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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Let me start with the good news: the renovation of Hinman’s Rockefeller Center (RC) will end in early January. The ugly fences will come down. The patio and the broad stairs to Hinman will be open. To get to the Hinman Office you won’t have to thread your way down a narrow alley between signs that say “DANGER” and “Hard Hats Required”! They say the RC will look fresh and nice, but I absolutely love working in Hinman – I can’t imagine working anywhere else!

I like to call the RC “the Hinman Hub”; it’s the spiritual center of the Hinman community. When it opens in January, we’ll have the Hinman Commons back, as well as the RC classrooms. Julie and Leah and the Hinman Office will be back in their familiar space. I won’t any longer be stuck in a cramped back room. The Hinman work room and meeting room (in the back of the Hinman office) will again be open and available. The HCC eboard will be back in their generous RC office. Discovery Advisers will be back in the Success Center, instead of in the lower DH. Instead of entering the Success Center and computer pod through the emergency side door, we’ll enter it through wide double doors off the RC lobby. I can’t wait! I won’t lie—I’ve been feeling displaced this semester.

Meanwhile, the English professor in me has been looking at this construction not only literally, but also symbolically. The words construction and instruction have the same roots, and they’re both about putting something together with a plan in mind. In life, and particularly in college, we’re all under construction. We’re all “getting our act together,” as we say—which is an interesting way of describing what happens when we get educated, as well as when a building gets renovated. The root idea of renovation is renewal. So here’s wishing that during this fall semester you too are “under construction”—that you’re being renewed, instructed, and made better than before.

Written by Al Vos
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: Hinman Small Group

Hinman residents looking to engage in spiritual discussions have found a home in the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Small Group. As a group, the primary goal is to create community through fellowship with students and staff by coming together each week and investigating who God is and how He affects our lives.

The group meets every week at 6pm to dine together in Hinman Dining Hall before meeting in the Smith Common Lounge at 7pm. At the meetings, group members play games before engaging in spiritual discussions. Each member is given a folder for notes and observations as they read through the passages from the Bible as well as a notebook to record reflections. Group members also show respect as they ask questions and share opinions. At the end, the group wraps up in a word of prayer and then announcements are given about any events that are coming up in the following weeks. So far, the Hinman Small Group has over twelve regular members and they hope to grow as they continue reaching out into the community.

In order to live out their purpose as a small group, they regularly engage and outreach to the community. This past month, the Hinman Small Group went through Smith Hall and invited residents to come and experience fellowship with the group at the weekly small group and Encounter meetings for Binghamton IVCF (which are held at Lecture Hall 14 at 7pm). This month the group hopes to have a small group dinner, organize a prayer walk through all of the Hinman residence halls, and host a movie night, all in an effort to truly make Hinman feel like home.

Students looking to get involved can contact the small group leader, Amanda Pearson, at apearso3@binghamton.edu to be added to the email list and Facebook page. For more information about Binghamton IVCF, please contact Eric Kenyon at eric.lam.kenyon@gmail.com.

Written by Amanda Pearson

Hinman’s Public Service Learning Community

In just its second year, the public service learning community is continuing to make a name for itself. Located on the first floor of Hughes, the A side and B side work together in a myriad of ways to truly encompass a living and learning community.

As part of the learning community, students must complete 15 hours of service each semester, which could be done through events organized by the learning community or individually by the student. To kick off the semester, the floor celebrated Labor Day by doing some manual labor of their own at the Chenango Valley State Park. Students excavated a playground, removed rocks, mulched a trail, and helped tidy up some lodges. The following weekend, two teams assisted at the Doggie Duck Dash- a unique event to benefit the Humane Society. Besides working at carnival style games, students helped set up 15,000 rubber duckies so that a dog (or this year, the dog mascot!) could pick a raffle winner for a first prize of $5000.

In addition to completing service hours, students on the floor participate in 4 meetings per semester. So far the meetings have covered topics such as philanthropy and core values, but perhaps our most exciting meeting will occur on October 27th during which the floor will participate in the Giving Games! During the Giving Games, the group goes through Smith Hall and invites residents to come and experience fellowship with the group at the weekly small group and Encounter meetings for Binghamton IVCF (which are held at Lecture Hall 14 at 7pm). This month the group hopes to have a small group dinner, organize a prayer walk through all of the Hinman residence halls, and host a movie night, all in an effort to truly make Hinman feel like home.

Since its start in Fall 2013, the learning community has come a long way and it will continue to grow next year. Spaces have already filled up for the 2015-2016 academic year, but if you would like more information about the learning community, contact Faculty Master Al Vos at avos@binghamton.edu!

Written by Clare Gilroy
Assoxination, a traditional Hinman game where people eliminate each other with socks, started on Monday, September 15th. The hall-wide stage began with 104 people, and once it was down to about 30 people, there was a cornucopia where new weapons and defenses were introduced. After the cornucopia, Assoxination went Hinman-wide! After a couple of weeks, TJ Carney, the RD of Roosevelt and Smith, sent in his last kill confirmation at 5:13PM on October 9th and was declared the winner. He donated his winnings ($104) to Hinman College Council and chose to give the other $104 to CHOW, an organization aimed at providing services to those who truly are in need in the Southern Tier. In short, the player fees are going to some of the most prestigious organizations in Binghamton! A special thanks to all who played and made this a great community building event over the past month!

Written by Jared Fiacco

Fall Events in Hinman

Past

**DORM WARS!**—Friday, Oct. 17th—Saturday, Oct. 18th- Congrats to **Lehman** on their victory!

**Family Feud**—Lehman, Thursday Oct. 16th

**Live, Laugh, LARP**—Quad, Friday, Oct. 10th

**What’s Your Emoji**—Lehman, Thursday, Oct. 9th

**The Choices You Make**—Roosevelt, Thursday, Oct. 9th

**BJs in PJs**—Hughes, Thursday, Oct. 9th

**How to Juggle**—Lehman, Saturday, Oct. 4th

**Toga Party**—Smith, Friday, Oct. 3rd

**I’d Hit That**—Hughes/Lehman, Thursday Oct. 2nd

**Capture the Flag at Night**—Quad, Thursday, Oct. 2nd

**I Scream, You Scream, Quiet Living**—Lehman, Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

Future

**The Broken Lens**—Wednesday, Oct. 22 @ 6pm in the Cleveland Main Lounge

**NRHH Applications Due**—Friday, Oct. 24 @ 12pm in the Dickinson Area Office

**Major Dilemma**—Monday, Oct. 27th @ 6pm in the Roos Main Lounge

**Student-Faculty Connect Dinner**—Sunday, Nov. 9th @ 6pm in the Hinman Success Center