

LAHO NEWSLETTER

A NEW YEAR, A NEW FACILITY

The National Championship game is not the only thing students at LSU are looking forward to. On January 7, 2008, LSU Residential Life will open a brand new facility called The Residential College Complex. The Residential College Complex will be the home of the [Business Residential College](#) and the [Engineering Residential College](#), which are currently housed in West Laville hall. The 380-bed, two-building residential complex features suite-style rooms with community spaces in the form of lounges, kitchenettes, libraries, courtyards, and state-of-the-art classrooms. LSU's tradition of arches, red-tile roofs, and lush landscaping will also be integrated into the complex.

Students have anticipated this move for months and are looking forward to being the first students to live in these halls. These residential colleges place

Business and Engineering students in their own separate halls according to major. Students are then pre-registered in two to three core classes together. A faculty member from their college serves as the faculty rector on site to hold office hours within the hall and offer formalized study groups for these residents. The task of moving these students has not been an easy one, but has been quite the experience for all involved. Students have been able to request their roommates and suitemates, and some students even requested a particular resident assistant. Coordination of the moving process has incorporated staff input from Facilities, Business, Residence Education, Assignments, Information and Technology, and the students involved. We look forward to opening the doors of the New Residential College complex and invite you all for a tour if you are ever in the area.



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Mark Your Calendars!

SEAHO
February 19-22, 2008
Savannah, Georgia



ACUHO-I
June 21-24, 2008
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Equipping Resident Assistants Conference 2008

The Annual ERA Conference will be held April 18-19, 2008 (tentatively) at Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center. This year's theme is "R.A.'s—Heroes in Disguise". Schools need to come prepared to compete in the Roll Call, Skit, and Overall Spirit Competition.

Responsibilities are divided as followed:

- Registration—LSU
- Call for Programs—LSU
- T-Shirts—Grambling
- Hospitality—UL Lafayette
- Awards—Xavier
- Case Study—McNeese
- Teambuilding—LA Tech
- Silent Auction—Southeastern

The following awards and recognition will be presented at ERA 2008:

- Male Resident Assistant of Year
- Female Resident Assistant of Year
- Male Rising Star
- Female Rising Star
- Young Professional Service Award
- LAHO Distinguished Service
- Always Hallways Award
- Staff Development Program of the Year
- Community Building Program of the Year



Southeastern Louisiana University Delegates 2007

For information regarding E.R.A. 2008, contact Dawn Broussard at dmb7630@louisiana.edu.

LSU Freshmen Go Online for Assignments

For several years, returning students at LSU have selected their assignment for the following year online. For the Fall 2007 semester, first year students were able to do the same. The assignments program, which was designed and created by LSU staff, allowed first year students to select their room and invite a roommate. Students who completed their application (also available online) were given a priority date based on their date of application/deposit and were assigned a date based on this priority. During this time period, incoming first year students were able to view available space on campus, select their space and even invite a friend with an active application to room with them.

The feedback from the class of 2011 was extremely positive. Students are thrilled to have the opportunity to select their own room and were excited to know their assignment earlier than usual. The program also allows for room changes for all assigned students, allowing students to visit regularly to see what has become available and making changes to their assignment as they meet new friends, find a more desirable space or just have a change in preference.

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SEAHO TAKES OVER SAVANNAH!

The SEAHO Conference 2008 is scheduled for February 19-22, 2008 in Savannah, GA. Registration for the conference should be available online, the SEAHO website, early December 2007. Representatives from colleges and universities in the state are encouraged to attend.

Hotel

The conference hotel is the Westin Savannah Harbor Gulf Resort. The cost for the Westin is \$175.00 plus resort service

fees (state and local tax and occupancy fee). The alternative hotel designated by SEAHO is the Hyatt Regency Savannah. The cost is \$139.00 a night, plus parking cost if applicable.

The conference hotel, Westin Resort, is located on island and



is accessible by vehicle or ferry. The Hyatt Regency is an excellent choice for delegates from institutions that desire cost savings. The Hyatt is located diagonally across from the Westin Resort and surrounded by various shops and restaurants. A ferry provides transportation to and from both hotels during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 12 midnight. For additional information, log onto the SEAHO website (www.seaho.org).



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Positions Available in the State

The Department of Residential Life at Louisiana State University is searching for qualified candidates for anticipated Graduate Hall Director (graduate assistantship) vacancies for the 2008-2009 academic year. Required qualifications: bachelor's degree, at least one year residence hall experience (undergraduate or graduate level) and possess excellent communication, organizational and teamwork skills. To receive priority consideration, please send the resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information for three references via email attachment or US postal mail to: linkous@lsu.edu, or Kevin "KD" Linkous, 99 Grace King Hall, Department of Residential Life—LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 by February 8, 2008. Individual on-campus interviews will be conducted in late February through to early March 2008. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.



The Division of Student Affairs/Department of Residential Life at Louisiana Tech University is looking for eligible candidates for the Coordinator of Student Development position. Qualifications include a minimum of an earned bachelor's degree in social work, education, student personnel, or a related discipline/Masters of Arts in Counseling or Psychology-related field preferred. Three years of experience in supervising student staff and implementing student development programs. A demonstrated record of leadership, knowledge of student development theory, proven administrative skills, and excellent communication skills are required. Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to : Melanie B. Peel, Director of Residential Life, PO Box 3174, Ruston, LA 71272. Application deadline: November 23, 2007. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.