

UNIVERSITY COURTYARD HANDBOOK

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BACCHUS: (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students): BACCHUS is a club that promotes awareness and responsible choices regarding the issues involving alcohol that affect University students. BACCHUS brings speakers to campus, performs programming on alcohol awareness, has theme dances and provides mocktails for other events on campus. The primary goal of BACCHUS is to educate and promote healthy life-style choices. For more information about BACCHUS, stop by the Residence Life office in the Atrium during the Fall semester or attend the first meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in the Atrium Conference Room.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION (RHA): The residents who live on campus are represented by a group of elected individuals who provide a variety of programs and services. Any University Courtyard resident can take advantage of what RHA has to offer. Taking part in RHA is an excellent way to develop leadership skills and become involved in the community. The main purpose of RHA is to respond to the needs and requests of residents on issues affecting their on campus living experience (i.e.: food, facilities, policies & procedures, etc.). The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the Atrium. Elections will be held later in the month.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS: One important way for you to become active is by attending community meetings. These meetings provide you with the opportunity to get better acquainted with the other members of your living environment. Discussions will take place on topics such as quiet hours, social and educational programs and expectations of other residents. We encourage you to take an active role at these meetings.

FACULTY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM: Residents have frequently stated that they would enjoy interacting with Faculty and Staff outside of the classroom. Many schools have very successful programs where the faculty "adopt" a community. University Courtyard has created such a program, which is now in its third year. The Residence Life Staff works closely with the Faculty Associates to create opportunities for you to interact with faculty outside the classroom.

PROGRAMMING: During the school year there will be many opportunities for you to be involved with programming. The RDs, RAs, PSAs and other resource people will be presenting programs on topics such as sex, alcohol awareness, safety, time-management and AIDS. PSAs and campus police will present programs on personal safety. There will also be many social programs like BBQ's, dances, ski trips, karaoke and movie nights. Recreational programming is also offered (some with additional fees). For example, there are occasional trips to places like Yosemite, San Francisco and Magic Mountain. Your participation is a key to the success of the programs and will help you meet new friends.