**Welcome to the RCC!** This is an electronic publication of Housing and Residence Life at IU South Bend, providing all on-campus residents with brief information on HRL services, policies, and promotions. The eNewsletter is emailed to current residents monthly.

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**From the Director...**

**Spring greetings, River Crossing!**

We are in the home stretch! There are just a few more weeks before summer is upon us. And summer reminds me that **we have summer housing available!** If you’re interested you can get a summer housing contract on line [here](https://www.iusb.edu/housing/contracts-and-assignments/2013%20Summer%20Contract%20Digital.pdf) or by stopping by the office and picking one up. **Summer classes are going to be at the discounted rate again,** so taking a summer class might be a great idea. Also, **we have not increased the summer rate,** so staying in a quad for the whole summer is $1300 with a $100 prepayment.

If you’re planning to come back and live with us again next year, now is a great time to pick up a contract for 2013-2014, too. **We’ve had a great year and hope you’ll consider having another great one with us.**

But, some of you we know won’t be back next year because you are **GRADUATING!!!** I have spoken to many residents this year and I end most conversations by telling you that my greatest wish is to see you graduate. So, for the River Crossing residents who are planning to pick up their degrees from President McRobbie next month, I say: **thank you! I love to see you all succeed!**

Happy April and Cheers!

~Paul

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**Important Dates in April**

- Sexual Assault Program ........... 4/10
- Zumba ...................................... 4/11
- Dialogue about Race ............. 4/11
- Minute to Win it ..................... 4/11
- 80’s Night .............................. 4/18
- Housing Lottery ...................... 4/23
- Midnight Breakfast ............... 4/23
- Don’t Pitch it, Switch it! ........... 4/24
- River Fest ............................... 4/24

**Housing Lottery**
Tuesday, April 23rd
5:00 P.M.
2013-14 Housing Contracts are available online
Having issues with a washer or dryer and need your money back? No Worries!

- Come to the front desk during business hours for an immediate refund
- After hours, you can still be refunded. Simply fill out a refund ticket and we will have your refund to you as soon as possible.

~Tearanian Fisher, Student Desk worker

Over Spring Break, River Crossing’s own Hailey Hennessey and yours truly, Chris Boylan, lead a group of eight IU South Bend students into the backwoods of Tennessee to the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, where the group worked on trail maintenance and restoration.

From the moment we arrived, we were immersed in the park’s majesty, and after a dark and slippery climb through the Gap Cave, each of us gained not only an appreciation for the park, but also for the importance of the contribution that we would soon make. This appreciation for nature, which for many of us was newfound, proved to be very important in carrying us through the work that ensued in the days to come.

Alternative Spring Break 2013:

“without a doubt an experience not to be missed.” ~Chris Boylan

By the end of the week, we’d worked three full days, constructed or repaired six-hundred forty feet of trail, and hiked twenty-one miles. The bulk of this mileage came on our day off, during which we undertook a nine mile hike on our venture to the Sand Cave and the White Rocks. Never in my short life have I seen such incredible structures as these; neither words, nor pictures could ever do them justice.

This trip was completely unforgettable, and as IU South Bend looks to continue the trip in coming years, it is without a doubt an experience not to be missed.

A new flock of residents...

We will soon be seeing a new flock of geese at River Crossing. Although they look like the flock that has been here all winter, they are not. The new flock will be arriving soon and since it will be nesting season, they may be defensive and a little bit cranky.

Please do not:
* Feed them
* Approach them
* Antagonize them

Please give them space so that we can live amicably together until this phase is over.