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Roll Call at NACURH 2007: One Small Step @ UW Oshkosh



The 2006-2007 Regional Directors gavel out for the last time

[note: you can see this online at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=OB6uuM1rRU>]

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alumni: Jamil Malone



Vision Statement

The National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Incorporated, recognizes living on campus as an integral part of the college experience, and therefore strives to be the organization of choice for residence hall leaders by providing comprehensive resources for college and university students seeking to create the ultimate residence hall environment and experience.

Letter from the National Chair

For those who are new to NACURH, welcome aboard to this extraordinary, life-changing culture. When I first started as a delegate at CAACURH 2004 in the University of Delaware, I was full of emotions – nervous, excited, and spirited; just to new a few. From roll call to conference programming, it all hit me about how much student leaders wanted to invest in making their communities better. However, I'm not going to lie – I was very intimidated by the culture. It is a lot for the first time. However, something inside me said, "I was home." And here I am today, serving as your National Chairperson for the 2007 – 2008 year.



I am grateful for this immeasurable opportunity and am looking forward in representing all of you through this position. It is my hope to utilize this leadership role as a symbolic propeller in advocating NACURH's interests towards greater heights. More importantly, as Chairperson, I hope to provide support and motivation for all of you to engage in active citizenship; lending a hand towards the betterment of our campus communities.

The true power and potential that united leaders can channel can only be witnessed in this organization. It is through NACURH that provides that opportunity to challenge our campus communities to think "outside of the box". Outside of our well-recognized, high-spirited conferences, our corporation strives yearly to provide strong resources and networking opportunities to develop leadership and camaraderie among each other.

Before I end, I must express great gratitude to all contributors for this edition and all future ones. This edition is a real treat for all – ranging from featuring New York University as our 2006-2007 NACURH School of the Year to staying involved on campus during the summer season. Additionally, we feature an Alumni Spotlight of former SWACURH Director, Jamil Malone and our feature regional spotlight, NEACURH! Essentially, there are a variety of articles for everyone to enjoy!

Last but not least, this year, it is my hope that you will experience a new level of solidarity that you have never witnessed before. From all corners of this nation and internationally, we must stand shoulder-to-shoulder to continue sharing that same desire of creating the premier residence hall experience for all students across the world.

Have a safe, enjoyable summer and looking forward to seeing you all either at your regional, mini/no-frills, or NACURH 2008 at Oklahoma State University!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Dixon".

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Mission Statement

NACURH is the leading national organization advocating for the interests and welfare of residence hall students, while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. It is an organization of students committed to developing leadership, honoring diversity, recognizing achievement, as well as stimulating engagement and involvement among students who reside in college and university residence halls. Through regional and national programs and services, NACURH provides leadership opportunities for students, shares residence hall programming resources and best practices, and coordinates activities with appropriate professional associations and business partners.

NACURH 2007 Award Recap

Small School Banner

University of Arizona

Large School Banner

Saint Louis University

Small School Display

North Central College

Large School Display

The College of New Jersey

Regional Spirit Awards

- **CA:** Wright State University
- **GL:** University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- **IA:** University of Colorado-Boulder
- **MA:** University of Missouri-Rolla
- **NE:** Salem State College
- **PA:** University of Southern California
- **SA:** University of Florida
- **SW:** Texas A&M

Small School Spirit

University of Arizona

Large School Spirit

University of Tulsa

Regional Roll Call

NEACURH

Top 40 Programs

- Leadership's Anatomy - *University of Arizona*
- Servant Leadership-Central Washington University
- The Most Creative Program @ NACURH- *Elon University*
- You Light up my Life - *Winona State Univ.*
- Powerful Innovations for Monotonous Communications - *Univ. Colorado - Boulder*
- Step Into the Jungle - *Univ. of Tulsa*
- Rebuilding your RHA - *Florida State Univ.*
- True Colors: Getting to Know Your Leadership Style - *Northeastern Univ.*
- Body Image and a Healthy Lifestyle - *North Central College*
- Cut the Crap and Get Real - *Clemson Univ.*
- Defending Yourself on Campus - *Pittsburg State University*
- Now That You Got It, What Are You Gonna Do With It? One Small

Step Toward The Future - *Clemson University*

- Pass me an Idea: Passive Programming on a Budget - *Wright State University*
- Traditional Issues Faced by Recent College Grads who Enroll in Graduate School - *University of Tennessee - Knoxville*
- Wait, This is Your Job? - *Boston College*
- You're Beautiful, It's True-Eastern Michigan Univ.
- A Step Outside - *Illinois State University*
- Acting on Diversity - *New York University*
- Battle of the Sexes Week - *San Jose State University*
- Crossing Lines of Diversity One Step at a Time - *Ferris State University*
- Kosher Sex - *North Carolina State University*
- Labelled - *Univ. of North Carolina - Wilmington*
- Vietnam: The Hidden Charm - *UW-LaCrosse*
- Feng Shui Your Way to a Better Dorm Life - *University of South Carolina*
- Half a Program's Battle - Visual Communication - *Arizona State University*
- Mixin' it Up - *Truman State University*
- Push Button, Receive Bacon - *UW-Whitewater*
- The Best Worst Ever - *Marist College*
- 1,2, Step - *University of Southern California*
- Breakin the Ice with Interpretive Dance - *University of Arizona*
- F.R.O.G.gie Lovin' - *University of the Pacific*
- Condom Bingo - *MACURH RBD*
- He Said, She Said - *University of Northern Colorado*
- Seasons of Love - *San Diego State University*
- Some R&R for your RHA - *Northeastern University*
- Spell Your Way To The Top - *University of Tulsa*

• Amazing Huskey Hunt -*Northeastern University*

- Orange You Going to Help Your Community - *Syracuse University*
- Take a Stance with the Candle of Circumstance - *University of Missouri- Rolla*

National Task Force Case Study

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Task Force

Arizona State University

Social and Diversity Issues Task Force

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

First Year Experience

Howard Stoltz

Student of the Year

Robert Foertsch

Advisor of the Year

Rebecca Loney

NRHH Outstanding Member

Rachel Baker

OCM NCC Of the Year

Jessie Rosenberg

OCM Distinguished Service Award

Darren Conine

Dan Hallenbeck Service Award

Kenrick Ali

NRHH Building Block

University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign

RHA Building Block

The Ohio State University

Commitment to Diversity

Texas A&M

NRHH Chapter of the Year

University of Akron

Student Award for Leadership Training

University of Washington

Program of the Year

New York University

School of the Year

New York University

NACURH Service Award

Michael S. Marshall

NACURH Gold Pins

Ben Walitzer

Rosanna Archuleta

Brandon Du Bose

Ashley Glaw

Trisha Boreland

Peter Brooks



National OTM Winners



May

Advisor - David D Yoder
Kansas State University - MACURH

First Year Student - Nicole Evans
Eastern Washington University - PACURH

Community - Centenary Fitness Center Student
Workers
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Organization - Resident Assistant Staff
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Community Service Program - Letters To A Soldier
Sonoma State University - PACURH

Resident Assistant - Lynsey Steinberg
Savannah College of Art and Design - SAACURH

Diversity Program - Atheism Week!
University of Maryland Baltimore County -
CAACURH

Social Program - Reuter Hall Spa Night
University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse - GLACURH

Educational Program - Study Bucks Program
Salem State - NEACURH

Spotlight - Centenary May Modules
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Executive Board Member - Amber Foes
University of Washington - PACURH

Student - Mindy McKoin
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

June

Advisor - Frantz Duchatellier
University of Florida - SAACURH

First Year Student - Cara Miccoli
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Community - Lakeside Resident Assistants
University of Florida - SAACURH

Organization - NACURH Delegation
University of Washington - PACURH

Community Service Program - Melting Pot
Savannah College of Art and Design - SAACURH

Resident Assistant - Alysha Wallace
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Diversity Program - The Melting Pot
Savannah College of Art and Design - SAACURH

Social Program - Ice Cream Social
Northern Illinois University - GLACURH

Educational Program - Summer Reading Program:
"How Much I Love You"
Kansas State University - MACURH

Spotlight - Multicultural Advisors
Ball State University - GLACURH

Executive Board Member - Josh Coco
Centenary College of Louisiana - SWACURH

Student - Stephanie Ash
Case Western Reserve University - CAACURH

Introducing the 2007-2008 National Executives

Jacob (Jay) Dixon - National Chairperson



Host Region: CAACURH
Host Institution: Pennsylvania State University
Major: Communications Arts & Sciences
Past NACURH Involvement: Delegate (CAACURH 2004), 2005 PSU National Communications Coordinator, 2005 CAACURH Regional Conference Chair, 2005-2006 CAACURH ADAF, 2006-2007 CAACURH Director
Other Activities: Association of Residence Hall Students (Penn State's RHA), Penn State Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity, Secretary - NRHH Nitany Chapter

The spirit and passion that comes through effective leadership provides a vessel for one to truly make a difference in someone's life. That is essentially the reason I wanted to become National Chairperson of this life-changing organization; student-led corporation. I am truly looking forward to engaging and developing NACURH's vision- "... creating the ultimate residence hall environment and experience." Whether it is essentially explaining the heart of what NACURH is truly about in a room full of professional staff

members or shouting "Hey NACURH!" in front of my peers, it is my hope that I am able to take each moment for what its truly worth and make a difference – not just for my own personal growth, but you – the member school. 🇺🇸

Avi Zacherman - National Associate for Administration



Host Region: NEACURH
Host Institution: State University of New York at New Paltz
Major: Asian Studies & Psychology
Past NACURH Involvement: 2004 NEACURH Conference Staff, 2004-2005 Deyo Hall Preident, 2005-2006 NCC for SUNY New Paltz, 2006 NEACURH RCC for Recruitment and Retention, 2006-2007 NEACURH ADAF
Other Activities: 2007-2008 NRHH Phi Psi Chapter President, Summer Conference Assistant

Hi, I'm Avi Zacherman, your National Associate for Administration for the 2007-2008 year. I'm extremely excited to be serving you all in this capacity. I have truly loved NACURH since getting involved 4 years ago as a hall government president and conference staff member. Becoming a National Executive I feel is a way for me to share my love and give back to the students that are involved by being the best resource I can possibly be. If you ever

hesitate to ask me. I have a lot of working knowledge of NACURH and I've been through bidding processes, elections, corporate agreements, you name it. My major goals for the year, both from bidding and that I've managed to pick up in the first month and a half of office include creating the best NACURH Link ever, working closely with LeaderShape to provide the first ever NACURH/LeaderShape session (more information coming soon), and strengthening ties between regions and the national organization by promoting communication amongst the Regional Communication Coordinators (or their equivalent positions). 🇺🇸

Jess Terry - National Associate for Finance



Host Region: PACURH
Host School: University of Washington
Major: Psychology & Business
Past NACURH Involvement: 2005-2006 Hall Council President, NRHH Member, 2006-2007 NSRO ADF
Other Activities: 2006-2007 At-Large Senator for Associated Students of UW

What I am most excited for this year: I am anxiously anticipating all the places I get to go, and the people I'll get to see over this next year. I am a bit afraid of flying, but that's something this position will definitely help me get over fast! I am very pumped to be a part of a really great executive team, and am looking forward to working with them to accomplish great success for NACURH this year.

The year won't be complete without bonding with the NBD, which will be an experience worth having. But most of all, I will be looking forward to all the learning and growing I will be doing as a leader this

year, and transcending that growth to the other leaders I work with across the nation, and on my own University of Washington campus in Seattle. I just can't wait to get the year going, and see everything that all of us will accomplish! 🇺🇸

2007 NACURH SCHOOL OF THE YEAR: New York University

by Alex Clamor

For New York University, the 2006-2007 academic school year has been full of surprises. Embedded in the heart of one of the busiest and most populated metropolises in the world, NYU's 22 residence halls consist of a large student body of over 12,000 individuals all over Manhattan. As this number continues to grow each year, students often find it difficult to establish the same community and camaraderie more traditional institutions offer on-campus; after all, at NYU there is no campus.

And yet, despite all the challenges that come with living in the city (reserving cost efficient space for events, marketing programs, complying with city regulations, etc.) the Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) made history this year by strengthening its residential population like none other before. On the collegiate level, the IRHC hosted 15 large scale programs, three of which had never been done before (they became instant traditions). The programs ranged across a span of educational, social, arts and cultural, and community service initiatives. NRHH also made a stunning impact on residential life at NYU. A Recognition Chair position was implemented into each residential hall council to increase OTM submissions, community service events were hosted each month, and a point system sustained involvement from its members.

However, what truly differentiated NYU this year from any other year in the past was its exceptional involvement on the regional and national level. For the first time ever, NYU hosted a Sub-Regional Meeting that attracted a record number of students from all over New York. NYU created award winning banners (1st place at NEACURH 2006 and then 3rd place at Mini No-Frills 2007), submitted




New York University, 2007 NACURH School of the Year

legislation, and presented numerous programs at all conferences. Also, two delegates were awarded the prestigious Silver Pin Award (one being the NYU NCC and the other being an advisor and former undergraduate student in MACURH). Most significant, however, was the number of bids NYU participated in regionally and nationally. In NEACURH, NYU submitted seven bids: POY, SALT, NCCOTY, AOTY, StOY, NRHHBB, and SOY (and won SALT and NRHHBB regionally). On the national level, we won both POY and SOY. NRHH also totaled 20 Regional OTM awards, and 3 of those went on to become National OTM winners. In NEACURH, NYU accumulated more points than any other NEACURH NRHH chapter.

It goes without saying that I am extremely proud and honored to have served as NYU's NCC this year. Quite frankly, winning SOY was a complete surprise for us. We did not win School of the Year at our Mini No-Frills conference, and so we did not even think ourselves as promising contenders for the National SOY Award. After our name was announced to accept the award, I thought "perhaps I heard

incorrectly." My entire delegation, comprised of 19 fantastic leaders, was in utter shock. We all ran to the stage yelling out of excitement. When we got to the stage, I found myself joyously jumping in the air. I don't think I've ever jumped that high in my life! I cannot possibly describe how I felt holding the award and seeing New York University engraved on the trophy. It is a feeling I know I will cherish for the rest of my life. Winning SOY is attributable to so many other individuals that weren't at NACURH. Completed over the course of many sleepless nights, our SOY bid is ultimately the product of 10 hard working individuals.

So what does the future hold for NYU next year? Certainly, last year's IRHC and NRHH set a precedent that will be hard to follow; however, the incoming executive board for both the IRHC and NRHH are eager to rise to the challenge. Programs are already being designed for the IRHC to host in September. Also, NRHH plans to meet before the school year begins to kick off the first semester with loads of energy and new initiatives. 

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Center Stage at NACURH 2008

by Andrew Willoughby

The NACURH 2008 Conference Staff



Trudging through the rain-flooded sidewalks, Andrew Willoughby, NBD Liaison, remembers why his pants and socks are soaked. He is on his way to finalize reservations for banquet facilities for the greatest conference in the history of mankind. As his wool suit becomes saturated with the rainfall, he realizes this is just a minor sacrifice for having the honor to be on the staff given the opportunity to host NACURH 2008. Instantly upon return to Stillwater, Oklahoma, numerous Conference Staff members resumed organizing for the greatest spectacle NACURH has ever seen.

As Mason Meyer, Entertainment Director, proclaims, "Our conference is going to be more fun than Disney World. Well, I can't promise that, but we'll try! When we set out to plan our conference, we wanted to make sure everyone had fun. That is one of the reasons we chose Rock n' Roll as a theme. NACURH '08 will still be a productive conference, but we want to send everyone home with countless stories of great times had in Stillwater."

Both Ryan Allen and Emily Morgenstern, Conference Co-

Directors, express their relief for earning the conference. "Personally, I feel honored to be hosting the NACURH 2008 Conference here at Oklahoma State. Although we were the only bidding school, there was still a chance of us not receiving the conference. Even still, I feel that we have a terrific conference planned," says Ryan. In agreement, Emily was also worried, however, during closing ceremonies at Oshkosh, "when the announcement came that, "It takes small steps to put on a conference like this, and this school has taken..." I just remember going whoa did we really just win this? It is a great honor to be chosen as NACURH 2008's host site."

Being selected to host this conference is also quite a privilege for the University. Tyler Prosis, Housing Co-Director, is "most excited about the fact that 2,000 people from across the country and parts of the world are coming to our University; that kind of diversity is impressive. Also, this conference gives Oklahoma State the chance to host this conference twice as many times as any other school in NACURH's 54 year history." NACURH Inc. has experienced many

historical events during past conferences at Oklahoma State University. During the 1961 conference at OSU, the previous Association was renamed to be the National Association that we now know (NACURH). This conference also saw the creation of IACURH and MACURH. At Oklahoma State's hosting of the conference in 1971, NACURH became incorporated under the doctrines of the State of Oklahoma.

In continuing NACURH's tradition of helping others in need, this year Oklahoma State will be serving Love Without Boundaries, an organization that raises money for orphaned children in China to pay for their medical, nutritional, and education needs. They also send volunteers to China each summer to run a variety of camps, including music, art, sports, and computers. Beth Oliver, Philanthropy Co-Director, "challenges every attending school to put on a fundraising event utilizing their talents (music, art, etc.), with the money being donated to Love Without Boundaries. Based on certain criteria, the best fundraising endeavors will be presented in a program for others to collect new and fresh ideas for fundraising at their own school. Details about fundraising rules, regulations, and criteria will be available on the website and sent out in approximately one month."

Through rain or shine, the Conference Staff's main goal is to serve the wonderful people of NACURH. Please keep in touch as the Staff enjoys hearing from fantastic people. Make frequent stops to the website, www.nacurh08.com and keep tabs on all the happenings at Oklahoma State University. All in all, the NACURH 2008 Conference staff is steadily taking care of preliminary items to ensure that 2008 marks one of the greatest years for NACURH and its student leaders. 🇺🇸

Organize, Communicate and Recognize Over the Summer

by Emily Meyer

Summer, break is here, summer jobs and classes are in full swing! But summer also means breaks from RHA and NRHH in some people's minds. However that is far from what summer should mean to you and your campus. Summer is the chance for you to communicate, organize, recognize, and relax.

Organization, summer can be the best time to sit down with your campus RHA or NRHH and plan out the next year. Some ways of doing this is figure out when each event is going to take place. You could have most of the big picture details all planned out and come event time last minute details are all that need to be finished. By making a calendar and sticking to it for your organization come the school year you could end up elevating a lot of unwanted and unnecessary stress. Organization efforts can be put to the test, start working on ways your RHA or NRHH are going to use to get their name out along with ways to recruit new first year students or even upper class students for the year.

Communication is the key for your RHA and NRHH and all the branches and members of NACURH, Inc. Summer can be the biggest challenge that faces an organization, just because summer is here does not mean that communication needs to stop. The best ways to overcome the lack of communication is to hold monthly AIM chats or if possible make a trip back to campus and meet as a group face to face. Communication can also take place not only within your respective groups, but should also take place between others on campus or within NACURH.

Communication could be a key for building the bridge between RHA and NRHH on your campus. Working together during the summer to come up with some ways the two groups could use when working together, for example RHA and

NRHH could start by planning a collaborative residence hall wide community service project to take place during the first few weeks of classes starting. Not only would the community service project help by bridging the gap in the two organizations, but it could a great way to recruit new members to both organizations.

Recognition never stops either! Even though it is summer OTM's can still be written and sent in. There are very few people who

the best medicine for anyone who is either stressed or someone who is just plain burnt out from the same old routine. Taking some quality fun time can be very healthy and helpful when trying to organize, communicate, and recognize others. When an individual takes time to relax they are able to come back to their work with a rejuvenated look on the project at hand. A new outlook on a project after taking some time off can help foster new ideas, new directions, and sometimes a brand



Just because it's summer doesn't mean it's too early to start planning

submit OTM's during the summer months, but an OTM is just another way to let people on your campus know that you have not stopped working as an organization just because summer is here. RHA and NRHH are a year round organization, and what better way to show people on your campus than by recognition. Summer can be a great planning time for you to come up with some new ways to recognize people on your campus for all the hard work and time they put into making your college or university campus the place that it is.

Relaxation, many students and others do not take enough time for just their selves. Relaxing can be

new plan. However you do need to remember to be careful with the amount of relaxation and free time that you have. Too much free time can lead to bigger problems in the end because sometimes things do not always get done. Just plan accordingly and remember to take the free time in increments that are manageable and realistic to the job that you are doing.

These are just a few ways to keep active and productive during the summer. Just because there are not residence halls full of students does not mean your RHA or NRHH needs to stop working. Keep up the hard work NACURH and have a safe and fun rest of your summer. 🍷

An Interview with Jamil Malone

Name: Jamil Malone

Host School: The University of Tulsa

Region: SWACURH

Major: Communication

Minor: Marketing

Random Facts:

- I have Hanson's cell number in my phone.
- I've been to the Center of the Universe.
- I've sung in a concert in Notre Dame in Paris and for mass at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice.

How did you first become involved in NACURH and/or your Region?

My first experience in SWACURH was at the SWACURH Regional Conference in 2004 at University of Central Oklahoma. After that conference I fell in love with the organization and became NCC for TU at the No Frills conference in 2005 at University of Texas at Austin. My first NACURH was at Syracuse, at which I became very active in the region, creating a long list of regional cheers and really starting to unite the region with spirit!

What position have you held over your tenure in NACURH

- NCC: 2004-2006
- Conference Staff: SWACURH 2005
- Regional Director: 2006-2007
- NRHH President: now

What accomplishments have you achieved or seen achieved are you most proud of?

I am very excited to see that SWACURH is financially stable and has been able to transfer money into contingency funds. More importantly, I am happy to see how over the past year as Director, I have seen SWACURH become more willing to work together and to further itself towards becoming one of the more prominent regions in NACURH. Through larger conferences, and the most recent passing of Sub-Regions, I am happy to see how students from member schools are willing to work together to accomplish the larger goal of improving life on campus.

Where do you see NACURH in five years from now?

In the next five years, I see NACURH, Inc. growing to become a strong organization. I see the corporation working hard to accomplish its mission statement of advocating for the interests and welfare of students living on campus, while also developing leaders, honoring diversity, and recognizing achievements. I see the corporation becoming more involved in national issues and utilizing its resources, the students living on campus, as a way to advocate and encourage leaders at colleges and universities, as well as within our governments, to make better decisions.

What is your fondest NACURH-related memory?

There are so many memories, I can't pinpoint my absolute fondest. Some of my favorites include all of the directors gaveling out at NACURH '07, "brushing" my teeth with the 06-07 RBD while helping them out at SWACURH '05, or any time that I've made a fool of myself.

What skills have you learned from your years in NACURH that have served you well outside of the organization?

I've learned that it is possible to lead with both your hand AND your heart. I've learned that everyone is different, and trying to get a group of strangers together to accomplish one goal is hard, but can be done. Through NACURH, Inc., I am better prepared for many jobs that allow me



to lead and create a cohesive group of people.

What are your future plans?

I have two more years at The University of Tulsa. Next year, I'll be Co-President of OTMs and Recognition at TU and plan on helping out the RHA on campus, as well as being National Chair of the Student Advisory Board for Orthodox Christian Fellowship. My last year, I plan on studying abroad for a semester, and then finishing up my last semester helping out the RHA and NRHH on campus, as well as always helping with NACURH. After that...who knows?!?

What 'words of wisdom' do you have for the current generation of NACURH?

Don't be afraid to go against the grain. The accomplishments that were created by going against the norm have become the most important and well remembered. In addition, follow the Mission and Vision of NACURH, Inc. and remember that your most important goal during your term is to first and foremost, work towards accomplishing those statements. Finally, remember that the only way to lead is to serve others. You were elected to your position, and you should work for those who elected you and not have those who elected you work for you. They voted you into the position, and they are more important than you! 🙏

Binge Drinking

by Richie Kenney

It's summertime and well lets be serious, there are plenty of people out there consuming an insane amount of alcohol during these months while not in school. High school seniors, now first year students, seem to want to "prepare" themselves for college life, and tend to binge drink a lot more than the older, supposed to be wiser, upperclassmen. They have found the school that fits them, and will be packing up the car, van, or truck in a few weeks for their first days of college.

Unfortunately, some schools have bad reputations as party schools; the Princeton Review, as well as other various groups, ranks these schools every year. This year the University of Massachusetts Amherst was ranked number 7 on that list, advancing by two spots from a number nine ranking last year. Many prospective students see that ranking, and decide that they have to go somewhere where drinking and partying is the main objective, not education. It is sad to say but many in-state residents, currently enrolled at UMass Amherst, if asked, would say they came here because of its reputation. "Zoo-Mass Slamherst," as it has been called by many within the state, has a long-standing history with alcohol and wild parties. That history has been around for way to long.

The Residence Life staff has been hard at work trying to control the issue here on campus, with many new residence hall policies to inhibit and hinder the use of alcohol within the residence halls. UMass Amherst has just over 12,000 students living on campus, in 45 residence halls. A lot of the majors at UMass Amherst offer courses that do not have Friday classes, because of this a lot of students are finding that Thursday is a common and popular night to go and get inebriated. However, the problem is that students are not drinking within the safety of the

residence halls; often, students will have a few drinks in their rooms with their friends, then go out to the bars, and finish the night there. This is every weekend, every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. They drink, drink, and drink all weekend, but why? When asked, the first year residents within UMass Amherst's First Year Experience program, called Epoch, respond with "everyone else is doing it," or the most popular response, "why not?"


It is almost ironic that the First Year Experience program is titled Epoch, which means the beginning of a distinctive period of time. To Residence Life staff, this means the first steps into the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the educational opportunities that those steps bring. To first year students within the residence halls, it means "OK, I'm here, where's the party at?" Resident Assistants at UMass Amherst are given the training and knowledge to try and prevent this way of thinking from forming, but it is nearly impossible to change the first year students' views if their peers are all going out and getting smashed. All the programs and activities in the world can not change it; it takes a deeper personal situation to get not only first year students, but all the students, to realize that they do not have to drink alcohol all the time, or even drink to get drunk.

Binge drinking has been the cause of many of the problems faced here at UMass Amherst as well as other institutions. If students could figure out how not to abuse the situation, or even how to have a good time without it on a weekend, than universities would see a safer situation created. The whole week can go by without them consuming alcohol, so why is it that once Thursday, Friday, and Saturday hit, that "30 rack" of whatever has to be finished, or the keg must be "killed?" Already this

Too much alcohol and you wind up 'kneeling to the porcelain king'



year there have been way too many ambulances on campus to tend to alcohol-related issues.

What can you do to help this growing problem? Become educated, read, and learn all you can about the subject. Learn what alcohol abuse resources your respective campus has to offer, and what alcohol education is available to students. The more you know, the more you can have a positive impact on your community at your institution. After all, it is your community, it is your home nine months out of the year, and would you want your campus referred to as "Zoo-Mass Slamherst?!" Didn't think so. Do the colleges and universities a favor, and educate yourself and your friends. The school can give out so much information, but the ones who will make the most impact are the students on campus, and that impact will be made by them changing their current actions, and showing that alcohol does not have to be invited to the next party. 

Recognition 101: In The Beginning

by Ron Hamner

Back in the golden age of Rome, recognition was given to valiant soldiers and nobles who possessed great loyalty for the republic. These men would lie, plot, steal, and kill in the name of the Rome, as well as give their own lives. These were considered noble acts, as long as you did it for the good of the republic; but I digress. Recognition during these times was engrained in the giving of titles. A noble man or

should be a natural obligation like eating, breathing and sleeping to recognize others for a job well done. In my mind, this will help foster a better society for individuals and their offspring to live in.

So the question is: How exactly do we go about recognizing others on the collegiate level? I could simply end this article by saying, “submit

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In short, we have to jump start recognition initiatives now, this very moment. Assess our campuses and pinpoint the needs, wants, memories, and ideas that our on-campus populations have or have had of recognition. This is going to be the “One Small Step” that we need to finally make that “Giant Leap” into the future of recognition. My suggestion is to give oral surveys to individuals in common areas; place questionnaires on the RHA website; place paper copies of surveys at the front desk of all residence halls; and most importantly, talk to the individuals that we serve. How can we effectively serve a constituency if we do not know what they want or would like to see? This is the goal we should set for the summer and the beginning of the fall for our recognition programs. Always remember, what works on your campus can work on other campuses. Do not be afraid to share your recognition programs with other campuses; sharing is quite a noble deed indeed; one worth being recognized for. 🇺🇸



A Roman Triumph, recognizing a major victory
soldier could work his way up to be a general, senator, co-consul, or even consul of Rome. These titles alone brought men much recognition, prestige, honor, privilege, and wealth. Although we are far from Roman times, recognition is still a major part of human responsibility.

Recognition for service or dedication to a cause or initiative is what gives millions the ability, strength, and determination to keep pushing forward. One statement given at almost every college student’s orientation is to find a field that you like and choose a career that you will love (taking into consideration that sometimes the career you love may make you financially unstable). It

OTMs,” but there has got to be more; more to recognition than Of the Month Awards; more than the printing of certificates; more than just handing someone a lapel pin and saying, “Great job!” In no way am I saying that these tools are not useful, because they are wonderful, and I myself enjoy plaques, certificates, and lapel pins (I am sort of a fanatic). It is time that we raise the bar on recognition and take it to the next level as individuals campuses, then as regions, and finally as an organization. We must strive to create the new tools to recognize our valiant residence life “soldiers” for their dedication and service.

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Ahh, the North East... home of the Boston Red Sox, the New York Yankees, and most importantly: Marty the Moose! As one of the eight regional affiliates of NACURH, NEACURH has had a busy year... and is gearing up for an even busier one! The NEACURH RBD has put together a little something that we think outlines some of the cool things we stand for. So sit back, relax, and welcome to NEACURH!

WHO WE ARE

NEACURH is comprised of New England, New York, New Foundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec. We currently have about 35 schools ranging from SUNY Buffalo in New York, to University of Maine Orono in Maine, to Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. We are hoping to add a school from London, England, so watch out for that!

NRHH in NEACURH is growing too. We are working on recruiting a few new schools this coming fall and getting those new chapters fully affiliated. At our Mini No-Frills conference and at NACURH 2007, NEACURH NRHH representatives voiced their opinions on the positive influence that the National Associate of NRHH and Special Initiatives will have on our organization. Right now our chapters are sending in pictures of their schools working on recognition initiatives on their campus. Just another way we "keep on recognizing"!

As much as NEACURH's member schools would love to be everywhere at once, it is an unfortunate truth that this pleasure is only reserved for Marty. This is why this year, the NEACURH RBD is introducing the Flat Marty Project. Numerous Marty's have been created by members of regional RHAs, and will soon be seen traveling throughout the region, back and forth

between New England and New York member schools in an attempt to bridge the gap between NEACURH's two sub-regions. But Marty will not be traveling alone. He will be accompanied by a journal in which each school will be able to post pictures and paraphernalia and will write about Marty's experiences during his time at their institution. At the end of Marty's time at that school (each school has two weeks with Marty), he, along with the journal and pictures taken around campus, will be sent off to another school to partake in another series of exciting adventures. If only we all could be so lucky...



CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Ithaca College will be hosting the 2007 NEACURH Regional Conference this upcoming fall. Marty's G.O.R.G.E.S. (Getting Our Region Geared towards Environmental Sustainability) Gathering is focused on teaching delegates about the different aspects of sustainability and how it expands beyond recycling. The Ithaca College Conference Staff has been working extremely hard to keep this conference unique and sustainable, itself. We have a few new, original ideas that we hope will carry over to other conferences in the future. For instance, we do not plan on supplying each delegate with a disposable water bottle, but rather providing each delegate with a reusable souvenir stadium cup and having numerous water coolers located all across campus. We hope this will, in turn, assist NEACURH in becoming a more sustainable region.

In the spring we'll be traveling to SUNY Geneseo for Mini No-Frills: Moosebook style! We will be creating a Moosebook group on Facebook soon, so everyone can chat before getting to the conference and get a head start on all that networking! The conference staff at Geneseo is hard at work getting everything prepared so we can make this the best Mini No-Frills conference yet!

members the opportunity to showcase their college or university, their RHA and NRHH, and the programs that they complete on campus to the rest of the schools in their subregion. If someone is thinking about hosting either a Regional or Mini No-Frills Conference, this is also a good primer step that shows the region that they are capable of putting on such an event. SUBS have yet to become a

programming skills. Programming has always been and still continues to be a great way of viewing delegates' spirit and dedication towards the region.

NEW INITIATIVES

In an attempt to expedite the business in the boardroom, NEACURH is looking into an Electronic Response System. It would allow roll-call to be taken instantaneously and votes to be tallied without the wasted time of counting paper slips. Each affiliated school would receive a remote that would relay votes and attendance to a computer at the front of the boardroom. NEACURH is looking to test this technology at the Regional conference in November.

NEACURH is embarking on a brand new process this year to select our Regional Advisor. In past elections, the Advisor followed a process similar to RBD members - submitting a bid and presenting before the NCCs. Several years ago, the organization changed their process to allow more input and decision-making for the student leaders who directly interact with the advisor, the regional board. For the first time, advisor candidates will submit bids to a committee, who will screen them, seek feedback from everyone in the region, and then narrow the field down to two finalists who will then be invited to the Winter Summit meeting to be interviewed and ultimately selected. The transition process will then extend from 1 month to 4 months, providing additional time for the current advisor to show the incoming advisor the ropes. NEACURH believes this process allows for maximum exposure of the candidates to all stakeholders within the region, additional training and transition time, and increased decision making for those individuals who work most closely with the advisor.

If you have any questions about anything mentioned in this article, please feel free to contact one of the members of the NEACURH RBD. Want to know more about the region? Check out our website!

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NEACURH RBD - Bottom Row: Bri Lewis, Ryan Durling, Diana Fang, Sam Speed, Richie Kenney, Lindsay Peck, Ashleigh Waugh, AbbyRuth Terreri, Alex Clamor
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Subregional meetings (SUBS) are laid back, fun-filled, events that typically take place just a few weeks before a NEACURH conference (i.e. Regionals or Mini No-Frills). Each subregion (we're divided into two – New England and New York) hosts a meeting every semester, which ensures that these events maintain their small, family-oriented nature. Because of the informal atmosphere at SUBS, attendees will find it to be a fantastic time to form long-lasting friendships with individuals who go to nearby institutions. In addition, it is a time for them to raise any question or concern they may have about the upcoming conference. Not 100% sure about parliamentary procedure, bidding, and/or legislation? Never been to a conference before? SUBS is surely an event for the new and more experienced alike, and it is especially the time to get any last minute conference jitters out of your system! Subregional meetings give

long-lasting tradition in NEACURH, but it is something we are truly proud of and enjoy improving every year!

SHARING RESOURCES

NEACURH publishes a newsletter called the "Monthly Moose Calling". In it, we usually feature OTM winners, conference updates, delegate introductions, and much more. This year, NEACURH hopes to add "Getting to know your RBD", "A day in the life of...", as well as posting some post-graduate job opportunities, showing what great options NEACURH can provide after our members graduate! NEACURH also features a Regional Transitional Manual, as well as New Delegate Newsletters at every conference to acclimate newcomers!

If you want to see our delegates shine, attend one of their programs! The competition is always incredible, but NYU's UltraViolet Live was this year's national POY winner, and showcases NEACURH's



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The Last Word by Avi Zacherman

Welcome to the first edition of “The Last Word.” Every link I’ll try to have some kind of editorial piece here, sort of like my own little soap box. So, here goes:

We must always remember that at its heart, NACURH is a student organization. This means a number of things. First of all, as an extracurricular activity, NACURH should be fun. It is not meant to be a source of stress, or the end all, be all of the world. It is meant to provide a means for student leaders to express themselves, network with each other, learn new skills and most importantly HAVE FUN.

However, being a student organization means more than just fun. It means each and every student needs to be tenacious. Take ownership for your actions, or inaction. By openly communicating with each other, sharing ideas, we all grow. But when we close ourselves off, when we stop communicating, we risk losing sight of the vision of NACURH.

On top of this, the purpose of the National Board of Directors is to provide that inter-regional communication. Each member school through their NCC has empowered the Regional Directors to express a unified voice for the region through a vote. And just as it is important that Regional Directors communicate with their regional membership, the NCCs must not be afraid to approach their Directors no matter what the issue is.

NACURH as an organization continues to evolve. We have come a long way in fifty-five years. Where we are today is a testament to the will and dedication of each and every student that has ever participated in this organization. Change is always a scary thing, but without change there is little progress.

Never be afraid to question change, but always be willing to keep an open mind. Even since my first involvement this organization has made massive sweeping changes. An office was eliminated, a new one was created and now we are adding a fourth executive. It is certainly scary, and was when I originally thought about it, but we must trust that decisions will be made for the best interests of the organization.

Also, just as each of you take something out of being a member, so to does the organization. Perhaps one day you’ll be an advisor at a college not yet affiliated with NACURH, or an alumni working in a related field. While you are no longer a direct stakeholder in the affairs of NACURH, certainly you might want to give back. Join AAFN, or make a charitable contribution. Even though you no longer have direct influence on the affairs of NACURH, you can always find a way to say “I was there once.”

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