Welcome

Hi Everyone

I hope you have all had a great Easter and are enjoying your time off from Uni. I’m sure you are all busy catching up on your work but I hope you’ve also used the time off to relax and spend some time with your friends.

Please remember that IHD is a communal environment and that your actions effect those around you. Make sure you clean up after yourselves in all common areas and be respectful about the amount of noise you make.

The dry season is just around the corner now; you can smell it in the air! This is the best time of year for Darwin so make sure you get involved and do as much as possible to experience your new home.

Dean Preddy
Manager
International House Darwin

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If you would like to include anything in the next issue of iWitness please email rosie.king@cdu.edu.au
International Houses Worldwide

International House

Chicago

IHD is part of a bigger ‘family’ called International Houses Worldwide which is an affiliation of 15 International Houses from across the continents. This is an article about what is happening at International House Chicago.

International House Chicago’s Residential Fellowship Program provided support to eighteen graduate students this year. In addition, International House welcomed nine outstanding advanced undergraduate students from the College of the University of Chicago to live at the House as Collegiate Fellows. In all, these twenty-seven Collegiate and Graduate Fellows represent fourteen countries. Within the University of Chicago, the Residential Fellows represent the undergraduate College.

All Residential Fellows reside at International House throughout the academic year and contribute their unique perspectives and interests to the residential community. In turn, International House provides students a supportive on-campus environment that helps ensure their personal fulfillment and academic success. The Residential Fellowship Program provides crucial funding for students to assist them in meeting living expenses.

In addition to the Residential Fellowship Program, International House expanded its support for the residence life experience through the Community Fellowship Program. As a part of this program, nine outstanding residents were selected to serve as Community Fellows. In reflecting the diversity of International House, Community Fellows come from the United States and a variety of other countries and represent all graduate divisions and professional schools at the University of Chicago. Community Fellows collaborate together with other student program assistants, Residential Fellows and members of the International House Residents’ Council. Community Fellows help foster an atmosphere in the House which enables all residents, regardless of political, religious, geographic and ethnic background, to pursue their academic work in a welcoming and stimulating environment where friendship, respect and understanding are prized above all and ideas are exchanged openly and freely. As such, Community Fellows arrange a variety of activities which promote interpersonal and intercultural understanding and friendship among residents. Community Fellows also help plan and implement many of the traditional educational, cultural and recreational House programs for residents such as orientation programs, the weekly Social Hours, annual Thanksgiving Homestay Program, Sunday Supper and the Festival of Nations celebration. During this special 80th anniversary year, all residents have experienced a vibrant residential community at International House. The International House Fellowship Programs provide crucial funding for students to assist them in meeting living expenses at International House.

www.ihousesworldwide.org
Name: Zoe Bilston

I am studying: Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

I have lived at IHD for: One year

I moved here from: Broome, Western Australia

On the weekends you can find me: Sitting at ‘The Table’ in Building 3

The song I can’t get out of my head is: Porche—Nelly

My favourite place is: Antigua, Guatemala

I know it’s a little weird but I think: If you close your eyes, other people can’t see you

I’d really like to meet: Frank Gehry

If I had to eat one thing for the rest of my life it would be: Chocolate tiny teddies

The best advice I ever got was: KISS - Keep It Simple Stupid

The most heroic thing I have ever done is: Went travelling overseas alone at 17

I’m secretly terrified of: Heights

One day I’d really like to: Live in Europe

If you would like to be our feature resident in the next iWitness please email your answers to rosie.king@cdu.edu.au

The North Call

By Victoria Ward

It’s a thick wind the north Wind, full of wild cries.
I’ve heard the north wind, Seen it with my eyes.
For it comes from the top Lands, the red and dusty hills.
It allows men to indulge In all their forbidden thrills.

It’s a wild land, the north land,
For hearts as lost as mine;
Water floods the plains there And slows down the time.
There is freedom there That crosses all the streams.
Where women may come and Conquer all of their dreams.

“Will you not come home
Where the wild dogs can run free,
Under the blue sky following Roads as far as the eye can see?
It’s the song for a women’s soul,
That straightens up the brain,
To hear the clap of thunder
And the drop of the rain.

Wild pigs are on the move
Brother, awaiting your pack.
So will you not come
Home, brother, and rest
Your weary back?
The North’s a cure for
Bruised hearts, sister, a Sanctuary for teary eyes.”
Calls the north wind,
The thick wind,
Full of wild cries.

It’s the straight road upwards
Where you must tread
To the cries of the wild;
The song to fix your dread.
To the blue skies and floods That cross every boundary.
In the north land, the thick wind,
Where all can run free.
HARMONY DAY & EARTH HOUR

Rain threatened to dampen the spirits of the earth loving folk at IHD but close to 60 residents braved the elements to come to the TV Room and Red Room to participate in oversized Chess, Connect 4, Jenga and Tug-o-War. All of these games brought out the competitive nature in all and IHD are looking into the purchase of these games for our future use. A hearty BBQ was prepared for all hungry gamers and then the Red Room went dark for Earth Hour at 8:30pm. Earth Hour is a way of supportive action for climate change. By doing our bit by reducing our electricity usage, we are lengthening the life span of our planet. Albi, Jem and Jascha provided some acoustic entertainment with Jascha’s encore performance of Britney Spears’ hit “Baby, One More Time” a huge hit! Residents then made their way to the central lawns to gather again in the dark lighting tea light candles to lay out a symbolic message to the world that IHD cares about the planet; IHD Go Green!

- Matthew

MOVIE NIGHT

What movie would you like to watch at the next IHD Movie Night? Post your suggestion on our Facebook page or email rosie.king@cdu.edu.au
GIRLS NIGHT IN

On Sunday March the 24th we gathered all the girls from IHD together in the red room for a night of girly fun! The 25 of us who showed up, participated in the activities of the night.

To help us with this, Katie from Mary-Kay cosmetics kindly assisted the girls with foot spas, make-up, perfumes and hand treatments, which every-one enjoyed. There was also entertainment provided by the strippers.......from Magic Mike and we indulged on pink cupcakes, fairy bread and other nibbles and washed it down with drinks served in champagne glasses.

It was a lovely chance for all the girls to have a fun night of pampering and girly time, we hope to do it again some time!

-Zoe and Tessa.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 9/4/13
iGrow Personal Wellbeing — This fortnights coffee and cake will be American themed. Lots of delicious food from America for all!

Wednesday 10/4/13
iGrow Cultural Experience — Cookin’ with Thomas is on again this month! See the next page for more details.

Friday 12/4/13
iGrow Personal Wellbeing — The IHD Soccer World Cup resumes this month! Who will take home the crown?

Saturday 13/4/13
iGrow Location — IHD is taking a bus to Jumping Crocodile Cruise! Great discounted price for residents and members. Limited places are available and booking is essential.

Sunday 14/4/13
iGrow Location — The crocodile weekend continues on Sunday with a bus going to Crocodylus Park! Limited places are available and booking is essential.

Make sure you check the IHD website for more details!
Upcoming Event:
COOKIN’ WITH THOMAS

On Wednesday April 10 Resident Leader, Tamás, will be hosting the next Cookin’ with Thomas night!

For a fantastic night of cooking and making friends come to Building 3 Kitchen and make some delicious and healthy pizzas!

All the ingredients will be supplied so that you can make your very own customised pizza! Allergy free ingredients will also be provided!

Date: Wednesday April 10
Time: 8.00pm
Location: Building 3 Kitchen

Public Transport

Public transport is no longer free for CDU students. CDU students are entitled to a concession fare which is $1 for unlimited bus travel for three hours on any scheduled public bus service from the time validation.

Residents wishing to access the Parap Market (Saturday mornings), Nightcliff Market (Sunday mornings), Rapid Creek Market (Sunday Mornings) or Mindil Market (Thursday and Sunday nights in the dry season) may do so using the number 4 public bus which departs from the CDU campus and passes each market. This bus service also continues onto the Darwin city precinct.

Timetables for public buses may be found on the NT Transport website:

Casuarina Shuttle Bus

To help you with your shopping, IHD runs a FREE shuttle service to Casuarina Square Shopping Centre.

The shuttle bus departs from the IHD Office. The drop off/return pickup is from the same point at your destination.

Details:
• Casuarina Square
• Every Friday night commencing
• Friday 17 February, 2012
• 15 minute loop
• First bus leaves IHD @ 5.30pm
• Last bus leave Casuarina @ 9pm
Since the industrial age the atmospheric carbon levels have risen by as much as 35%. So what can we do about it? In the last few years some scientists have come up with creative ways to combat climate change. Here are a few ideas that IHD think are crazy enough that they might just work.

**Tree bombs**
Some geo-engineers want to launch bombs filled with tree seedlings into areas that have been wiped out by natural disasters to regenerate forest areas. These ‘tree bomb’s would be dropped from planes so that the seedlings would be dispersed once they explode. These bombs were successfully deployed in Louisiana USA to regenerate a mangrove forest after Hurricane Katrina.

**Wrap the ice caps in blankets**
Glaciologist Jason Box has proposed covering the country of Greenland in white blankets to increase its reflectivity. Greenland’s ice glaciers are melting at an alarming rate and as a result the Earth is losing one of its most powerful reflective surfaces.

**Fake trees**
Global Research Technologies have created artificial trees made of proprietary absorbent materials that can remove carbon dioxide from the air. These fake trees would be ideal for lining congested highways so that they can suck up the exhaust from the passing vehicles! Better yet this carbon dioxide can be sold to companies liked soft drink makers for the carbonation process.

**Sun shield**
Many scientists believe we should launch massive mirrors into space to reflect the sun’s rays. These shields would be around the size of Greenland and would block around 2% of the sun’s light. Only problem is how to get the shields into space?

While these ideas may seem crazy to some at least scientist are trying to come up with a way to combat years of human emissions. While you don’t have to do something big and crazy like the ideas above you can make small changes to reduce your own energy usage. This week why not try turning your air-conditioner up a few degrees? Better than doing nothing.
Fire Alarms

Where the fire service is called out on a false alarm caused by use of candles, incense, oil burners, pest bombs, toasters or cigarettes in a resident’s room, that resident will be responsible for the cost of the call out charged to IHD by the fire service, which can be up to $808 from the Fire Brigade. If you have any issues whether it be cleanliness, pest issue or general maintenance, please notify the IHD office immediately.

Complaints

In the event of other residents being too loud, messy or any other inappropriate behaviour you can contact the Office or the Residents Leaders to deal with these residents.

To act on a complaint please inform IHD of when, where and who for any incident you are reporting.

Security

Residents are reminded to always close bedroom and common room doors. This is for your own safety and security.

Residents should not open doors for anyone even if you know them. If someone has forgotten their key please send the to the Office or contact a Resident Leader.

IHD has had a few reports of members of the public using IHD facilities.

Parking

Residents must have a permit to park in the IHD car parks. Permits are available for free at the IHD Office.

Residents must park in marked bays ONLY. If the IHD car parks are full you may park in the Uni car parks across the road as long as you have a parking permit.

Do not park on the yellow lines or on grassed areas.

Failure to comply will result in a fine from the CDU parking inspectors.
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For more information please contact your Resident Leaders or the Academic Liaison and Cultural Coordinator.
Phone: 08-8946-6536

For more information and updates check out our Facebook: www.facebook.com/EventsIHD
& keep an eye on the notice boards around campus

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