Updates, programs, renovations, and building - the Department of Housing and Residence Education continues to advance campus life at the University of Florida for residents, staff, and alumni.

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Greetings to great friends!

I want to welcome you to our first Department of Housing and Residence Education Alumni Magazine!

Over the past few years many of you have stopped by, called, or e-mailed me to visit and catch up on what the department was doing as well as share stories about your time at the University of Florida living in campus housing. I recognize that working at the University of Florida just keeps us running along developing outstanding students, creating leadership opportunities for staff and students, renovating our buildings, and constructing new buildings. It would be nice from time to time to share these wonderful initiatives with you.

You will find this magazine full of information that will bring back memories for you, will coax you to visit campus, or will motivate you to re-engage with the housing and campus community. That is certainly our intent.

I hope you enjoy the articles, photographs, and stories in this first inaugural issue. I also hope you will stop by when you are in Gainesville and visit us. Our door is open to you and your children!

Best to you, Go Gators!

Norbert W. Dunkel
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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ADVOCATES FOR THE GATOR GOOD

New, research-centric branding campaign highlights the Gators’ global impact For the Gator Good, but most importantly, for the greater good. For every member of the global community.

The University of Florida—one of the nation’s premier academic and research institutions—has partnered with Gainesville-based branding agency 160over90 to develop a branding and advertising campaign centered on the university’s global outlook and overarching commitment to take on the big issues facing the world. The resulting “For the Gator Good” campaign, launched on August 30, emphasizes the many ways in which the university is making a difference for the 7 billion people who call this planet home, through the lens of the institution’s far-reaching research efforts.

Across nationally televised spots, an extensive campaign website, and strategically placed digital, print and out-of-home advertisements, the campaign tells the story of what affects “our state” – bigger than the state of Florida; the state that you, and I, and we, are all in together. The narrative explores UF student, staff and faculty research endeavors spanning natural disasters, water pollution, health care and more, and charts groundbreaking medical advancements, agricultural developments and social change along the way. And, in the spirit of collaborative research, the campaign resolves with a universal call-to-action for Gators and like-minded problem-solvers across the globe to come together and help—help feed millions of families, help put an end to global epidemics, help cities thrive and generally help affect the things that matter most.

Inspired by UF’s countless contributions to the economy and the environment, For the Gator Good puts the spotlight on bigger-picture outcomes, 7 billion strong, and in the process, uncovers what it truly means to be a Gator.

To learn more about the For the Gator Good campaign and how you can impact the Gator Good, visit GatorGood.com and engage with the Gator Nation on social media using the hashtag #GatorGood.

We are looking for a cool name for this publication.

Got any ideas?

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The Department of Housing and Residence Education is increasing residence hall resources for students with disabilities to a level that exists only on a handful of campuses in the United States. Cypress Hall will open in the Fall of 2015 and will be located immediately to the south of Reid Hall, which houses the Disability Resource Center. This new residence hall will not only increase campus housing for undergraduates, but will provide assistance to students with higher levels of physical disability needs, some of whom may be veterans.

The first floor (up to 30-35 spaces) of Cypress Hall are designed to support students with mobility related disabilities. Features will include motion sensor doors – room and building entrance, and auto rails to help mobility assisted students move from bed to bath. The department is excited about the prospect of providing support to a special population while supporting our mission statement to provide community-oriented facilities. Programming will include community building, connection and transition activities, as well as life skills sessions.

As a result of the construction of Cypress Hall, in the Fall of 2015, the Yulee Area will secede from the Broward Area! The addition of 255 new beds in Cypress has created the need to reorganize the Broward-Yulee Area. Broward and Rawlings Halls will report to one area coordinator, while the department will hire a new area coordinator for the Reid, Yulee, Mallory and Cypress Halls, to begin over the summer.

The first floor of Cypress Hall will also include office spaces for the assistant director of residence life for east campus and senior secretary, the new Yulee area coordinator, and a Cypress graduate hall director. Seven RAs will staff the building, and will be responsible for about 40 residents each.

As a Housing and Residence Education alumnus, the leadership and service you provided while at the University of Florida was extremely valuable in forming leaders of today. This new hall will continue the tradition by providing more students with the chance to be involved and contribute to our campus and Housing communities. To explore ways that you can help with this project and/or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary C. Jordan at maryj@housing.ufl.edu.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Honor the past while forging the future

Two new scholarships join others to support student leaders in housing at UF while remembering those who helped get us where we are today!

The Department of Housing has continued to find ways to support our student staff and leaders through scholarships established by and in the memory of those who have left.

The Cathie Ponikvar Memorial Scholarship was the first established to honor the Assistant Director of Housing from 1975-1987, this scholarship of $500 given out each spring recognizes an active resident residing on campus who demonstrates outstanding leadership balanced with community involvement and academic excellence. Given out each spring by NRHH, this was the first scholarship managed by DOHRE.

The Bodnar-Faircloth Scholarship was established by Randy Bodner, the IRHA President from 1982-1983. Randy has served as an officer with Prudential Securities, Chase Manhattan, and Smith Barney Citigroup. This award of $2,000 is given each spring to an active member of IRHA with minimum GPA of 3.0, directly involved with residence hall activities and area/hall government.

The James Grimm fund was created to honor the memory of Mr. Grimm, the Director of Housing at UF from 1977-2000. The Grimm Fund supports the attendance of student leaders from UF at the following conferences by paying travel expenses and/or registration fees: Mini-FARH, SAACURH, FARM, No-Fris, and NACURH.

The Kelly Martz Memorial Scholarship was created in 2005 memory of Kelly who was active in IRHA in the early 2000s. A $500 award is given each spring to a DOHRE student leader (AG, IRHA, NRHH) or student staff member with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who is actively involved in residence hall activities and made an outstanding contribution during the year.

These scholarships and awards are maintained through the generous contributions of housing staff members and alumni who direct their contributions to the University of Florida towards these funds. Held by the University Foundation, these funds provide support for current students at UF. The goal of DOHRE is to endow each scholarship so that they can generate enough income through the interest on the balance in the funds, that these scholarships will be able to continue going forward regardless of annual contribution levels. Currently only the Bodnar-Faircloth Scholarship is Endowed. If you would like to help make these scholarship opportunities for our students permanent, you can direct your donation to UF to go towards one of them if you would like to help us reach our goal of having all of these awards endowed. You can contact the housing office at ……………………

Rob Holland Memorial Scholarship
New for 2015

Rob Holland served as the IRHA Auditor from 1989-1990 graduated from UF with both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees, who served in the U.S. Navy as well as achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Rob worked for UF Housing from 1999-2012.

The Memorial Scholarship was created in 2013 in honor of Rob’s memory and will be given to a recipient who is actively involved with IRHA and the community, who has completed 10 hours of service with the Alachua County Humane Society, who has demonstrated Gator and Community Spirit, and must be returning the following fall. A single award of $500 is given each spring. This will be presented for the first time at the IRHA banquet in April 2015.

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The Theodora “Theo” Ponikvar Scholarship was created in 2004 in honor of Theodora, who was active in NRHH in the early 2000s. A $500 award is given each spring to an IRHA member with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who is actively involved in residence hall activities and made an outstanding contribution during the year.

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The newest Award for DOHRE is the Glenn A. Butler Leadership and Service Award. Named for Dr. Glenn Butler, Professor Emeritus of Public Relations who served as a Distinguished Service Professor from 1963-2003, Faculty-in-Residence for UF Housing from 1988-2013, and as the Advisor for Golden Key from 1988-2013. Given to a recipient who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has demonstrated outstanding leadership through residence hall involvement and community service by completing 20 hours of community service at the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Must be returning the following fall.
An annual tradition in the Tolbert Area, Mudfest continues to be the community event of the year for Tolbert residents!

MUDFEST FACTS!

- Mudfest started in 1969 as a one day event
- Longest Mudfest on record was 2 weeks!
- The Mud in Mudfest is imported Georgia Clay
- Mudfest has been totally STUDENT run for its entire history!
- Mudfest was started by Al Kosal, Assistant Director of Graham/Hume/Tolbert Areas
- The Mud Pit measures 1,250 square feet
- Recovery Time - it takes at least two weeks for the Tolbert lawn to drain and be re-sodded after Mudfest!

Share Your Muddy Memories!!
Do you have fond memories of playing in the mud? Photos from you and your floormates getting dirty in the Tolbert Pit? Share with us your stories about playing in Mudfest and the friends, memories, and experiences you had over the years and we will share them in future editions and through the housing alumni facebook group! Drop us a line at alumni@housing.ufl.edu and share!

Mudfest is still hosted by the Tolbert Area Council. It is still completely run by students since its beginning as a one day event in 1969. Competitions such as Mud Volleyball, Mud Polo, Mud Tug O’War, and Mud Ultimate, pit groups of college students against each other in an epic (and funny) competition in which only the truly skilled (and lucky) win.

If you lived or worked in the Historic Tolbert Area while you were here at UF, you are undoubtedly aware of one of the greatest traditions that UF has to offer. I’m speaking of the fun mud-filled event called Mudfest!

Alongside other great UF traditions such as Gator Growl, the Orange and Blue football game, painting the 34th street wall, eating a Hare Krishna lunch on the Plaza of the America’s, Mudfest, for the past 45 years, has been keeping UF residence hall students excited and entertained. As you read this article, I hope it brings back fond memories of Mudfest and your time here at UF.

As many of our alumni know, Mudfest isn’t only for the students. For the past 7 years housing graduate hall directors and professional staff have been competing in a fierce competitive game of mud-volleyball. As a Professional Staff member, I am proud to say that the professional staff have a commanding 5-2 lead.

Upper Left: Its great for the skin - really!
Upper Right: Tolbert 5 Competes in Mud Tug
Lower Right: Decorating Doors, Windows and any available space remains a key part of Mudfest
Many alumni will also remember that Mudfest is about philanthropy as well. One of the greatest aspects of Mudfest is penny wars. Typically floors battle other floors to see who can score the most points. While this is a part of the competition, in the end it is the Children’s Miracle Network who wins as all the funds raised go to this deserving charity.

I know reading this for many of you brings back fond memories of Mudfest. It is really a great event that is enjoyed by all. If you are ever in Gainesville around the time of Mudfest, please drop in and relive some good times. We would love to have you back!

The students in the Tolbert Area do an amazing job planning and preparing for Mudfest. The staff starts planning Mudfest months in advance and sketch out every detail of the mud filled event from beginning to end in an effort to give the students in the Tolbert Area the time of their lives. Mudfest is a wonderful way of bringing the community of the five residence halls in the Tolbert Area together. As many of you may know and remember, Mudfest isn’t just about the mud pit events but also about floors competing against other floors in the Tolbert Area in events such as door decorations, spirit competitions, t-shirt designs, and lounge window painting all in an effort to snag as many points as they can for their individual floors.

If you have not already joined our Housing Alumni Facebook page, please join us at UF DOHRE ALUMNI. That way you can hear updates, valuable information, and connect with your former team members. Come join the 536 of our Facebook Group!!

We are also in the process of building an Alumni Database with both historical and contact information for all of our alumni, so if you are not on Facebook, just shoot us an email at alumni@housing.ufl.edu and let us know your information like so:

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We will add you to the database so you can receive future editions of this newsletter as well as hear about other exciting happenings here in Gainesville.

You can also check out our videos on the housing YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/UFDeptHousing
Many wonderful things happened in 1984. The average cost of a new house was $86,730, a gallon of gas costs $1.10, the summer Olympics were held in Los Angeles, Michael Jordan was drafted by the Chicago Bulls, and most notable of all Terry MacDonald started working at the University of Florida.

Terry came to us from the University of Toledo where he was a Residence Hall Director. Terry says one of the main things that attracted him to UF was Mr. Jim Grimm and his style of leadership. Terry comments that “Jim was a visionary but he was also practical, and that was very intriguing to me. I knew that if I worked for him, we would be on the cutting edge of things but it would also make sense.” Terry was hired to be the Assistant Director for the Graham/Hume Area. Terry says during that time our structure was a lot different than it is now. Our system was broken down into 5 areas and each area had its own Assistant Director. “We had our own clerks, ran security and ran the desks as well.”

Terry would not stay in his Assistant Director for Graham/Hume Area very long because as fortune would have it, there was a need in the Assignments area and Terry was just what they were looking for. After 7 years of being an Assistant Director for Graham/Hume, he was asked to be the Assistant Director for Administrative Services. Terry says that he really enjoyed that role. He got to make even more connections and form great relationships. Terry was in this position for 17

Terry, an avid fan of UF Athletics has an office decorated that highlights both his accomplishments over the years, as well as many of UF’s nationally recognized sports programs!
years (1991-2008). In 2008 Terry was asked by Norb Dunkel to move into the role of Assistant Director of Housing for Building Services which later in 2011 was reclassified to Associate Director for Facilities Management and Building Services and this is the title he still carries today. When asked of all the positions he has served in since coming here in 1984 which one is his favorite he gladly said “I love them all! It’s impossible to pick a favorite. Each one meant so much to me in different ways and I can’t say that I have a favorite.”

In his spare time, Terry loves swimming, biking, kayaking, golfing, traveling and spending time with his wife of 35 years Joyce MacDonald and son Travis. However, when you step into his office you can’t help but notice another passion of his: Sports!!! Terry has dozens (if not more) of sports memorabilia on his walls, desk, book shelves and counter. When asked of all the sports items in his office which meant the most to him, he looked around and said that they all hold a special place in his heart and if he had to choose, it would be the pictures of Tim Tebow, he and Corey Brewer, Ryan Lochte and him with Billy Donovan. He said that all those gentlemen are great and he enjoyed meeting and getting to know them. It is also no surprise that one of his favorite places on campus is the O’Connell Center and other sporting facilities.

Terry has seen a lot in his 30 years here at UF. When asked which changes has had the most impact on him, without hesitation, he said he is most impressed by our (housing's) ability to grow with the university. He is very impressed with our ability to continue to attract students to live with us, the decisions to renovate many of our residence halls, graduate and family housing apartment complexes, build new facilities to suit the needs of our ever changing student body, and our initiatives of programming and placing faculty in the residence halls.

Being that Terry has worked here for some time, I asked what his advice to new employees (like myself) who are just starting at UF would be. He said “Make sure to develop a positive relationship with everyone that you directly work with or is in your sphere of responsibility. After that branch out and build relationships with others. If anyone is coming from a smaller school, don’t be overwhelmed; instead give yourself time to adjust and get use to things.” Terry has a special message to all the Alumni of Housing who are reading this newsletter. “Anyone who has worked with me in any capacity; Thank You!” He hopes you have learned something from him because he has definitely learned something from all of you.
Where Are They Now?

GFH CA Team 2010-2011

Megan Rivers

(Maguire/UVS) graduated from UF this past May with a Bachelor’s in Criminology and is currently living in Atlanta, Georgia where she is a stay-home mom taking care of her daughter Leah.

Megan Barolet-Fogarty

(Corry) just moved to Knoxville, TN where her husband is an assistant professor in the department of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She is currently writing her dissertation on Immigrant Latina Mothers in Early Head Start to get her PhD in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Delaware.

Claudia Paez

(Tanglewood) now lives in Ocala with her family and is pursuing a Master of Science in Forest pathology at the University of Florida.

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(Tanglewood) is now a full time faculty member and Dean of Administrative Science at AIR University in Pakistan.

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(Diamond) is now a Doctoral Candidate in the School of Teaching and Learning with a specialization in Literacy and Language Arts. She is a proud mother of a one year old. She is currently living with her husband and her son at San Diego, California writing her dissertation proposal.

Lesa Boykin

(Maguire/UVS Residence Director) now lives in Collinsville and is back in School at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville pursuing a Masters degree in Exercise Psychology.

Kertesha Riley

(Diamond) is currently living in Davenport, IA as a Career Counselor at Augustana College.

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Front Row: Mueen Zafar, Juan Du, Claudia Paez, Kertesha Riley, Megan Rivers, Sarife Rakap

Back Row: Megan Barolet, Lesa Boykin, Emile Baird

NACURH 2010 - UC San Diego Delegation

Sakina Sackaloo

is a Residence Hall Director at Baylor University in Texas.

Connie Lee

lives in Atlanta, GA and works in finance at Emory Healthcare.

Jacob Speedy

now lives in Austin, TX working for National Instruments in their Engineering Leadership Program. Jacob shared “And I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today if it weren’t for the leadership experiences I had during my UF ResLife tenure.”

Severin Wolsstad

currently serving in the US Navy and is stationed in San Diego, on the USS Howard [DDG 83].

Christine Winget

was promoted to Assistant Director of Housing for Human Resources and recently welcomed baby Landon to the Winget family.

Lindsey Wuest

is living on a Rural Hawaii island teaching English for 7-12th graders in the lava flow zone of Pahoa (Teach for America)

Liz McNell

is in Gießen, Germany studying Fachjournalistik Geschichte (Public History and Journalism) at the Justus-Liebig-Universität.

Cliff Haynes

continues as the NRHH Adviser as well as serving as the SAAoRCH NRHH Advisor. Cliff finished his PhD in August!

Jasmine McKenzie

graduated from Law School in Maryland in December 2014.
Corry Village

Renovations bring new life to one of Housing’s Graduate and Family Housing Villages

Originally built in 1959 to house veterans and their families who returned from WWII, the William W. Corry Memorial Village has, over the past 6 years, gone through major renovations and upgrades to both the individual units as well as the common spaces.

Serving a very unique and diverse population, with more than 80% of International Students, our department felt the need to renovate Corry Village to provide a better living environment facilitating student success and family member integration to our institution. After installing new underground infrastructure, high-speed internet and a brand new Community Center that includes a classroom, a community room, and a children’s play area, the department started the journey of renovating each of the different buildings in the village which has redesigned and redefined the Graduate and Family Housing experience on our campus.

Keeping only the outside wall of each building, all 216 apartments (108 one-bedroom-108 two-bedrooms) will be eventually fully renovated with highly efficient amenities and more student friendly floor plans. This project is currently more than 50% complete with 8 of the 13 buildings having been renovated and rented to students. With 5 buildings left (including two currently under renovation), it is our hope that the Corry Village Renovation Project will be completely finished next year.
The Department of Housing and Residence Education at the University of Florida is currently seeking applicants for our Graduate Staff positions for the 2015-2016 academic year. These positions potentially include the Graduate Hall Directors, Conduct and Community Standards, and Student Learning and Engagement. Do you know friends, family members, colleagues, or students that are attending graduate school at the University of Florida this upcoming fall? If so, encourage them to apply for these opportunities. Applications are due on February 10. For more information, please visit: http://www.housing.ufl.edu/employment/by-type/grad/ or contact us at graduatestaffrecruitment@housing.ufl.edu

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that the Department of Housing and Residence Education lost three members of the Housing Family this year.

Joella Seay served the department from 1996 to 2014. Joella Seay worked as the Coordinator for Administrative Services from 1996-1997, the Coordinator for Educational Training Programs from 1997 – 2000, the Assistant Director for Personnel from 2000-2011 and she worked as the Associate Director for Personnel from 2011 – 2014. Joella passed away on May 20, 2014 and her calm demeanor and problem solving skills will be dearly missed.

Kathy Malick

Long-time Senior Desk Clerk, Kathy (Lemmon) Malick, passed away on October 27, 2014. Kathy worked at the Beaty Desk from 1988 – 2011, and was the Clerk at the Keys Desk from 2011 – 2014. Her warm smile and ability to drop whatever she was doing to listen to students will also be dearly missed.

Rick Blackburn

For over 18 years, Rick Blackburn served the department “behind the scenes”, ensuring staff received the back-end support needed to successfully do their jobs. He will be remembered most fondly for his great patience, kind heart, and humble demeanor. Rick passed away on January 6, 2015 and will be missed for his excellent service to the University and for his dedicated friendship.