



# The Pinnacle

NOVEMBER 2011

## Norb Dunkel

November, 2011 will be an incredible month. You have worked hard for several weeks and now you will have Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the University of Florida Homecoming – take time to watch the parade and attend Gator Growl; you will have Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Veteran’s Day – there will be numerous events and programs to give attention to those who have defended our country, and you will have Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Thanksgiving – it is just a great opportunity to step off your diet! I hope that you do take some time to relax during one of these days and invite your residents to the many celebrations during these days. Have a great month!



**Norb Dunkel**  
*Associate Vice President  
for Student Affairs*

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## Lisa Diekow

With the Thanksgiving holidays fast approaching, it seems fitting to draw a deep breath and reflect on the blessings in one’s life that deserve reflection and gratitude. With 86,400 seconds in each day, would it not seem a bit selfish if we did not use at least one of those precious seconds to say “thank you”? Take a moment to consider who or what you are thankful for in your life... I am thankful for the basics- food, water (especially hot for my morning shower) and shelter. I am thankful for a loving home, family and friends... and a purpose in life that allows me to work with and know amazing people. Growing up, my mother always expected my siblings and me to be nice and to show kindness to others- through a smile, offering to do something that would make their day easier, sharing words of thanks or encouragement. I am thankful for her influence and continued presence in my life... Thanks, Mom!



**Lisa Diekow**  
*Director of Housing for  
Residence Life and Education*

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Gratitude  
is the best  
attitude.

~Author  
Unknown

## Important Reminder:

Turn in your Workshop Submission Forms for Spring RA Training's Conference Style Sessions. Send your forms to Christine (christinewi@housing.ufl.edu) by

**11/11/11 at 11:11pm.**



# Lunch at the Director's Table

**There is still time to have Lunch at the Director's Table with Lisa Diekow!**

The next date is **November 10th for Grads**—this includes residents and AGs who are members

**RAs/RCA's:** December 8th

**Grads:** November 10th

**If you are interested:** Email Kathy Smith (kathys@housing.ufl.edu). Lunch is 12—1:30 (if you have to leave before 1:30, that is fine). Kathy will ask for your cell number, send a reminder email the day before. Then on the day-of, you will meet Lisa and the rest of the group in front of the Arredondo Room between 11:30—11:45 before dining at noon.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Nov. 3 Kristen Appleby, Buckman GHD
- Nov. 4 Cortland Russell, Thomas RA  
Jee Hye Kang, Beaty RA
- Nov. 6 Alex Guthrie, Broward RA
- Nov. 9 Emily Cabrera, Trusler RA  
Meggen Sixbey, CIC
- Nov. 10 Angela Pitenis, East RA  
Liana Natochy, Beaty RA  
Mike Russo, Beaty RA
- Nov. 11 Aaron Goldenberg, Sledd RA  
John Cabada, Hume RCA
- Nov. 14 Jessica Sanchez, Keys RA
- Nov. 15 Alexandra Zins, Buckman RA  
Charles Robinson, Trusler RA
- Nov. 17 Christina Sursky, Murphree RA
- Nov. 20 Corey Hewitt, Simpson RA  
Sarvenaz Laussermair, Lakeside RA
- Nov. 21 Kim Fugate-Roberts, ADH Residential Curriculum and Assessment
- Nov. 27 Norb Dunkel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs  
Diego Alvarez, East RA
- Nov. 28 Alex Salmanca, Murphree RA  
Melinda Vinson, Fletcher RA

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.

~Thornton Wilder

## from NRHH

Hello Housing,

I hope this email finds you all well! Some of you may have found a little surprise in your inboxes-- An invitation to apply to be in NRHH! I would really encourage you all to apply. The deadline for applications to be returned to [NRHHPresident@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:NRHHPresident@housing.ufl.edu) is November 7th at 11:59pm!

On November 12th, eleven members of our chapter will be heading down to Kissimmee to volunteer at Give Kids the World. GKTW the a special resort for children with illnesses to have an enjoyable week, because they are often times in and out of hospitals. NRHH's volunteer team will take part in many activities including: delivering pizza's, helping at a carnival, serving cookies and driving the mini-train around the park to transport children and their parents from place to place.

All in all, November is a very exciting month for the James C. Grimm Chapter! We look forward to reading the nominee's applications. Remember November 7th is the due date!

Diamond Pride,

Jimmy McClellan

President | National Residence Hall Honorary



# From IRHA

*A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.*

*~Herm Albright, quoted in Reader's Digest, June 1995*

IRHA has quite a busy November!

Two of our greatest endeavors include Tunnel of Oppression and IRHA's Homecoming Floats. Then, we are doing something new: IRHA's Membership Week.

IRHA is hosting its second-annual Tunnel of Oppression at Broward Hall on November 3 beginning at 11am in order to help residents experience unique cultural experiences and learn how to combat different forms of oppression world-wide.

This year, the tunnel will take students on a tour through each continent, where various student cultural associations will portray the oppression found in their countries. Among the cultural organizations featured are Chinese American Student Association (CASA), Arabic Cultural Association (ACA), CHISPAS and POLSA (Polish Student Association).

The very next day, Homecoming festivities begin! This includes the 13 IRHA floats in to be featured in the Homecoming Parade. Each of the 12 residence areas as well as the IRHA Directors will be represented by a float constructed with help from Area Governments, Resident Assistants and most importantly, residents! From Harry Potter-themed floats to floats with "alligator wrestling", this venture is sure to be a success and hopefully just the beginning of IRHA's involvement in Homecoming!

From November 7-10, IRHA will be holding its first ever Membership Week. Designed to show appreciation to Area Governments while also recruiting new members, Membership Week will be full of fun activities and outreach programs. Starting on Monday November 7, IRHA will host an Outreach Program on Plaza of the Americas, have a special outdoor meeting and begin an epic game of "Secret Agents." IRHA Rock Café, a karaoke and talent night at The Orange & Brew will be on Tuesday November 8. On Wednesday November 9, IRHA will take over Skate Station at 9pm for some inner-community building. Finally, on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, the week will end with a big social and recognition ceremony.

We hope you all have a wonderful month and would love to see you at IRHA meetings and AG programs!

Thank you!  
Courtney Read  
IRHA National Communications Coordinator 2011-2012



## ***Are you graduating this year?***

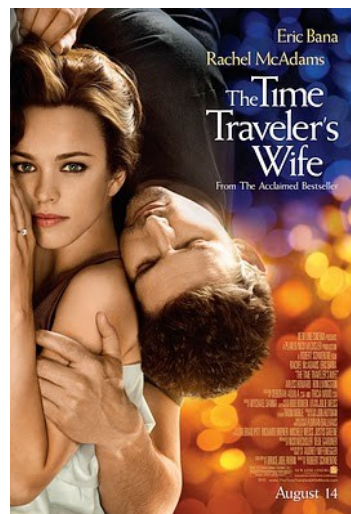
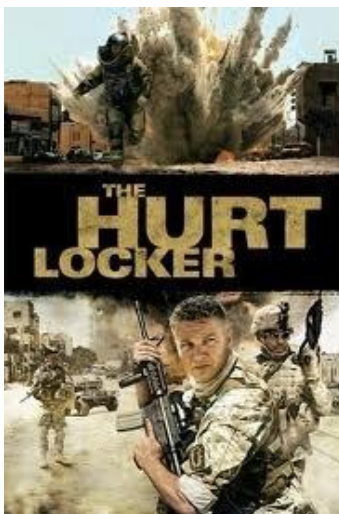
*Will you be attending the University of Florida for graduate school (or think you might)?*

If so, you should apply for a graduate staff position. Applications will be available **December 1**.

If you have any questions, contact Christine Winget at [christinewi@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:christinewi@housing.ufl.edu)

## **November Movies**

To view a complete schedule of movie times, please visit: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/>



### **Remember**

When programming, avoid copyright violation by borrowing your movie from a library on campus, or plan ahead and check out Channel 8 ResTV movies live (no DVR recordings) & watch in the residence halls.

# FYI: For Your Information

***Do you love your RA/RCA/PM position?***

If so, tell me why!

Email me at [christinewi@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:christinewi@housing.ufl.edu) and your quote could appear on the housing website. Please include your quote, your first and last name, and when you started your position.

### **Need a November Bulletin Board?**

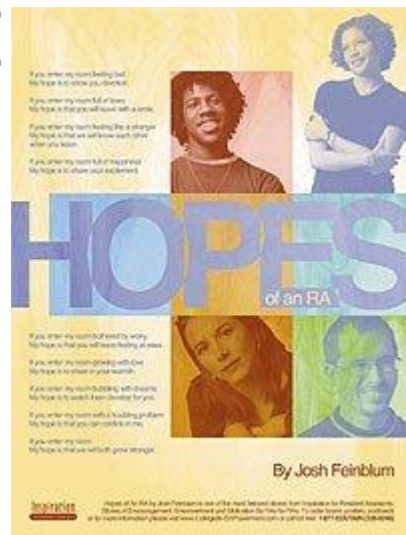
I have 10 Thanksgiving Bulletin Board Packets already printed (black and white) that I can send to the first 10 people who email me: [beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu)

**FEASTY IS COMING! YOUR TRUSLER PEER MENTORS ARE WORKING HARD TO PUT ON THE ANNUAL GRAHAM AREA THANKSGIVING FEAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 FROM 4-6 P.M.**

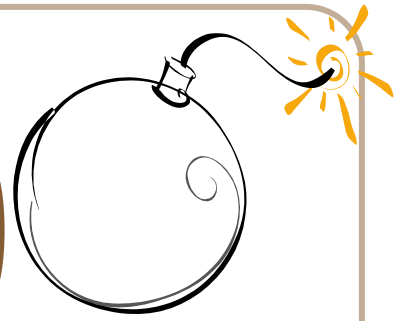
## The SLE Office has 18 “Hopes of an RA” posters

I will send one of these posters to the first 18 RAs/RCA's who email me at [beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu)

They are colorful and a great



# You Da Bomb



Murph South RAs-  
FAB TEAM! You are  
all da bomb for  
amazing programs  
and for planning the  
Murph South pro-  
gram. You all  
brighten my days!  
Thank you for being  
wonderful and sup-  
portive!  
I am so lucky!  
-Steph

MALT-  
Great teamwork  
setting "parameters".  
:) I enjoy working  
with you all.  
-Steph

Matt -  
Thanks for support-  
ing me through the  
NBA lockouts :( sad  
things can be re-  
framed during our  
1:1s. lol -Steph

Tori -  
GET READY FOR  
ITALY!! :) Let's get  
em girl.  
-Steph

Ryan W. -  
Thanks for a great  
1:1. I love your ap-  
proach and bubbly  
attitude. It always  
makes me smile! :) -  
Hernandez

Thanks to those RAs/  
RCAs who completed  
the staff confidential  
(s) on their resident  
(s) with lightning  
speed turnaround  
time J. Kathy

Jordan:  
Thank you for al-  
ways putting your  
best foot forward.  
Your efforts have  
created a wonderful  
community on your  
floor! You have been  
a great role model to  
your residents and  
your peers. Your pos-  
itive attitude makes  
a difference for so  
many people every  
day. Keep it up!

Thanks so much!  
-Tori

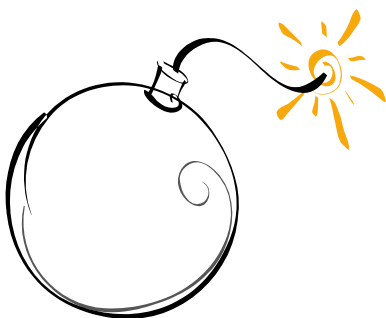
MALT- Thank you  
for the continued  
support. Janelle

Team Sledd- Great  
job balancing your  
scholastic and  
professional require-  
ments. The commu-  
nity appreciates all  
your efforts. Thanks,  
Janelle

Matt-Thanks for be-  
ing a support  
through one of the  
toughest months of  
my scholastic career.  
Regards, Janelle

Christine-Thank  
you for challenging  
us to use a BG trip.  
The SeaGlass Tower  
was beautiful. Re-  
gards, Janelle

To: Kristen  
YDB for going  
above and beyond to  
help locate a resi-  
dent's stolen bike!!  
Thank you so much  
for all your help and  
support!!  
- Ashley :)



# YDBs

To: Lakeside Staff  
 From: Dustin Rollins  
 Message: Great job this semester so far. Your impact on your residents has reached further than you know. I could not be more proud!

To: Scott Francis  
 From: West Campus Pro Staff  
 Message: Thanks for such amazing support. We appreciate you more than you know. Go Gators!

To: Zachary Wortzel  
 From: Dustin  
 Message: I continue to be impressed by your work this semester. Great job!!

To: Nicole DiBartolo  
 From: Dustin  
 Message: Thanks for being such an amazing Co-Advisor for Tunnel!

To: Sean Johnson  
 From: Dustin Rollins  
 Message: Welcome to the Gator Nation. Great job jumping in and doing amazing work



Lakeside Staff YDB for real!! I love y'all so much, thank you for making this semester so wonderful for Christian, Marisa and myself aka the Newbie RAs. \*sniff\* Peace <3  
 Lakeside SN:  
 Shoutout to Springs RA staff ;)

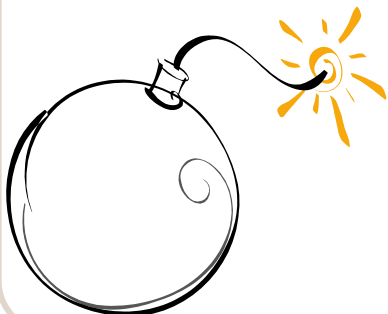
Matt Scruggs, YDB for a great presentation at LLPC! MC

Brittany, Congratulations on your engagement! We are so happy for you! MC and Adam

Ryan, Jenny, Ayesha, and Matt, I am so thankful to be part of Maroon 5. Thanks for being such a wonderful team! MC

Beverly, Thanks for being such a great supporter and encourager with all things school and work! MC

Kelly Su, You know you are still the best roommate in the world! MC



# YDBs

To: Theos & Marissa  
Thank you for submitting quotes for the RA Selection website, they are up and ready to go!  
:) Christine

To: Jody  
I am so happy you are part of the SLE Office!!!! Thank you for all of your hard work preparing for RA selection!!  
:) Christine

To: Beverly  
Thank you so much for all of your hard work preparing for and carrying out RA Selection. You have done an amazing job!  
:) Christine

To: Cliff, MC, Kim & DP  
I enjoy working with all of you and am happy to be a part of the SLE Staff!  
:) Christine

To: Ashlyn  
I enjoyed our lunch and am sending good thoughts along with those graduate school applications!  
:) Christine

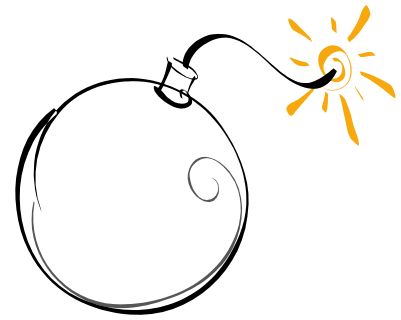
To: Emily  
Thanks for putting in the extra time, effort, and creativity to make your Study Buddies so useful for your residents!  
-Shannon

To: Ann  
Your Study Buddies poster looks AWE-SOME! Way to go :)  
-Shannon

To: Chrissy  
Thanks for going above and beyond to make your community map outstanding! I know your residents appreciate all the time and effort you put into it, and I do too!  
-Shannon

To: Hume RCAs  
Awesome job to all of you who planned and participated in the 2nd Annual Kickball Classic! Great organization and planning, great turn-out, and everyone had a wonderful time outside!  
-Shannon

To: Jameil  
You da Bomb **ACE!**  
Thanks for helping the grad team defeat the pros in mud volleyball!  
your office buddy,  
-Shannon



To: Hunter  
Great job advising TAC through Mudfest! Thanks for all your hard work!  
-Shannon

To: Beverly  
Thanks for all your hard work with the entire RA Selection process, and welcome to Graham area!  
-Shannon

To: Kelly  
YDB for juggling all that you do. Graham/Hume wouldn't be the same without your leadership!  
-Shannon

Dear Trusler and Graham Area Staff:  
Thanks so much for being awesome friends, RAs, PMs, GHDs, etc.! I'm am so lucky to work with all of you. Your residents are so fortunate.  
Love,  
Dana

Dear SLE Staff:  
Thanks for all of your support and friendliness during office hours and programs!  
Love,  
Dana



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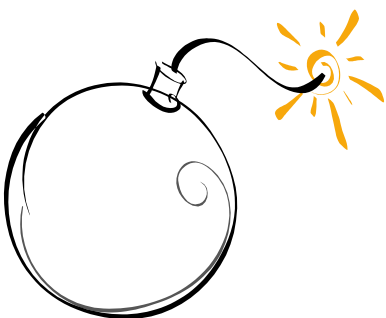
To Bianca Miller  
From Maria Lima  
Thanks for being my  
study buddy and all  
around buddy. You help  
me focus! You really are  
da bomb!

To: the Tolbert Area  
Staff  
You all did a great job  
supporting and being a  
part of Mudfest!  
:) Christine

To: Jameil, Patrick,  
Tori, and Jennifer  
I love our Graham/  
Hume grad team!  
Thanks for always be-  
ing awesome J  
-Shannon

To: Matt, Ayesha, Bran-  
don, Cody, Stephani, Pa-  
tricia, Hunter, Jameil,  
Tori, Luke, & Brittany  
Thanks for coming to the  
ART Core course as part  
of the AG Adviser Curric-  
ulum. I hope it was  
helpful!  
:) Christine

To: Janathan, Patricia,  
and Tori  
Thank you for consistent-  
ly coming to the IRHA  
meetings, I know that  
your AGs and IRHA really  
appreciate it and so do I!  
:) Christine



To: Sylva and Joey  
Shout out to the  
MVPs of the staff  
kickball team! You  
guys rock!  
-Shannon

ALL GRADS-  
You all are hilarious  
and the parties are  
great! It's great to  
work around great  
people.  
-Steph

To Murphree Area  
Staff -

YDB for helping out  
however you did  
(publicity, prepara-  
tion, attendance, fa-  
cilitating, etc.) to  
make Matt Scruggs's  
Neighborhood a suc-  
cess.

-Matt

To Kristen Apple-  
by -

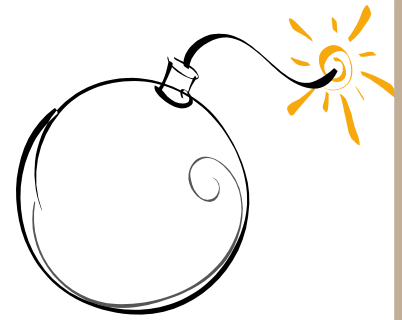
YDB for the work  
you have put forth  
in making the assess-  
ment committee stel-  
lar and being a trail  
blazer

-Matt

To Stephanie Her-  
nandez -

YDB for the work  
you are putting into  
finishing our staff  
photo board

-Matt



To Nick Parr -  
YDB for your hard  
work advising the  
SausageFest Com-  
mittee

-Matt

To the Murph  
SausageFest  
Committee -

YDB for putting on  
a great SausageFest  
and providing the  
biggest water slide  
I've ever seen

-Matt

To Kaleb Lewis -

YDB for stepping  
up and volunteer-  
ing to serve as the  
area's agenda com-  
mittee

-Matt

To Janelle Wells -

YDB for somehow  
managing all that  
you do and still  
finding time to  
make awesome  
recognition ban-  
ners

-Matt

# YDBs

To Cody Kalina -  
YDB for indulging me  
and my various 1:1 trips  
-Matt

To Cliff -  
YDB because you are an  
awesome conference  
roommate  
-Matt

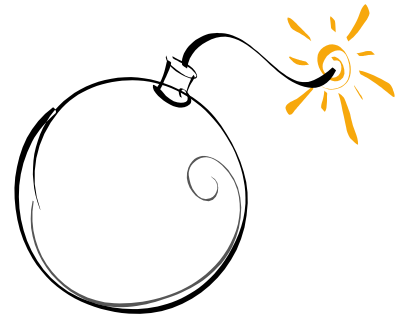
To Kelly -  
YDB because you navi-  
gated us to, though, and  
away from Orlando so  
well  
-Matt

To JAR & Becky -  
YDB because you are al-  
ways there for me no  
matter what  
-Matt

To MC -  
YDB because you are a  
great presentation part-  
ner  
-Matt

To Lindsey Wuest -  
YDB because of your  
hard work during your  
on-call night

-Matt



To Aaron Goldenberg -  
YDB because of your care  
for one of your residents  
-Matt

To Bert Phillips -  
YDB for constantly working  
to help a resident out with  
the condition in her room  
-Matt

To Rachel Wolfe -  
YDB for your patience and  
listening skills shown to  
your residents  
-Matt

To Bryant -  
YDB for helping out a cou-  
ple of students one night  
and doing some great fol-  
low-up  
-Matt

To Lisa and Jo -  
YDB because you both were  
a great support during on-  
call  
-Matt

