

The Gator

The Official Newsletter of Alexander Hall



Hall Council 2000 - 2001

An overview of the past year

This has been an excellent year for hall council! They planned a number of great events and worked hard to make Alexander a better place to live. Here's a look at the things that your hall council put on this year:

In the Fall, Hall Council:

- Worked with RA's to put on the Opening Ice Cream Social.
- had a Doughnut & Cookie Study Break.
- planned a great Halloween trip to Salem, but not many people signed up so the trip had to be canceled....
- so they had a Halloween Social with food, doughnut eating and bobbing for apples instead of the trip.
- Designed and sold Alexander Hall t-shirts!
- payed for a van and sent a bunch of Alexander residents to see the Celtics.
- put together a really fun Movie Trivia Game that had an excellent turnout
- donated \$50 to the Giving Tree - a charity that buys Christmas presents for needy children.
- Helped relieve stress with a finals week Study Break that had lots of food.

In the Spring, Hall Council:

- put on a Superbowl Party with platters of food for people to snack on.
- Planned a Ski Trip to Gunstock, but it had to be canceled since few people signed up to go.
- Had a before Spring Break Ice Cream Social.
- Helped start Floor Wars with a fantastic Kick Off Social.
- Planned a second trip to see the Celtics, but since there was little interest, it was canceled.
- Rented a van and sent a bunch of people to see the Red Sox play the Twins.

Hall Council also bought some great new things for Alexander Hall. These include a new universal remote for the TV lounge, a new toaster and toaster oven for the kitchen, a new DVD player that will be available for use in the fall, and brand new fozzeballs for the fozzeball table.

2000-2001 Alexander Hall Council

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Room</u>
Jessica Wixson , President	215
Jeff Bergeron, Vice President	203
Mike Woods, Treasurer	320
Cheryl O'Bryan, Secretary	127
Sarah Paulsworth, Alexander Senator	105
Katie Flanagan, Social Coordinator	106
Rachel Carter, Recycling Educator	218

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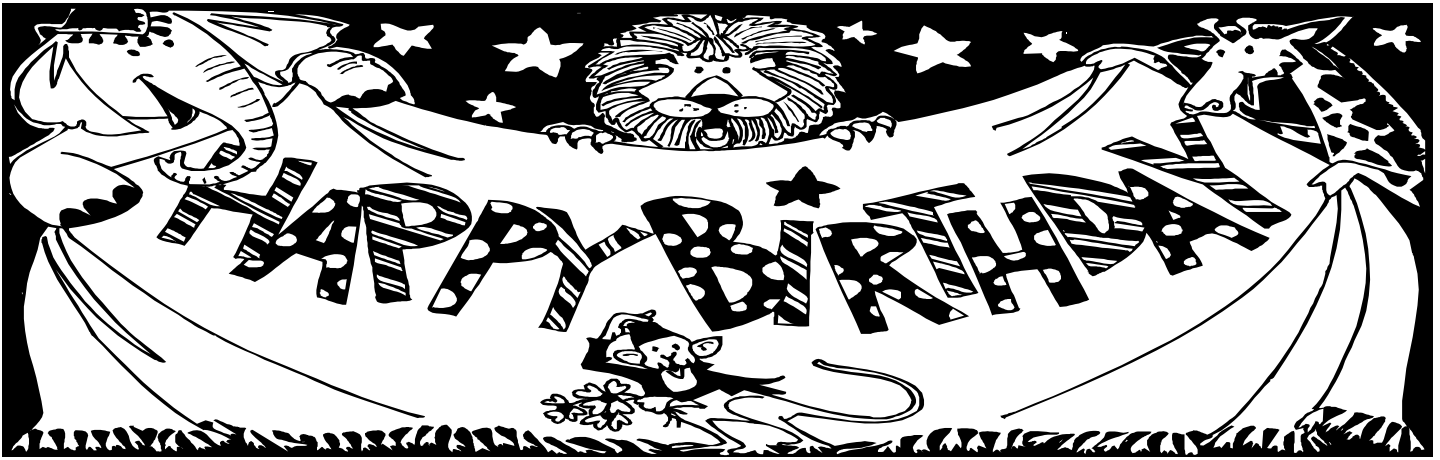
Check out the Alexander Hall Council Website at:
<http://www.unh.edu/alexander-hall/>

Or stop by one of our weekly meetings
Tuesdays at 10pm in the TV Lounge

The 2001-2002 Hall Council

On April 24th, the hall council for the 2001-2002 academic year were chosen. When you see them, please congratulate them!!!!

Rachel Bottino, President
Mike Green, Vice-President
Matt Parsons, Vice-President
Beth Landry, Treasurer
Sarah Regan, Secretary
Kathleen Kirwin, Publicity Coordinator



Please wish a Happy Birthday to all those celebrating in May and over the summer!!!!!!

May Birthdays!!!

Sarah Boehringer (303)	May 4
Marc Flore (323)	May 5
Katherine Lanzer (336)	May 5
Shoshana Ritzler (331)	May 5
Janice Huebner (113)	May 10
Jessica Wixson (215)	May 16
Caitlin Ehrlinger (230)	May 16
Matt Parsons (315)	May 17
Chris Barrett (327)	May 18
Sarah Regan (121)	May 18
Justen Peters (330)	May 18
Tegan Towle-Kimball (108)	May 25
Kristin Futia (118)	May 25
Alli Zarembo (111)	May 29

June Birthdays!!!

Nick LaRocca (208)	June 3
Kim Frost (215)	June 4
Cynthia Cirignano (125)	June 6
Jed Dokmo (204)	June 6
Adam Carpenter (318)	June 15
Michelle Singler (111)	June 15
Erica Rospond (214)	June 15
Chris Blandschun (313)	June 17
Craig Plasse (212)	June 18
Rob LaRocque (317)	June 19
Kara Bolduc (217)	June 23
Christina Hamilton (223)	June 23
Meg Lowenwirth (214)	June 28
Lani McLean (107)	June 30

July Birthdays!!!

Nate Mulligan (314)	July 4
Lauren Weaver (309)	July 13
Kristina Scherber (217)	July 13
Joanna Kettlewell (218)	July 15
Sarah Paulsworth (105)	July 18
Lynn Albee (122)	July 22
Dan Eslinger (316)	July 28
Christin Chenard (213)	July 28
Beth Connell (230)	July 28
Jessica Dinapoli (216)	July 29
Amanda Lobb (303)	July 29

August Birthdays!!!

Jeff Bergeron (203)	August 1
Ivan Geschwindner (231)	August 1
Sarah Hinkley (227)	August 3
Ryan O'Donnell (301)	August 7
Katie Sherwood (311)	August 10
Amanda Downes (227)	August 11
Ryan Shea (203)	August 15
Paul Commito (316)	August 18
Tim Hubbard (209)	August 19
Jared Powers (235)	August 24
Stephanie Hamlin (110)	August 26
Tori MacGowan (312)	August 27

Finals are approaching!!!!

It's almost time to take off for summer!!!!

Here's what you need to do before you leave Alexander

Your RA will be giving you a checklist of things to complete before you leave. Please read and follow the instructions on it. Then post the checklist on your door. This is what the checklist will ask you to do:

_____ First, make a **Check-Out Appointment** with a Resident Assistant at least 24 hours before you plan to leave. The Resident Assistants will have schedules to sign up on next to their doors. They will black out times when they are not available. If your RA isn't going to be available when you need to leave, just sign up with another RA or George.

Before your Check-Out Appointment:

_____ Remove all belongings from your room. You won't be checked out until all of your things are out.

_____ Make sure all the original furniture is in the room and assembled. You'll also need to reassemble and unbunk your beds (There is a \$50 charge to reassemble beds □ so put them back together!!!)

_____ Make sure screens are in the windows, the windows are locked, and the shades are halfway down.

_____ Remove all nails, hooks, and tape from walls

_____ Clean your room and sweep the floor completely. Please don't sweep dirt into the hallway or leave trash for the housekeepers. (There is a minimum \$20 charge if someone else has to clean your room).

_____ Take everything off your door (inside and outside).

_____ Take all trash to the dumpster and recyclables to the recycling bins.

_____ Take any cinder blocks to the dumpster (don't leave them in Alexander).

_____ Decide with your roommate how any damage costs will be split up.

During your Check-Out Appointment

_____ Tell the RA how any damage costs should be billed.

_____ Have the RA write your forwarding address on your room inventory.

_____ Sign and date your inventory.

Reminders:

Residence Halls close Friday May 18th at 10am unless you are participating in commencement.

Residence Hall close Saturday May 19th at 3pm if you are participating in commencement.

All residents must check out of their rooms within 24 hours after their last exam.

Please be considerate when taking down lofts and packing up your belongings. Other people may still be studying for exams. Try to do this during relaxation hours.

Please let your RA or George know if you have any questions.

**22 Hour Quiet Hours begin on Tuesday, May 8th
at 10:00 pm and continue to the end of finals!!**

Relaxation Hours are 7:00- 9:00 pm

Relaxation Hours are for moving furniture, cleaning your room, and packing. They aren't for playing your radio or yelling in the hallway. Please be respectful of other people who may be studying.

Good Luck on your exams!!!

Need to stay past Friday May 18th at 10am???

If you're involved with commencement or staying for summer school, you're all set - I'll get a list of people who are eligible to stay for those reasons.

If you need to stay for another reason, though, you'll need to get permission. Since this will effect when staff can leave, you will only be allowed to stay under the most extenuating circumstances. Stop by and talk to George if you think you will need to stay late.

There are a ton of great things to do on campus this weekend. Make sure you take a break from your studies and have some fun.

FRIDAY 5/4

"Cabaret Showcase,"

UNH alumni Bobby Peaco and Helen Baldassare, award winning cabaret performers and musicians residing in New York City, direct.

Tickets are \$3, available through the Memorial Union

Building box office,

Performance in the Hennessy Theatre, Paul Creative Arts Center. 8 p.m. Info: 603-862-2919.

Stress Relief Friday: "The Sequel"

Sponsored by CAB & Cool-Aid. Tug-a-joust, a swirling cash cube, plus mocktails, 3 massage therapists, and a DJ.

Giveaways & prizes awarded.

Free, 8-11pm, Granite State Room, MUB

SATURDAY 5/5

Greeksfest 2001. Fair with vendors, games, music, fun and festivities to benefit the Boston Children's Hospital.

Volleyball, inflatable jumper, petting zoo, raffles, food, face painting, dunking booth, pie throwing contest!

10am to 7pm in C-Lot.

Minifest (at the Mini Dorms)

Minifest Events start in area III at 1:00 pm.

See the Posters for Details.

9-11:30 pm Hall House: Express Entertainment DJ.

Alabaster Blue Spring Show. UNH co-ed a cappella group. It's a Cinco de Mayo beach party theme, so wear your favorite summer clothes. Cost is \$5 from the MUB ticket Office. 7:00 pm, in the Granite State Room, MUB

Theatre Sports: The Last Show of the Semester
UNH's only improv comedy group, and the funniest thing on campus, are making their final appearance of the year.

8:30 pm, Strafford Room

MUB MOVIES THIS WEEKEND:

Castaway- 7 pm and 10 pm

Best of Show- 8 pm

The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program (AVAP) is recruiting for the 2001/2002 program.

Looking for a meaningful experience? Interested in working with victims of domestic and sexual violence? Want to earn money for college tuition or loans while serving those in need?

Please stop by the SHARPP office, 202 Huddleston Hall for an application.

for more info call 603-224-6466 or email lisad@nhcadsv.org or visit their web site at <http://victimassistance.tripod.com>

Credit Cards: The OTHER College Debt
Thursday 5/10 1pm - 2:30pm
MUB Strafford Room

Dr. Celia Hayhoe, from the University of Kentucky, will be visiting the UNH campus to do a presentation on "Credit Cards: The OTHER College Debt." Statistics demonstrate the increasing problem with credit card debt on U.S. campuses. Dr. Hayhoe will be discussing her research on students' use of credit, the need for young adults to learn successful money management practices, and her newly developed program "Be A Have or Have Not: The Choice is Yours" targeted to college students. "Be a Have or Have Not" will be implemented across the campus next year due to funding from the Parent's Association at UNH. Free and Open to All - No Pre-registration Required.

The United Way is searching for an intern to assist with the planning and implementing the Day of Caring.

General Summary: United Way of the Greater Seacoast conducts one of the largest "Days of Caring" in the nation for our size community. We mobilize, in one day, over 1,400 volunteers to work in the community. This year, it is September 12th. Volunteers work with non-profits and other organizations and paint walls, landscape, build handicap ramps, paint murals, give kid parties, etc., etc.

Examples of Duties/Tasks:

- Follow up with non-profits on getting forms submitted requesting the volunteers and ensuring complete requests
- Follow up with corporations and others on their interests
- Work on the "Ambassador" program, organizing United Way of the Greater Seacoast Board members as they travel around the Seacoast September 12th to thank volunteers.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Communications/Marketing/Special Event Interest
- Excellent phone skills, diplomacy, good writing skills
- Persistent but kind follow up
- Ability to work independently but provide regular updates to supervisor
- Provide own transportation

Interested?

Contact Robin Albert
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FAX: 603-436-6349

Some Dates to Remember

May 8	Last Day of Classes (22 Hour Quiet Hours Begin)
May 9 & 10	Reading Days
May 11	Finals Begin
May 18	Residence Halls Close for non-graduates (10am)
May 19	Commencement & Res Halls Close for grads (3pm)

In the News

from The Chronicle of Higher Education

Democrats on House Panel Accuse Bush of Seeking 'Token Increase' for Student Aid

By STEPHEN BURD

Washington- Democrats on the House of Representatives subcommittee that sets the Education Department's budget blasted the Bush administration on Tuesday for requesting only "a token increase" in the budgets of the federal student-aid programs for the 2002 fiscal year.

Last month, President Bush proposed a budget for 2002 that would raise the maximum Pell Grant by \$100, to \$3,850. He did not request any additional money for several other aid programs, such as College Work-Study, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Perkins Loans.

"The president says he is committed to making sure every student has the opportunity to attend college by helping to make college more affordable for all Americans," said Rep. David R. Obey of Wisconsin, the appropriations subcommittee's ranking Democrat.

"When I look at his budget for student aid, I don't think that it meets that standard."

Defending the Bush administration was Maureen A. McLaughlin, a civil servant at the Education Department, who continues to serve as the deputy assistant secretary for postsecondary education, a position she held in the Clinton administration.

"We believe that our budget for postsecondary education honors the president's commitment to education by providing additional resources to the most pressing issues in postsecondary education, while at the same time adhering to the administration's policy of fiscal restraint," she said.

But when asked by Republican lawmakers whether she agreed with Mr. Obey's assessment of the president's budget request, she said that the Bush administration's proposal would provide "an increase in the amount of student aid available to pay for college," but, she added, "not an enormous increase."

Fire in Private Dorm at U. of Texas Kills One Student and Injures Another

By JENNIFER JACOBSON

Austin- A fire at a private high-rise residence hall near the University of Texas at Austin killed one student and critically injured another Tuesday morning.

Anoor Hajee, a freshman, was pronounced dead at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, and Zawardy Ab Latiff, a sophomore, was taken by helicopter to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, university and hospital officials said.

Arcy Longoria, a spokeswoman for Brooke Army Medical Center, said Mr. Ab Latiff, a sophomore, was in critical condition with burns over 45 percent of his body.

The fire broke out at 6:20 a.m. on the second floor of a dormitory-style 10-story building that houses 200 students and that did not have sprinklers. Located about four blocks west of the campus, the building is one of two structures in a complex called University Towers that is home to 600 residents, most of whom are students.

Firefighters had the blaze under control in about 30 minutes, said Cheryl A. Bishop, a spokeswoman for the Austin Fire Department. Fire officials have not determined the cause of the fire, and investigators were unable to find a smoke detector in the room where the blaze began.

Dale A. Whitaker, another spokeswoman for the Austin Fire Department, said the building was constructed before a 1981 ordinance that required all high-rise structures to have sprinkler systems. The building had a required smoke alarm in each room and a 24-hour monitored alarm system, she said, adding that the emergency lighting system and the fire-alarm system in the hallway outside the room where the fire began both functioned properly.

Firefighters evacuated all residents from both buildings of the complex after the fire was reported. Most people were allowed to return to their rooms Tuesday morning, but those who lived on the second floor were allowed in only to get books and clothes.