Hall Staff Appointments for 2016-17

I'm extremely excited to announce that the following guys have been appointed Resident Assistants for the 2016-17 school year. Section assignments will be made following room picks.

Shinaola Atoro  
Ryan Barry  
Ryan Gannett  
Stephan Hu  
Jack McKeegan  
Reed Miller  
Alex Preudhomme

This group of guys have expressed a strong desire to serve the men of the hall and a great deal of energy and enthusiasm about next year.

The RA position is an incredible way to contribute to community life in O'Neill. To all the freshmen and sophomores, I'd love it if you strongly considered pursuing this important role. The vitality of the O'Neill community is dependent on good people serving as RAs. As a former RA, while I can personally vouch for the amount of work this position requires, it is undoubtedly one of the best things that I did during my time at Notre Dame. I can also vouch for the fact that you will still be able to see a lot of your friends if they decide to move off-campus.

My door is always open to talk about this or any other issue.

Reminder about Housing Applications

If you are planning on living on campus next year make sure to complete your Housing application for the next academic year at http://homeunderthedome.nd.edu.

If you are planning on living on campus, but going abroad in the fall semester you do not need to complete a housing application. While not a requirement, you may want to consider pairing up with someone going abroad in the spring semester to swap bed spaces.

The deadline to complete your housing application is February 26 at Midnight. Failure to complete your housing application by that time will remove you from the room picks process.
Interhall Transfer Requests

If you are applying to pull someone into O'Neill or transferring to another hall for next year please come and talk with me. That process requires my approval.

In particular, pull-ins will be dependent on the amount of space available and there is no guarantee I will be able to approve all requests. In particular, I’ll want to have a conversation with both the current resident and the pull-in about expectations for community involvement next year.

Bengal Bouts this Week

The Bengal Bouts semi-finals are this Tuesday. Make plans to attend and cheer on O'Neil residents Jack McDermott, Matt Yoder, Ryan Chestnut, and Joe Stevens who have all advanced and will be fighting for a place in next weekend's finals! Don't be lame - let's get a huge turnout to support O'Neill guys.

A Brief Note about Social Gatherings

Hopefully your RA has spoken to about parties or social gatherings (fellowships) in the hall.

If you are wondering what constitutes a social gathering I think it is safe to say that if you have more than 2x the number of residents in a room - 6ish in a double, 12ish in a quad, then that to me constitutes some sort of gathering and less an impromptu hang out.

All we are asking is that you have a brief conversation if you are planning to host people on a Friday or Saturday night. None of this should be surprising but it will be a chance to remind you of your obligations as a host, most notable of which is attempting to minimize the disturbance to others that live in close proximity to yourself.

Coffee Tasting and Education on Sunday with Bret Colman

Former RA Bret Colman will be on campus and in O'Neill on Sunday at 5 PM. Bret now works for Zen Café - the local coffee roaster we source our beans from for Spanky's.

Bret will be talking about how they choose where to purchase their beans, an education about the different types and quality of coffee, and will include a coffee tasting. This event is going to be a ton of fun. Don't miss out.