported that they didn't realize that the GLC had been a hotel just one month prior.

Team members include: Monika Gibson, Director of Student Services, Graduate School; Allison Malloy, Complex Director, Student Programs; Tim Gift, Associate Director of Facilities Management, Residential Programs; Erika Golart, Graduate Student Services Coordinator, Graduate School; Margie Lawrence, Assistant Director for Housekeeping and Furnishings, Housing and Dining Services; Chris Moore, Business Manager, Dining Services; Scott Reed, Associate Director of University Unions and Student Activities; and Jeremy Sippel, Information Technology Manager, Graduate School.

For more information about the Graduate Life Center, visit www.glc.vt.edu or call (540) 231-0413.



Leon McClinton named Director of Residence Life at Virginia Tech

Rachel DeLauder
Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG, VA, June 15, 2007—Leon McClinton of Clemson, S.C. has been appointed director of Residence Life at Virginia Tech. McClinton comes to Blacksburg from Clemson University, where he has served as associate director for undergraduate and graduate programs in residential life since August 2004.

As director of Residence Life, McClinton will be responsible for providing vision, leadership and management for one of the largest housing programs in the United States, encompassing 9,125 on-campus students in 47 residence halls. He will supervise a team of 22 professional staff members and 250 paraprofessional graduate and undergraduate student staff members.

“We are most fortunate to have Dr. McClinton joining our staff,” said Edward Spencer, associate vice president for Student Affairs. “He will bring to this position an ideal academic and professional background. Likewise, his enthusiasm and strong interpersonal skills were evident in the interview process and will serve him well in leading our Residence Life program.”

McClinton received a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Clemson University in 2006, a master’s degree in human resource development from Clemson in 1994 and a bachelor of science in textile management from Clemson in 1992. He has worked in residential life for 13 years and during that time received the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Clemson University Residence Hall Association and was named Student Affairs Employee of the Year by Clemson University for 2000. McClinton is president of the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers, which serves college and university housing officers in 10 states.

The Office of Residence Life provides programming that promotes academic success and personal growth for students who live in Virginia Tech residence halls. The department supports the university’s mission to educate the whole student by providing experiential learning opportunities that enhance the academic experience and encourage students to serve the communities in which they live.

For more information about Residence Life at Virginia Tech, visit www.studentprograms.vt.edu.

Florida Updates

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, FL) is pleased to welcome two new staff members to our Housing and Residence Life team. After being down two staff members for the majority of the 2006-07 year, we are thrilled that July is here! **Catherine Chimera** will be the new Assistant Director supervising the Resident Director / Resident Advisor Staff. Catherine comes to us from Penn State University. **Kristen Getka** will be the new Assistant Director advising the Embry Riddle Resident Student Association (ERRSA). Kristen recently completed her master's degree at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, VA. Hopefully you all will get to meet Catherine and Kristen at FHO or SEAHO this year. Be sure to welcome them to the good ole' South!

Florida State University

Hello Southeast Friends! Residence Life at Florida State has been successful in recruiting some tremendous national talent to our region this year. Here are our staffing updates:

- **Alicia Deckard** was promoted to Assistant Director, Contracts & Assignments. Prior to her new role, she served as Coordinator, Living-Learning Programs.
- **Denise Mercier** has rejoined FSU Housing as Coordinator, Living-Learning Programs. She previously worked for FSU Admissions and FSU Visitor Services.

We are pleased to announce the following new appointments to the full time, professional, Residence Coordinator position at Florida State University:

- **Randy Brown** will serve as the Residence Coordinator in Smith Hall. He joins us from the University of Vermont.
- We officially welcome **Stacie Kurlick** as Residence Coordinator in S.W. Ragans Hall. Stacie joined us from Frostburg State in January

in a temporary position that we were able to make permanent after this recruitment cycle.

- **Amy Armstrong** will be joining us from the University of the Pacific at Stockton to serve as the Residence Coordinator in Cawthon Hall.
- We welcome **Amanda Gaglio** to Florida State as the Coordinator of the Jennie/Reynolds Complex. Amanda comes to us from Mississippi State University.
- Rounding out our professional staff hires this Spring is **Anna Villarreal**. Anna is returning to us here at FSU after completing her Masters program in Higher Education at the University of Dayton. We are very excited that she has chosen to come home to lead the Dorman/Deviney Complex in the Fall.

We have also recruited some exciting emerging talent into the graduate assistantship ranks here at FSU. Our new graduate level Assistant Coordinators include:

- **Jon Barton** is joining us from Georgia College and State University to serve as the Assistant Coordinator in Kellum Hall.
- **Dawn Quick** is a homegrown talent that has developed and led in several capacities through the ranks of Hall Government and IRHC here at FSU and through FARH at the state level. Dawn will be the Assistant Coordinator in Smith Hall.
- **Jackie Deptula** joins us from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, to serve as the Assistant Coordinator in Salley Hall.
- **Tom Dicato**, from Salisbury State University, will be the Assistant Coordinator in S.W. Ragans Hall.
- **Ben Lingeman** from Miami University will serve as the Assistant Coordinator in the new Wildwood Complex opening in August.
- **Samantha Perry** joined our team in January from the University of Alabama as the Assistant Coordinator in S.W. Ragans this spring. She will serve as the Assistant Coordinator in the new DeGraff Complex opening in August.

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- **Dustin Rollins** is joining us from the University of Florida to serve as the Assistant Coordinator in Dorman/Deviney Complex.
- **Crystal Mayberry**, from Georgia State University, will serve as Assistant Coordinator in the Landis/Gilchrist Complex.
- Rounding out our graduate level talent is **Jillian Bracken** who served previously here at FSU as Assistant Coordinator of Salley Hall. She will continue her leadership this year as Assistant Coordinator of the Jennie/Reynolds Complex.

We continue to move forward with our goals and objectives this summer and look forward to an exciting fall semester with a complete pool of leaders and mentors ready to enhance, challenge, impact and expand the lives of the students in our halls.

Jacksonville University

Jacksonville University welcomed two new staff members. **Kendall Hunt** started in January as Coordinator of Residential Life and Campus Activities. **Devon Scheible** started in July as the Assistant Director of Residential Life.

Oak Hall, a 500-bed suite-style residence hall, opens in the Fall. The project was directed by The Haskell Company, a Jacksonville-based design-build firm. The project includes a parking garage also.

Lynn University

Several staff members are returning to our department for the 07-08 academic year. In an effort to innovate our traditional residence hall director position, collateral assignments have been designed to increase the department's outreach and the respective staff member's professional development.

- **Kristie Munchbach** is returning for her third year as a residence hall director and will be assuming leadership for academic initiatives.
- **Rich Lindor**, also a third-year residence hall director, will maintain responsibility for undergraduate staff selection and assume a joint assignment with student conduct.
- **Meg Kopp**, a second-year residence hall director, will assume the role of coordinator for

staff training and the Lynn Community Development Curriculum.

- **Taurean Johnson** begins his second year on staff as a residence hall director, continuing his role as co-adviser for the Residence Hall Association. He will also assume leadership for campus-wide residential programming.
- **Joy Doliber** joined us in January as a residence hall director and co-adviser for the Residence Hall Association. In addition, she will assume responsibilities for civic engagement.

The newest member of the Lynn University family is **Victoria Frost**. Victoria is a recent graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles. She will assume responsibilities as a residence hall director and our coordinator for staff development.

S.H.I.E.L.D. (Shaping Holistic Individualized Engagement Learning and Development) is a pilot residential peer mentor program designed to improve first-year student connection and transition. A team of nine student leaders has been selected to present workshops on a variety of student success topics throughout the year. This program will be inaugurated in the Fall 2007 semester.

Nova Southeastern University

Staff Updates

The Office of Residential Life and Housing at Nova Southeastern University is growing at a fast pace. With the addition of 522 beds in August of 2007, the Office of Residential Life and Housing is pleased to announce the hiring of our four new full-time staff members:

Aarika Camp

Assistant Director of Residential Life

Meagan Elsberry

Area Coordinator for The Commons

Jeremy Brozowski

Area Coordinator for Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall

Damion Martells

Area Coordinator for Apartment Living

The Office of Residential Life and Housing is honored to have these professionals on our staff and

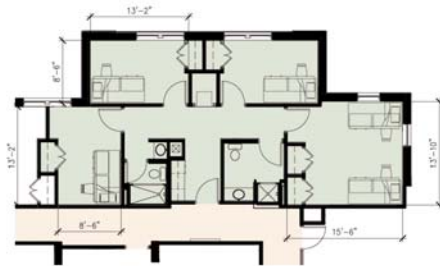
we look forward to them joining our family at Nova Southeastern University.

Construction Updates

The Office of Residential Life and Housing is excited to announce that we are opening our newest residence hall since 1992. The Commons is a state-



of-the-art living learning community that includes 501 student beds, 16 RA rooms, 2 Area Coordinator apartments, 1 Assistant Director apartment, 1 multipurpose room, 3 smart classrooms, 2 community conference rooms, 16 community living rooms, 16 study rooms, and plenty of indoor and



3 Singles and 1 Double Bedroom

outdoor common space. The Commons is unique and dynamic for the inclusion of incorporating communities within a community. The 16 community living rooms will have comfortable furnishings that will create unique spaces for students and groups to conduct study sessions, group meetings or to congregate with friends. The Commons will



4 Single Bedrooms

also provide unlimited laundry, LaundryView, wireless internet, one landline phone in the each suite, and 24-hour security.

Ten of the sixteen communities in The Commons will be reserved for returning and incoming residents. The other six communities will be based upon themes and academic initiatives. Residents who choose to live in these six communities must meet or choose from the following criteria for each community.

Sorority Themed Community (The Sisterhood) - This community will bring together members of the four recognized sororities on campus to support the mission of Greek Life. Residents in this community must be a member of one of the four recognized sororities.

World Themed Community (Global Village) - This community will bring together international students and domestic students with international interest. The goal of the community will be to learn about the different cultures represented at NSU and celebrate the diversity of the University Community.

Leadership Themed Community (LEAD) - This community will bring together leaders from areas such as the executive board of clubs and organizations, Student Government, Leadership Roundtable Scholars, the LEAD 3000 class and members of the leadership certificate program to learn more about themselves as leaders and to service the campus community with their leadership skills.

Quiet Themed Community (Quiet Corridor) - This community will bring together students who prefer a quiet, studious environment. These students will set their own community standards in regards to quiet hours and use of the study lounge.

Business & Entrepreneurship Living and Learning Community (Executive Suites) - This community will bring together students studying or interested in Business and Entrepreneurship. This community will support the mission of the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship to advance the personal growth and professional development of individuals in business, academia, government, and nonprofit organizations by providing readily accessible, managerially and entrepreneurially oriented, and convenient educational opportunities of superior real-world value.

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Wellness Themed Community (The Well)

- This community will bring together students concerned with Wellness based on the six components of the wellness wheel: Social Wellness, Emotional Wellness, Physical Wellness, Occupational Wellness, Spiritual Wellness, and Environmental Wellness. The community will be substance free and students will agree not to consume alcohol or drugs in the community (regardless of age) or come back to the community under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This residence hall was designed by Cannon Design and constructed by Moss-Miller Joint Venture. The Office of Residential Life and Housing and Nova Southeastern University partnered with these two companies in 2005 which has enabled our university to provide quality living and learning space for our residents. For more information about The Commons, please contact Anthony DeSantis, Director of Housing at anthonyd@nova.edu.

Rollins College

Staffing Updates:

- **Leon Hayner** has been named the new Director of Residential Life. Leon joins Rollins from the University of Kansas.
- **Pablo Moran** has been named the new Assistant Director of Residential Life for Living Learning Communities. Pablo most recently worked at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- **Dawn Sawyer** has been named the new Assistant Director of Residential Life for Housing. Dawn joins the team from the University of Texas at Arlington.
- **David Crafts** has been named the new Assistant Director of Residential Life for Leadership Programs. He joins the team after spending the past year at the University of Central Florida.

Renovation Updates:

Amidst many smaller projects, a complete renovation of Ward Hall, which will house 190 first year students when completed, is occurring over the

summer. Construction workers are working 24 hours a day to complete the project. The hall will include high-tech classroom and our first Faculty in Residence Apartment. The hall will continue to have tradition single, double, and triple occupancy rooms with community bathrooms.

Occupancy Updates:

During the housing lottery process in the spring, we saw an increase in demand for continued on campus residency by upper class students (approximately a 5% increase). While this is great news for our Residential Life program, it means that space will be tight this year, and we will be at or above for capacity for the first time in several years. This increase in demand by returning students also means that space available for transfer students will be very limited.

Saint Leo University

Kenneth J. Posner is the new Executive Director of Residence Life and Campus Safety. We have added a new Assistant Director of Residence Life, **K'Charis Drewery**, to staff. We have purchased two apartment buildings off campus for a total of 60 additional beds. Our new student service center is due to open on September 15th.

Stetson University

Stetson University is pleased to announce that **Mr. Anthony Buono** will soon be joining the team as the Director of Residential Life! Anthony comes to Stetson from Syracuse University where he was promoted through a variety of roles and responsibilities in their Residence Life department since 1997. Prior to his work at Syracuse, Anthony earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science at the University of Scranton. Active in a number of professional organizations, one particular role that impacts each of us in the housing profession is his involvement in ACUHO-I. Anthony assumed the role of chairperson for the ACUHO-I Internship Committee on July 1, 2007. We look forward to the contributions he will make to Stetson through his leadership and experience.

University of Central Florida

Department of Housing and Residence Life

Angela McDonnell is coming back to UCF to be an area coordinator. Angela spent six years at UCF working on her BA in Psychology and her MA in Educational Leadership. After earning her Masters degree, she moved north to University of North Florida to begin her professional career as an Area Coordinator. We are thrilled she has come back to Orlando.

Carolynn Nath earned her BA in Architecture and Studio Art from the University of South Florida. From there, she moved on to Indiana University where she has recently earned her MS in Student Affairs Administration. Carolynn, a former ACUHO-I intern, brings a wealth of experience to UCF including working with a privately affiliated student housing complex, teaching experience, and several published works. Carolynn will be the new Area Coordinator for Towers I and II.

We are please to announce **Meredith Lively Varner** has been hired as assistant director, Housing and Residence Life focusing on assignments and marketing. Meredith was previously an area coordinator at UCF. **Sarah (Weaver) Oleksy** has been hired as assistant director, Housing and Residence Life focusing on the Residence Life program in the academic year residence halls. Sarah was previously an area coordinator at UCF. **Shane Cadden** has taken on the newly created position of assistant director, Housing and Residence Life for staffing, training, and leadership.

Jeff Novak, associate director of Housing and Residence life, served as the program chair at the 2007 ACUHO-I conference in Seattle. We were delighted to have **Christina Johnson** from Ball State University as our summer ACUHO-I Intern. **Katie Rutkowski**, area coordinator, attended RELI in May 2007.

The approved master plan for Housing and Residence Life will include construction of 3,000 beds to open from 2010 – 2012. These beds will include special interest housing, residence halls, and apartments located on the Orlando main campus.

University of Miami

We, at the University of Miami, are delighted to have three new staff members joining our team. First, **John Yaun** will be the new Senior Associate Director of Residence Life. John is joining us from Louisiana State University. We are also pleased to announce that we have two talented new Residence Coordinators on board as well. **Ashley Lester** is coming from the University of Georgia and **Nate Johnson** is headed down from the University of Michigan. We are very excited with these new additions and look forward to introducing them to all the great professionals in Florida and SEAHO.

University of North Florida

The University of North Florida Department of Residence Life is pleased to announce their recent hires for 2007 – 2008:

- **Bob Boyle** has accepted the Associate Director of Residence Life position at UNF. Previously, Bob was serving as the Associate Director of Housing Operations. Bob started his new role in Residence Life on Monday, June 18, 2007.
- **Amy Zuchlewski** recently earned a MA degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL. Amy previously worked for the Housing and Residence Life Department at the University of Central Florida as a Graduate Assistant. Amy is the new Area Coordinator for Osprey Landing, Buildings X and Y. Amy's first day at UNF was Monday, June 04, 2007. Additionally, Amy was the 2007 SEAHO Graduate Student of the Year.
- **Rachel Green** earned a MEd in Physical Education from the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, AL. For the past two years, Rachel has worked as a Resident Director at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Fairbanks, AK. Rachel is the new Area Coordinator for The Crossings, Buildings Q & S. Rachel's first day at UNF was Monday, June 11, 2007.
- **Cory "Rudy" Taylor** recently earned a MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Wright State University in Dayton, OH. Rudy

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previously worked as a Graduate Resident Director for the Department of Residence Life at Wilmington College in Wilmington, OH. Rudy is the new Area Coordinator for The Crossings, Building R. Rudy's first day at UNF was Monday, June 18, 2007.

- **Emily Wyrick** recently earned a MA in Higher Education and Student Personnel from The University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS. Emily previously worked for the Department of Student Housing and Residence Life as a Residence Hall Director at The University of Mississippi. Emily is the new Area Coordinator for Osprey Hall and Osprey Landing, Building W. Emily's first day at UNF was Monday, July 23, 2007.
- **Kimberly "KJ" McConnell** recently earned a MEd in Counseling Psychology from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. For the past two years, KJ has worked in the Office of Residence Life as a Graduate Hall Director.

KJ is the Area Coordinator for Osprey Cove. KJ's first day at UNF was Monday, July 23, 2007.

University of West Florida

Krista Albach has been promoted to Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life as of June 1, 2007. Krista has been with UWF since the summer of 2005. **Carla Finklea** and **Sandy Tavares** will join UWF this summer as Residence Life Coordinators. Carla joins us from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS where she worked for Housing. She received a ME in College Personnel Services in May 2007. She has also worked as a Complex Director at Georgia College & State University. Sandy comes from Assumption College in Worcester, MA where she worked in Student Activities, Multicultural Affairs and Housing. Sandy received a MA in Counseling and Psychology in May 2007.

Georgia Updates

Greetings SEAHO from the Georgia Housing Officers! We trust everyone made it safely back to their home institutions. We are excited to announce our officers for the upcoming year. These officers began their term at SEAHO 2007.

President - Michael Sanseviro, Kennesaw State University

Vice-President – Vickie Shaw, Georgia Southern University

Past President – Teddi Beal, Valdosta State University

Secretary/Treasurer – Dawn Vavrik, University of West Georgia

Webmaster – Ricky Boggs, University of Georgia

SEAHO State Representative – Leslie Hogan, Savannah College of Art of Design

State Editor – LaKeshia Jackson, Georgia Southwestern State University

GRHO Advisor – Lashandra Little, Kennesaw State University

Our state is in a flurry now preparing for several upcoming conferences for the students and housing professionals in Georgia. Here are some of our upcoming events:

- *September 7, 2007* – New Professionals Workshop at Georgia College & State University
- *October 4-5, 2007* – Georgia Housing Officers conference in Savannah/Tybee area, coordinated by Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah State University, and South University
- *October 13, 2007* – Georgia Residence Hall Organization Together in Harmony (GRHOTH) at Savannah State University
- *January 26, 2008* – Georgia Resident Assistant Summer Seminar (GRASS) at Kennesaw State University

- *Early spring 2008* – Georgia Residence Hall Organization (GRHO) at Georgia State University

Also we are very excited about housing professionals across the region convening in Georgia on February 19-22, 2008. Tom Hardy, Paul Jahr, the host committee, and a number of volunteers are looking forward to hosting the annual SEAHO conference in beautiful Savannah.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Bob Morton is moving up the road to Georgia State University to serve as the Associate Director of University Housing. Bob is a well respected and known colleague in the SEAHO region and recently completed his tenure as the treasurer on the governing council. He will be missed at Georgia Tech; however we are glad that he is remaining in our state and region.

See you in Savannah in 2008!

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Gardner Webb University

The Department of Housing & Residence Education at Gardner-Webb University welcomes **J. David Elrod** as the new Assistant Director for Judicial Affairs and Residence Education. He completed his Master of Arts degree in Higher Education from Appalachian State University and his Bachelor of Science degree in Math Education from Gardner-Webb University.

On March 1, 2007, **Sherry Ingram** was promoted from the Assistant Director of Residence Life to the Director of Housing & Residence Education. She replaced Rob Foreman who is now at Seton Hall University serving in the role as Assistant Director for Conferences and Operations.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC's Department of Housing and Residential Education has gone through some big changes and would like to announce some of the great additions to our team.

We have 3 new Community Directors.

Candice Marie Reder-

Parker Community Director

Candice comes to us from The Ohio State University's Student Wellness Center. She is a graduate from the M.A. in Higher Education and

Student Affairs from The Ohio State University where she also obtained her B.S. in Business Administration in Accounting. Candice loves those buckeyes because her hometown is Chesterland, OH. She will be working with roughly 100 students in our Carolina Experience Learning Community along with the other 400 residents in her area.

Jennie Ofstein-

Olde Campus Upper Quad Community Director Jennie came to North Carolina to obtain her M.A. in Higher Education Administration from NC State where she also worked as a Residence Director. Jennie calls Coral Springs, Florida home and



Appalachian State University New Graduate Assistants in Housing and Residence Life – 2007-2008

Name	Undergraduate Institution	Major	Area of Study at ASU	Some experiences	Assistantship at ASU
Robby Angle	U. of Florida, 2004	Finance	Marriage and Family	Adventure Trip Leader, Young Life, Pakistan Earthquake Relief Staff	Residence Director
Micah Beatty	Central Methodist U. (MO), 2003	Biology and Spanish	College Student Development	RA, High School Spanish Teacher	Residence Director
Rachel Bruce	King College (TN), 2007	Interdisciplinary Studies	Elementary Education	Nursing Home Activity Director	Residence Director
Anthony Brumfield	UNC-Charlotte, 2007	Psychology	Higher Education	RA, Varsity Volleyball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Residence Director
Kristi Burch	East Carolina U. , 2006	Business Management	Higher Education	RA, NPHC President, Campus Activities Board	Residence Director
Kirsten Eckstam	Cornell College (IA), 2004	Psychology	School Counseling	RA, Student Center Staff, NPHC Vice-President	Residence Director
Shay Jolly	St. Mary's College (IN), 2005	Communication	College Student Development	Student Orientation, Dance Team Captain, Kindergarten and ESL Teacher	GA for Learning Communities
Paul Klökkert	Central Michigan U. , 2006	Sport Management	School Counseling	Hall Director, Student Activities Board, Swim Team Coach	Residence Director
Harris Ligon	The Citadel, 2006	Psychology	College Student Development	Athletics Department, International Student Ambassador, Cook	GA for Night Stars
Katie Redman	Skidmore College, 2007	English	College Student Development	1 in 4 Peer Educator, College Success Coordinator, Human Affairs Officer	Residence Director
Holly Rodden	Appalachian State U. , 2004	Sociology	College Student Development	Head Resident, Integrity Board, House Counselor	Residence Director
Deb Smith	Valdosta State U. , 2007	Mass Media	College Student Development	Learning Assistance Mentor, Sales Associate, Patient Rep for Eye Associates	Residence Director
Adam Wade	UNC-Wilmington, 2007	Communication Studies	College Student Development	RA, ACUHO-I Intern at Cal State-Chico, Conference Assistant	GA for Community Development
Emily Webster	Huntingdon College (AL), 2007	English	Teaching English in Community Colleges	Orientation Counselor, Student Ambassadors President, Fraternity Alumni Relations Chair	Residence Director
Stefka Yordanova	U. of National and World Economics, (Bulgaria), 1998-2002, New Bulgarian University, 2007	International Relations	Political Science	RA, Youth Intern for Church, President of Sorority	Residence Director

Returning Graduate Assistants Include: Name (undergraduate institution, area of study at ASU)

Catie Cain (Appalachian State, School Counseling) Jackie Cetera (U. of North Florida, College Student Development),

Coleman Cosgrove (Huntingdon College, Marriage and Family) Joe Erskine (U. of Florida, College Student Development)

Dan Sym (SUNY-Geneseo, College Student Development)

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received her undergraduate degrees in English Literature and Religion from Florida State University. She will be overseeing 5 buildings. Two of which were our first residence halls on campus. One of which was built in 1795.

Josh Schneider-

Cobb Community Director

Josh grew up right outside of Youngstown, OH and stayed in Ohio for college. He received his B.A. in Political Science as well as his M.A. in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green University. While attending grad school Josh was hard at work as a Graduate Assistant in Residence Life as well as the Career Development Office at Heidelberg College. Josh will be working with the Connected Learning Program, which has a partnership with our Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, as well as overseeing the other 400+ residents in his area.



Bobby McRae-

Assistant Director,
Residence Halls
Housekeeping

Until this year Bobby was hard at work in the UNC Memorial Hospital holding the position of Director of Environmental Services. Bobby isn't far from where he grew up in Durham, NC.

James Trapp-

Zone supervisor



Bob Woods-

Housing Support

Bob is a Bluffton, SC native and currently works with our Housing Support Office. He supervises maintenance shops for 3 areas of campus. He also supervises the HVAC, paint, carpentry and pest control shops that cover all of the residence halls, in addition to this he oversee the material purchasing for Housing Support. He is one busy man and we are glad that Bob moved to this new position after previously being the Assistant Director of Work Management with UNC Facilities Services.



Scott Iverson-

Assistant Director for
Summer Operations and
Apartment Living

Scott is one of our most recent additions and we are glad to gain his knowledge from his experiences while at NC State University where he was the Assistant Director for University Apartments. Scott hails from Macomb, Illinois and remained in Illinois to obtain his B.A. in Communication from North Central College and his M.S. in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University.



Gay Perez-

Associate Director of Housing
and Residential Education

Gay arrived at UNC in November of 2006 and brought with her a vast background of experiences, the last being from NC State where she held the title of Associate Director for Apartments. Gay can credit all she knows from the University of Virginia where she obtained her B.A. in Psychology and her M.Ed in Administration and Supervision. She also grew up in Virginia Beach, VA.

Some favorite pastimes of these folks are watching the clouds roll by, yodeling, football, baseball or playing with their kids. If any of these things are things you also enjoy perhaps you can get together and do some yodeling while playing baseball and enjoying the clouds roll by, but watch out for pop flies while you are enjoying the clouds.

To those who have moved on from our department we wish you great luck in your new positions and thank you for everything you gave and the new folk thank you for all the open positions.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

We wish the following staff members well and thank them for their dedicated service as they leave our department for new opportunities: **Terry Fassanella, Jerrell Harris, Caitlin Gordon, Ebony Ebron, Jody Clayton (GA), Kristen**

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Keeting (GA), Nicole Moore (GA).

Additionally, we are very excited to welcome the following members to our staff:

Kristy Whisker Dudley joins our team as the Assistant Director for Staff and Judicial Programs. Kristy has over six years of housing experience at three institutions. Most recently, she served as the Director of Residence Life at Belmont Abbey College. Former roles include serving as an Area Coordinator at Davidson College and as a Residence Hall Director at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She has extensive experience in judicial affairs, housing administration, and leadership training. Her academic credentials include a Master's degree in Student Personnel Services from the University of South Carolina in Columbia and a Bachelor's degree from Allegheny College.

Lauren Carr, the new Graduate Assistant in Hunt Village, is beginning work in the MBA program. Lauren graduated from Duke University and earned a Certificate of Meeting and Event Planning this past March. Lauren brings strong experience from her professional work at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics as Student Life Instructor and then later Instructor of Residential Education. Lauren has also served as an Area Coordinator at Belmont Abbey College.

Raquel Cothran joins us to become the Residence Coordinator in Holshouser Hall and Hunt Village. Raquel has one year of experience serving as a graduate Hall Director at Virginia Tech. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Spanish from Hampton University and received her master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from Virginia Tech.

Kevin Gaughenbaugh will be the Graduate Assistant in Moore Hall. Kevin has already begun work in the Community Counseling master's program. Kevin earned his BA in Philosophy at the University of Scranton. For several years, he worked full time as a Catholic Campus Minister and Campus Interfaith Coordinator at Wilkes University.

Jennifer Grim is the Residence Coordinator for Lynch Hall (Cypress). Jenn has a bachelor's degree in English from Eastern Illinois University and received her master's degree in Student Affairs and

Higher Education from Indiana State University. She has two years of experience serving as a graduate Hall Director at Indiana State University.

Tara Hummer Knitz joins our team as the Residence Coordinator for Scott Hall. Tara has two years of experience serving as a graduate Hall Director at the University of Central Missouri. She has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Pacific Lutheran University and received her master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration from the University of Central Missouri.

Daniel McIntyre, the new Graduate Assistant for Sanford Hall, is beginning his Masters in Computer Science. Daniel has been working as a software engineer at Drake Software in Franklin, NC and earned his bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Appalachian State University. Daniel served as a Residential Assistant for three years while an undergraduate.

Christopher Orem joins our team as the Residence Coordinator for Witherspoon Hall. Chris has served two years as a Residence Coordinator at Heidelberg College. Chris has a bachelor's degree in History from Davidson College and earned his master's degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University.

Sarah (Haynes) Rossini joins us to become the Residence Coordinator in Squires Hall. Sarah has three years of experience as a Resident Director at Merrimack College. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Merrimack College and received her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Bridgewater State College.

Marissa Tappy will be the Graduate Assistant in Phase IVA area. Marissa, who has worked several years professionally at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, as Assistant Director for Residential Life and at Oberlin College as a Resident Director, is returning to school full time to work on her Masters of Liberal Studies. She is interested in and plans on being certified in Women's Studies and Health Promotion. Marissa earned her BA in Studio Art from St. Norbert College.

Clyde Wilson is the Residence Coordinator for Sanford Hall. Clyde has two years of experience serving as a graduate Hall Director at North Carolina

State University. Clyde has a bachelor's degree in Recreation Administration from North Carolina A&T University and received his master's degree in International Studies from North Carolina State University in December 2006.

Wake Forest University

Wake Forest University welcomes 3 new staff to the Residence Life & Housing team. When you see them at SEAHO, please welcome them! :o)



Peter Blutreich,
Associate Director
of Housing

Pete did his undergraduate work at North Carolina State University and has degrees in History and Political Science.

Once he figured out that saving historic sites and monuments was not a career path, he ventured back to school earning his Masters from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He started his professional path at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington then Austin Peay State University and most recently in Illinois for the past 6 years. Pete's excited to be joining the team at Wake Forest University as the Associate Director for Housing and to be back in the SEAHO region where he got his professional start. He was involved in GLACUHO and looks forward to connecting and reconnecting with colleagues in the SEAHO region.

Bill Yost,

Coordinator of Housing

Bill arrived at Wake Forest in June of 2007 from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. At SRU, he earned his B.A. in History with a minor in Spanish, and his M.A. in Student Personnel. Some of his responsibilities at Wake Forest include conducting lounge inspections, meeting with student organizations interested in renovations and projects to their spaces, and also assisting in the day to day inspection of all of the residence hall facilities. In his free time Bill enjoys playing the guitar, listening to and writing music, reading, and spending time with his fiancé, family, and friends.



Peyton Risley,

Coordinator of Greek Life

As the Coordinator of Greek Life at Wake Forest University, Peyton serves as the advisor to the Panhellenic Council and a co-advisor to the National Pan-Hellenic Council. She also advises the Breast Cancer Fashion Show Committee, Brian Piccolo Cancer Drive Committee, and Greek Week Committee. Peyton comes to Wake Forest from the University of South Carolina where she received a Masters of Education in Higher Education and Student Affairs. Prior to becoming a Gamecock, she obtained a Bachelors of Science degree in Human Development and Learning from Lynchburg College in Virginia. She is super excited about working at Wake Forest and being a Demon Deacon.

Virginia Updates

Christopher Newport University

Christopher Newport University Residence Life is very pleased to welcome Ms. **Krystal Garrett** and Mr. **Terry Fasanella** to the Hall Director staff. Krystal comes to CNU by way of James Madison University where she recently completed her Master's Degree in College Student Personnel. Terry joins the CNU staff with two years of professional experience from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

This fall, CNU Residence Life will pilot six new Resident Assistant Coordinator positions; one per professional Hall Director. RACs are well respected and experienced RAs who will provide administrative support for their Hall Director while serving as a role model and liaison for the rest of their RA staff. The positions recognize outstanding returning RAs giving them opportunity to assume greater responsibilities and broaden their experiences.

Progress continues on reconstruction of Madison Hall which was struck by lightning and caught fire the first day of RA training last fall. After trying to salvage the building, Madison was torn down due to mold concerns. The building is expected to be ready in time for move in this fall.

James Madison University

After twenty years in the Office of Residence Life and serving as our director for most of that time, **Dr. Jim McConnel** was recently promoted to Associate Vice President of Student Affairs for Student Life. His areas of responsibility include University Recreation, the University Unions, and Residence Life. He continues to serve as the University Ombudsperson and as co-coordinator of the College Student Personnel Administration graduate program.

After a national search, **Maggie Burkhart Evans** was promoted to Director of Residence Life. Maggie has been with JMU for seventeen years and we are delighted to have her in the senior leadership position for our department. She is currently leading our team through a reorganization that began with a productive (and fun!) summer retreat.

During extensive renovations to our offices, Residence Life has spent the summer exiled to the former Howard Johnson's motel (now called Rockingham Hall an upperclass residence). When we return to our former offices, most of us will be moving into different spaces which will reflect the first stages of our reorganization.

Dee Nilsen has recently joined our team serving as the Assistant Director of Technology. We found Dee working in JMU's College of Integrated Science and Technology and she brings a fresh perspective and many important skills. Dee has had to hit the ground running with the development of an electronic room condition tracking system. When complete, staff members will be able to evaluate the condition of rooms and furnishings on a tablet PC. We will then be able to replace our cumbersome and inconsistent paper process with a relational database solution.

Longwood University

Longwood University's Residential and Commuter Life Office is pleased to announce the hiring of five new Residential Educational Coordinators.

Josh Blakely, Alison Brandon, Jennifer Cox, Amanda Pelar, and Nicole Shenefiel joined the team in July. Three new positions have also been created, and these new staff members are: **Jennifer Eckrote** (Technology Coordinator), **Jennifer Huddleston** (Apartment Manager), and **Betty Newman** (Assignments Coordinator).

Longwood is also pleased to announce that Tabb and Wheeler residence halls will re-open after the completion of separate renovation processes, and an additional hall has been taken offline for renovation. The department will also begin managing Longwood Village, the university's third apartment complex in as many years.

Lynchburg College

As always, the summer brings an opportunity to look at the past year and make plans for the year ahead. This summer has been extremely productive and we are starting to get ready for our students and staff to

return. While we are busy doing the usual preparations of repairing, cleaning, training, etc, the most important area that I wanted to update the region on is with regards to staffing changes.

In early May we completed our Area Coordinator search and are pleased to announce that **Carly Slagel** started at LC on June 18th as our new Area Coordinator for Programming. In addition to coordinating the programming efforts for the department, she will also be responsible for staff recruitment efforts, the supervision of two graduate assistants, and working with house, townhouse, and apartment residents. There will be a good bit of work involved with town and gown relations as well. Carly received her Bachelor of Arts from York College and is currently finishing her Masters degree in College Student Personnel from Shippensburg University. We are very excited to have Carly on board.

Based on feedback from the staff and the need within our ever expanding institution, we have added a graduate assistant position responsible for assisting with housing functions and maintaining the website. The Housing Assistant and Webmaster is responsible for assisting the Housing Coordinator/Office Manager with the day to day functions of facilities management including assisting with room changes and consolidation, and managing the keys, inventories, and the online systems associated with these functions. The Housing Graduate Assistant and Webmaster is also responsible for maintaining, updating, and enhancing the current Residence Life website using the Content Management System. We are very excited to have **Ryan Johnson** filling that role with us. Ryan is a 2005 and 2007 graduate of LC with Bachelors degrees in Communication and Computer Science. He will be working on a Masters in Business Administration over the next two years.

We also were pleased to host an ACUHO-I intern this summer. **Khorey Baker** joined us from the University of Memphis where he is working on his Masters in Higher Education. Khorey completed his Bachelors at the University of North Florida where he also worked in Residence Life. He is currently a Hall Director at Rhodes College and will be graduating in May of 2008. Khorey has been a wonderful addition to the department and has helped

with fall training, the re-organization and development of our manual, and has even attended our state conference planning committee meetings. We wish we could keep him a little longer, but alas, he is leaving us shortly.

Finally, **Kristen Cooper** has been promoted from Area Coordinator to Assistant Director. Her work over the past two years with training, professional development, and the advancement of our FYE program has been phenomenal. While Kristen will still be working with these areas in her new position, she will also be taking a larger role in external committees for the department and assuming additional roles in the absence of the Director.

Best wishes to everyone as we begin the year anew.

Randolph College

As of July 1, 2007, Randolph-Macon Woman's College is now **Randolph College**. We will welcome nearly 60 men as part of our first co-ed class.

John Klein has been named the College's 9th President.

Paul Clay-Rooks has been hired as the new Resident Director for Bell Hall. He takes over for Kia Wood, who has moved on to a new position at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. We are excited to work with Paul, who begins August 1.

UVa-Wise

We have welcomed two new staff members to the Student Affairs team at UVa-Wise! **Dr. Jewell Worley** has taken over the position of Dean of Students, a position that includes duties as the Chief Housing Officer. Dr. Worley, who was formerly the Director of the Center for Student Development at UVa-Wise, re-joins us after a two-year stay at Virginia Military Institute. In addition, **Angie Lemke** has joined our team as the Assistant Director of Residence Life. Angie comes to us from Eastern Kentucky University where she served as a Residence Hall Coordinator.