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IN THE BEGINNING

It's hard to welcome someone with just ordinary words which have outlived their meaningfulness; especially, when the welcome is meant to reflect a genuine joy in your return!

Perhaps it would be easiest said, that the staff of Hamlin-Hill is eager to begin a new year which promises to be refreshingly different in so many ways.

It is difficult to describe in a few lines what is whirling through each of our minds as the Fall Semester approaches, but it is not so difficult to come up with a common goal. We would consider the semester a tremendous success if all Hamlin and Hill Residents, through interaction in the dorms and careful application of themselves in the classroom, would leave with a greater sense of personal worth and involvement, and a greater awareness of the injustices in the world.

Idealistic!? Yes!! But not impossible - we would like to see it happen. Wishing you a year worth remembering.

----- The Hamlin-Hill Student Staff -----

MR. SEAYER WELCOMES YOU

Hamlin Hall is a nine story structure designed to house 676 students (338 men in the North wing and 338 women in the South wing). Total cost of construction and furnishings is approximately \$4,100,000. There are eight student floors, each called a House, range from a normal occupancy of 33 to 42 students. Each house has its own lounge, study room, pressing room and storage area.

The fourth floor has apartments for Head Residents, staff office, reception desk, main lounge, lobby lounge, TV rooms, Seminar rooms, vending areas, and multi-purpose areas. Laundry and linen facilities are provided on the third floors of each wing.

It is visibly obvious that Hamlin is not completed. Only the first six floors will be occupied. The seventh, eighth and ninth floors still have much construction work to be done yet and it is very important that at all times all of us stay out of those floors or any other area where there is construction work to be completed. Certain procedures have been worked out to ease this situation; Your R.A. has full details.

Despite our unfinished condition, we will still move ahead on our programs, activities, and government. Certainly, Hamlin Hall can be more than just a place to hang your clothes; however, only your interest and effort will make it so.

In closing the R.A.'s and Head Residents extend a sincere welcome; we are glad you're here. We stand ready to assist should that need arise.

MEET MRS. GILMORE

For those of you who haven't met Mrs. Gail Gilmore, our head resident in the South Tower of Hamlin, I would like to clue you in on a few details. Gail graduated from Michigan State, spent some time as a Wave in the Navy, and then came to Oakland where she completed her education degree last year.

MEET MRS. GILMORE continued

She provided lots of capable leadership for the Vandenberg staff during that period and looks forward to even more involvement this year since she is a full time resident staff. We R.A.'s think a great deal of Mrs. Gilmore and we encourage you all to get to know her too. As one student last year put it, "Mrs. Gilmore is the type of person you can look up to!"

MEET MR. SEAVER

If you hear a crisp "Break right!" have no fear because it is only Mr. Frank Seaver, the Head Resident and Coordinator of Hamlin. For you see Mr. Seaver is an ex-Marine and tends to retain some of that military lingo. Since Mr. Seaver is working in the area that he intends to make his career (student personnel), he is a very dedicated worker and will prove to be a useful resource for those of you who choose to seek him out. Although a busy man with his responsibilities in the dorm, in the Housing Department and his graduate work at Michigan State, Mr. Seaver is anxious to meet you all. Take advantage of it!

INGO ROLF DUTZMANN OF THE HAMLIN CELLAR

I was born in Germany, long enough ago to really experience cold and hunger. Today I am well fed and warm, I have time to appreciate reading music, sports and hobbies but, much more importantly, I have come to realize that each person is unique in this world, and that his contribution may turn out to be among the greatest. I, therefore, reserve judgment even upon myself and just state my involvement as R.A., Allocations Committee, Barking Commission, College of Arts and Sciences Forum and my major is History.

CHUCK DeROUSIE

Chuck DeRousie, "the old man of the staff," is the R.A. of Second House North. A senior in Political Science and Charter College, he plans to attend law school; but it appears that Uncle Sam has bigger and better plans for him. The past two summers he has conducted his own "Beautify America Campaign" as a painter - of houses. So if he feels the construction is proceeding at too slow a pace he may take matters into his own hands. Although far from adept in any sport, he enjoys participation in various sports.

JIM SHIRELLA

As an introduction I would first like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to all residents, new and old, to Hamlin Hall in anticipation of a very exciting and rewarding year here at Oakland. Having spent two years here as a resident student, majoring in Biology and having found resident life a valuable and enjoyable experience. I will be contributing, along with the rest of the staff and entire resident hall, to the development of this new hall so as to increase its value to both you and me in our university life. Welcome to the Hamlin Community.

CHRIS HAMILL

Golly, we're so glad you're all here! I'm hoping I'll have the chance to meet each of you personally, but until then the written word will just have to serve as my introduction. All the important things first: I'm a junior, majoring in history for secondary education, minoring in English. A native of Denver, Colorado, I'm living in Birmingham, Michigan, and just learning to ski! After a summer of doing my part to keep the country's economy "in shape" (selling lingerie), my year as R.A. of Hamlin's fifth house in the south tower is a welcome and exciting challenge. Best wishes to you for a happy and successful year.

MARY LU BAKER

Hi! Welcome to Hamlin Hall. I'm Mary Lu Baker, R.A. for the first house Hamlin South. I'm a junior at Oakland, majoring in Psychology, and also a member of Charter College. Romeo, Michigan is my hometown. Having been one of the first students to live in Vandenberg Hall, I am optimistic in believing that the plaster dust won't last forever!

PATTI KESSLER

The best way to describe myself can be summed up in my philosophy of life. I am a firm believer in the concept; "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Now a senior at O.U., I have ventured, waded, paddled, at times practically drowned through numerous experiences. Each of which has "changed" who I am. To tell you about myself is a complicated and impossible task. My door will always be open; I don't guarantee how clean the room will be but--- We will get to know one another as the year goes by and it will be through our interactions with each other that you will come to know me. For this reason I can only say that I'm terribly excited about having the opportunity to be an R.A.. The challenge is there for all of us if you're willing to venture, each of us will gain.

ALKIE STRAIN

Welcome to Hamlin! My name is Alkie Strain and I'm the R.A. on the third floor. I attended High School in West Bloomfield Township and graduated in 1966. My major at O.U. is Secondary Education with a concentration in History and English. I'm very excited to have been placed in Hamlin Hall. I think it is obvious that, even unfinished, this is a beautiful dorm.

PAULA RICHEY

Hi! Welcome to Hamlin! My name is Paula Richey and I'm 6th House North's R.A. I am a junior Secondary Ed Major from Flushing, Michigan (its only claim to fame is an exit sign on the expressway), and my interest lies in the teaching of the disadvantaged. I'm really excited about living in Hamlin and hope that soon all of you will be just as enthusiastic.

COLLEEN LAWSON

Colleen Lawson, R.A. on 6th House South, is a senior this year. She will complete her studies in Teacher Education of Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology. This summer Colleen gained valuable experience as a Psychiatric Aide at a small private mental hospital. In the future lies perhaps graduate studies in the field of guidance and personnel. Although usually quite sane, Colleen becomes frantic around sewing machines because she loves to sew. Colleen hails from Holland, Michigan, that is, and promises to refrain from stomping around in her wooden shoes.

LYNDA VARTO - second house

Lyn is one of the few Sophomores who will be joining the R.A. staff this fall. She is originally from Anibal House where she served two semesters as a member of the House Council. Lyn is a Latin Major and she hopes to eventually teach while working on her Masters' Degree.

RAE ANNE SUNDQUIST

Resident Assistant of the top of the Hilton (6th floor Hill) is Rae Anne Sundquist. Since she is a resident of Orem, Utah, the students on her floor won't have to worry about their R.A. going home to Mother every weekend. Rae Anne is 19 and a junior majoring in Secondary and Elementary Education. Her field of concentration is French. She spent the past summer attending classes at Oakland.

GERI COTTER

Geri Colter, 20, is the Resident Assistant in the fourth floor of Hill House. She is a junior majoring in Psychology. Geri spent the past summer working at the private secretary to the President of Boyd Industries Inc., Warren, Michigan, which is pretty funny since she can't type a line. Geri can be recognized by her flowered shaped contact lenses.

PATTI CROUSE

Second Floor Hill is being occupied by 38 girls this semester. One gal is the R.A., Patti Crouse. In addition to being an R.A., Patti is also a full-time student majoring in Elementary Education, Language Arts. During the summer she joined the staff of Camp Michi laCa in Fairview, Michigan to serve as a counselor. Much to her delight the favorite camp sport was volleyball, also her favorite. The counseling position acquainted her with new ideas in group involvement, group dynamics and maintenance and some tact in dealing with children 21-15 and even older.

Now after a summer of super-early hours, 6:00 or 6:30 a.m. planning sessions, she is fairly certain she will be able to make it up for her 8:00 a.m. class - maybe!

RECEPTION DESK

One of the focal points of life in the Hamlin Hall will be the Reception Desk on the main floor because it is here that all Hamlin residents will pick up their mail. Remember - while your designation of "A" or "B" is not important within your room, it is when you pick up your mail, as your key will not fit both the "A" and "B" box.

The Reception Desk hours will be 8:00 a.m. to midnight. Our receptionist will be Mrs. Agnes (Peg) Leinsenger. At the present time, the Hamlin Reception Desk will not handle any money, so stamps or guest meal tickets must be purchased at the Vandenberg Desk.

ANOTHER TRANSPLANT

UPI* (Rochester, Michigan) Approximately one month ago Oakland University underwent its first transplant. Hamlin Hall had been created and poor old Hill House was scheduled to slip into a one year coma. Suddenly, however, the administration realized that even an Oakland female didn't have the constitution to exist in a plaster-less, door-less, electricity-less, furniture-less room. And so, the great operation took place. 160 future residents of the 7th, 8th and 9th floors of Hamlin were transplanted in the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th floors of Hill House. The need for the operation arose when the construction of Hamlin was halted by, who knows how many strikes----. Hamlin is scheduled for completion sometime between now and January. It is expected that by winter semester Hamlin will be whole and well and that Hill House can go back to bed.

* Uninteresting Press International

FOURTH (MAIN) FLOOR

If you regret moving to Hamlin your sadness will not remain very long. The fourth floor of Hamlin, when completed, will be one of the most pleasant and comfortable places on the Oakland Campus. Certainly, the potential for greatness is here. There are small seminar rooms, quiet and nicely furnished for those of you who don't want to weather the November snow and trudge off to the library. There will be multi-purpose rooms, T.V. and music listening rooms and one of the most unique and excitingly new facilities is a kitchen, available to any and all. The only stipulation; keep it clean.

If you were ever envious of the Fitzgerald boys because of their warm, cozy fireplace there's no longer any reason to covet your neighbor's wealth. We of Hamlin Hall have a big, beautiful plush lounge with a fantastic fireplace. The Staff of Hamlin is tremendously excited about our new home. We are thoroughly convinced that we have "the best thing going". We hope that our enthusiasm will be supported and felt by each one of our fellow Hamlinites. We are sure it will be great!

ELEVATORS

Until the completion of Hamlin Hall, later this semester, a great deal of cooperation will be necessary between the students and contractors. For that reason we ask you to please refrain from using the elevators when they are being used by any of the workmen. Also, the contractors will have first preference on the elevators. Your cooperation will hasten the progress on Hamlin and help construction.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Until the end of October only the R.A.'s will have phones in their rooms. There will be a campus phone in the lounge in each house for making campus calls and receiving calls and a pay phone in every house. We realize this is an inconvenience, but unfortunately nothing can be done about it. The campus telephone operator will connect all incoming calls to either the pay phone or the phone in the lounge.

FIRE REGULATIONS

In the event of a fire or fire drill the following procedure should be followed:

MEN: All men will leave the building from the first floor exits by the use of the core stairwell. First and third floor exits through the west doors and second floor through the East doors.

WOMEN: All women living on the first through third floors will leave the building from the first floor exits. The first and third floor using the far East exit and stairwell and the second floor using the west exit and using the core stairwell.

All women living on the fifth through sixth floor in both the North and South Towers will leave the building from the fourth floor by use of the Core stairwell and the main exits.

Remember to turn off the lights and shut all doors and windows.