

Vandalism in dorms result of two weekends, says Dean

by Kim Belanger

During the fall semester, the amount of damage and destruction was unusually low, said Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek.

The semester did include two weekends in which most of the damage took place. The damage was done to both East Beam and Taylor dorms. Beam's third floor accumulated approximately \$2,000 in damages to the 86 ceiling tiles that were torn out and broken.

Taylor's visitation weekend party of Nov. 21 tallied numerous amounts of destruction while also adding points to many student's records for violation of the guidelines.

The pool room which was damaged early in the semester added a cost total of \$1,000 to the tab.

The violators of the destruction infraction are charged for the damage or the group involved is prorated. Depending upon the type of destruction, an offender could receive a harsher punishment than a public alcohol offender.

Dean Witek feels that one of the biggest causes of destruction is alcohol.

Witek was quite deliberate in saying destruction and damages were unusually

low.

Any damage which is done unintentionally should be reported to a Resident Director by the party involved. Dean Witek says, "if people who have unintentionally done damage would come forward, in most cases they would either pay for whatever was broken or not be charged at all."

By confronting the RD with this kind of situation, the student becomes responsible for his/her actions and also saves a group from getting prorated for the mistake.

From the maintenance standpoint, Harry Patterson, director of physical operations, says that the damages which occurred in the fall are lower than previous years, yet there is still malicious damage occurring.

Patterson sees the malicious damage as wasted money that could be spent toward more useful areas, such as beautification or scholarship funding.

A safety concern Patterson has concerning destruction and damage involves fire extinguishers. Presently there are four missing extinguishers and a report of nine that have been discharged. These extinguishers have been abused by students for varying reasons but cause a serious

threat to the safety of each student in the event of a fire.

Money for room damages also causes a concern for the maintenance department and its budget. Students have a \$50 deposit for room destruction, yet as Patterson points out, "If a student is destructive at all, he is going to cost us 3 or 4 or \$500."

Patterson says the picture looks good and that he is spending less on malicious damage than he has previously. Patterson and his eight regular staff members look forward to improving the campus and landscape, and in return, want students to take care of the dorm environment and its surroundings.



Changes made in SGA and RA positions

by Heather Conrad

Extenuating circumstances recently brought SGA president Allen Brooks to appoint freshman Sal Cavarretta as SGA's new vice president.

Cavarretta, of Boca Raton, Fla., is majoring in politics and law and has always had an extreme interest in and concern for government.

Brooks said, "In the beginning of the year, Sal approached me, expressing interest in the SGA, and asked how he could get involved. Since then, he has always been so much there, showing enthusiasm in everything the SGA has been involved with."

Brooks said that a willing attitude and energy, such as Cavarretta's is important, especially at this time of year. "During the winter, the social activities on campus become especially important because people can't travel as much," said Brooks.

"If there aren't many activities, boredom sets in. So the SGA's job becomes more demanding. The social needs of the students have to be met, which isn't easy."

Brooks feels that Cavarretta's non-stop interest and involvement will lend a beneficial hand to the SGA. "With Sal, I have no fear or worries that things will not get done," Brooks said.

Other new faces have joined the ranks of the resident assistants. The replacements of RAs were made for reasons concerning academics, uniform guidelines and replacement due to illness.

Tammy Jackson, director of residential life, explains that after an evaluation conducted last semester, she became aware that changes were needed. Each RA underwent a personal interview with Jackson and was evaluated by the students. The results, along with revised uniform guidelines, became the basis upon which Jackson enacted the changes.

The new RAs are Scott Hubbard, third floor of East Beam; Amy Irving, basement of West Beam; and Mary Nall, third floor of West Jones.

Jackson said, "Those RAs released can exert more attention to their needs, while the new RAs can better focus and tend to the students' needs."

Jackson feels the changes are positive from all sides and hopes that the student-RA relationship may become more trusting and respectful.

Says Jackson, "I hope the changes strengthen the group and that everything can be viewed by all in a more positive light."



BC students demonstrate that playing in the snow can be a contact sport. Lena Gomez, Paula Dobson, and Leslie Reneker mix it up in the white stuff outside Jones dorm. (Biár Orrell photos)

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