



# SWACUHO News

August 2009

## Greetings SWACUHO Colleagues,

I hope that everyone is surviving the extreme heat wave that is impacting our region. The cool spring temperatures that we experienced at SWACUHO 2009 in Hot Springs seem so far off.

In June I had the opportunity to attend the ACUHO-I conference in Baltimore, Maryland and also represent our association at the regional presidents meeting. The conference included an opening ceremony at the Baltimore Orioles ballpark; a keynote address by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.; and over 160 interesting program sessions, including eight program sessions from the SWACUHO region. In addition to attending some great program sessions, the conference allowed me the opportunity to connect with colleagues, some from as far back as my days as a Head Resident at Southern Illinois University. Next year the 2010 ACUHO-I annual conference is here in Austin. D'aun Green from Texas Tech University is serving as the Local Arrangements Host for the conference, so expect to hear from Dr. Green in the coming year about opportunities to volunteer for this huge undertaking.

I would also like to recognize the following individuals from the SWACUHO region who attended the ACUHO-I Stars College. The Stars College is an ACUHO-I pre-conference workshop for undergraduates interested in a career in the housing profession.

Kayla Batterton, Tarleton State University

Katie Hall, Arkansas Tech University

Zack Maldonado, Baylor University

Kali Ross, Oklahoma State University

Justin Samuel, The University of Texas at Austin

Our association also helped support Jessica Gamez (Texas A&M University-Commerce) and Timothy Powers (Baylor University) to participate in the 19th Annual National Housing Training Institute. Craig Allen (Texas Christian University) also served as a faculty member during the institute.

As I write this, summer is quickly coming to a close which means winding down summer school and summer conference operations, completing renovation projects, worries about not being full or about being too full, preparing for the arrival of our students and student leaders, and training, training and more training. Speaking of training, I have always enjoyed participating in staff

training programs as they provide the opportunity to connect with staff and student leaders, to learn, to introduce new programs and services, and to reinforce our purpose and why we are in the housing profession. The training period also provides an excellent opportunity to introduce our SWACUHO association to our staff members, and also identify some of the wonderful programs that we all do on our respective campuses to present at the upcoming RA conference, hosted by Texas Christian University, or the annual SWACUHO conference, hosted by the University of Texas at Austin. Information about presenting at both conferences is included in this newsletter

Our association thrives on volunteers committing their energy and talents. So, if you are interested in becoming involved please feel free to contact me directly and I will ensure that your interest is communicated to the appropriate individual.

Finally, at the annual conference in Hot Springs each member institution received a logon and password to access our new association website. Access allows you to update your directory information, submit articles and post jobs to the website. If you have not already done so please update your directory information. Best wishes as you prepare for staff training and the welcoming of students back to campus for another exciting year. On a personal note I changed jobs in March and now work in the Office of the Dean of Students. My years of housing experience have definitely been an asset. I am, however, wondering what I will do with my free time in August.

*Sincerely,*

*Doug Garrard*

*SWACUHO President*



## Small Institutions Gathering

The small institutions of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas gather for their annual Small Institutions Housing Conference on May 27 – 28, 2009 in Plano, Texas. This year 14 institutions participated: Arkansas State University Beebe, Blinn College, Central Texas College, Frank Phillips College, Murray State College, Navarro College, North Central Texas College, Northeast Texas Community College, Panola College, Paris Junior College, Redlands Community College, Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Texas State Technical College-Waco, and Weatherford College.

The group had two roundtables, four presentation sessions, and an evening of networking. The presentations were: Construction and Renovation, Mental Health Issues, Working with Residents with Disabilities, and Legal Issues. The presenters were Shawn and David Short from KSQ Architects; Kelsel Thompson and Dr. Rose Rothmeier from Austin College; Kenny Mauk from Texas Woman's University; and Kim Brown from North Central Texas College. The conference has been able to keep a low cost of \$100 for a shared room and \$150 for a private room (including meals and materials) over the past years due to the generous support of our vendors. The attendees wish to thank KSQ Architects, Tandus, and Southwest Contract for their support!

*Submitted by  
Kim Brown  
North Central Texas College*



## Resident Assistants Gather in Austin

The first Resident Assistant Association Mini-Conference was a success with over 25 RAs in attendance - held on the University of Texas at Austin campus on Saturday, April 18, 2009. RAs from St. Edwards University, Huston-Tillotson University, Texas State University and Southwestern University participated in round table discussions on a plethora of topics, tours of campus, and a True Colors Personality Test presentation. New friendships were forged, along with some great networking. Justin Samuels is President and Ms. "LT" Robinson is Advisor for the Resident Assistant Association.

*Submitted by  
Gloria Allen  
University of Texas-Austin*



# Exhibits & Displays Committee

Exhibits & Displays Committee is hard at work this year.

1. Bill Rose created a SurveyMonkey tool for our vendors/exhibitors from last year to get vendor opinions about the venue, the interaction, and the registration/check in process. From word of mouth, most of the feedback that we received on our vendor check-in process and our customer service with the vendors seemed very positive.
2. In the SurveyMonkey tool, the vendors/exhibitors could fill in a name of someone to be a volunteer on a “Vendor Board.” These vendor volunteers would be the people that E&D would bounce ideas, gather opinions, and seek advice. Many times we are asked “what do the vendors want?” or “how will that impact the vendors?” I believe the best way to know those answers is to have a “panel of experts” available.
3. A big thank you goes out to Doug Garrard and to Susan Austin for distributing the Vendor packets at the ACUHO-I conference. Also big thanks to Alvin Curette serving as the ACUHO-I vendor contact.
4. Please take a moment to see who has volunteered to be on the Exhibits and Displays committee this year. The work is definitely right around the corner, so I would like to express my appreciation to these individuals in advance. We will be getting down to business very soon with our vendor packets and planning for the Exhibits area in Austin!

Alison Vatzlavic	UT-Arlington	Jovita Simon	UT-Arlington
Alvin Curette	UT-Austin	Katie Uttich	Arkansa Tech
Angela Owens	Texas A&M-Commerce	Kim Brown	North Central Texas College
Bill Rose	Univ. of North Texas	Kionte Moore	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
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Curtis Odle	CLV-UT-San Antonion	Mandy Whitten	Univ. of Oklahoma
Debbie Gentry	Arkansas-Little Rock	Michael Woods	Southern Arkansas Univ.
Donna Mahan	CLV-UT-San Antonion	Raye Mahlberg-Friedmann	Univ. of Tulsa
Elsie Umeh	Univ. of North Texas	Samantha Perry	UT-Austin
Gabriela Ostria	Arkansas Tech	Stephen Harper	Univ. of North Texas
Gloria Allen	UT-Austin	Teresa Owens	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Gregg Suttle	Southern Methodist Univ.	Todd Hefner	Northeastern State Univ.
J Courson	Southern Arkansas Univ.	Tom Murray	Texas A&M
Janis Haney	Texas Tech	Victor Duke	Southern Arkansas Univ.
Josh Deacon	Univ. of Central Oklalhoma		

*Submitted by*  
*Theresa Yackyonney*  
*E&D Chair*  
*University of Central Arkansas*

# Time & Place Committee

SWACUHO Mid Year meetings are just around the corner October 15-16, 2009. Why should you put that date on your calendar? Because bids are due then for the 2012 annual conference. Usually hosted in Northern Texas, the 2012 conference is sure to be another great event, but only if we have dedicated housing staff who are willing to host. Spend the next few months discussing how you (and a few of your fellow institutions) can get together to host in 2012. The bid packet is available on the SWACUHO website with all the information you need to prepare to host. You can also contact Tanya Massey, Time and Place Chair, at 405.744.9158 or tanya.massey@okstate.edu.

*Submitted by*  
*Tanya Massey*  
*Time & Place Chair*  
*Oklaboma State University*

# Living Learning Communities at TWU

An established learning community initiative, Neighbors Educated Together, was piloted during the 1996-97 academic year, after a year of collaborative planning. The learning communities were formed through the clustered assignment of approximately 25 students from a living group into selected core curriculum courses. The ultimate goal of the program was and still is to enhance student learning with the desired outcomes of improved retention and teaching.

The program was established and implemented collaboratively by the Department of University Housing, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Academic Advising Center. The residential learning program provided facilitative academic resources and community development programs that supported the successful transition of incoming freshmen as they entered the TWU collegiate community. Since 1996-97 the NET program has grown from 50 students to approximately 285 students. Additionally over the years the program has developed several other distinct learning communities, First Year Connections (FYC), the ARTS Community & Sophomore Year Community (SYC). Each of these communities has unique characteristics for 200 more students to participate bringing the entire Living Learning Community (LLC) population to 485 students.

Being an LLC student at TWU provides priceless benefits to students as they begin their developmental journey. Students benefit from dedicated faculty to provide individual attention through smaller classes and many review/study sessions outside of the classroom. Many faculty will come to the resident's floor to conduct review/study sessions as well as inviting students to their homes. Field trips are offered to students to expand their diversity and cultural awareness such as visiting the King Tut Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art and seeing *The Color Purple* performance this fall to name a few. Additionally students receive the expertise and resource knowledge of two student staff members living on their floor, their Resident Assistant (RA) and Peer Advisor (PA). RAs and PAs are alum of the LLC program and together provide a conducive environment ideal for the first year student to transition and grow throughout their first year of college focusing on academic success and focus to graduation. Second year students participating in the Sophomore Year Community have the benefit of a faculty or staff mentor as they further develop leadership skills and become more involved at the institution.

*Submitted by  
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Mark your calendars for February 14-16, 2010 and come join us in Austin. The 2010 annual conference will be held at the Sheraton Austin Hotel. Visit our website for updates and information: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/swacuho2010/>. You don't want to miss "Keep SWACUHO W.E.I.R.D." Come see why Everything is Radically Different in Austin!

## Send SWACUHO your News!

Don't be shy! Tell the region about your campus happenings.

Deadline for the Next Issue is October 30, 2009 for publication Nov 15

Send to Susan Strobel Hogan, Newsletter Editor at [sgstrobe@smu.edu](mailto:sgstrobe@smu.edu)

# Diversity & Social Justice Committee

The Diversity and Social Justice Committee enjoyed the 2009 SWACUHO Conference. We presented “Post Secret,” the professional help clothing drive, as well as offering the famous diversity buttons. For 2010, we’re putting together a book club, but we need your help! We’re looking for a newer book that’s related to any aspect of diversity in higher education. The Diversity and Social Justice Committee wants to help the SWACUHO membership keep up to date on new trends and issues, and the book club will do just that!

Our 2009-2010 Committee Members:

Jessica Gamez, Texas A&M-Commerce  
Dorothea Mack, Southern Methodist University  
Pam McElrath, University of Texas-Dallas  
Trisha Teig, University of Texas-Dallas  
Dave Pinson, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith  
Joi Ngo, Texas State  
Eugene Frier, University of North Texas

Ben Taylor, University of North Texas  
Valerie Finnegan, Texas A&M  
Commerce Alvin Curette, University of Texas -Austin  
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Jennifer Fueglein, University of Texas-San Antonio  
Vanessa Garza, University of the Incarnate Word  
Ali Martin Scoufield, Southern Methodist University

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D&SJ Chair  
University of Central Arkansas*

## Call For Programs for 2010

The program proposal form is now available on-line on the 2010 SWACUHO website!

<http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/swacuho2010/index.php>

Submit your program proposal now!

Deadline for submission is October 2, 2009

## Arkansas State Director Report

Greetings to all! I hope that everyone has a productive and successful summer. It is hard to believe that staff training is in progress and that we will soon be opening our residence halls for the fall semester.

I will be contacting our current Arkansas member schools soon about renewing their SWACUHO membership as the current membership year ends September 30. I will also be making contact with institutions who do not presently have a SWACUHO membership so that I can talk with them about the benefits of being a SWACUHO member.

If you know a Housing professional at an Arkansas college or university that is not currently a member, please feel free to share that contact person’s name and e-mail address with me so that I can make contact with that individual/institution.

I look forward to representing the Great State of Arkansas on the SWACUHO Executive Board. Please feel free to contact me at [fperrod@uark.edu](mailto:fperrod@uark.edu) if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

*Submitted by  
Felisha Perrodin  
Arkansas State Director  
University of Arkansas*

**Texas Christian University presents**

**I ♥ the  
80's**

## **SWACUHO RA Conference 2009**

**Book your calendars, SWACUHO!**

**We'll see you in Fort Worth October 23-25<sup>th</sup>!**

**As you start making your travel arrangements,  
please keep the following in mind:**

- ❖ **We are excited to announce that the **Conference Hotel** will be the **Hyatt Place Cityview**; please see **this page** for more details  
<http://fortworthcityview.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp>**



**5900 Cityview Boulevard  
Fort Worth, TX 76132, USA  
Phone: +1 817 361 9797 Fax: +1 817 361 9444**

- ❖ **The Conference Hotel rate for each room reservation at the Hyatt will be **\$99.00**, which includes the following amenities:  
<http://fortworthcityview.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/reservations.jsp>**
- ❖ **Our over-flow hotel is the **Holiday Inn Express**; please see **this page** for more details <http://dallas.hotelguide.net/data/h100438.htm>**

**4609 City Boulevard West, Fort Worth, Texas 76132  
Reservations:800-356-3584 Fax:817-263-6731**

- ❖ **The Holiday Inn Express will offer the following:**
  - (20) 2-queen standard - \$104 per night
  - (5) 2-queen junior suite - \$119 per night

**\*\*\*When making reservations at either hotel, be sure to ask for rooms  
for the TCU RA Conference\*\*\***

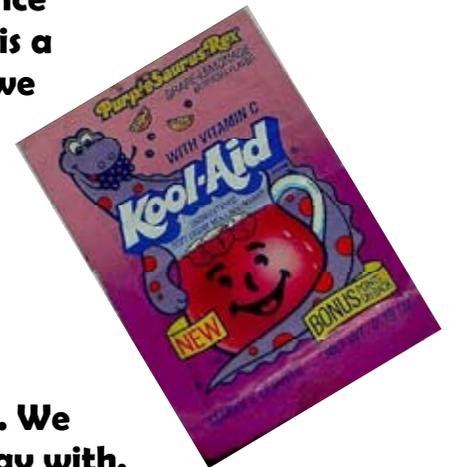
**Pending final contracts, we estimate that Delegation Registration will run between \$105.00 – \$110.00/delegate. Final rate information will be confirmed before the registration site opens.**

**We are working diligently at TCU to get our Registration Site up and running this summer as soon as possible, prior to the typical RA Training start dates in August. We encourage you all to start recruiting not only your conference delegates, but also those prized program proposals!**

**If you hadn't already guessed, our theme this year is taking us back to the 80s! We chose the theme of "I Love the 80s" because it was the most highly-suggested theme from our Fall 2008 RA Conference delegation. We felt that we should honor the ideas of the RAs, since this is essentially a conference planned by RAs, for RAs. Moreover, thinking about the 80s is a**



**way to look back at the past and where we have come from, and we can use that knowledge to help determine the direction in which we are going in both our departmental development and our student development.**



**Beyond that, the 80s was an exceedingly diverse decade, from the clothes, to the music, to the media. We anticipate the 80s being an entertaining theme for all to play with.**

**In fact, instead of the traditional formal on Saturday night, we're hoping RAs will go bananas over our planned 80s Prom Night!!**



# Around the Region

## Arkansas State

We are excited to announce the new graduate staff joining the Arkansas State University Red Wolf Residence Life family. Three of our new staff completed their undergraduate degrees at ASU: Kayla Bruce (University Hall), Brandon DeGroat (Kays Hall), and Donald Vanpelt (Arkansas Hall). We also welcome Charles Jones from Southeast Missouri State University (Kays Hall) and Misha Barbour from Graceland University (Honors Living Learning Community). The five of them join our returning staff: Justin McClure, Shereka Garfield, Danielle Carrington, and Devin Patterson.

Julie McMahon joined our team in April as the Associate Director for Residence Education. Julie comes to us by way of the University of Florida, where she served as Assistant Director of Housing for Residence Education for 6 years. Julie previously worked at Kettering University (Flint, MI) and Murray State University (Murray, KY).

This fall, we will open two new facilities which will bring our housing capacity to 3,000 bed spaces. The Red Wolf Den will open for upper-division (junior and senior) students and features full-sized beds in 2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments. We will also open the Honors Living Learning Community in conjunction with the Honors College. The HLLC features all classifications of students with first year students sharing a double-occupancy room while upper-class students will have private rooms with full-sized beds. Plans are underway for two additional Living Learning facilities to open fall 2010 as well.

## Howard Payne University

Howard Payne University is happy to welcome Larissa Leifer, M.Ed. as a new Resident Director. She joins veteran staff members Brian Street, M.Ed. (4-year RD) and Kevin Keeley (2-year RD).

## Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma State University's Department of Residential Life is excited to welcome our new graduate assistants to our staff and the SWACUHO Region.

Jennifer Conyac, from Missouri State University-Kerr Drummond Halls  
Allison Vatzlavick from UT Arlington-North Monroe Apartments  
Eric Garrison from University of Northern Kentucky-Stout Hall  
Scott Busiel from University of North Carolina Wilmington-Booker Stinchcomb Suites  
Lena Kavaliauskas from Baldwin Wallace College-Marketing  
Ryan Masin from Wright State University-Village E&F Suites  
Nick Kaplewski from University of Wisconsin Plattville-Bennett Hall  
Val Ward from Oklahoma State University-Assistant Residence Director, Bennett Hall

## Southern Methodist University

SMU hosted four great ACUHO-I interns this summer: Dana Broadnax (James Madison University) worked with the Academic Prelude Program, Charity Stutzman (Azusa Pacific University) and Sarah Herndon (University of Texas-Austin) worked with our summer conference programs, and Mary Wheeler (University of South Carolina) worked as the Summer School hall director.

We also welcome Megan Otto as our new graduate assistant Desk Operations Coordinator. Megan graduated from Southerwestern College (Kansas) and previously worked at Austin College. She is pursuing a Master's degree at the SMU Perkins School of Theology.

## Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University welcome two new staff members this summer.

Angie Harris, Coordinator of Residence Life for Living Learning Programs. Angie comes to TAMU from the University of Richmond, Westhampton College Dean's Office where she served as Associate Dean. While at the Westhampton College, she managed the overall Residence Life program, as well as being responsible for the student judicial system and serving on several university-wide committees. She has a combined total of 10 years Residence

Life experience. Angie completed her Bachelor's degree from Meredith College, and her Master's degree from University of South Carolina and is currently working on her PhD at the University of Virginia. Angie was also previously in the region when she worked at Southern Methodist University.

Kelly Kleinkort, Programming Coordinator in the University Apartments staff. Kelly is responsible for the programming efforts for about 1,000 residents from 60 countries around the world. Kelly completed her undergraduate degree in speech communications from Texas A&M University. She lived and worked in China for about 3 years. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese. She has taught cross cultural communication sessions, preparing groups of travelers for what they may encounter during their journeys.

TAMU also offers a big welcome our new Hall Staff:

New Full Time Hall Directors:

Ebonish Lamar, Hall Director- Walton and Legett Halls. Master of Education, University of Southern California Bachelor of Arts, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Erin Ebert, Hall Director - Dunn Hall, M.S. Ed., University of Tennessee. BA, University of Tennessee

Dayna Ford, Hall Director - Krueger Hall. Master of Arts, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Bachelor of Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Mike Sloyka, Hall Director - Moses & Davis-Gary Halls. Graduate Degree SUNY Oswego Undergraduate SUNY Oswego

New Graduate Hall Directors:

Shareè L. Myricks, Graduate Hall Director - Rudder Hall. Undergraduate degree, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Currently pursuing a Masters in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education,

Brandi Bowen, Graduate Hall Director - Hart Hall. Undergraduate degree, Sam Houston State University. Currently pursuing a Masters in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education,

Tamara McClain, Assistant Hall Director - FHK Complex. Undergraduate Degree, Texas A&M University. Currently pursuing a Masters in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education,

## **The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of several new staff and several promotions that have occurred due to a recent re-organization.

Allie Crouse is a Graduate Assistant for Administrative Services/Greek Facilities for Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. She is a Higher Education master's candidate from Wichita State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in English/Literature.

Crystal Favors is a Graduate Assistant for Administrative Services/Greek Facilities for Sigma Pi Fraternity. She is a Higher Education master's candidate from Stephen F. Austin State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Administration and Communications.

Aaron Scott has joined University Housing in the full time position of Research Associate. He is completing his Ph.D. in Educational Statistics and Research Methods at the University of Arkansas. He has been an adjunct instructor for statistics and research methodology courses and a graduate assistant for University Housing assessment efforts.

Nicole Stuart is a Graduate Assistant for Residence Education focusing on staff selection and training. She is a Higher Education master's candidate who joins our team Ouachita Baptist University where she recently completed her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications.

Elizabeth (Lizz) Warren recently joined our team as a Coordinator for Residence Education for the Maple Hill East Community. Most recently she was a graduate student at Ohio University where she completed her M.Ed. in College Student Personnel.

Shehan Welihindha is a Graduate Assistant for Administrative Services/Greek Facilities for Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He is pursuing a master's degree in Operations Management. He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Food and Human Nutrition/Hospitality and a Master's degree in Higher Education, both from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Tamika Wordlow recently transitioned from graduate student status to a Coordinator for Residence Education, overseeing the Reid Hall Community. Prior, she worked on a Master's in Public Administration degree at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Housing Executive Director Randy Alexander is now Executive Director of University Housing and Student Affairs Auxiliary Facilities.

Simon Chua, former Assistant Director for Finance, has been promoted to Associate Director for Finance.

Stacey Doran, former Associate Director for Administration and Fiscal Affairs for the Arkansas Union, is now Assistant Director for Human Resources and Finance encompassing operations in both University Housing and the Union.

Dr. Jerrid P. Freeman, former Director of the Arkansas Union, has recently been named Director of Student Affairs Auxiliary Facilities for Housing, Union, Greek Life, and Dining.

Juanita Muckleroy, former Administrative Specialist and Departmental Trainer in the Union, is now a Payroll Administrator and Human Resources Assistant who oversees payroll for both University Housing and Union staff.

Heather Schneller, former Coordinator for Research and Programs, is now Associate Director for Conferences and Arkansas Union Guest Services.

### **University of Central Arkansas**

Theresa Yackeyonny has been recently hired as the Assistant Director of Residence Life at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. She will be supervising 5 full-time area coordinators, 22 graduate resident assistants, and 92 resident assistants. She has worked in housing/residence life for over 17 years and brings a lot of experience to an already prominent program. Theresa has worked in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and most recently, Texas.

### **University of North Texas**

The University of North Texas gained some regional and national attention this spring thanks to their extraordinary National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) chapter. At No Frills 2009, UNT's Elisabeth Brooks Warren NRHH chapter was named SWACURH's NRHH Chapter of the Year and NRHH President Jennifer Steward was named SWACURH's NRHH Member of the Year. Both bids were sent on to compete at the NACURH conference, where Jennifer Steward (pictured) was chosen as NACURH's NRHH Member of the Year. Congratulations to Jennifer and UNT's NRHH chapter for their outstanding work this past year!



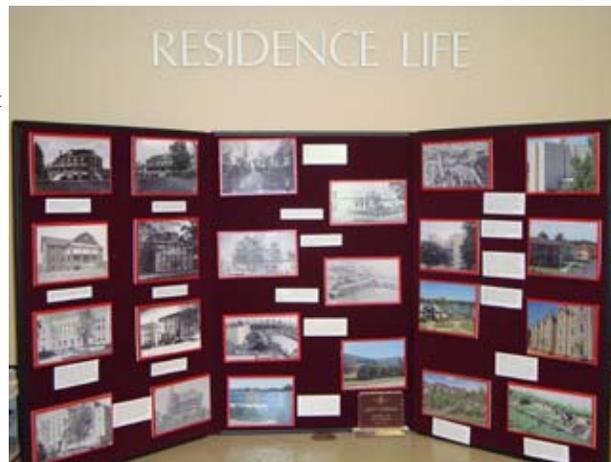
*Jennifer Steward, UNT*

## **ASU Residence Life Celebrates Centennial**

Arkansas State University recently celebrated its centennial anniversary with a Founders' Day on April 1, 2009. For 100 years, college students have matriculated in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and for 99 years they have lived in campus housing.

The Department of Residence Life entered a float in the centennial parade featuring a simulated residence hall room with bed, dresser, desk and chairs adorned with past mascots including Aggies, Gorillas, Indians, and the current Red Wolves. The float was wrapped with a facility timeline with photos of past residence halls complete with their names and years of use. Members from every area of the ASU Residence Life team assisted with the development/creation of the float including, RAs, CAs, Maintenance, Housekeeping, and Central Office staff members. While on display, residents from as long as fifty years ago stopped to admire and reminisce on their Residence Life experiences. Many had stories to tell, and current staff members enjoyed hearing and speaking with past students. Residence Life's float won "Best Overall."

In addition to the float, Residence Life also constructed an information board showcasing each of the Residence Halls that have existed on ASU's campus since 1909. The board included photographs of the buildings, as well as an explanation of the building and interesting facts about it. The information for the board was gathered from historic photos, newspapers, and books. A lot of interesting facts were discovered, including that State Hall was constructed from the top down, rather than the traditional bottom up, and also interesting recollections of panty raids! Also found were 90 year old rumors that the president of the college (Arkansas State College at that time) acquired his limp from an attempt to stop visitation violations in Barnhart Hall. According to the rumor, men were snuck into the facility in laundry baskets hoisted to the upper floors. President V.C. Kays hopped in a basket one night and when the young ladies saw who was in the basket, they dropped it in fright. It is unknown if this is true or not, but it is a good story!



ASU has had 20 residential facilities during the course of its journey from an agricultural high school to a comprehensive university system. The Department of Residence Life began in 1910 with Barnhart Hall and Lewis Hall. Each was built to house 45-50 students. Throughout the years, a YMCA was built to ease housing congestion and more traditional housing like Caraway and Danner Halls quickly became the norm at ASU. Following World War II, Trailer City was developed to house returning veterans and their families. Trailer City was the first version of married housing at ASU, and has since been replaced by The Village—a complex consisting of 50 houses, and 191 apartments. Kays Hall for women and Twin Towers for men were the only two high-rise residential buildings to be built at ASU. Twin Towers was built to house 1,129 men, and is probably the most infamous residence hall in ASU's history. Though Twin Towers was imploded in 2008, Kays Hall still exists as the co-ed First Year Residence Experience hall.

While residence hall design has changed through the decades at ASU, the rules of campus conduct have truly transformed. The first set of regulations passed by the Board of Trustees in 1911 included prohibition of tobacco, profanity, and intoxicants. Use of the latter would result in expulsion. Visitation policies were draconian in nature. Girls and boys could not walk together to class or town without a chaperone lest an air of frivolity prevail. In 1935, date evenings at the all-female Caraway Hall were on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 7:15 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. On other days men could visit after the evening meal until 7:15 p.m. The hall would be locked at 10:30 except on special occasions.

This fall, the Department of Residence Life opened two new residential facilities. Red Wolf Den is an apartment complex housing up to 189 students, and the Honors Living Learning Community is designed to house 219 honors students. The department is very proud of the new facilities and the residents are enjoying them as well.

Fall 2010 will see the opening of an additional two residence halls on ASU's campus. These Living Learning Communities will be academically based and each facility will house fifty students. Fittingly for the Centennial Celebrations, the buildings are designed in the image of Lewis Hall, one of the first residence halls on campus. The buildings will feature large porches and a more house-like appearance. They will be built across from our new Honors Living Learning Community to create a neighborhood appearance and feel.

The past one hundred years have been very successful for Arkansas State University. The Department of Residence Life is pleased to have been a part of ASU from the very beginning and look forward to the next one hundred years of growth and student service.

*Written by  
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Melissa Lamb, FYRE, HLLC Area Coordinator  
Arkansas State University*



# ACUHO-I Activities



*Holly Deering (Southern Methodist University), Susan Austin (Southern Methodist University) and SWACUHO President Doug Garrard (University of Texas-Austin)*



*Southwest Contract Furnisings booth at the ACUHO-I Annual Conference & Exposition, Baltimore, MD, July 2009*



*Timothy Powers (Baylor University), Jess Gamez (Texas A&M University-Commerce) and Craig Allen (Texas Christian University) at the 19th Annual National Housing Training Institute (NHTI)*

## Membership Drive Begins Soon

The SWACUHO state directors will be sending out membership information in the coming weeks. SWACUHO Membership is an institutional membership and must be renewed annually! For further information, Chief Housing Officers may contact their state director.

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