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# Residence Hall Times

"Improving the quality of life in the residence halls"

Residence Hall Assembly

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# Bearfest



## NOVEMBER 20, 2005 SUNDAY 12 PM - 5PM

### Games - Prizes - Free Food!

As the month of October has come and gone, so has the All Hall-O-Ween event, which was, judging by the excited looks on the children's faces and the heaping amounts of candy in their bags, a resounding success. However, what's past is past and RHA is already hard at work planning its next exciting event, Bearfest 2005!

RHA's annual Bearfest is a carnival-like celebration held at the historical People's Park. For the past several years, the Residence Hall Assembly at the University of California, Berkeley has coordinated this event in an effort to help students better understand the community surrounding the residence halls.

At Bearfest, the students as well as the community can learn to appreciate the park's rich and exciting history which dates back to over 40 years ago at the same time as the Free Speech Movement and the Vietnam War.

This year, RHA would once again like to invite the campus and the community for a day of festivities including such exciting attractions as the ever-popular Twisty-Balloon-Man, bounce houses, rock walls, live bands, fabulous prizes, and of course, FREE FOOD! Bearfest offers something fun for everyone, so be sure to mark your calendars for a fantastic time this Sunday, November 20th from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

By Kristina Cheng  
Programs Director

## Cal Club

>online bulk groceries



### CAL DINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cal Club**

<http://caldining.berkeley.edu/calclub.html>

Meal Plan holders: Cal Club online bulk grocery shopping is now in business! Choose from over 175 items, with more being added soon; shop online by Tuesday at midnight and pick up at your DC on Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm.

#### **Vegetarian/Vegan focus group**

Vegan and vegetarians: Cal Dining needs your help! Dining is recruiting participants for a vegan/vegetarian focus group to help us make sure our menus match your needs! E-mail [dining@berkeley.edu](mailto:dining@berkeley.edu) ASAP if you are interested!

#### **Crossroads Late Night**

Crossroads late night grille is now open Sunday - Thursday nights from 9 pm - 12:00 am. Order late night grille items from The Den and pick up at Fire & Ice. Also, GRAB & GO soon to come to the Den, after Thanksgiving.

Visit <http://caldining.berkeley.edu>

Email: [dining@berkeley.edu](mailto:dining@berkeley.edu)

## Cal Dining



## All Hall-O-Ween

RHA would like to extend its congratulations to the Unit 2 Ehrman/Cunningham/Wada Hall Association for winning the system-wide All Hall-O-Ween contest! It was an unbelievably difficult decision; decorations in some halls were so scary that little children were reportedly screaming with fear and delight as they left the buildings.

RHA would also like to thank Cal Dining for their generous donations of massive amounts of

candy, the Office of Student Development for sponsoring the buses on which the children were transported to the halls, and each and every hall association for participating in the event and executing its part in the program so wonderfully. Thank you all for participating in making October 27th a wonderfully enchanting night for hundreds of elementary school students. The Residence Hall Assembly could not have done it without you and hopes you enjoyed the event as much as the children did!

By Kristina Cheng  
Programs Director



## NRHH Induction

This is what you have been waiting for! This November, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is offering the opportunity to recognize all those people who have made living in the residence halls a little easier. NRHH will be accepting written nominations for people who have proven to be outstanding residents: the guy down the hall who helped you out with chemistry when you were sure you were going to fail or the girl in the room next to yours who told you where the laundry room was the first week of school without laughing—anyone can be nominated! They just have to have lived in the residence halls for at least one semester. This, of course, means that you are also free to nominate your roommate and they are free to nominate you.

Alternatively, you could also nominate Resident Assistants (RA's), Program Assistants (PA's), Security Coordinators (SC's), Resident Directors (RD's), and Executive Committee officers (Ex-Comm). Though you might not always notice it, these people work very hard at what they do and if it so happens that they've been going above and beyond to make your residence halls a better place, nominate them! Once you have submitted your nomination and it is approved by the NRHH officers, your nominee will be a member of the NRHH family FOR LIFE! Their hard work will never be forgotten and your nominee will be able to pride him or herself in that he or she is considered the top one percent of the residents in the residence halls.

So what are you waiting for? Nominations forms can be found on the Residence Hall Assembly (RHA) website. So step up, recognize, and tell us how your nominee has made your residence halls a better place to be!

By Oriana Madrigal  
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## THE GREEN ROOM

The UC Berkeley "Green Room" located in Unit 1's Putnam Hall is the nation's first residence hall room that utilizes green building design, energy and water conservation, recycling, and waste reduction, the Green Room features Energy Star® rated lighting, electronics and appliances, eco-friendly personal care products, and more sustainable alternatives to the typical items that are purchased by residential students. The Green Room serves as an educational tool to demonstrate that, while on a student budget, one can live sustainably. Any University of California student, faculty, or staff is free to tour the "Green Room". The November monthly tour will occur on November 18, 2005, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, with tours starting at 1:00 PM, 1:30 PM, and 2:00 PM. To sign up to tour the Green Room, please e-mail BerkeleyGreenCampus@gmail.com with the time and date of your tour. More information can be found on the Green Room at <http://GreenCampus.Berkeley.edu/GR.htm>.

## CONGRADUATIONS!

### October Of The Month (OTM) Winners

Student - *Kacy Ruth*

Spotlight - *Cal Dining*

Social program - *Zbrafest*

Educational Program - *Earthquake Preparedness Fair*

Community Service Program - *Casa Hosting Program*

Community- *Bowles Hall 7th floor*