RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 10/23/2017
Location: Bevier

CALL TO ORDER : 9:03PM

MYSTERY ACTIVITY : 9:04PM
We played “This Side, That Side”! Everyone stood up and the E-Board gave questions such as “If you like waffles, go to this side, but if you like pancakes, go to that side,” so everyone could see what they had in common with others.
Andrea - McDonald’s this side, Burger King that side.
Sam - Mario as your NCC this side, BK as your NCC that side.
Mario - Superman this side, Batman that side.
Andrea - Cats this side, dogs that side.
Emily - Pencils this side, pens that side.
Jennifer - Left-handed this side, right-handed that side.
Andrea - Dunkin’ Donuts this side, Starbuck’s that side.
Elee - Disney this side, Nickelodeon that side.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS: 9:10 PM

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NRHH : 9:14PM
Catherine - Today, we had a GI meeting about applying to be a part of NRHH. It was held here at 8pm. We have another one tomorrow 10/24 at 6pm in Capen and one on Wednesday 10/25 at 7pm in Ridgeview. If you’re interested in applying, the applications are up on the website, and you can come to one of the GIs to learn about what we do. You can also find someone in NRHH to talk to you about it. You need to have at least a 2.75 GPA, to be living on campus, and to have lived on any college campus for two semesters, including this one. Applications are due on 11/3 at 11:59pm. You also need two letters of recommendation, which should be emailed to us at nrhh@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. We’re having an event this Thursday at 7pm in Capen. We’re collecting food donations for hurricane relief. We’re going to have giant games, water pong, pizza, and wings, and to get in, you need to donate a nonperishable food item.

SENATE : 9:16PM
No Senate report.

OLD BUSINESS : 9:17PM
   Motion to Open: Deyo
   Second: Dubois

PR
Hi everyone! So, I’m just going to do some callouts because I’m sad that you didn’t send me photos. Esopus, Ridgeview, Bevier, Deyo, and Capen, can you please send me photos of your hall governments so we can look at them and cry together about how beautiful you are? Also, I’m sorry for being mean to Mario during the Mystery Activity.

NCC
We reviewed all of the applications and we decided who the delegates are for RLC! Your delegates for RLC are Phil Kwon and Pharez Varlack, and your alternate delegate is Jamie Erickson! We’re headed over to the conference, beginning 11/17 at UCONN. Thank you to everyone who applied!
CCC
Now, what everyone’s been waiting for…..a GFP update!
Bevier has 153
Bliss has 151
Bouton has 250
Capen has 158
Collango has 524
Crispell has 305
Deyo has 298
Dubois has 158
Esopus has 147
Gage has 195
Lefevre has 267
Lenape has 337
Scudder has 352
Ridgeview has 276
Keep in mind that we’re only halfway through the semester, and everyone still has a chance! Look at the GFP packet to see all of the things you can do to get GFPs, because there are so many ways to get them! Spirit Week is also a big opportunity to get a lot of GFPs. Also, give me PUP sheets! You can rack up GFPs really quickly just by handing in those PUP sheets. Congrats to all of you guys!

Condom Casino
Thank you all for coming! It was such a great success. Thank you to all who volunteered. We couldn’t have done it without you. We hope you all enjoyed it!

NPLC
It happened. It was great. Thank you to all who came out, whether you came to present or to just have fun. I also hope you all learned something about what a conference is on the most basic level. There’s a lot more to larger-scale conferences, but that was the most basic level. I hope you’re encouraged to apply for SLC in the spring!
We gave Mario and Catherine standing o’s for their hard work on NPLC.

Motion to Close: Capen
Second: Collango

NEW BUSINESS : 9:21 PM

Motion to Open: Capen
Second: Bouton

Labelling Pizza Party
This Wednesday 10/25, we’re having a Labelling Pizza Party! We have a bunch of envelopes and a bunch of labels, and we need your help to put the labels on the envelopes. In return, we’ll be giving you pizza! It’s from 4:30 - 6:30 in the RHSA Office, Capen B-16. Come through. We’re labelling. We’re great people, you’re great people, and we can all get to know each other. Also, this is a great opportunity for
GFPs! You get 5 GFPs per person that comes. You come by, eat some pizza, put some labels on some envelopes, and go on home.
Catherine - Which Wednesday?
This one!
Scudder - Point of personal privilege, what time?
4:30-6:30
Mario - Point of order, that was a good try and I liked it, but Point of Personal Privileges is used when you need something for yourself, such as a door being opened because it’s too hot or someone speaking up because you can’t hear them. If you’re missing information, you use Point of Information.

Halloween in the Halls
Hello friends! Halloween in the Halls is this Sunday, 10/29, from 3-5. Dress up and have fun! I hope y’all have candy. We’re going to be going from hall to hall, so look out for us wearing our secret group costume. It’s gonna be great.

Spirit Week
Hi guys! So Spirit Week starts 10/30 with Kickoff. I’m excited, and I hope y’all are too! Kickoff is Monday 10/30 and we’re going to be in Hasbrouck from 6-7. You come and pick up your sign for the scavenger hunt. Make sure that sign is in all of your pictures or none of them will count. On 11/3, we have Meme BUZZ at 7:30. I hope you like the posters. They’re very meme-y and Comic Sans.
Gage - I move to make a comment
Mario - Point of order, you don’t need to move to make a comment, but you do need to wait until the speaker is finished, then raise your placard and you will be called on.
Meme BUZZ is going to be in SUB 62/63. Would you guys prefer Youtube BUZZ or regular BUZZ? Can I get a show of hands? For Youtube BUZZ, we’ll go to Youtube and find karaoke versions of the songs you like, which will give you guys more choices.
Youtube BUZZ won by majority.
On Saturday 11/4, we have field events from 1-3 in Elting Gym. Grab your group of friends and compete against all the other halls for GFPs. Bagel pick-up will be that morning from 10:30 to 11:30. We’ll also be collecting banners at that time, so bring it with you when you come get the bagels. Cheer-off is at 12:30. The lip sync competition is Sunday in the SUB MPR. Make sure you have your mix saved to a flash drive and on your phone so you have a back-up in case something doesn’t work. I hope you’re having fun getting ready, and I’m excited to see you all there!
Gage - For our Spirit Week, we’re going to be having a Rick and Morty day!
Deyo - BUZZ is on the 3rd, right? The date is wrong on the poster.
Elee - Grab a Sharpie and cross out 4th and write 3rd before you put them up, please.
Andrea - Shout out to Deyo for having an eyeball.

AC Retreat
Y’all are probably sitting here like, “What da heck is AC Retreat?” Lucky for you, here’s your answer! I’m assuming that most of you that are here are AC Reps, and we really appreciate all that you do, so we’re rewarding you for your hard work by going to Wooden Wheel. It’s in Ulster County and it’s going to be so much fun. They have roller-skating, rock wall-climbing, bumper cars, ice cream, pizza, and other stuff. In your folder, you’ll see a sign-up sheet nominating two AC Reps. If you have three, you can play Rock-Paper-Scissors for the spots. If you can’t go, you can have someone else from your Hall Gov go. We also have alternate spots, so if there are any open spaces, the alternates will also be invited to come. When you sign up, make sure you put down a phone number you can definitely be reached at, because if you’re not there at 11:30, we’ll be calling you, and if you don’t show up, we’ll give your spot to someone
else. Also, the sign-up sheet is due next Monday at this meeting. I don’t want to hunt you down, and trust me, you don’t want to see this face at your meeting. We’ll be meeting at 11:30 at HAB circle, and we’ll be back by 4pm so you’ll have the rest of your Sunday to...do homework.
-- I am so delicate that saying my name breaks me. What am I? --
Gage - What’s the date?
Andrea - 11/12, so after the mayhem of Spirit Week, you can relax at Wooden Wheel.

New Paltz, New Perspective
If you’ve reached out to us about your organization being a part of this event, an email will be sent to you by tomorrow with the timeline of events that need to take place beforehand. The event is 11/13 in Humanities from 7-8:30pm. Can’t wait to see you all there!

Motion to Close: Lefevre
Second: Esopus

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:32PM
Labelling Pizza Party, October 25th, RHSA Office, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Halloween In The Halls, October 29th, 3:00pm-5:00pm
Spirit Week, October 30th-November 5th
   Kick-off, October 30th, Hasbrouck Dining Hall, 6:00pm-7:00pm
   BUZZ Karaoke, November 3rd, SUB 62/63, 7:30pm-9:00pm
   Field Events, November 4th, 1:00pm-3:00pm
   Lip Sync, November 5th, MPR, 7:00pm-10:00pm
AC Retreat, November 12th, Wooden Wheel
New Paltz, New Perspective, November 13th, Humanities, 7:00pm-8:30pm

HALL CONCERNS : 9:33PM
Collango - I thought this was important to share, especially because you guys have been talking with President Christian. During Alumni Weekend, a lot of alumni told us that the murals in Shango look like they’re deteriorating. If the alumni are saying something, it’s a problem.
Lenape - One of our hall gov offices doesn’t have a working light and I put in two work orders and talked to the RD about it and we still don’t have light.
Elee - Be more specific.
Dariana - It’s the office on the right.
Lenape - It’s the one on the left, actually.
Collango - The Wi-Fi doesn’t work in my room. It works everywhere else, but just not in my room. I put in a work order, then went to IT and the people at IT told me that, because I live in an older building, I should just expect this. I don’t think that’s fair because I pay just as much to live here as people living in Ridgeview, for example, do, and I should be able to have the same things they do.
Capen - Point of personal privilege, can people in the front please speak up? It’s hard to hear you in the back.
Elee - If you guys didn’t hear, Capen asked if the people in the front could speak up. Actually, can everyone please speak up?
Bevier - Whenever I take a shower, it makes a really loud, obnoxious noise. It’s not just my room, either. Most of the showers in Bevier do it.
Elee - Did you put in a work order for it?
Bevier - Showers aren’t listed as one of the options when filling out a work order.

Chrissy - Work orders go directly to your SRA, so you can leave that part blank and instead write in the body section what the issue is. Just be as specific as possible so they know where the problem is and what it is.

Bevier - But it’s almost all of the showers.

Chrissy - Still submit the work orders because no one will know it’s a problem if those aren’t submitted.

Esopus - I move to make a comment.

Mario - If you want to make a comment, just raise your placard. If you want to respond to a previous comment or have more to add to it, you can say “In reference to a previous comment”.

Esopus - In reference to Bevier’s comment, that noise is just air going through the pipes. My mom was here and I was showering and she was just kind of hanging out and I asked her what the noise was and she said that it’s normal in big buildings for the showers to do that. It’s not actually an issue. The showers just do that.

Bevier - No, that’s still a plumbing issue. It shouldn’t be happening.

Collango - Screws.

Emily - They’re still not fixed! Whoever said they were fixed lied.

Scudder - I’ve seen them. I went to use the bathroom in there the other day and I cut myself on one. I don’t even live there and it happened to me.

Lenape - We have a lighting issue in the main lounge. The lights turn off at 1:38am every night and it’s not good for night hosts like myself when our shifts end at 4:45.

Dariana - Sometimes, when there’s a power outage or something, they reset the light system and everything gets messed up. In my wing, for example, the lights turn off at about 10pm, while in RA Nate’s wing, which is on the same floor as mine, the lights turn off at around 11:30pm.

Jules - I spoke to Roman about it directly and he said it would be fixed, but it’s still happening.

**STUDENT CONCERNS : 9:39PM**

**Accessibility Concerns**

Elee - Last week, we talked about information regarding the DRC testing space. I’d like to pose the same question again. Have any of you had any experiences there? Have you had any difficulty taking tests there, or is the space inadequate?

Esopus - Last week, I took a test there and it was in one of the conjoining rooms, so there were people in the next room, and they were talking so loudly that I had to use a noise machine on my phone just to be able to think.

Elee - Is that the testing space in Haggerty?

Esopus - Yes, I think so.

Dariana - I don’t have any personal experiences, but I was talking to one of my friends and she said that many of the rooms are ridiculously loud because there are so many people and that it can be very distracting.

Elee - Alright. I’d also like to pose the second question asked last week. Does anyone have specific locations where the buttons meant to open the door don’t work? I need specific locations and how often they don’t work.

Esopus - This is my favorite part of every meeting. The button for the door going into The Roost never works. Getting out works, but getting in never does.

Deyo - I got these crutches today and I realized how hard it is to get into the basement of Deyo. My roommate had to come help me. The basement entrance doesn’t have any buttons.
Collango - I bumped into a girl at Starbucks’s and I held the door for her, and she thanked me and told me that she would have struggled to open it because the button never works. It’s the one by the ramp. The first one by the bathrooms doesn’t work.

Elee - That one is an issue because they need the Sodexo manager to come and open it, so in the morning, if it’s before the manager has been there, the button won’t work.

Bevier - The door to Hasbrouck on the side with the ramp doesn’t open with the button.

Deyo - The front door of Deyo has working buttons, but there are stairs immediately upon walking in, so it doesn’t make a difference.

Elee - You can’t take the elevator?

Deyo - You have to go through the basement to get to the elevator.

Elee - And you said the basement door doesn’t have buttons.

Deyo - It does not.

Elee - That seems like poor planning.

Emily - I was at the SUB in the Atrium and I pressed the button for the door coming in towards the HQ desk and nothing happened.

Elee - So there’s a switch on the top of that door that turns on the buttons and sometimes, simply because of human error, it might not be opened. The issue is that there’s not enough importance placed on opening it. It needs to be stressed more heavily in protocol for workers.

Ridgeview - I was helping move food in for NPLC and we went to use that door. We hit the button and the first door opened immediately, but the second one too a long time, to the point where we weren’t sure if it was going to open.

Scudder - There are buttons for the back entrance to the Dorsky Museum that sometimes work and sometimes don’t. It’s the entrance coming from the SUB side, and sometimes neither of them work, and sometimes only one works.

Elee - The next concern we have is the amount of times individuals get inaccurate diagnoses at the Health Center. Does anyone have any personal accounts of this?

Deyo - I went there today because my foot has been bleeding for three days without stopping, and they said they didn’t know what was wrong and gave me a Band-Aid. It’s still bleeding.

Elee - Just a side note. If it’s an ongoing problem, you could call an ambulance and have them take you to Vassar, or there’s a First-Care about 10 minutes from here by car, and you can get better health services there if you need it. I would suggest that you personally do that.

Collango - Point of information, is this discussion including the Health Center and PCC, or just the Health Center?

Elee - Just the Health Center for now.

Scudder - I have a comment relating to the Vassar thing. I don’t have the money to go to Vassar and I shouldn’t have to pay $20 for health care from First-Care when our school offers health services. Last semester, I couldn’t swallow for three days. I was living off of protein shakes and water. I went to the Health Center and said I had a little bit of sinus congestion and that I wasn’t able to swallow and their response was to give me nasal spray. I had to go to First-Care in Highland to find out that I had strep and needed antibiotics. The Health Center should at least be able to diagnose strep throat.

Elee - Just to clarify, I only suggested that if immediate medical attention is needed. I completely understand that people cannot afford to go to those places, and agree that we should have good care here. Collango - I have a hard time making it to the Health Center during the hours it’s open. Also, I was having stomach problems and was stuck in the bathroom for days and they told me I had IBS and gave me medication for it. When I had time, I went home and went to a gastrologist and I found out I didn’t have IBS and that I just had bad food at Hasbrouck.

Collango - I didn’t get taken seriously by one of the doctors. My breathing felt weird for three or four days, so I went to Health Center and he told me that I was probably just stressed and sent me back. Three
days later, I was still having the same problem and I went back and was sent immediately to the ER by a different doctor, where I was held overnight. I wasn’t taken seriously immediately and had been told it was all in my head, and that isn’t okay.

Elee - Do you know which doctor this was?
Collango - I don’t know. It was a man and he was a jerk.
Esopus - For the past two weeks, everyone that’s gotten sick in Esopus has been diagnosed with tracheitis. For other reasons, I’ve had to go to the Health Center three times and got diagnosed with three different things, the last one being tracheitis. When he diagnosed me with tracheitis, he then proceeded to tell me that he wasn’t sure if it was bacterial or viral, then prescribed me antibiotics. As I’m sure you know, you don’t treat a viral infection with antibiotics. When I went home, I went to the doctor and was diagnosed with tonsillitis, and then I went back to the Health Center and the doctor there told me they had lozenges that would make my throat stop hurting, which would have helped three weeks earlier.

Ridgeview - In reference to that comment, they just hand out antibiotics like no one’s business.
Jules - I had a stomach virus earlier this semester, and I knew that’s what it was but I had an exam that day and to show my professor proof that I was sick so I could make it up, and I went in and told the woman from the beginning that I knew it was just a stomach bug and that I just needed the note, and she proceeded to talk to me about potentially having cervical cancer.
Dubois - I keep breaking out in hives, but only when I’m at school. It goes away when I go home and comes back when I’m here, so I’m definitely allergic to something here. I went to the Health Center and they just kind of looked at my legs and touched them, then told me it was fro stress and gave me pills. It’s super uncomfortable and super itchy and I can’t wear shorts because I’m embarrassed of how it looks. I hate wearing sweatpants when it’s 90°F out. Also, they are giving out a lot of pills and medication, like, more than they probably should, and then they don’t explain what the medication is for. I don’t know what I’m taking or what it’s supposed to do.
Elee - I’m going to add one more, and then we’re going to stop taking these concerns for now, just because we’ll be here for hours if we keep going. A friend of mine told them that she was allergic to ibuprofen, and then a minute later was handed Advil. Luckily, she realized before she took it, but it could have been really bad.

Gage - I move to extend discussion by three minutes.
Mario - That’s more of a motion for an election. We never actually opened discussion, and you can’t extend a discussion that was never opened.
Andrea - But if you have more of these concerns, please email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu
Elee - We’ll look through all of the ones emailed to us. One more question and answer period. How accessible is health care for people who can’t walk?
Emily - Last year, I sprained my ankle twice, and then a friend of mine sprained her ankle within ten minutes of me doing it. I lived in Shango, so the Health Center is across campus, and I had to wait until Monday to get there, and by then I had already been walking on it for three days. If there’s any way to get transportation across campus for those that live far away, that would be fantastic.
Teresa - My first year here, I injured my knee and couldn’t put any weight on it. I called the Health Center and they told me to get a friend to pick up crutches and bring them to me. I had to wait two hours for my friend to get out of class before I could get medical attention.
Jennifer - My friend has an autoimmune disease and it causes her to have bad dizzy spells. She was having a particularly bad one, so she went to the Health Center and hung out there for a little bit before they said she should leave. She said she didn’t feel comfortable walking back by herself because she still wasn’t feeling well, and they told her to find a friend and sent her on her way. She was very clearly not doing well but they still let her go.
Elee - What if the Health Center had student employees to walk people there and back?
There was a strong, positive response to this.
Scudder - One of my friends thought she was having really bad period cramps and tried to go to the Health Center even though she felt that bad. It turns out that her appendix had burst and she ended up passing out in front of the Health Center. She was there for half an hour before someone found her and helped.
Collango - A kid I knew got hit by a car and went to the Health Center, and they turned him away and told him to go to the ER. He said he wasn’t going to do that, and they still turned him away. I understand that they don’t want to be liable for serious injuries like that, but what happens if someone can’t afford to go to the hospital? Are they just supposed to deal with things like being hit by cars?
Collango - Last year, I was fatigued and had jelly legs and I didn’t know why, but I couldn’t walk to the Health Center to find out. It had been so bad that I had passed out in Science Hall. It ended up being brought on by panic attacks, but that’s beside the point.
Elee - It seems like most people are worried about transportation, but if you had people to walk you over, it would remedy a lot of issues. I’m going to wrap up this discussion unless anyone has any comments that are radically different from the ones we’ve already heard. If you have anything similar, email it to us and it will still be read and still be helpful.
Scudder - This is a suggestion. The escort service gets a golf cart, and I think that the Health Center should get one too. What if the person sprained their ankle? The people that work there shouldn’t have to hoist someone over their shoulder and basically carry them the whole way.
Elee - If they bring them crutches, it should be okay. If they could get a golf cart, that would be ideal, but then the student employees would also need a valid license.
Deyo - This one is different. Last semester, my neck wouldn’t move and it was extremely painful, to the point that I was vomiting from the pain on the way to the Health Center. I wouldn’t have been able to be escorted.
Elee - Alright. If you have anything else to contribute, email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu

General Concerns
Scudder - There’s a loose tile on the ground when you’re coming out of McKenna Theatre. It’s right by the center pole, and I tripped on it in heels. I have a video.
Esopus - I don’t really know why this happens, but when I’m walking to the SUB from the Concourse, I always trip and fall on my face. I don’t know if it’s a loose tile or something, but I’ve seen other people trip too so it’s not just me. It’s in the area between the doors and the benches. It could be a loose tile, or maybe an elevation issue. I’m not sure.
Dubois - I’m not sure what can be done about it, but a lot of the stairs around campus get very slippery when it rains, and I’ve slipped and hurt myself a few times. I think it’s the material they’re made out of. They’re very flat, too.
Elee - The administration is actually currently looking into that one.
Collango - In reference to Esopus’ comment, I know the answer. Since I’ve seen other people fall in the same spot, I know it’s not a loose tile or anything. It’s a leveling issue. It looks and feels straight, but it’s not actually straight, and that causes your brain to have an imbalance. They need to level that area.
Scudder - If they’re leveling that area, they also need to level the stairs between Scudder and Capen.
Breach - This requires some story-telling to voice this concern. So, I have a route to get home from my friend’s house, and I know the exact time it takes me to get up van den berg hill. I called campus escort and I was like “I know that I’ll be at the bottom of the van den berg stairs in three minutes.” I wasn’t rude or yelling or anything; I just knew it would make me feel safer to have them there when I get there than to wait at the bottom of the stairs. They said no and asked if I could call when I got there, and then when I got there and called, they had me wait for seven minutes. They could have just taken my request the first time and it wouldn’t have made much of a difference for them. I feel like it defeats the purpose of the service.
Lenape - I’m allergic to cigarette smoke and I’d probably die walking by Humanities if I didn’t take my allergy medication. People just chill out on those rocks smoking cigarettes and it’s really bad. I don’t know how to change it, but they’re definitely not 50 feet from the buildings.
Lenape - I think it would be a pretty good idea to have a designated smoking area in that part of campus, but somewhere that not too many people go. Maybe under the bridge by the Lecture Center?
Lenape - Perhaps somewhere far from the doors, because the rule is 50 feet from the doors, not from the building.
Bevier - The gnats over the Gunk are so bad. Also, we need more access for people with disabilities.
Dubois - So I know that the bugs in the residence halls have been brought up before, but I was in class today and we had to switch to a different classroom because so many ladybugs got in. The bug problem is now affecting my education.
Chrissy - I spoke to Pest Control about this. To eliminate these bugs, you have to do two things. These bugs are attracted to sunlight, which is why they’re coming out now. It’s seasonable for them. If we exterminated, the spaces we did would have to be vacated for 9 days, and that just cannot be done. Even if we did, the fumigation then gets in the walls and the bugs will die in the walls. That brings on flesh-eating beetles that feed on the dead carcasses of the bugs. Our options are to live with harmless bugs, or to get the flesh-eating ones. I don’t think the school would want to pay for flesh-eating beetles to come into the residence halls. I spoke to Carina about this today and she had a low-cost, student-centered approach that she’s tried and she said it worked. You take a dryer sheet and rub it on the screen of the window and it repels them. One of the problems is that on the window screen, there’s a small gap, so that needs to be taped shut. If you rub the screen with the dryer sheet and tape the gap, that should work. That’s the best we can do without fumigating the building.
Elee - That was helpful. Please spread that to as many people as you can.
Breanne - What happens when you have 40 bugs on the screen and you can’t get to it to rub the dryer sheet on it?
Chrissy - Talk to your RD.
Breanne - If people have this issue, they shouldn’t open their windows, correct?
Chrissy - You should vacuum up the bugs that are there, then do the sheets and the tape.
Teresa - Thank you for your information, but my roommate is terrified of bugs. We had one very small one in the room while I was off-campus, and she called me freaking out. Just the thought of living in that room while the bugs are there is terrifying to her. Last night, there were five ladybugs in the room and she wasn’t there, but she’s back now and I don’t want her to have to go through this.
Chrissy - The options are flesh-eating beetles or ladybugs.
Teresa - I understand. I’m just worried about her.
Elee - I’d recommend doing Chrissy’s trick.
Collango - I know that you can buy tiny vacuums that are handheld. She can have one of those. The Dustbusters. That way, she can get rid of them without going near them.
Elee - I’m going to end the bug discussion unless it’s something like you knowing that the solution 100% will not work and you’re trying to protect us or something. If you still have concerns, you can email them to us or bring them to our next meeting.
Bouton - I go on night walks regularly. On the far side of the pond, a light is out. I’m not concerned for myself because I have excellent night vision, but I can see it being an issue for others. I can take pictures of it and email them to you.
Elee - That would be awesome. Also, all professional staff members can submit work orders for things around campus, so if you go to your RD, they can submit a work order for something like that.
Lenape - Does a concern about a Sodexo worker count as a food concern?
Elee - Yes. Email it to us.
Esopus - Point of information, is there an escort system for people in wheelchairs? I can’t really put my wheelchair on a golf cart. There should be a walking option.
Esopus - There’s an adorable black cat that wanders around campus and people feed it and stuff, but now it’s almost November and it’s going to get cold. I was wondering if there was anything we could do about that.
Esopus - That’s my friend’s cat, Vee. She lives in the Southside apartments and she came by the other day to pick Vee up.
Brianna - I just want to make sure that these concerns are pertaining to things that we can control.
Brianna - This is a hall concern. I’m sorry, this is the only RHSA meeting I can go to and I was late. There’s no bike room in Bevier, but Crispell has one. They just constructed Bevier, and there’s a sign that said it was going to be there, but it’s not and my bike is going to get ruined in the winter.
Elee - I don’t think they’d be able to install one now.
Brianna - But it should be done in the new buildings.
Collango - I have to take Trailways a lot, and at the SUNY New Paltz pick-up, when you’re walking back from, let’s say, the 10pm bus, you can’t see three blue lights in that parking lot. It’s really far from there to the point past the SUB. There’s not one close enough.
Dariana - I get so many calls at the Welcome Center about the Loop. Can we get signs at the stops with the correct schedule?
Elee - Just a note about the Loop. If the driver doesn’t see anyone, they won’t stop. You have to be standing and actively wave it down, because they might not see you otherwise.
Emily - You’re supposed to be able to see the next blue light from the one that you’re at. It’s not that you need to be able to see three. Also, point of information, what’s the app that gives you the Loop schedule?
Dariana - UCAT
Elee - The app makes predictions based on where it is. However, it might need to make additional stops and the driver does sometimes need to take a break.
Collango - I’m just saying, you shouldn’t have to flag down a bus. That’s not how a bus stop should work.
Elee - It’s because a few of the stops are on a college campus, where there are normally a lot of people standing around and it would be hard to know when to stop. You don’t have to be standing the whole time. You only have to be doing that once you know it’s close.
Andrea - Also, flag-down buses are great because, even though you think you missed it, you never know. You can always catch it somewhere else.
Lenape - I asked a question at the last meeting about composting. Is there any additional information about that?
Elee - No, not yet.

OPEN FLOOR: 10:20PM
Gage - I’m really proud to be a part of the Toastmasters Club on campus. We just a few weeks ago got our charter, and President Christian gave a speech when we got chartered. We meet on Wednesdays at 12pm in VH building room 112, and we’re always looking for more members. The club is designed to help you out with public speaking, leadership, and self-confidence.
Deyo - This Friday, there’s going to be a Dia de los Muertos program. We’re getting food from Mexican Kitchen and watching The Book of Life in the Deyo basement lounge.
Ridgeview - I am the Late Night at the Union chair of UPC, and we’re going to be having not one, but two murder mystery parties! The first one is on Wednesday 10/25 at 8pm in Ridgeview, and the second one is this Friday 10/27 at 10pm in the SUB. You might be wondering, why would I go to both? I can assure you that they’re going to be very different experiences.
Lenape - On 11/17, Lenape hall gov is having an Open Mic/Talent Show program. I’m telling you now because it’s supposed to be big, and so I’m giving you guys time to get your acts together.
Dariana - Speaking of Lenape, this Saturday is Lenape’s Saturday Night Fever. It’s zombie prom-themed and it’s going to be in Bliss Hall. We’re going to be having a photo booth with Polaroids and contests, so come through. There’s going to be food from P&G’s. Come by dressed up in your best zombie prom outfit. I really hope to see you there!
Deyo - I’m on UPC and I’m excited to let you guys know about our pumpkin carving event! It’s going to be tomorrow 10/24 at 8pm in SUB 62/63, but we recommend getting there early because we ran out of pumpkins last year.
Esopus - This is more a thing in the town of New Paltz then something on campus, but the big halloween parade is at 6pm on Halloween day. I grew up going every year and I love it a lot. Everyone gets really into it and people go big. It begins at the middle school, and I think it’s worth it for everyone to go at least once.
Deyo - Also, if you’re still interested in NRHH, come to one of our GIs, either tomorrow or Wednesday, and please apply! Send your applications to the NRHH email.
Collango - You guys like to smile and laugh, right? Well, you should come to the TBA Improv Comedy Show on 10/30 at 7pm in Crispell.
Ridgeview - In reference to a previous comment about pumpkin carving, coming early is strongly encouraged because last year, we ran out of pumpkins in 15 minutes.
Breanne - Come to my Cardio Hip Hop class on either Wednesday or Thursday, and before the next RHSA meeting, tune in to my Halloween-themed radio show.
Scudder - Next Tuesday 1/31, the JSU is having it’s Jewfest event. We’ll be on Old Main Quad doing fun crafts and activities both revolving around Jewish culture. Take the opportunity to learn more about what the JSU does. It’s going to be from 12-3 and we’re going to have popcorn and cotton candy. If you have any more questions about Jewfest, come to me, Benji, and we can talk.
Elee - Beardless Benji.
Collango - If you really like Breanne but can’t go to Cardio Hip Hop, come to Collango’s Break It Down With Breanne program in the Shango kitchen at 7pm. We’re going to be going over all of the moves that you do in Breanne’s class.
**Samuel James Halligan** - If you could change the date on your Meme BUZZ flyers, I’d love you all.
Lefevre - I dance, and this Sunday, I’m going to be dancing with my group at Nyabinghi Night of Expression. Come enjoy African culture. You don’t need to be African to attend. I’m not African and I’m still going. Come watch me dance. I know I don’t look it, but I actually dance pretty good. It’s this Sunday 10/29 in the MPR. Doors open at 6:30pm and the show starts at 7pm.
Bliss - On 10/28, the Dance Association is having a program from 12pm-1:30pm in the AWC with Jordan Pappas. It might be moved to Parker Quad.
Scudder - The Biology Club is having their whale-watching trip this Sunday, 10/20. It’s $25 per person. If you want more information, go to the Bio Club room in CSB.

**PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE : 10:28PM**
Collango gave her earrings because one wears two earrings and “two halls are better than one”. They passed her to Ridgeview.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK : 10:28PM**
“Into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before.” - Edgar Allan Poe, *The Raven*
ADJOURNMENT : 10:29PM
Next Meeting in Crispell

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