

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY HOUSING

We Are Here to Serve

Your student will encounter a number of questions, problems, or concerns while living in University Housing. Who do they go to in their time of need? We would hope that they feel comfortable enough to go to their Resident Assistant and ask for assistance.

A Resident Assistant is a staff member that lives in the building, usually on your student's floor, that is there to help them in any way possible. They are at

least a sophomore in class rank and have been living at the university for no less than 2 semesters. In other words, they know the ropes, and know where to direct your student if they have a question.

They are also available to supply light bulbs and to put in work orders to our University Physical Plant when a problem in your student's room arises. Resident Assistants also act as the mediator between roommates, the social coordinators for the Hall, and

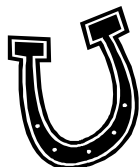
as a friend and confidante to your student. We are here to serve and enjoy serving your students needs to make their University Housing experience the very best that it can be. Remember, if your student complains to you about something concerning their living arrangements, for example, their AC is not working, they are fighting with their roommate, or their light bulb is out, ask them, "Have you told your RA?"

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Special Dates of Interest:

- Beginning Freshmen Steak Dinner - September 9
- Great Southern Arkansas Mule Ride - September 19
- Family Day - October 3
- Homecoming - October 17



JOIN US FOR
FAMILY DAY 2009

Next Month
Dealing with
Roommate Conflict

What is the RHA "Bed Race" ?

With the recent advertisement of "Family Day 2009", some of you parents may be wondering what is the Bed Race? Well, it's exactly what it sounds like... Your student will participate in the construction, decoration, and possibly racing of a twin sized bed down Crescent Drive.

Hall members construct a "rolling bed" out of a metal bed frame, welded together, with bicycle tires bolted at each of the four corners.

After the bed is constructed, they

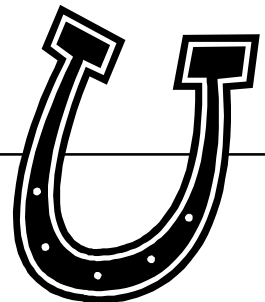
decorate usually following a theme decided on by the hall's Hall Council. We've seen trashcans, igloos, and even an old western wagon (it didn't have the speed to really compete).

When the construction and decorating are finished, it is time to race. In a double elimination race, each team races until a winner is announced. The winner receives the Bed Race Trophy that is passed around through the winners each year.

RHA is hosting its 29th Annual Bed Race this year. The Bed

Race is a tradition that was started by Housing Director Dean Courson in 1981. The race has taken place each year since, with a few re-schedulings due to inclement weather, and has become one of the favorite events of Family Day. The 2007 and 2008 races winner was Bussey Hall. They will be trying to defend their title this year, but will meet fierce competition from the other participants.

Join us for the big race this year!



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