This Year in SPC

By: Hannah Gustafson, President of SPC

This year, Student Planning Committee worked diligently to provide quality, diverse entertainment to students on campus. Throughout the year, SPC hosted annual events including Opening Comedians, Fredrick Winters, Bingo, and Trivia. SPC also hosted several new events. These events were innovative, creative, and expanded SPC’s image on campus.

In October, SPC hosted Death By Chocolate: A Murder Mystery Night. At the event, students sought to answer the question: Who killed Lou Bills, millionaire founder of Sweet Things Candy Company? Students had the opportunity to enjoy free decadent desserts and interact with Lou’s family members as they discovered what each of them would gain from his will. This event provided

Get ready for 2015-2016!

By: Joe Pernick, Graduate Assistant, Office of Residence Life

As the school year comes to a close, the planning for next year begins. The ResLife staff is excited to announce the 2015-2016 All-Halls:

- Founders Mud Volleyball: Men’s=August 28th and Women’s=29th
- Maglott Hall Homecoming Dance: September 25th
- ResLife Trick or Treat: October 2nd
- Affinity Zumba Marathon: December 4th
- Park Hall Hoops: January 29th
- 5UP/NoHo Bingo: February 19th
- Lima Hall Casino Night: March 18th
- Apartment Sand Volleyball: April 22nd
- Monday Munchies: Fourth Monday of every month

How to Effectively Move Out

By: Joe Pernick, Graduate Assistant, Office of Residence Life

The end of the year is approaching us and everyone has one thing they do not want to do... Move out. It is not that we want to stay here (well some of us do) but the process can be frustrating. From packing to checking out, it is a difficult process. The worst part, it all happens right in the middle of exam week. Here are some tips on how to move out effectively.

Each building handles their checkouts differently, however, there are some universal guidelines. The last day of checkout is 24 hours after your last exam. Therefore, the last possible day to move out is Friday, May 8th.

If you are a graduating senior, member of the marching band, working commencement, or if there are any other circumstances why you need to stay for graduation, you need to contact your RA, SRA, or RD. Those staying for commencement will need to then checkout by 12 am on Monday, May 11th.

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students with a night of delicious chocolate treats and entertaining theatre performances.

In February, SPC worked with various student organizations to transform the old campus bowling alley into an event space called the Bear Cave. SPC hosted an event to celebrate the opening of the space. At the event, students played backlight bingo in order to win prizes including concert tickets and restaurant gift cards. Additionally, students enjoyed ONU cupcakes, Shirley’s popcorn, and glow in the dark jewelry. Klondike, the school mascot, even made an appearance at the event. Since the Bear Cave opening, SPC has hosted various other events in the space including Family Feud and Laser Tag.

Most recently, SPC hosted Hump Day. With finals week and the end of the semester looming, SPC brought camels to campus to help students alleviate stress. Since the event was located in the heart of campus, students had the opportunity to stop by between classes and take a turn riding the camels.

Next year, SPC intends to further expand their events. They have already scheduled a hip-hop violinist, spoken work poet, and acrobatic team. If you have ideas for future events or would like to become involved in Student Planning Committee, please email spc@onu.edu.

Lastly, SPC would like to thank all of its members and everyone who came out to our events!

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When checking out, all personal belongings must be packed up and out. The room must be clean and nothing is left behind. This includes kitchens, cabinets, refrigerators, bathrooms, desks, etc. The thermostat should be set to 65 degrees if that is possible in your room. All trash should be removed. All windows should be shut and locked.

Please keep in mind that checking out means that your room is packed and there are no personal belongings in the building. We will not check your room if there are items left in place, or the room is not completely packed.

Want to avoid those billing charges, here's where to look. First, make sure the apartment is clean and that nothing is left behind. Anything left behind will result in additional billing. Also, make sure that you checkout properly. So checkout on time. Any checkouts past the required times will be considered improper checkouts. So plan accordingly. Any damages, outside of normal wear and tear, that occurred over the course of the year will result in additional billing.

Happy moving out! If you have any questions or concerns, email your RA, SRA, or RD.
the college of engineering. I work on special projects in student leadership development and advising.”

**Q. What is your favorite part of your job?**

A. “I really like working with engineering students because they provide and different perspective and they really challenged some of my assumptions”

**Q. If you could have dinner with any three people, who would they be?**

A. “Sarah Jessica Parker, Forest Gump, and Wendy Williams”

**Q. If you could live anywhere in the world and you could live in any time, where and when would you choose?**

A. “late 90’s, early 2000s. New York City.”

**Q. What is your guilty pleasure?**

A. “Reality TV, specifically Love and Hip Hop and the House Wives.”

**Q. Cats or dogs?**


**Q. What do you like most about ONU?**

A. “I love both the people I work with and the students. I think everyone here is very welcoming and pleasant and I think that is very rare.”
An Article From the Chronicle of Higher Education: Career-Office Director Seeks Jobs for Every Last Polar Bear

The Chronicle of Higher Education is the No. 1 source of news, information, and jobs for college and university faculty members and administrators.
The newspaper featured this story about Ohio Northern University’s Polar Careers. So, it’s kind of a big deal that they interviewed Justin F. Courtney, Director of Polar Careers and Residence Life at ONU.

The Road to Employment

Ohio Northern University has set a high standard for postcollege job placement: 95 percent of its 2014 graduates had found jobs as of last fall, with 97 percent reporting. Justin F. Courtney, director of the university’s career office, spoke with The Chronicle’s Maddy Berner about what’s behind that success rate. An edited excerpt of the interview follows.

Q. How has Ohio Northern managed to get such a high job-placement rate?
A. After I stepped into the role, six years ago, we relocated our office to a more central location, the student center. To stand out to employers, we called it the Office of Polar Careers — after our mascot, the polar bear. Our tagline is "Skills for Life."

I created the position of employer-relations manager, whose whole purpose is to recruit companies. She travels to various cities to get the information out there about our students and what they can bring to the table. And we work closely with the assistant deans and deans in the different academic areas to strategize about jobs. We ask them, "Who are the five people who are still looking for work? How do we get them connected?"

Q. What are your career fairs like?
A. Larger than they’ve ever been. We had over 180 organizations at this past fall’s fair. The reason? We provide a high-quality experience, and the people outside know that, and when they come, they enjoy it. They meet our mascot.

Students can get professional head shots done at the fairs, and we make them business cards that they can hand to employers. Not only that, we have outside companies come in so students can get fitted for custom clothing and learn to dress appropriately.

Q. How do you prepare students for the job hunt?
A. A career class I teach covers résumé development, how to network, and emotionally intelligent leadership. Our students have to know what motivates and demotivates them, and what motivates and demotivates others.

I meet with each one of my 120 students for about 30 minutes individually in my office. It’s important that people are fulfilling what they’re supposed to. Not what family and friends want for them, but what they want.

Q. What can other institutions learn from Ohio Northern’s experience?
A. You can be high-tech, but high-touch matters. You don’t want to be so high-tech that you lose high-touch. You have to be personable.