

THE VILLAGES

newsletter

Spring 2007



Dates to Remember

- **June 2**
Freshman Advising Day
Special Event Tours
- **June 16**
Academic Year Housing
Closing
- **June 19**
Summer Housing Begins
- **July 1**
Summer Conference
Housing Opens

Happy Spring to you! The warm weather is finally upon us and the landscape is bursting with colorful flowers. This is a beautiful time of year!

As you go about your quarter, please take a moment to remember how very lucky we all are. We have the privilege to enjoy the warmth around us and to take advantage of what spring has to offer – the hope for new growth and opportunity. In light of the tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, I am reminded to cherish growth and opportunity everyday. I hope you, too, will be able to take full advantage of what life has to offer.

Very soon, you will have the opportunity to take advantage of living on campus for the upcoming 2007-08 academic year. I hope your experience with us has been positive and that you will join us for another year. As always, if you have suggestions please let us know. We strive to improve our services for a better living environment and experience for you.

Please take the time to read through and find out more about what is going on with on-campus housing. You may be surprised, be left in disbelief or in complete agreement with things we have to offer. One way or another, I am excited and honored to be part of the OHRL team.

Best Wishes for a warm and enjoyable Spring and Summer!

Thanks,

Lovellie "Happy" Cimenski-Almogela
Director of Housing and Residential Life



Please join us in welcoming our newest employees to the campus!

Celina Lopez, Custodian

Angelica Bazan, Conferences and Guest Services Manager

Did You Know...?
Studies suggest that students who live on campus are more likely to enjoy their college experience, have a higher G.P.A.s, and tend to graduate at a faster rate than students who live off campus.

TUNNEL OF OPPRESSION

On March 1, 2007, the Programming Staff made a powerful statement to the CSUSB community with the Tunnel of Oppression. The Tunnel of Oppression was designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to see, hear, and experience in different media forms racism, religious oppression, body image oppression, sexism, classism, ableism, and heterosexism. Participants were guided through the Tunnel and given glimpses of the different “-isms” through graphic images, spoken word, and short but impactful acting pieces. After experiencing the Tunnel of Oppression, each group was debriefed and had the opportunity to discuss and express their reactions to their Tunnel experience.

Different parts of the Tunnel impacted each person differently depending if they identified as a member of the target group or of the non-target group and what being a member of their particular group had meant for them. What each person took away from their experience varied from learning that children are homeless too to what it may have been like to be executed because of their religious beliefs. Several of those who attended expressed how grateful they were for the opportunity to experience such an influential event. After the students were debriefed, they were

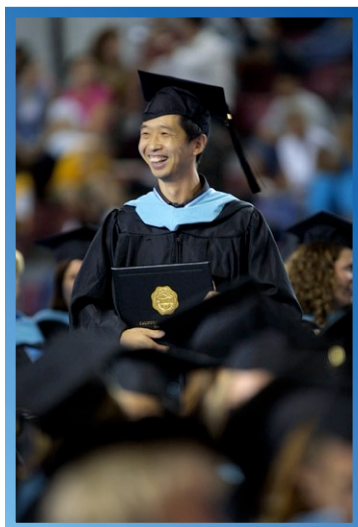
given the opportunity to make a pledge which asked them to interrupt prejudice and to stop the violation of others’ civil rights. If they were willing to make such a pledge, they were given a STOP –isms shirt which served as a reminder of the pledge as well as their Tunnel experience.

The Tunnel of Oppression impacted over 300 students, staff and faculty here at CSUSB who had the opportunity to experience it. Many of those who attended wanted the event to go for another day, some even for a week, so they could bring someone they knew to it because they felt that this was a “Must See” opportunity. The impact was seen that day as students and staff immediately upon receiving their STOP –isms shirt put it on and wore it with pride as they quickly told others about their experience. There were some individuals who made it a point to return to the sign-in table and express their thankfulness for all the time and effort into making the Tunnel such an impacting and eye opening event. Overall reactions were extremely receptive and positive and many asked to see the Tunnel of Oppression return. From those who planned it, to those who put it all together and made it possible, to those who had the opportunity to experienced it, lives were impacted and views were changed.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING MODEL

One of the goals for the Office of Housing and Residential Life is to support the Academic mission of the university. One of the ways that we do that is via our Educational Programming Model:

- V**aluing Diversity: programs that focus on raising awareness around identity, status, and power dynamics
- I**nvolvement with Campus: programs that focus on not only bringing residents to programs /activities / resources available on campus, but also bringing those resources to the residents
- L**iving Safely: programs that focus on informing students on things that they can do to not only safeguard themselves, but their community as well
- L**iving in Community: programs that focus on enjoying the benefits of being part of a community, but also how to safeguard the community respect
- A**lcohol & Other Drugs Education and Prevention: programs focusing on education, prevention, and realities of alcohol and other drugs
- G**eneral Well Being: Programs that focus on the interests and difficulties of residents
- E**ducational Success: programs focusing on the academic success of residents
- S**exual Assault Prevention and Healthy Relationship Education: programs that focus on the prevention of sexual assault and incidents and teach on how to establish healthy relationships with peers



PROGRAMING REPORT FOR WINTER '07 QUARTER

Using the Educational Programming Model, the Residential Life staff looks to provide learning opportunities to residents via active programs and bulletin/passive programs. The following is a report of our group programming efforts during the Winter quarter.

Program	Serrano Village	Arrowhead Village	University Village	Complex Wide	Total
Value Differences	6	6	9	6	27
Involvement with Campus	2	3	2	0	7
Living in Community	7	14	3	1	25
Living Safely	5	3	2	0	10
Alcohol and Other Drugs	6	6	3	2	17
General Well Being	9	8	7	0	24
Educational Success	7	8	5	3	23
Sexual Assault & Healthy Relationships	7	6	7	0	20
Campus Collaboration	14	22	12	0	48
Total	63	76	50	12	174

CONDUCT REPORT FOR WINTER '07 QUARTER

The Office of Housing and Residential Life follows an educational philosophy in regards to student conduct. This means that while we encourage responsibility for actions, we also try to work with students to help them learn from the experience in hopes of not repeating inappropriate behavior. Below is a review of our conduct for this past quarter. Each tally represents a student who was found responsible for violating that particular policy. For more information on what each policy means, please visit <http://housing.csusb.edu/policies.html>.

	Serrano	Arrowhead	University	Total
Alcohol	15	21	49	85
Alteration of Premises	0	2	0	2
Appliances	3	0	0	3
Assault / Dangerous Behavior	3	5	0	8
Balconies	0	0	1	1
Care of Apartment / Room	0	0	4	4
Care of Common Area	0	4	36	40
Community Respect	4	8	0	12
Computer Use	0	0	0	0
Concealment of Violations	0	0	0	0
Copyright Materials	0	0	0	0
Drugs & Controlled Substances	0	2	1	3
Fire Safety & Hazards	17	114	93	224
Furniture	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Gatherings	0	0	1	1
Guest	8	21	16	45
Harassment	2	0	0	2
Identification	0	0	0	0
Improper Room Transfer	0	0	0	0

	Serrano	Arrowhead	University	Total
Keys & Locks	0	5	0	5
Lewd Conduct	0	0	1	1
Non-Compliance	4	3	0	7
Pets	2	4	1	7
Pool Use	0	0	0	0
Posting	0	0	0	0
Projectiles	0	1	0	1
Quiet Hours	5	18	14	37
Safety & Security	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
Smoking	0	1	67	68
Soliciting & Sales	0	0	0	0
Sports Related Activities	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0
Trespassing & Restricted Access	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	10	0	0	10
Weapons, Firearms, Explosives	0	2	1	3
Total (with Fire Safety & Hazards)	73	211	285	556
Total (with-out Fire Safety & Hazards)*	56	97	192	332

MARK YOUR TERRITORY!



ROOM RESERVATION DAYS

Each year the OHRL during the month of April hosts an event for current residents to reserve bed spaces for the next academic year prior to assigning new residents attending in the Fall. To participate, current residents can stop by the office and reserve their new Fall locations. Residents reserve university housing where amenities; furniture, cable, wireless or Ethernet connections, and utilities are included. Since each resident has an individual contract, the pressure of replacing roommates is resolved.

The process has been simplified to make it easier for residents. To participate, they must have their rent paid through April and have an active damage deposit on account. Students not using Financial Aid are required to put a \$300 rent deposit down at time of reservation and pay the remainder of their Fall rent payment prior to leaving for the academic year. Students using Financial Aid need to provide an annual award letter of \$6000 to avoid any prepayment of Fall rent fees. Special rent incentives for students choosing 12-month contracts are available. The 12 month incentive program insures that the resident pays the annual rate fee during the summer months when rates are more expensive. In addition, they receive their 12th month free, a substantial cost savings ranging from \$650 to \$800.

This year appears to be our most successful to date as our returning resident participation is at a record high. We are encouraged that our residents are excited about returning in the Fall. The blend of current and new residents adds a great community feeling to the Villages at California State University.

GUEST HOUSING AND CONFERENCES

Greetings from the CSUSB Guest Housing and Conference Program! The Guest Housing program is designed to provide clean, comfortable housing for CSUSB faculty, staff and guests of the University. Conveniently located right on campus, our fully-furnished, apartment-style units offer all the comforts of home. Available year round, Guest Housing is a great option for anyone in need of short-term, transitional, or emergency housing. Call us for more information and a tour!

Our Conference Program is available for groups throughout the country looking for a great place to host events, meetings, conferences, or camps. We offer fully-equipped meeting rooms, recreational amenities, clean, comfortable housing and food services all at competitive rates.

**Contact us today to find out more about
Guest Housing and Conference Program!**

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