When I'm driving in my car and that Bruno Mars song comes on where he is crying about his break up, I get angry. Bruno Mars is a good singer, and he's had some catchy songs, but this song is stupid. It sounds like it should be good, Bruno laments about a break up (typical song material) he realizes the break up is his fault (tragic stuff) but then we find out the thing he did wrong was to put zero effort into his relationship! Really?! Seriously?! He sings about not buying his girlfriend flowers, not holding her hand, and not taking her to parties even though she loves to dance. What did this man do the whole time they were dating?!

And now you're probably wondering why this rant is in Roomers and what it has to do with Residence Life. I told some people my thoughts about this song and someone said to me, "Why do you think about weird stuff like this?" And my response is, "Well because I can." See, I have no problem being myself. I like myself, I enjoy having deep thoughts about things that no one cares about. My brain is a vast universe, my thoughts are stars that make constellations of awesomeness! And that is weird to some people.

The thing is (and this relates to reslife soon) when someone asks you about why you are "weird" they are really saying "I'm afraid people think I'm weird, please tell me why you are so secure in who you are." Everyone I have ever met is secretly afraid that they are weird. And the fun truth is, they are! Be yourself! I know you're tired of hearing people tell you that, but its cliche repetition doesn't make it isn't any less true. Use your time in Residence Life and as a college student to learn who you are, to forge an identity, and to embrace everything wonderful about yourself, even if it is weird. Try new things, think critically about the world, and put effort into both discovering who you are, and loving who you are. Whatever you do though, don't put in zero effort and then whine and cry when things end up not working out. Because that is weird.

Congratulations to the 2013 Ohio Northern University King and Queen- our very own Joshua Soppe and Shannon Kraus!

Spirit Rock Dedication
Above is a photo from the dedication of ONU’s very first spirit rock. This rock will be utilized by organizations and students across campus to show their Polar Bear pride for many years to come! Some of our very own Res Lifers got the opportunity to paint it for the first time- what an honor!

Homecoming Bonfire
Students were kept warm by the fire and the rich sound of the ONU Band! A fun mix of traditional ONU songs for spirit week were accompanied by some more contemporary hits- I think I recall some Beyonce!
The custom-made ONU cornhole sets that were awarded to the winners of the tournament!

The amazing float YOU all created with the help of Anissa, Scott, Justin and Libby - taking an exciting 2nd place in the parade!

**KUDOS!**

A big kudos to everyone on staff that helped make Homecoming 2013 such a great success!

Kudos to the Affinity staff for a colorful and successful event last month, and good luck to the apartment staff on this week’s big trick-or-treat event!

Staff Kudos to...

Affinity: Andria Beehler-Evans
Park: Josh Soppe
Apartment staff: Hillary Abbott and Connor Burridge
Founders: Ellis Pohlman
Maglott: Connor Kleman
Lima: Jessica Harris
5UP & Northern House: Sarah Ballmer

Job well done! Make sure to contact your RD so they can take you out for a small treat - perhaps some hot chocolate to warm you up!