

The Resident Charger

Volume 1, Issue 1

October 2008



October Awareness Events

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK (October 20 – 27)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (October 5 – 11)

This month, get to know your resources.

All settled in on campus? Getting into a routine? Don't forget to take advantage of the fun (and FREE!) events and activities being offered all over campus.

This month, challenge yourself to get to know and use some of the great resources offered at the University of New Haven. After all, you are here for an *experiential* education and there is no better way to enhance your *experience!*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Get To Know Your Resources!
- 2 Fire Safety Tips, Health & Safety Checks, Roommate Rumbles, Conduct Corner
- 3 Things To Do & Upcoming Events
(you won't want to miss a single one!)
- 4 Keys, Contest Winners, and Suggestions



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, please review these Fire Safety tips, brought to you by our very own Fire Science Club:

- Don't mess with your smoke detector, or spray fragrances or hairspray around it.
- If your smoke detector is chirping, don't touch it and contact your RA immediately.
- Use a power strip to plug in your electronics, not extension cords, as they can cause fires.
- Candles, open flames, and smoking inside are NOT allowed in the residence halls!
- Don't cover smoke detectors when decorating.
- If there's smoke in your room (say, from burnt popcorn) open the WINDOW, not the DOOR to the hallway, or you could set off the alarm.
- DO NOT hang ANYTHING from the sprinklers – this can cause them to go off and flood the building.

ROOMMATE RUMBLES

Q: I'm a freshman and I live in a triple. It feels pretty cramped compared to my room at home. What can I do?

A: On the UNH website, there are downloads available that show photos of different layouts of the triple rooms in Bethel, Bixler, Botwinik, and New Hall. Go to Residential Life page and then click on "So You Got Tripled!?!". Check out the layouts because you can see what it's like before you start moving furniture. And be creative with your space – and how you decorate – there's three of you and that's part of the fun!

Q: My room looks like a tornado tore through it – on my roommate's side anyway. What can I do to get her to clean up after herself?

A: Part of living on campus and with a roommate is learning to compromise. Your roommate may not be the neatest person, but that doesn't mean you can't live together. We suggest creating a cleaning schedule, so that the trash gets taken out, the dishes get cleaned, and the floor gets vacuumed or swept on a regular basis. This way, everyone shares in the responsibility. Sit down with your roommates and work out what is the best way for you to do it as a group.

Health & Safety Room Inspections

What To Expect When We're Inspecting

Health & Safety Room Checks have been completed this past week, and will be completed monthly by the RA staff, in order to ensure everyone's health and safety. If you have any illegal appliances, such as spider lamps, open-coiled burners, candles, extension cords, or room dividers, you will need to remove them on your next trip home. Your RA will store them for you until then. We'll also check to make sure your room furniture is still in good condition and that your smoke detectors are working. You may be asked to clean up a little (if, for example, your sink is piled with dishes) and you may want to clean up anyway before we come (because you don't want your cute RA seeing your dirty laundry all over the place, obviously.) If your RA comes while you are not home they will leave a carbon copy of your completed form and it will say when they are coming back to make sure any violations were taken care of. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in helping us make sure that everyone on campus is living in a safe, healthy environment!

CONDUCT CORNER

Q: What's this Good Samaritan Policy I've been hearing about?

A: The Good Samaritan Policy was put in place so that students would not be reluctant to come forward if they know someone needs help for a substance-abuse-related emergency for fear of possible consequences. In other words, if you know someone needs help, say, your roommate is heavily intoxicated; the right thing to do is let someone know (like an RA or CP). If you took part in a Student Code of Conduct policy violation that night, the fact that you did the right thing by seeking help will be considered when determining any necessary consequences. The most important thing is to make sure that person gets the help they need to prevent injury, illness, or death. Be a good friend, a good neighbor, and a good Samaritan – do the right thing.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Up 'til Dawn raises money to help fund St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. On OCTOBER 29, at 9pm, come together with other UNH students for the Up 'til Dawn Letter Writing Campaign. Bring addresses to send letter to, and be a part of ending childhood cancer. There will be free food and raffle prizes – including an iPod Touch! For more information email uptildawn@newhaven.edu

If you've ever asked: "How do I find out what is happening on campus?"

Here's your answer: Go to www.newhaven.edu/studentactivities and click on the calendar. This is where the most up-to-date campus event information can be found!

There's No "I" in Threesome... TRIPLE OLYMPICS!

October 19, 1pm, in the Quad. Bring both your roommates for the 3-legged race, scavenger hunt, dizzy bat race, and food eating contest! Enjoy the good old fashioned roommate bonding – competition always brings you closer together!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Saturday October 4th at 9am – 4k Run/Walk for Breast Cancer – join the UNH Women's Basketball Team in the fight against cancer – contact Jessica Smith in Athletics or jsmith@newhaven.edu for more details.

October 23rd at 4pm in Bartels – come make your own pink ribbon charm and show your support of the cause. Sponsored by the Office on Intercultural Relations – a "DIVERSITY THURSDAY" event.

October 27th – Postcard for Protection campaign – stop by the Office of Residential Life any time today to send a reminder to a woman you love to get an annual breast exam. Postage paid!

FREE – pink ribbons, pencils, stickers, and mints in Health Services all month. FREE t-shirts will be available the week of October 27th.

Other Things You Should Know About In October!:

October 4 – FAMILY DAY – Student Activities has the schedule of events – there are so many great events going on, you'll have trouble deciding which to attend.

Week of October 6 – Health & Safety Room Inspections

Week of October 20 – Alcohol Awareness Week – there was be awesome "soberchillin" events all week long.

October 31 – Halloween Haunted House. Don't come if you get scared easily. (just kidding, it will be fun!)

From Dining Services:

October 1 – free Steaz samples!

October 2 – free samples from Albert's Organics

October 8 – Hispanic Heritage Lunch & Dinner

October 15 – "Home Grown Harvest" local & organic foods

October 22 – Family Recipe Contest

October 29 – Tapas Bar

October 31 – Halloween Frightful Feast

From International Student Services:

This month's International Coffee Hour on OCTOBER 16, 3:30pm, is sponsored by ELS Language Centers and has an International Board Game Theme. Come enjoy free refreshments and learn how to play board games from around the world, teach a game from your own culture, or show off your skills! For more information you can contact: Andrea Hogan at 932-7338

MUNCHIES ON MONDAY!!!! 4pm Monday, October 6 is the Office of Residential Life – come make your creepy doorhanger!!

IT'S 10PM... DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR KEYS ARE?

This year, we've seen an increase in the number of students losing their keys. Just so you know, when you lose your keys, we need to change your locks, which means a locksmith has to come out to UNH, change the locks, and make new keys. This means a hefty charge to your account – not to mention the hassle it causes all of your roommates or even suitemates who have to come get their keys replaced as well. So, here's our solution – be responsible, and keep track of your keys. It will make life easier for everyone.



Paige Rummel, Laura Desena and Lauren Fauchon of Bixler Hall were the winners Of "Extreme Home Makeover: Triple Edition" for the best set-up in a triple room. Congratulations and we hope you have many more great times in that beautifully decorated room!!! Live in a triple? TAP – the Triple Advisory Program – hosts an event for you each month!



I'm Heather Brown, USGA senator and chair of USGA's Residential Relations Committee. I work as a liaison between USGA, the Office of Residential Life, and the Hall Councils of every building. Have some input for me? Email me at USGAResidential@newhaven.edu or visit me in Bartels on Tuesdays at 12:15. Don't forget to check out www.chargervice.com!

Have ideas for next month's newsletter? Know somebody who deserves some recognition for their work with residents on the UNH campus? Got a question for "Roommate Rumbles" or "Conduct Corner"?? Send an email to Resident Director Kristin Heller at khell1@newhaven.edu or submit an anonymous note in the Resident Charger box at the front desk of the Office of Residential Life. You could be in the next issue of "The Resident Charger"! Until then, enjoy life here at UNH, be responsible, and make the most of all the great resources available to you!!