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“Let Your Spirit Run Wild” at Open House 2008

By CRAIG KUEHNERT

Assistant Coordinator for Departmental Initiatives

You’re probably well aware that each year millions of visitors travel to “the big apple” hoping to see the sights and take in some of the experiences that Manhattan, New York has to offer. What you may not know, is that each spring thousands of people travel to “the little apple” to experience one of the nation’s largest university recruitment events.

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Kansas State University will again showcase its facilities, students and faculty at the annual All-University Open House.

Open House at K-State was started over 80 years ago by the College of Engineering and has since spread to every aspect of the university. Assistant Dean Emily Lehning said that Open House is designed to attract and inform potential students and families, as well as to encourage engagement between K-State and the Manhattan area. The weekend of events offers an up close look at K-State’s academic offerings and campus life, along with food, games and entertainment.

As a family member of a current

K-State student there is a wide variety of activities that you will enjoy throughout the Open House weekend.

Whether you would like to pet a snake, sample some Call Hall ice cream, or tour a residence hall or Jardine Apartment, you’ll find plenty going on in Manhattan.

The weekend begins on Friday night with a concert by the Goo Goo Dolls at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Saturday, check out the hundreds of displays in the K-State Student Union and across campus from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Following the expo, head out to the stadium once again for the annual Spring Game to watch the K-State intersquad matchup.

Housing and Dining Services will provide free shuttle service to and from the K-State Student Union, residence halls, and Jardine Apartments throughout the day on Saturday for anyone wishing to take a tour or to visit friends or family members.

With all that is going on at K-State on April 18-20, you’re sure to find a number of activities that you will enjoy with your student.

Get more information about Open House at:

<http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/>

5 Things to do at Open House 2008

1. Visit our model room in the K-State Student Union for free balloons and prizes.
2. Start Saturday morning off right at the Jardine Pancake Feed.
3. Stop by any residence hall for some cookies from T*H*E Bakery.
4. Enjoy a special lunch buffet in the Kramer or Derby Dining Centers.
5. Catch the free housing shuttle at the K-State Student Union and hop off at any residence hall or the Jardine Apartments for a tour.

LEADership Opportunities Abundant on Campus

By NICK LANDER

Coordinator for Leadership Development

From the first day a student considers K-State as a place to spend their college years, they are encouraged to get involved. Speaking from my own experience as a K-Stater, I certainly agree that getting involved is a great way to connect to other students, develop powerful skills, and have a lot of fun. Luckily, the opportunities to be a leader on campus range from Student Governing Association to the Juggling Club to being a captain on an intramural team. You can even get a minor in Leadership Studies at K-State!

Students who live in the residence halls and Jardine Apartments have some additional opportunities to get involved and explore the wonderful world of leadership. Each residence hall has a Hall Governing Board (HGB) where students can gather with other residents of the hall to plan programs and make decisions with funding that is given to each board from application fee money that residents pay. In addition, students can get involved with the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) which consists of an Executive Board and representatives from each residence hall. ARH plans programs and makes policy decisions for all of the residence halls. Students can also apply to be inducted into the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) which can only consist of 1% of the leaders in the residence halls. If a student lives in Jardine, they can participate in the Jardine Residents' Council.

In addition to all of these opportunities, we are proud to offer the LEAD program. LEAD stands for Leadership Education And Development and was created to "develop ethical, caring, inclusive

leaders for a diverse world". Since the program began six years ago, many students have graduated from the seven week LEAD program. In the last three semesters, our participation has grown significantly with 87 students graduating in that time frame and 15 more currently in the program. Sessions cover a variety of topics including self-assessment, community service, diversity, role modeling and ethical decision making, group dynamics and motivation, effective communication, and managing change. Each semester the LEAD program concludes with a graduation ceremony.

For the first time, we have 10 LEAD graduates who are participating in LEAD II. LEAD II was designed to build upon the sessions of LEAD but be more experiential in nature. The LEAD II students began the semester serving the community as site leaders for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. They have spent the last few weeks planning a campus-wide program and they also completed the K-State Challenge Course, a new ropes course built on campus. The group recently traveled to the University of Arizona in Tucson to the National Collegiate Leadership Conference (NCLC). NCLC featured a variety of sessions from presenters nationwide. Keynote speakers included Herman Boone, the coach portrayed by Denzel Washington in the movie, "Remember the Titans." In addition to enjoying the wonderful Arizona weather, the students had the opportunity to meet leaders from all over the United States. LEAD II will conclude soon with a graduation with the current group of LEAD students.

Both LEAD and LEAD II are open to any residence hall or Jardine Apartments resident and are free to participate in. LEAD II does require that a student has completed LEAD and are selected by an application process. If your student has made the great decision to live in a residence hall or Jardine Apartment next year, they should be on the lookout for information about LEAD early in the fall semester.

ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENCE HALLS

By ERICA JENNINGS

ARH Secretary

The Association of Residence Halls here at K-State is a large group of members from each of our residence halls on campus, that oversee all the Hall Governing Boards. Together we meet biweekly and make motions on important policies such as the pet and alcohol policies that directly affect our residents. We offer the students a say in the policies that they live by, which is something unique to our group.

Our Executive Board of approximately 8 members oversees the general body, and we meet each week to discuss important improvements and programs for the halls. Our social programming chair has planned many activities for all the halls. To wrap up the end of the year we are planning to have a Winter Ball, which is usually a yearly event that ARH hosts, and is open to all the halls. Some improvements

we have been working on for all the halls include recycling and sustainability programs. Earlier this year we were able to meet with the Director of Housing and Dining Services and were able to relay information collected from the halls regarding improvements the residents would like to see made to their particular hall.

We have made many motions and improvements so far this year, and look forward to doing more for the halls. We work as a board to make residence hall life more enjoyable to each and every resident. Everyone has an equal opportunity to join our board, either as an executive member or representative for a hall. We feel that since each hall has a person to act as a liaison between ARH and their hall, we can effectively get the needed improvements done and meet the expectations of each hall.

ARH is also currently recruiting residence hall students to attend the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) conference which will be held May 15-19 at Oklahoma State University. Delegates from residence halls all over the United States and Canada come to this yearly event to learn about programs other schools offer as well as leadership in general. Delegates also show their school pride through the banner contest and spirit competition. All weekend, delegates will be wearing school colors and cheering as they go from program to program. Interested students should contact the K-State National Communications Coordinator, Renee Braun for more information about attending NACURH this summer.

K-State Parents and Family Association: Keeping Families Connected

By EMILY LEHNING

Assistant Dean of Student Life

The K-State Parents and Family Association (PFA) continues to keep the parents and family members of K-State students connected. Programs, events and services are offered to help engage current families in campus life and welcome new families. The PFA is very proud of the success of the new electronic newsletter and two signature events that feature opportunities for students to host their parents and family on the campus.

Fall 2008 saw the release of the first electronic newsletter for parents and family members of current students. Newsletters are sent every other month and have a variety of topics to keep you connected to happenings on campus. Information about upcoming events and highlights from recent activities are included. Interested? Send an e-mail to pfa@k-state.edu with your name, the name of your student(s) and your e-mail address. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 19. K-State Open House is a great time to visit the campus and spend time with your student. Food, entertainment, and academic displays will be available in all of the colleges and at the K-State Student Union. Activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., leaving plenty of time to attend the Spring Game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

K-State Family Day will celebrate 80 years of tradition on Saturday, September 27. Held in conjunction with the K-State vs. North Texas football game, it is a great time to explore the campus through activities that range from the Legacy Pinning Ceremony and Brunch to musical entertainment, movies and more. Round out your day with the Family Time in Cat Town barbeque and the evening football game. Hotel availability will be limited; we encourage you to book rooms early. For a list of area lodging, go to <http://consider.k-state.edu/motels/>. (Mention K-State Family Day when you make your reservations.)

PFA membership is free and granted to the parents and family members of all current K-State students. The organization is funded by contributions to the Parent and Family Fund that supports initiatives to enhance the student life on our campus.

ONLINE RESOURCES

To view past issues of the Parents and Family newsletter, go to:

<http://www.k-state.edu/parentsandfamily/newsletter/>

For a complete listing of events for open house, go to:

<http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/>

For more details about involvement or to make a contribution, go to:

www.k-state.edu/parentsandfamily

NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL

HONORARY

By SARAH MORTON

NRHH President

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) has continued to have a productive year within the residence halls. We have continued to be very active within both the housing and dining community as well as the greater Manhattan community with our many service opportunities this semester. We had an egg hunt at the Jardine Apartments for the children living there. We also have helped with the Jardine Global Woman's Society. We've also started working hard on our end of the year banquet to be held April 22. We'll be recognizing a variety of leaders throughout the halls for their hard work this past year. From RAs to first year students to outstanding programs, each hall will have the opportunity to nominate and recognize members of their hall. This is a very exciting time for us as our core values include recognition of those who make the halls a better place for each of us to live. We inducted eight new members in the fall semester and are gearing up for our spring inductions. Our inductions are open to any resident in the halls who have lived in the halls for at least one semester prior to the current one. We'll be losing some really great members to graduation in a few short weeks and wish them luck in their future endeavors. But this opens more spots within our organization for up and coming leaders in the halls.

HELLO

from K-State

Students in our halls have been up to a lot this semester. Check to see what each hall is doing. You'll wish you could be here, too!

In all the cold weather, the students of West Hall have been keeping warm by keeping busy! Our Hall Governing Board started the year off with a planning retreat to jump right into the spring semester. The first week of classes, they held a Coffee Hour to gather all the residents (new and old) together to reconnect, and find new friends. Currently, excitement is generating for a formal dance to be held on Valentine's Day a holiday which will be celebrated by both women and men for the first time in West. Some things to look forward to in the coming months are a community service trip during spring break and a leadership banquet in April to recognize the outstanding leaders living in our hall. The men and women are excited for what will, no doubt, be another amazing semester in West Hall!!



West

Derby Complex

It is spring semester once again and soon the flowers will be in full bloom for Moore Hall. We saw an influx of international students move in over the winter break and we haven't skipped a beat since. We were excited to end last semester and start the holiday season off with the sponsoring of a local child. All in all, about \$250 worth of clothes, toys and money were donated. We plan on giving even more back to the community this semester with a number of programs and volunteering. Within our own hall, we have some amazing programs coming up

which we hope will keep up our tradition of helping our students become the confident, civic-minded leaders of tomorrow. Moore Hall is a friendly and fun place where students thrive and have a home away from home. So stop by and say hello sometime, you'll be glad you did. Go Cats!!!



Moore

Derby Complex

Everyone in Haymaker Hall is enthusiastic for the spring semester. There are so many amazing programs and events happening this semester that one can't help but be excited. Super Bowl parties, March Madness, scavenger hunts, and many other programs on the agenda will give the students of

Haymaker will have plenty of opportunities to make this a semester one that they will never forget. Our staff, student leaders, and Hall Governing Board members continue to find ways to make improvements and continue the success of the Haymaker community. We all look forward to warmer weather and plenty of memorable moments in Haymaker Hall.



Haymaker

Derby Complex



Ford

Derby Complex

Spring is a busy, but an exciting time for the residents of Ford. Much excitement and anticipation centered around Valentine's Day, when we saw a large amount of flowers, chocolates and teddy bears delivered to the hall. The Hall Governing Board continues to provide programs that will give our residents things to do and ways to connect.

One program called, "Jazz 'N Joe" gave residents the chance to visit our very own Coffee Shop created right here in the lobby of Ford. Currently, plans for an all-hall slumber party are in the works, as well as a "Fun 'N Sun" picnic once the weather gets warmer. The Ford staff has greatly enjoyed working with and serving the residents of Ford Hall this year. All of us look forward to the memories that have yet to be made here as we finish out the semester.



Van Zile
Strong Complex

Van Zile welcomed the spring semester with several new residents while we also miss the residents that left us at the break. Through the spring, several programs and activities have been planned including a Guitar Hero social, a Valentine's Day party, a night at the theater, and programs involving K-State sports. The spring is always welcomed by Van Zile residents as we can move outside to the basketball court and we anticipate the finalizing of the landscaping of our front lawn. As the temperature begins to rise, be on the lookout for a possible camping trip or more outdoor activities with the residents of Boyd and Putnam.

It may still be cold outside, but things are already heating up in Putnam Hall this spring semester! The Super Bowl is traditionally a fun time for the hall as many residents flock to our enormous lobby to share in the viewing and enjoyment of the biggest sports event in America. The hall is also planning several large events for the semester such as a live concert, a date party, and even another round of our extremely popular Floor Wars competition that was dominated by the fourth floor last semester. The Putnam Goes Green recycling campaign will continue once again this semester as our students have strong feelings towards saving the environment. Even with all of the fun things that are happening, we will also maintain our focus on making sure our students do well academically. It will definitely be a semester to remember in Putnam Hall!



Putnam
Strong Complex

The spring semester is going to be a very active one in Boyd Hall! There are many great activities and programs being planned by our HGB and the RA staff. From all-hall programs, to floor dinners, the staff and members of the HGB have been hard at work planning successful activities for the residents of Boyd. In February an all-hall program about love was put on by some of the RAs and residents were also able to help make Valentine's Day cards for residents of a local retirement community. In March, the annual Women's Week program will bring a series of fun events for the entire complex to enjoy. The women of Boyd have also enjoyed something new this semester, "PB&J in your PJs". Every other Sunday, the residents of Boyd gather in the lobby to enjoy some snacks and fun with their friends! It will be a busy semester, but a great one!



Boyd
Strong Complex



Smurthwaite
Leadership/Scholarship House

The first month of spring semester has been a buzz with excitement and activity. Recruitment for next year's members has started, and all the women of the house are contributing their time and expertise to show off the fantastic house and how fun it is to live there. In addition to recruitment, Smurthwaite is playing hostess to friends and classmates during exchange dinners, as well as hosting a Super Bowl party in the living room. The women are also enjoying some major renovations to the house including a brand new laundry room including high-efficiency washers and dryers, and a renovated study room. The new study room has hardly seen an empty moment with all the women getting into their spring courses. The women have gotten a great start to the spring semester, and they're sure to have a strong finish!!



Marlatt
Kramer Complex

An early spring semester activity was a Super Bowl watch party, with pizza and sandwiches provided. At the time this was written, it appears we'd better start planning some postseason basketball watch parties, too. The final bid is out for an excellent new Brunswick pool table, to provide a break after a long day of homework. The 22nd annual Casino Night is set for March 8 in the K-State Student Union. Residents who win enough play money will be able to bid on a variety of nice prizes as the evening goes on. In early March we'll elect hall officers for '08 - '09. We're looking for individuals who hope to gain leadership experience, as well as contribute to hall activities. This summer, we plan to complete the switch to new loft beds. The floor tiles in student rooms will be replaced as needed as part of the project.



Goodnow
Kramer Complex

Happy spring from Goodnow Hall. The semester has started off great with lots of energy and excitement after a long winter break away from Goodnow. Residents enjoyed chili and cinnamon roles while watching the Super Bowl on the big screen as one of the first big activities for the semester. Residents were entertained while helping a good cause during the annual Date Auction held in late February benefiting the Manhattan Crisis Center. Hall Governing Board elections are approaching quickly, providing a great way for students to take on leadership roles within Goodnow Hall. As the weather warms up, the front lawn of Goodnow has become a constant flow of frisbees, footballs, and volleyball as residents get out and enjoy themselves.

To learn more about each hall, visit our web page at:

<http://housing.k-state.edu>

Spring Forward with Plans for the Future

By MONA DEXTER

Career and Employment Service

What do students believe is the purpose for attending college? Socializing and attending sporting events are a sliver of the experience but a recent report published by Eduventures, a research and consulting consortium focused on improving education in the United States, found that career preparation was the number one concern among surveyed freshmen.

Career preparation includes more than classroom learning experiences. K-State's Career and Employment Services (CES) offers programs and resources to guide students from college to career. CES provides free career advising, employment connections, online job listings, and job search training to K-State students.

In addition to hosting on-campus career fairs, specific services include resume and cover letter development, practice interviews, and information sessions on topics such as salary negotiation and benefits.

In an effort to increase availability of services to students, CES has teamed with the Academic and Career Information Center (ACIC) and Housing and Dining Services to offer after-hours appointments in the residence halls. Students can meet with CES advisors Monday through Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Derby Aca-

ademic Resource Center (DARC) located in Derby Dining Center.

It is never too early to start planning for the future.

“Career preparation was the number one concern among surveyed freshmen.”

Encourage your student to visit CES or the DARC and spring into the future with the skills

and tools to succeed after college.

CES is located in 100 Holtz Hall. Phone 785.532.6506 or the DARC 785.532.2646. Visit our website: www.k-state.edu/ces

Career Planning 101:

ACIC class helps students with major/career decisions

By Lindsey Ott

Career Specialist

“What can I do with a degree in animal science? What major will prepare me to become a family counselor?” These are questions that Career Specialists at the Academic and Career Information Center (ACIC) answer every day. When students have questions about majors or careers, ACIC is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Holton Hall 14, or from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday in the Derby Academic Resource Center (DARC). Currently, ACIC is in full swing with a career exploration class offered through the office.

Academic/Career Decisions, ED-CEP 120, is a one-credit hour, career planning class which focuses on choosing a major, exploring careers, defining values, making decisions, and learning to use K-State career resources. The small class size and interactive format enables students to learn from both the instructor and other students. Check out the syllabus at: www.k-state.edu/acic/careercourse/syllabus.htm. Classes begin midsemester in both the fall and the spring, making it convenient for students who need to make class adjustments mid-semester. ACIC offers many services for stu-

dents. Whether a student wants to take a free career assessment, explore our extensive career library containing more than 300 books and 500 occupational files, or discuss major/career options with a Career Specialist, ACIC is the place to go. Our goal is to assist students with their major and career decisions.

Stop by ACIC in Holton Hall or the DARC to find out more about our career planning class or our services. To learn more, visit our website at www.ksu.edu/acic.

Jardine Apartments

Planning events for a wide variety of students

By DEBORAH KOHL
Community Development Coordinator

Greetings from the Jardine Apartment Complex! We hope that your student's semester is off to a great start, and that you have a visit to campus scheduled soon. If you happen to be in town, we invite you to stop by "the J" for a tour of some of our amazing new apartments. We currently have 13 of the 14 new buildings open and occupied, and as the spring progresses we are confident that the complex will really bloom. This is the time of year when students are making final decisions on where to live for the next academic year, as well as what to do over the summer, so with that in mind, we'd love to see you for a tour!

If you have a choice of when to come

to visit, we would encourage you to take a look at the online Housing and Dining Services event calendar and try to catch one of our award-winning programs. One of the wonderful things about living at Jardine—

which you might not see just by looking at the architecture—is the myriad of events planned by residents and staff of the complex, bringing folks together to build community. Residents of the complex come from over 48 different countries and include more than 80 children, so opportunities to learn from each other and celebrate community are virtually endless. If you come for a visit this semester you might be able to catch our Severe Weather program with a guest meteorologist a special Date Night for Valentine's Day an afternoon of Coffee Talk a session of Children's Tutoring or a Saturday Yoga program.

One event at which we would especially love to see you and your student would be at our Open House Pancake Feed, which is free of charge to the entire K-State and Manhattan communities, and will be held at our Frith

"The myriad of events planned by residents and staff of the complex, bringing folks together to build community."

Community Center on April 19. You are welcome to drop in for breakfast any time between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. We will have plenty to eat as well as tours of the apartments. If you aren't able to make it over for breakfast, but are going to the game later in the day, we will have an apartment by the stadium available for tours and free popcorn.

If you or your student has questions about calling Jardine home next year, please feel free to contact us at apartments.k-state.edu or 785.532.3790.

Keeping your PC fine tuned over summer

By ROB SATTERLEE
Manager of Information Technology

The spring semester will be coming to an end soon and your K-State student will be leaving their residence hall for the summer. During the summer it is highly recommended that K-State students returning to the residence halls or Jardine Apartments this coming fall keep their personal computers up to date on all operating system patches and clean of viruses and spyware. Doing so will give them the security they need while away from K-State and prepare them for a hassle free move in during August.

The recommended procedure for keeping a computer up-to-date is to unpack it once your student arrives home and set it up to be used throughout the summer. Be sure to power it on periodically and have your K-State student check their K-State e-mail for periodic announcements. During the time the computer is connected to the Internet it will automatically check for operating system updates and prompt you to install them accordingly. Furthermore, the installed K-State anti-virus solution will check for periodic updates and also perform the necessary updates to prevent unwanted viruses. Lastly, it is highly recommended to have your K-State student run the installed Spybot Search and Destroy spyware tool throughout the summer to address unneeded additions to the computer which can affect performance and security.

Following these three simple steps can help keep your K-State student's computer up-to-date and ready for the school year this coming fall. For further questions in regards to securing your workstation contact the Residential Networking Help Desk at 785.532.2711 or at <http://housing.k-state.edu/resnet/>.

8 Important Dates

March 2008

15: All halls close at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, for spring break. The evening meal on Friday March 14, is the last meal served.

23: Halls reopen for occupancy at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 23. Breakfast on Monday, March 24, is the first meal served.

April 2008

19: All University Open House

May 2008

16&17: Graduation

17: All residence halls close. Residents who need to remain on campus must make prior arrangements with their residence life coordinator. Breakfast on Saturday, May 17, is the last meal served. Check at your hall or dining center for Saturday breakfast meal hours.

July 2008

Hall and roommate assignments are mailed home during the first full week in July.

August 2008

23: Residence halls open for occupancy for the fall semester at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23. Breakfast on Monday, August 25, is the first meal served.

Questions, Comments, or Suggestions?

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Call 785.532.6453 or
Visit us online at
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