



Off-Campus

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In this edition, you will find important information such as special information for graduating seniors, information about local laws that affect you as an off-campus student, media reports on students at other colleges and information on upcoming campus events taking place this spring.

Your input and comments are most welcome. If you have any comments, questions, or ideas, please call Gerry Willis, associate dean of students, at 341-2207.

Seniors: Before You Know It...

The holidays are over. You've received your grades for the fall 2008 semester and we're "hitting the ground running" with the spring 2009 semester already underway. For many of you reading this, you'll be graduating in less than four months. Here are a few items of interest for you seniors out there:

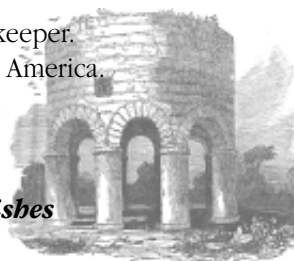
- Make sure the Office of the Registrar has your correct local address. The Registrar's staff needs this address in order to send you vital information regarding your graduation status and Commencement.
- There will be a mailing in February detailing all the information you'll need to know about Commencement. However, the Registrar can't send you the packet without your local address.
- File for Degree forms were due to the Office of the Registrar before Christmas. If you have not yet submitted yours, call 341-2113 right away!
- For other questions about commencement, call 341-2342. But don't panic, most of your questions will be answered in the packet you'll be getting in February.

See elsewhere in this newsletter for Commencement week activities, including information on the the Commencement Ball!

Newport Firsts

- Newport was home to the first admiral of the American Navy.
- Newport held the first notable celebration of George Washington's Birthday (in 1781, hosted by Count De Rochambeau).
- Newport had the first photograph taken by electric light (1866).
- Newport was home to the first auto race (1895).
- Newport was home to the first duplex house (located on 57 Farewell Street – it's still there).
- Newport is home to the oldest typewriter in America (held by the Newport Historical Society).
- Newport was home to the first female lighthouse keeper.
- Newport was the site of the first church steeple in America.

Source: Newport Historical Society



Don't Forget, If It Snows...

Occupants of a dwelling, whether owner or tenant occupied, are responsible for ensuring that the sidewalk in front of their dwelling is clear of snow and ice. The U.S. Postal Service also requires that steps be cleared as well. But don't worry too much, Newport averages only eight inches of snow per winter. However, during a four day period in 1993, three separate storms dumped a total of 44 inches of snow on the city of Newport.

***The Office of the Dean of Students sends best wishes
for a safe, happy, and productive semester!***

Office of Student Activities Announces Spring 2009 Program Schedule

The following are a listing of programs and activities that are happening on campus this semester. C'mon by and check them out! For more information on any of these activities, call the office at 401-341-2225.

Casino Night8-11 p.m. February 20Wakehurst Student Center

Monster BINGO8-11 p.m. March 20O'Hare Bazarsky Lecture Hall

FEATURE FILMS

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist7 & 9 p.m. January 23 & 24

Role Models7 & 9 p.m. January 30 & 31

Twilight7 & 9:10 p.m. February 13 & 14

Quantum of Solace7 & 9 p.m. February 27 & 28

Bedtime Stories7 & 9 p.m. March 27 & 28

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button . .6:30 & 9:15 p.m. April 3 & 4

Revolutionary Road7 & 9:10 p.m. April 17 & 18

Paul Blart: Mall Cop7 & 9 p.m. April 24 & 25

Foreign Films

XXY (Argentina)4, 7 & 9 p.m. February 10

My Brother is an Only Child (Italy)4, 7 & 9 p.m. March 3

Volver (Spain)4, 7 & 9 p.m. April 21

**all films are screened in the Wakehurst Theatre*

Inauguration Watch11 a.m.-2 p.m. January 20 . . . Wakehurst Student Center

Spring ConcertTBARodgers Recreation Center

Earth Day Celebration10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 22Wakehurst Lawn

Take Five Stress Relief11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 4 & 5 . . .Wakehurst Student Center

Attitudes toward Involvement3 p.m. January 28205 Rodgers Recreation Center

Connecting Co-curricular

Involvement with Career Planning . . .3 p.m. February 25205 Rodgers Recreation Center

Budgeting3 p.m. March 23205 Rodgers Recreation Center

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Keith Stokes Presentation6 p.m. February 4128 Antone Academic Center

BROWN BAG LUNCHEES:

After the Inauguration of

Barack Obama1-2 p.m. February 11Wakehurst Fireplace Lounge

The Changing Face of America1-2 p.m. February 18Wakehurst Fireplace Lounge

Salve Regina University and Diversity 1-2 p.m. February 25Wakehurst Fireplace Lounge

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women Making History Today7-9 p.m. March 24O'Hare Bazarsky Lecture Hall

2009 Commencement Week Schedule Office of Student Activities

Night at the Pelham

9 p.m.-1 a.m. May 12

One Pelham East, Newport

Lobster Bake

5-9 p.m. May 13

Kempenaar's Clambake Club

59th Commencement Ball

7 p.m.-1 a.m. May 14

Marriott Hotel, Newport

Cocktail Reception

7-9 p.m. May 15

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The Commencement Week brochures will be mailed in March to all graduating seniors. They will contain all the information you'll need to know about every aspect of Commencement Week events. Tickets for these events will go on sale in April, so be sure to read the brochure for specific details.

With the exception of the Commencement Ball at the Newport Marriott, Senior Week activities are closed events. Graduates are allowed to purchase one guest ticket each for the Ball.

Seniors should note that due to fire code and capacity limits, tickets to some events are limited, such as the Night at the Pelham and the Commencement Ball. Seniors are encouraged to purchase their tickets as early as possible to ensure participation.

Keep an eye out for the opportunity to complete an online survey regarding student involvement on campus. This survey will be open from Monday, January 26 to Sunday, February 9. The Office of Student Activities wants to know what you think! You can access the link on either SalveToday or MySalve. Thank you in advance!

A Message from Officer Kevin Parsonage, Community Policing Division, Newport Police

To The Salve Regina Student Community:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great break and are returning to Newport eager to continue your studies. I would like to give you a few tips and advice on how to be a good neighbor and avoid those pesky fines from the city.

When you have friends over to your apartments or houses, keep them quiet enough that they don't bother the neighbors. If your neighbors can hear you, you're too loud. The noise ordinance applies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the limit is 65 decibels in most areas of the city and that level drops to 55 decibels from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The police department can cite for human voice alone after 1:00 a.m. The noise ordinance violation can be expensive. The fines start at \$1,000.00 per person on the lease and increase from there.

Speaking of the lease, it is required by Newport City Ordinance that the lease be posted on the back of the door of the apartment.

For those of you over 21, please drink responsibly and remember: Do not provide alcohol to your underage friends; you can be arrested for providing alcohol to minors and they can be cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol. Also, please remember not to drink and drive; too many of our accidents in the city are alcohol related.

Please put your trash in trash cans that are covered and put the trash out only on trash day. Believe it or not this is one of the biggest complaints the city gets from neighbors. Improper storage or deposit of trash could lead to hefty fines – no pun intended.

When it snows be sure to shovel the sidewalks in front of your apartment building (this is required by City Ordinance). Also be sure to listen to 1540 AM radio (WADK) for parking ban information. When a parking ban goes into effect the police will tow cars.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or stop by. I have an office at 512 Thames Street (the corner of Thames and Dearborn). My office number is 845-5864.

Good luck to you in this coming semester.

Best Wishes,

CPO Kevin Parsonage
Newport Police Department

Newport City Ordinances of Interest...

NOISE

A vast majority of homes in Newport are located in densely populated neighborhoods that are in close proximity to commercial districts. A significant amount of complaints from residents involve noise in these neighborhoods caused by the human voice or voices late at night or in the early morning hours. To implement and enforce noise violations, the police have the power to warn, fine, and/or arrest offenders. A typical first-offense violation can result in a \$1000 fine per person. Listed below are the maximum permissible sound levels:

Time Limit	Sound
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	65 decibels
10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	55 decibels



An example of 65 decibels would be the sound of a phone ringing or a pager going off from ten feet away. An example of 55 decibels would be the sound generated by three people talking, in a normal tone of voice, also from ten feet away.

As you can see, it does not take much to violate Newport's noise laws. Ten or fifteen people (let alone 20 or 30) talking together at 1 a.m. would be well over the 55 decibel level. Newport has some of the strictest noise laws in the entire country, and they are energetically enforced.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

Occupants of houses and apartments are required to place at their curb in recycling bins the following materials, prepared as described:

1. Glass

Jars and whole bottles shall be rinsed. Caps, lids and any type of top must be removed from the bottles. Labels may remain on the bottles, but bottles shall be empty, rinsed, dry and unbroken.

2. Tin Cans

Steel and tin-coated steel cans shall be empty, rinsed and dry.

b. Empty Aerosol Cans

Empty paint cans, aluminum cans, containers, and foil shall be clean and dry.

3. Paper

Paper shall be dry and tied in bundles with string or placed in brown paper bags. Newspapers, including inserts, mail, magazines, phone books, and corrugated cardboard need to be empty, flattened and tied into compressed bundles.

Trash pickups are once per week and the pickup day varies in different parts of the city. All waste must be placed in trash cans with lids firmly secured. Contact 845-5300 for more information and pickup days for your area.

Many students are unaware of these ordinances, and violations can result in fines which typically are in the area of \$300-\$500. Note that your landlord is required to supply you with trash cans and recycle containers but it is your responsibility to ensure that everything is prepared properly.

Tips for Social Networking

Before participating in any online community, understand that whatever you post online is available to anyone. Any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online, EVEN if you limit access to the site.

Other points to keep in mind:

- Treat your Facebook profile and activity like an informal resume or media image of your self, BECAUSE IT IS!!
- Avoid negativity, especially with feelings about other people.
- Set your profile to Only Friends privacy and restrict access to friends only
- Do not list personal contact information (ex. Address, phone number, class or work schedule, etc).
- Defend your Wall by deleting inappropriate comments.
- Be selective where you make comments, expecting it to be public.
- Control privacy setting each time you post something, sharing Only with Friends
- Don't 'tag' photos of yourself that are unflattering or inappropriate.
- Purge things a few times a year (bad or outdated photos, Friends, Groups, Notes, etc)

Finally, keep in mind that prospective employers regularly look up applicants on Facebook in order to get a better picture of the person they may be interested in hiring. Creating an unflattering profile will surely have a negative impact on your future .

“ Anyone using the University’s telecommunications systems or internet to harass or invade one’s privacy is subject to a revocation of telecommunications system privileges and/or other disciplinary action such as probation, suspension or dismissal.” (Student Handbook, pg. 48)

“Public postings or displays of information pertaining to and/or in violation of University policy are subject to disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to, website, facebook, myspace, blogs, online messaging, etc on or off line.” (Student Handbook, pp. 53,54)