RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 2/26
Location: SUB 62/63

CALL TO ORDER 9:06 PM

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:06 PM
Today’s Mystery Activity is kind of cool. Hey E-Board! Stand up! What’s today?
AC APPRECIATION!
We love our AC members! We love you all so much that we got you these cool shirts! If you are an AC Rep, please come up to Emily so you can get a shirt and a goody bag, brought to you by the E-Board. Hope you enjoy all of the little cards we made!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:14 PM

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NRHH 9:18 PM
Rui - Hi everyone! First things first, I have five things to say.
Elee - Can you tell me about the energy minor?
Rui - For many of you who don’t know, NRHH has started doing philanthropy! Because we started mid-year, we’re just getting started, but we’re working with Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital. We made 30 coloring books for the kids in the hospital! To start off recruitment, we have bracelets from the hospital. I only have three right now, but we’ll have upcoming programs with more. We’re hoping to bring some of the children onto campus. We’re going to have elections very soon. The first are going to be for President and NCC, so keep a lookout for those. Also, there are some programs coming up that NRHH is not in charge of, but we’re supporting them. The first one is called Out of the Darkness, and it’s on 4/22, and it’s a walk for suicide prevention. The second is Clean Sweep, and it’s on 4/28, so look out for that. I also have five phone wallets to give out. We’re going to be tabling on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in the SUB. I don’t have the times for that, though. We’re also going to be tabling on Wednesday in the library. We’re going to have a prize wheel for people to spin, and there are cool prizes like Starbucks gift cards, Mexican Kitchen gift cards, and a mystery box with wonders inside, so go to those next week. We’re also having GI meetings in two weeks. Last but not least, applications are due on 4/4, and they can be found on our website. Recommendations are due on 4/6, and you need two recommendation letters. Now, who wants a phone wallet? If you want one, come to our tabling events!
Collango - Point of information, what are the dates of the programs you mentioned?
Rui - Out of the Darkness is on 4/22 and Clean Sweep is on 4/28.

SENATE 9:22 PM
No Senate report.

OLD BUSINESS 9:22 PM

Motion to Open: Collango
Second: Ridgeview

Return to Sender
Hi everyone! So, thank you to all who came to Return to Sender. It was a great program, and we hope you all enjoyed it. We got some really great feedback that we really appreciate, and that we’re going to use to build off of. It was an important program and it was great to share it with you all.

AC Retreat
We went to a paint and sip in Kingston. I don’t remember what it was called, but it was cool. Oh, Starry Night Studio! We made these trees, and there was like light into dark, and it went back and forth, and it was really cool. If you went, you have a really cool painting. All of the pictures of everything are on the Facebook page. Thank you for coming. We hope you had a great time and we love appreciating you.

CCC
I have all of the hall buddies for you guys, and we’ll be coming to your meetings either this week or in the coming weeks. You can ask your E-Board member anything. They’re meant to be your direct link to RHSA. Scudder, you have Elee. Lenape, you have Andrea. Gage, you also have Andrea. Bliss, you have Dariana. Esopus, you also have Dariana. Lefevre, you have Jules. Ridgeview, you also have Jules. Bevier,
you have Sam. Crispell, you also have Sam. Bouton, you have Mario. Collango, you also have Mario. Capen, you have Emily. Dubois, you also have Emily.
Elee - We’re going to be at your meetings appreciating you!

        Motion to Close: Lefevre
        Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS 9:25 PM

        Motion to Open: Bouton
        Second: Scudder

Labelling Pizza Party
It’s that time again! We’re gonna have another Labelling Pizza Party! It’s going to be this Wednesday, 2/28, from 2:30pm-4pm in the RHSA office. Come through. Label some envelopes. Have some pizza. Hang out with us. 2/28.
Elee - If pizza isn’t enough of an incentive, we’ll also give out GFPs to those who come!

Artsy BUZZ Karaoke
Wow, that’s me! Okay, so next week, on Friday 3/9 in SUB 100N from 7:30pm-9pm, we’re having Artsy BUZZ Karaoke. What is that? You sing karaoke, you get artsy t-shirts, you have a great time. Please come through, it’s going to be a fantastic time. Yours truly made a shirt. Jennifer made a shirt. Next Friday, 3/9, in SUB 100N.

Coffeehouse
Hi. So Coffeehouse is 3/13 from 6pm - 8pm in SUB100N, and we’re looking for performers! You can sing, read poetry, play an instrument...whatever you want. Come through, listen to tunes, enjoy some coffee, hot chocolate, and desserts, specifically doughnuts and Munchkins. You can sign up by sending us an email, and I’ll send you the link to the Google Form, or you can go to the RHSA Facebook page and go to the Coffeehouse event and the Google Form will be there. Come through, next week!
Elee - Not next week. The week after.
Sam - Oh. My bad.
Elee - We’ll be having free coffee, hot chocolate, doughnuts, and Munchkins!
Dariana - And talent, helllllooo?
Elee - Let us know if you know anyone who’d like to perform.

Hollywood
Elee - It’s the most exciting time of year! It’s time for one of my favorite parts of RHSA! Hollywood!
Andrea - What is Hollywood, you say? Elee and I are passing out a handy dandy little guide on Hollywood. Essentially, each hall is going to be creating some type of video. It can be anything: a cooking show, a game show, a reality TV show, literally anything! Let the creative juices flow. Come up with the best idea, get creative, get down to business, and…
Elee - Can we keep the side chat down so Andrea can finish?
Andrea - Essentially, bring this back to your Hall Government, let it marinate, let yourself think about what you want to do. On the first page, the bottom half is a timeline of events, that I’d recommend you stick to. I know my first year, my Hall Gov didn’t stick to the timeline and everything was done very last-minute. It could have been great, but it wasn’t because of time constraints. Today, 2/26, we announce
Hollywood. By 3/12, you should be handing in the sheet on the next page, which is the prospective video sheet. Basically, you write what you want to do and hand it to me. If you want to give it to me at the meeting next Monday because you’re ready to go, you can bring it to me at the beginning of the meeting and I’ll sign off on it by the end and give it back to you, but the latest you can bring it in is 3/12. We want to make sure that all of the ideas are okay, and that no one does the same thing, because that wouldn’t be as fun. Finally, by 4/6, which is a Friday not a Monday like it says, you’re going to upload your video somewhere, whether it be Vimeo or Facebook or Youtube or something, and you’re going to send us the link on our Facebook page, because during the AC meetings, we’re going to be watching a minimum of three videos per week. Make sure you’re being creative and having fun. It’s not that serious. Have fun with it.

Elee - If you don’t know where to start, we can go down the line and say what we did for our Hollywood videos when we were in Hall Gov. Two years ago, Lenape did a superhero video with a cameo from Rui. Andrea - Two years ago, Esopus did Wild N’ Out. You know, the Nick Cannon thing. Dariana - For last year, for Lenape, we did a onesie cult video, and Rui was at the center of the cult. He was our leader, and I was his prodigy, and it was a fantastic time. Jules - I was also in the cult one. BK was there. Dariana killed someone. It was great. Sam - Gabby and I, with Scudder, did “How to Be a Perfect RA” and we took Sam Han, who was on E-Board many years ago, and Ham Salligan, which is where that started, and we made the perfect RA. Angelique was there, and now she’s not. That’s so sad. Mario - Me and Emily did a weird little… Emily - Let me explain it. We were in Collango, and technically, it’s two different buildings, bu it’s one hall, because two halls are better than one. We had a prophecy and we reunited the halls. It was great, and we had great music. Jennifer - For Bliss, we did Family Feud and it was hilarious. Not to gas it, but it was. Andrea - Make sure you’re following the rules. Keep it PG-13, and the time constraint is between three and five minutes. Have the idea also signed off by your liaison. We ask you to show your liaison that everyone is involved and has a say in the idea. Lastly, there’s stuff to do after the video. We are also voting on them! Everyone votes on what videos they think are the best videos. You don’t get to vote for your own, of course, and you can find the voting rubrics on the back. The top half of the sheet is what you will get, and the bottom half is what the E-Board gets. I then compile the results and do math and do what I need to do to see who gets The Choice award and The Viewers’ Choice award. Elee - If you want an E-Board cameo, just ask! We’d all be happy to be in your videos! Collango - Can we visit Andrea’s office hours to discuss this, or is it just Angelique’s, as stated on the form? Andrea - Okay. So. I made this whole sheet myself, I did the formatting and picked fonts and colors and stuff, and I copied and pasted some information. Guess I missed a mistake, so oops. Elee - Go to Andrea, not Angelique. Andrea - Or go to Angelique. Elee - She works at a Dunkin. You can find her.

We had a 10 minute break before Elections.

Elections
You can return to your seats now, and we’re going to get started with our election. From this point to when the election ends, no one who leaves the room can re-enter, there will be no verbal communication between each other, even in the back, and there will be no technology usage. If you break any of these
rules, you will be asked to leave. As always, one of us, Jennifer this time, will be in the back of the room to pass notes up to the front and to watch to make sure you’re following these rules.

ROLES OF A VICE PRESIDENT:
- Be the go-to for the President
- Act as President, should the President be unable to fulfill their duties
- Attend all PresCab meetings
- Work closely with SAUS
- Fill out FUSE forms and make it so we have space for events
- Lots of event-planning for RHSA
- Contract all campus venues, security, and crew as needed
- Handle transportation for off-campus events
- Plan the entirety of AC Retreat
- Prepare and distribute evaluations for events such as Spirit Week and Color Wars
- Handle Hollywood evaluations

EXPECTATIONS:
- Great energy
- Approachable
- Attentiveness
- Knowledgeable
- Organized
- Programming creativity
- Communication skills
- Punctuality
- Reliable
- Welcoming
- Detail-oriented
- Good at mediation
- Open-minded
- Time management skills
- Fun
- Capable of taking charge
- Kind
- Good at listening
- Good public speaking skills
- Energetic
- Supportive
- Open to constructive criticism
- Adaptability
- Works well with President
- Resourceful
- Respectful
- Ability to ask for help when needed

PRESENTATION:
Hi guys! I’m Julia Robinson, though most of you know me as Jules, which is fantastic. Because I know it’s going to be relevant in Discussion, I’m going to say now that I use they/them pronouns. I’m the
current RHSA Secretary, and I would like to be your Vice President for next year. As Vice President, my role would basically be to handle anything to do with programming. I would work closely with the SAUS office, fill out FUSE forms, and decide where events are going to be held. The planning for both Fall and Spring AC Retreats would mostly fall on me. I would also be responsible for filling in for the President if they could not do their job. I would also have the duties of being a general E-Board member, which include two office hours a week and attendance at all meetings and programs. I have grown so much this year in this position, and I want to continue doing that. I would like to take what I learned from this year and bring it to next year. I care about this organization, I care about the people I get to work with, and I care about the programs I get go work on, and I want to keep doing that. I yield to questions.

QUESTION & ANSWER:
Collango - What are your new program ideas?
Jules - Instead of focusing on new programs, I think that it would be best to revamp current programs, and I think the way to do that would be to work with other organizations, so then we bring in our crowd and their crowd and bring out people who might not come to our events otherwise.
Lenape - How would you deal with a situation in the E-Board?
Jules - Do you mean between myself and another person, or with the whole E-Board?
Lenape - Between you and someone else.
Jules - I would first talk to that person one-on-one and share opinions. I would ask for their side and try and work it out one-on-one. If not, we could then go to either the entire E-Board or an advisor, depending on the issue.
Deyo - Who did you talk to in preparing for this role, and what was the best advice you were given?
Jules - I spoke to Andrea, Angelique Burgos, and Sammi Liu, and they all gave different types of advice. Sammi’s advice was to enjoy it. Being on E-Board can be very stressful, but it’s worth it and it’s something I should be enjoying. Angelique gave me more practical advice, such as getting things done over the summer to come into the next year prepared. Andrea told me that her best work comes when she is passionate about something, and advised me to find the passion in the things that I will do and work from there.
Scudder - I feel that a lot of RHSA programs are just Hall Gov people. What is one way that you would work to change that?
Jules - As I mentioned earlier, I’d like to collaborate with other organizations.
Scudder - Can you provide an example?
Jules - Hmm...Just off the top of my head, maybe working with the Kings and Queens of New Paltz to do a BUZZ Drag Show?
Mario - Point of order, don’t use “I” statements. You are representing your hall, not just you.
Bouton - How do you feel your past and current positions have prepared you for this role?
Jules - Being on E-Board helps, because I won’t have to learn how to be an E-Board member. I will only be learning how to be Vice President. I am a current Student Representative for my Living-Learning Community, Rivera House, and through that position, I’ve learned how to bring the interests of the people I’m living with to the Steering Committee, the faculty who run our organization. In high school, I worked with event-planning a lot, so I think I have a good baseline of knowledge from that. I will also learn more in training.
Collango - If the President cannot complete their tasks and suddenly resigns without warning, what would you do?
Jules - I mean, I would then take on the role of President. I would talk with the E-Board about how to proceed, but until that was decided, I would take on all duties of the President as well as my own. I would ask for the training materials the President was given, talk to previous Presidents and get their advice, and
30 seconds
Motion to extend by five minutes
Second
Jules - and speak with the person who resigned and get all of their notes and plans so I would be able to proceed as smoothly as possible.
Bevier - How would you handle the Vice President position along with other obligations?
Jules - Currently, this would be my only obligation apart from academics.
Esopus - What is going to be your biggest challenge going into this?
Jules - I have been told from everyone I spoke to that it would be time management. This is also something I struggled with coming into the Secretary position, and I’ve formed a system that works for me. Of course, that might need adjustments next year, but I am preparing as best I can.
Lefevre - What qualities do you possess that will help you in the position?
Jules - As I mentioned earlier, I use they/them pronouns. I’m very outwardly queer, and I think it would be good to see that representation. I think that people that might not normally come out to events might see a very openly queer person running them, and realize that it is safe. They would be able to look at someone on E-Board and be like, “This person is on E-Board. They are very queet. They are safe, and I will be safe.” To sum up, I suppose, my quality is my ability to make RHSA a safer space just by being here.
Scudder - RHSA tends to work on one core thing a semester. This semester, it was inclusivity. What do you believe would be something to focus on next semester?
Jules - I think that should be decided among an E-Board. I would also like to hear from the AC at the end of this year to see where we should go next year, because you all are just as impacted by the programs we put on as we are.
Bouton - What skills do you believe you would bring as Vice President and as an E-Board member?
Jules - I’d like to think that I’m pretty approachable. I’m a pretty casual guy. This is the nicest I will ever look. Like, this dress and sweater combo is a good look for me. I think my demeanor makes me very approachable, and people will feel safe coming to me with things, good or bad.
Deyo - How comfortable are you with contacting outside vendors for transportation and catering and stuff?
Jules - I’d be pretty comfortable doing that. I know that I’m not coming across as the best with communication right now, but I promise, I’m much better one-on-one, so I think I would be better at and okay with representing our organization at that level?

Motion to Close Q&A: Esopus
Second: Scudder

Motion to Open Discussion: Lenape
Second: Lefevre

DISCUSSION:
Capen - Capen likes that Jules considered not only RHSA, but also Hall Gov, into deciding factors if they become Vice President.
Callango - Jules holds making the student body feel safe as a priority, and that is a very important and good quality.
Crispell - Crispell believes that their knowledge of event- and program-planning will help with being Vice President.
Scudder - Their creativity was shown when they came up with a program on-the-spot to include other organizations into Hall Gov.
Lefevre - Lefevre thinks that their time management seems to be okay. They are really focused on this.
Crispell - Crispell believes that they want to change things and collaborate with more people than just Hall Gov people made them capable.
Esopus - Esopus believes that Jules showed they are very detail-oriented by being Secretary.
Collango - In reference to Scudder’s comment, that answer can also attest to their adaptability and resourcefulness, as well as being open-minded and inclusive.
Bouton - Jules had dedication and creativity, and those go hand-in-hand.
Capen - Capen thinks that they are smart for talking to past Vice Presidents.
Crispell - Crispell believes that, with the questions asked, they were listening well. One of the questions leading to what they would do if the President were not there, and they included asking for help. The expectation would be filled as they would ask for help from past Presidents, should the President not be present.
Deyo - Deyo believes that Jules
Motion to extend by five minutes
Second
Deyo - Deyo believes that Jules would be great in preparing for programming, calling people, and with one-on-one conversation.

Collango calls to question.

VOTING:
Jules: 25
No Confidence: 0
Abstain: 1

The AC has voted, and Jules will be the new Vice President!

Nominations
Elee - Emma Ryan has tabled for CCC, Treasurer, and Historian. She is not here, and therefore tables.
Phil Kwong has tabled for Treasurer. Phil, do you accept, table, or decline?
Phil - I’d like to decline.
Elee - Jeff Tillman has tabled for PR. He is not here, and therefore tables. Melissa has tabled for PR.
Melissa, do you accept, table, or decline?
Melissa - I’d like to decline.

Motion to Open Nominations : Ridgeview
Second : Scudder

Rui - Point of information, who is currently running for Treasurer?
Elee - Currently, just Juan.
Rui - Thank you.
Elee - Are there any nominations? Anyone can be nominated, except for Rui.
Juan - Can I nominate Clare Del Grosso for PR?
Elee - You can.
Sam - It’s already been done.
Elee - You can, except that she’s already accepted it.

Motion to Table Nominations : Crispell
Second : Collango

Treasurer applications were due today. If you brought those materials with you today, please distribute them now.

Motion to Close Treasurer Nominations : Esopus
Second : Lefevre

The election for Treasurer will take place next week. The applications for Secretary are due next week.

Recyclemania
Kaitlyn - Hey guys! I’ve got some stats for ya. Keep in mind that these numbers are given in lbs. per person. For the halls with dumpsters, Lenape is in the lead with 1.5, following by Esopus with 1.4, Ridgeview and Collango both with 1.0, Lefevre with 0.9 and Crispell with 0.3. For the halls with toters, Capen is in the lead with 2.0, following by Deyo with 1.2, Gage with 0.9, Scudder with 0.8, Bevier, Bouton, and Dubois with 0.7, and Bliss with 0.3. Those are the stats for right now. If anyone is trying to keep up-to-date on the stats, they’re going to be posted on our Instagram @newpaltzgreen, on Facebook, and on boards in the SUB, the library, and Hasbrouck. Check out those stats. The ones for this week should be up by Friday, I believe. One other thing, if anyone is interested in planning a Recyclemania-themed program in your hall, message any of our social media accounts asking, and we will get back to you. Doing that is way more convenient than me giving you all my email, which is my N-number and would be annoying.
Scudder - When does Recyclemania end?
Kaitlyn - I keep forgetting the exact date. It goes on for eight weeks...uh...I can check for you. Any other questions while I’m looking for that answer?
Lefevre - How do you weigh out the recyclables?
Kaitlyn - The first time we went around, we found out how much each toter and dumpster could hold at max, so when I go around, I do estimations. I’ll look at a dumpster and be like, “Okay, that is 50% full”, so then we multiply the max capacity by .5, then divide that by the number of students that live in the building.

Motion to Close: Capen
Second: Scudder

UPCOMING EVENTS : 10:23PM
Labelling Pizza Party, February 28th, RHSA Office, 2:30pm-4pm
Artsy BUZZ Karaoke, March 9th, SUB100N, 7:30pm-9pm
Coffeehouse, March 13th, SUB100N, 6pm-8pm

HALL CONCERNS 10:24PM
Bouton - This isn’t necessarily a problem in Bouton, but I overheard a conversation where someone said that one of the door-opening buttons in Capen doesn’t work.
Capen - We haven’t heard about that, but we can look into it.
STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP : 10:25PM
We went to PresCab, and learned a lot!
In regards to our Mechanical Engineering program, people have brought up that it wasn’t ABET accredited. It is in the process of getting accredited, and is on track to by May. All who graduate before the program is accredited will get accredited retroactively.
In regards to our Public Relations program, the administration is currently looking for a new tenured member of the department. There is also currently an effort to submit a revamped curriculum to SUNY. The reason the PR department is in the basement of Coykendall is because of our 200,000 square foot space deficit. One of the school’s main priorities is to build a new academic building which will allow DMJ majors and Communications majors to get out of Coykendall.
In regards to skateboarding concerns, there will be a skateboarding forum tomorrow at 7:30pm in LC102. They will be discussing possibly limiting or banning skateboard usage on campus. If this is something you care about, you should go!
Scudder - Only limiting. They’re not going to ban them.
Elee - If you’re a skateboarder, or you’re really really against skateboards, or something else, you should go to this forum.
This next one is key and kind of complex.
In regards to the fees we pay, separate from our tuition, they will be rising 8.9% this upcoming year, as opposed to the 2% they have increased in previous years. This is meant to adjust for the change in minimum wage and increased fringe benefit costs. The fees will increase from $1305 to $1422. Even with this increase, though, our fees will be the third lowest in the entire SUNY system. Our fees come in three categories: athletics, technology, and health. The technology fees we pay cover the Smart classrooms, iPads, laptops, computers, printers, software packages, services such as my.newpaltz and Blackboard, Wi-Fi, and library resources. The estimated revenue of all of this is $3.2 million. The athletics fee that we pay covers the intercollegiate teams, athletes, intramural teams, outdoor pursuit trips, group exercise classes, competitive clubs, and the gym being open. Most of the money is spent paying personnel, predominantly coaches, and the second most is spent on travel for teams. The health fee that we pay goes to running the health center, partially funding PCC, and doing presentations for students on health-based things, such as nutrition and self-care. Most of this money is spent on personnel.
Scudder - Would this increase lead to, lets say, having more classes available?
Elee - Nope. This money would not go towards academics.

STUDENT CONCERNS : 10:30PM
Deyo - There’s a puddle in front of the bridge going towards Hasbrouck, between Deyo and Dubois. Every time it gets below freezing out, the puddle freezes over, and then it unfreezes when it gets warmer. It’s going to destroy the asphalt. There are already cracks forming, and the constant freezing and unfreezing of the water is going to worsen it and lead to more structural problems, so it should be cleaned up soon.
Elee - I forgot to tell you a follow-up thing that was important! It’s about the protocol for snow removal. I’m just going to be reading this from the notes I took at PresCab. The crew that removes the snow is responsible for 27 parking lots and 200+ acres. There are at least three miles of road and seven miles of sidewalk, and that’s a light estimate. So, the order for their clean up is UPD first for safety reasons, then state roads, then they speak with disabled students and clear what would be necessary for them. After that, they do sidewalks, then around the buildings. They have their crew working 24/7, with 12-hour shifts. They even told us the story of Christmas Day, where they had their crew here for 13 hours so that the students that were still on campus would be able to get to Hasbrouck and other places. If you see snow
somewhere, or a giant puddle, John Shupe, who might be the head of Facilities, said to call x3301 immediately. If you wait a day, two days, three weeks to tell us, there’s nothing we can do. Call Facilities immediately. If you wait to tell me, then you also have to wait for me to pass it on, and that takes time. Please call him. He even gave us his personal number, which is x3335.

Dariana - Just to add on to the snow removal thing, I have a few things to say. About the ice, if we get snow and then freezing rain, at least how it was explained to me is that happens, they leave some snow on the ground, so then the snow freezes instead of the asphalt, which would cause black ice. I asked why I didn’t know about that, and he said they don’t advertise it well enough. So, we’re all still going to be annoyed walking on ice and not having snow cleaned-up, but know that they’re doing it for a reason.

Collango - In reference to the snow and ice issues, obviously, they’re doing their job. They’re not the issue. Can we just make sure that there aren’t classes if the ground is still covered in snow? That’s the problem.

Elee - They look at what’s being done at other schools. They’re not looking at the elementary schools in the area or anything like that, because we don’t have school buses and we’re held to a higher standard, but they look at other universities. It’s always a mystery, though. They told us about one time where there had been warnings of a huge storm, so they preemptively cancelled classes, and not a single snowflake fell.

Dariana - They also said that, when they are talking about whether or not to cancel classes, the phone calls for that start around 3am. I know that when they gave us the snow day on Wednesday, they cancelled class even though it wasn’t bad when I woke up at 7am. It all depends.

Collango - In reference to a comment made at a previous meeting talking about rocks, there are now some on the way towards Bouton and College.

Jennifer - In reference to a previous comment, they were moved so they weren’t blocking drains, because all of the snow and ice is melting.

Elee - If you ever have any rock questions, call Facilities.

Collango - For the entire week, the way to College was blocked off, and the only way to get in was to go through a muddy path. It looks like the blockades were moved for now, but they might come back.

Sudder - Moving away from the talk about cold weather, it’s starting to get warmer. That means that the dorm halls are hot, so I sleep very uncomfortably and feel sick throughout the night. Can we talk about that?

Brandon - In reference to a previous comment, because the temperature hasn’t been consistently warm, they aren’t going to turn off the heat. They wait until there’s a consistent amount of hot days, so they know that it is safe and it won’t be needed.

Sudder - In reference to a previous comment, the dorms are so hot.

Dariana - First off, we live in residence halls, not doms. Second, sometimes the heaters act up, so if your heater is constantly going, that’s a problem, but they have to wait for, like, four or five days of consistent heat. I say that we keep the heat for as long as we can, because it can still get cold, and they’ll turn on the AC later.

Crispell - So, with Facilities, one time, I did call them after class, maybe around 4, and I called and it wasn’t them.

Elee - Maybe you had a wrong number?

Crispell - I didn’t. They said that it wasn’t Facilities, and that Facilities doesn’t work at that time.

Jenny - After 3 on Fridays, it turns over to the heating plant. It’s basically the same thing, but the people that work for Facilities mostly leave at 3. The heating plant can do things with heat, water, and other emergency-type things.

Crispell - I remembered to do it and told them there was a sheet of ice, and they said that they weren’t Facilities, but that they would pass it on.

Esopus - So I brought this up last semester, but the button at Ridgeview is still broken, and the door is very heavy, and I go there every morning for breakfast. Please look into it.
Deyo - In the South Parking Lot, the one behind Deyo, there’s a cone, so I know that they’re fixing a giant pothole, but I wasn’t expecting the cone at first. It comes right after a turn, so I made the turn and immediately almost hit the cone. If there could be a little warning for the people who might not realize the cone is there, that would be appreciated.

Scudder - I have brought this up since last year, but the steps on the SUB are slippery! The steps are slippery, there are no runners, and it has been raining and snowing a lot. No matter how much salt they put down, it’s still slippery.

Elee - The stairs between Capen and the SUB?

Scudder - Those, and the long ones when you’re coming from McKenna.

Elee - Okay, I know what you mean.

Jennifer - I brought this up last semester, and I think it’s still an issue. Only one of my professors this semester asked for preferred pronouns and names.

Elee - The reason why they don’t all do it is because we cannot require professors do it it, and we can’t do that because some classes are extremely large. On the other hand, Emma Morcone, the LGBTQ and Title IX Coordinator, says that some people would rather not have their pronouns asked, because they could then be forced to out themselves.

Jennifer - In my classes in particular, students have told the professors their name and pronouns, and the professor continued to mess it up. Even if we can’t require it, maybe we can have them made more aware through training? I don’t know what kind of training professors go through, but if they could just do something so students are more comfortable, that would be great. I understand that professors have hundreds of students, but it’s not okay.

Bouton - In reference to a previous comment, I interned with Emma, and I’ve been learning all about the behind-the-scenes stuff that happens with chosen name and pronouns, and we talked about the difference between the two. It’s kind of lame, but when it comes to pronouns, it’s personal between the student and the professor, but when it comes to names, there’s a system that you can access at newpaltz.edu/lgbtq and it’s a name change form. You can have your name changed for staff and faculty. If anyone wants to tell their friends, pass that along.

Scudder - On that form, what is the extent of the change? Is that just for...if that just for them to see? What else happens there? Is it just for classes, or also documentation?

Elee - It’s a legal issue, and it’s an effort that the LGBTQ coordinator is going to work for. Right now, the changed name will come up on the class roster, but anything in the residence halls has legal names, and for legal reasons, your New Paltz ID has your legal name on it. SUNY is working on getting a system for that, so that your chosen name can also be put on it. The issue with having your chosen name on the New Paltz ID is that, for some people, it’s their only legal documentation, and they can’t be legal documents if they have different names on them. The current plan is trying to find a way to have both names, whether it be both on one side or one on either. SUNY as a whole is working on that.

Collango - So, there’s a pathway in Parker Quad between Bliss and the steps between Scudder and Gage, and it’s not lit up at night. I could barely see a thing when I was walking through, and we need lighting.

Elee - This is within Parker Quad?

Collango - Yeah.

Elee - Is that a safety concern? It’s in the middle of the quad. If it’s a safety concern, that’s one thing, but if it’s just convenience, that’s another.

Emily - Point of clarification, are you talking about in the grass?

Collango - I’m talking about the pathway between Gage and Scudder.

Emily - So a sidewalk? Then yes, I agree that should have a light. Also, jumping off of what Jackson said, last semester, I brought up that the sidewalk by Old Main is not lit up. I don’t know if it’s still like that, but there should be a light.

Elee - The one right in front of Old Main, or the one by Old Library?
Emily - By College Music Hall, when you’re walking from Wooster to past Old Library.

Crispell - I’m not sure if this has been brought up before, but recently, there have been two rocks in front of the entrance.

Elee - They were moved, right?

Crispell - Yeah. They are in the middle of the walkway. They’re not completely blocking it, but if people aren’t paying attention, they might trip.

Andrea - It was brought up, but we’re not going to do anything about it because it’s not a huge safety concern. Be vigilant.

Elee - If people are texting and walking and they trip, they did it to themselves. The rocks are moving, but we’re just rolling with it.

Crispell - I thought someone might have been messing with them.

Elee - They definitely could be, but no harm is being done, so we’re not gonna do something about it.

OPEN FLOOR : 10:51PM

Brandon - Okay, so hi, my name is Brandon Knowles, and myself, one of my Anthropology professors and another student are doing research on how people view relationships that lead to courtship. If you would like to participate, you would take part in a research activity that would take about 10 to 15 minutes. If you’re interested, come talk to me after the meeting. Thanks!

Scudder - Hi. So, an email was sent out today that included a survey for Dining Services. I know there are so many complaints, and I also know that if we don’t contact them directly, nothing will get done.

Mario - Student Ambassador applications close this Wednesday. We’re the people that go around giving tours. The application is on the website, newpaltz.edu, and you can search for it. If you have any questions, you can ask either me or Phil.

-- Lenape - Two things. First, in reference to what John (Scudder) said, the survey asks you where you eat on campus, but then only asks you questions for one of them. Like, mine gave me questions about The Roost. I don’t have a problem with The Roost, and I wanted to talk about other issues.

Elee - They don’t want to make the surveys too long, because studies show that people are less likely to take them. Sodexo has open forum-type things, where you can go and complain to their faces. If you really have a really heart-wrenching Hasbrouck questions, like me personally, I spent a long time asking about them having soy milk, the manager of Hasbrouck is Max. He’s the best. Tell him he’s great. If you have any burning questions, ask them and he’ll give you real answers, as long as you’re respectful.

Lenape - The second thing. I’m working on a project for my Digital Storytelling class, and I chose to do a slam poem I wrote about growing up without a dad. If you or someone you know might have any insight on that topic, direct them to me. I’m here. Please.

Crispell - UPC is having a program on 3/2. It’s a Women’s Appreciation Late Night At The Union. We’re going to have different activities, including painting your favorite women figures. Could be your mother, could be an RD or an RA you really like, could be anyone.

Andrea and Elee posed.

Andrea - I fully expect a painting of this to be given to us on Monday.

Crispell - There’s also going to be a mirror where people can write words of positivity. Come on out from 10pm-12am in SUB100N.

Benjy - Hello, it’s me again, the President of the JSU. I’m Benjy. Lots of things are coming this week! Wednesday night is Purim, which is pretty much Jewish Halloween but better. It’s true. Anyway, festivities start at 6:30pm at the Chabad house, 10 S. Oakwood. There’s going to be food and games. You might be able to find me. I’ll be really extra that night. Thursday in SUB100N there’s going to be a Purim feast. Friday night, 3/2, the JSU is hosting a group of students from Rockland Community College for
Shabbat, so you’ll be able to talk to people from other schools. If you have any questions about this, or basically anything about Jewish life on campus, you can come talk to me! I’m Benjy.

Elee - I love how Benjy announces his name after he finishes his thing like a rockstar.

Lefevre - We’re running a Kahoot program! Kahoot is trivia that you do on your phone. You can make cool names and answer questions, and the amount of points you get for right answers is based on how quickly you answer the questions. We have really cool gift cards as prizes, like froyo gift cards and Starbucks gift cards. We’re also getting pizza and snacks! Come through, Lefevre main lounge, 7pm tomorrow.

Ridgeway - Okay, so starting this week, 3/1 - 3/4 and 3/8 - 3/11, Water by the Spoonful is going to be running at Parker Theatre. Get your tickets soon! They’re being sold at the box office in Starbucks. Hope to see you all there! Come support the theatre!

Scudder - Also, this is really important because this is the first play put on on this campus that was written by a woman of color. Please come see it, and come show your support. Show the school that these are the shows we want to put on.

Dariana - In reference to a previous comment, the list of productions for next semester just came out! You can find them on the SUNY New Paltz Theatre Department Instagram. Go like, follow, and do everything. I’m not going to tell you what shows we’re putting on, because then you’ll be motivated to show their Instagram some love.

Lefevre - One more. We’re having an event this Friday in the main lounge, and it’s water pong. Come show off your skills, and learn some things. We’re going to be sharing facts about drinking and ways to drink safely, though I don’t know if that’s entirely possible. We might be serving pizza?

Collango - What time?


Bliss - This Wednesday at 8:30pm, we’re doing Grocery Bingo!

Elee - Jennifer loves that program.

Jennifer - Yeah, I started it.

Bouton - Two things. First, this Thursday at 7pm in the basement rec room, we’ll be watching Hidden Figures and eating pizza. Second, and this is an event for everyone, I guess, is in the MPR. It’s an American Cancer Society fundraiser. Relay for Life is holding the Relay Ball. They’ll be serving food from Asian Fusion, as well as pasta, salad, and soda. Food is $3. There will also be a Polaroid photo booth, a luminary, music, and raffles! It’s in the MPR from 7pm - 9:30pm on 3/9. Come have a ball! The proceeds go to cancer research! The theme is black and purple, and it’s semi formal.

Bouton - Hello, hi, I’m Thomas, the TAP for Bouton Hall. If you don’t know what TAPs are, we’re Transfer Student Assistants, and we make transfer student programs. If you’re a transfer student and you’re interested in attending any programs, you don’t have to be from Bouton to attend. We don’t have the schedule solidified yet, but we’re going to be having a big studying jamboree for midterms, a walkover to the Networking Fair, and a Mario Kart tournament.

Benjy - One more thing about Purim. I’m sure you’ll figure it out, but we dress up on Purim, so come dressed up. I’m coming dressed as Waldo, so see if you can find me.

Lenape - In reference to what I said earlier, you can also come to me if you’re interested in starring in the project.

Collango - PSA. This lovely person just informed me that stressed backwards is dessert, so chocolate can solve all problems, and I think that’s great.

Scudder - I feel like that was a Minions mom post on Facebook.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 11:04PM

Scudder gave her a shark fin and passed her to Bliss!
QUOTE OF THE WEEK : 11:05PM
“True wealth is having a healthy mind, body, and spirit. True wealth is having the knowledge to maneuver and navigate the mental obstacles that inhibit your ability to soar.” - RuPaul

ADJOURNMENT : 11:05PM

When you're stressed,
You eat ice cream,
cake, chocolate and sweets.
Why? because stressed spelled backwards is desserts.