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Need-to-know info for moving out
provided by Hillary Hamblin, residence director for Shay/Loughlen halls

All residence halls will close on Thursday May 8th at 10:00 am. Students are expected to check-out of their room and return their keys within 24 hours of their last exam, or by 10:00 am on May 8, whichever comes first. Please remind your student to do the following before leaving:

- Remove trash to outdoor dumpster
- Clean the room and sweep floors
- Double check to make sure all belongings are removed from drawers
- Reassemble furniture (if necessary)
- Rearrange room back to original layout
- Close and lock room door
- Go to Resident Assistant (RA) Office or Safety & Security Office to complete checkout

Students will fill out an Express Check-Out form and return their room key(s) to an on-duty RA in the RA Office. After both roommates have checked out of the room, the room will be inspected by a Residence Director (RD) from the Residential Education department, comparing the condition of the room to the condition that was documented at the start of the year. If there are discrepancies, or if the check-out instructions outlined above were not followed, there may be fines assessed to the student’s account.

Contact the Residential Education staff (716-375-2512 or resed@sbu.edu) if you or your student have any questions about the check-out process.

We’d appreciate your feedback!

The Wolfpack, with its new format and delivery system, made its debut this semester. To continue providing effective content, we’d appreciate any thoughts you can contribute for next year’s parents as your students move into their sophomore year.

Please take the survey featured on the newsletter home page. Thank you.
Where is your student living next year?

CAMPUS LOCATIONS
1. Hopkins Hall
2. Francis Hall/Daniella Center
3. Glen of St. Clare
4. Gardens of Sr. Leo
5. Franciscan Friary
6. University Chapel
7. Doyle Hall/Trustees Room
8. The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center
9. Falconio Hall
10. Robinson Hall
11. The Regina A. Quick Center For The Arts
12. Devereaux Hall/Garret Theater
13. Butler Memorial Hall
14. Thomas Merton Center
15. Reilly Center/Robert Lanier Court
16. Friedsam Memorial Library
17-18. Magnano Centre (Café La Verna, Hickey Dining Hall, and Rathskeller)
19. Shay/Loughlin Halls
20. De La Roche Hall
21. The John J. Murphy Professional Building
22. Plassmann Hall
23. Maintenance/central Receiving
24. University Observatory
25. McGraw-Jennings Athletic Fields
26. William F. Walsh Science Center
27. William E. & Ann L. Swan Business Center
28. Tennis Courts

LOCAL BUSINESSES
D. Dunkin Donuts
M. Microtel Inn
C. Country Inn & Suites
*Handicapped parking spaces

*Highlighted names are available on-campus living options for sophomores

Editor’s note –

Tucked away in my white shoebox of a townhouse bedroom, I’ve spent countless hours staring at my computer screen. Carole McNall, the adviser of this publication and a journalism professor, laughs at me in the mornings when I do a zombie-like traipse through the John J. Murphy Professional Building seeking coffee.

It was a unanimous decision to switch the format of the newsletter to a .PDF file for you, our readers, to access more easily. That said — well, written — the new format keeps me on my toes creatively and helps me further refine my self-taught design skills. It also keeps me up into the wee hours of the morning after I’ve finished assignments for my classes.

I hope what we’ve been able to provide you with this semester via this newsletter has been informative as well as visually pleasing.

But enough of the formal mumbo jumbo; it’s the end of the academic year and I have information to divulge. If you, as parents, thought this year went by quickly, think of how your student feels. He/she has been completely uprooted and dropped into a foreign world where new friends (hopefully) awaited. They’ve had to find things to do on the weekends to escape the lull of schoolwork. They’ve probably made their best friends for life in the process.

If your student doesn’t want to come home for the summer, don’t be insulted. Be pleased. St. Bonaventure University isn’t just a school your student attends, it has become his/her home.

So I’ll finish this newsletter in my white shoebox of a townhouse bedroom that now has my belongings strewn about. I’ve been trying to pack, but I just don’t want to leave my home behind for the summer.

~ Emily Steves, Class of 2015
From SBU to Spain, studying abroad only adds to college experience

by Bobby Diaz, ’15

St. Bonaventure University offers a range of options for its students to study abroad. Students have chosen to study in any of nearly 30 countries in all parts of the world.

Studying abroad provides a student with the opportunity to become immersed in a culture of his choice. Time spent abroad brings new experiences, sight-seeing and new friends from all over the world. But how does one choose which country will be the best fit?

In my opinion, the best way for a student to find a program that suits him is to first decide exactly what he wants out of his trip: educational opportunities, to travel a lot, learn a new language or simply to have a good time.

I found it was fairly easy to find my way around Western Europe while studying in Seville. However, if traveling is what a student desires most, a more centrally located country in Europe makes traveling much easier.

During my four months of study in Spain, I have visited four new countries and upward of a dozen cities, each city bringing memories that will last my lifetime. Traveling is made simple by the host program. The program organizes various city visits; all a student has to do is be at the right location at the right time for pickup by the program.

Once a student has chosen a college, he will have several living arrangement options. Most common are renting an apartment or living with a host family in their home. I would certainly suggest staying with a host family. This allows you to practice your new language every single day, meet new people through the host family and become entirely immersed in the culture.

A host family provides daily meals and very good advice on any questions one might have about the new culture. They may also make for fantastic company.

I found a semester abroad program brings positive and sometimes eye-opening experiences. If I had the opportunity to change one thing about my decision to study abroad, I would have done it earlier so I could have the opportunity to do it all over again.

If your student is on the fence about studying abroad, I urge you to encourage him. Even if you are torn between a few programs, pick one randomly. The life lessons learned while studying abroad add immeasurably to one’s growth.

Click HERE to read more about Study Abroad programs with SBU.

Diaz finding some inner peace at the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland.

Diaz’s first camel ride in Tangier, Morocco.
Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that only nine months ago, we were greeting your student for Welcome Days. Do you remember what it felt like when you were helping set up their residence hall room? Or when they were inducted as a student in the Candlelight Ceremony? When they called you after acing their first exam or after having their first fight with their roommate? With all these initial memories so close at hand, I find it shocking to realize we are already sending them reminders about studying for finals and moving out at the end of the year.

Your student’s first year of college has likely been filled with challenges, successes, trying moments, and triumphs. Through it all, I hope you have felt proud to see your student’s growth and development as they transitioned to college. Even more so, I hope your student has had a great year becoming a Bonnie.

Recently, I spoke with the president of the current sophomore class, Rose Brown (no relation!), and asked her to list some of the exciting things about being a sophomore at Bon’s. While some of her answers were humorous, she also provided some great insight worth sharing. As a sophomore:

1. You aren’t the youngest on campus any more
2. You know your way around campus
3. You’re already adjusted to college life
4. You have more opportunities to become a leader in clubs and organizations
5. You live in improved residence halls
6. You have earlier class registration times
7. You start seeking internships with the help of the CPRC
8. You enjoy classes with students from all grades
9. You reconnect with the friends you made on campus
10. You have new opportunities to meet new friends on campus

As your student takes time in the summer to reflect on their first-year experience, I wanted to remind you that there is a lot more for them to look forward to next year! Mark your calendars: students are able to move into their sophomore residence halls and apartments on August 23-24. The first day of classes is August 25. Family Weekend will be September 26-28.

Even though we are saying “good bye” for now, it won’t be long before we are able to welcome you and your student back to campus. I, along with the rest of the faculty and staff at St. Bonaventure, cannot wait for it!

Sincerely,

Chris Brown