

EC HouseComm 2016-03-09

All halls are here.

Rush Chairs

We're looking for funding sources. If you know companies we can contact to ask for donations, let us know. Also if you're interested in helping or running a small project, let us know. It doesn't take experience to run a small project.

EcoComm

Compostable things are a thing. UA Sustainability sells them at a discount, so if you have a hall event you can get compostable things for your event. UA Sustainability is trying to get composting to EC. Also for DEC, we're in second place. Keep it up. If you have ideas for sustainability projects, send them to schin19. This is the first year in awhile that there's been a money prize. We won two years ago but didn't get money because there wasn't any.

AHM Apartment

Top two choices for AHM apt were the two floor apartment into rcm's space, or all of the current Desk area plus some small part of Talbot.

- [One floor designs](#)
- [Two floor designs](#)

EC was split between preferring the one- and two- floor options. Both were the top two for every hall, but not in the same order. The architect recommends the one-floor option because stairs take away a lot of floor space and cutting through EC's concrete loveliness is hard and costs dollars. alexandy prefers a single-floor option. Probably if we go for a single-floor option, it would be option C. This would cause us to have to move Desk to where cwicks's office and the AV closet currently is. Mailboxes would either move to a wall in Talbot or a mail room in the basement.

Desk talked about logistics. Desk doesn't want to split the mailboxes and Desk because they sort mail and stairs are hard. They would like to have a larger space than cwicks's office. There are alternative styles of mailboxes to minimize the impact on Desk workers. Mostly this is a package storage space issue, and it is resolvable. Because Desk would be moving into cwicks's office, she would need a new office. rcm has taped off the area around the piano where the outline of her new office would be.

Piper wants to formally make a decision by the end of the week. alexandy is offering bribes. Is every floor's apartment rep here? Probably not. EC cares. We're voting anyways.

If any of the floors who abstained or voted for two floors have additional or more detailed concerns, e-mail ec-exec. Otherwise, more people did vote for the one-floor option so we're going with that for now.

SHAC Forum

More than ten people have feelings to share! There will be froyo in Talbot from 1-2:30 on Saturday for this thing. If you can't come to the one here, feel free to go to ones in other dorms. FYI: SHAC = Student Housing Advisory Committee, and consists of a few members of DormCon. They want to hold a forum in every dorm to talk about how aspects of the residential system work for each dorm and see how the system can be changed or improved, and also to help influence the new dorm that's going to happen!

Summer Storage

Lucy is the EC storage representative. Her FAQs with Joe!™ are at the end of these minutes. Your loft needs to be approved (pre- or post-) by joeg if you want to leave it in your room. There are some specs that your loft needs to fulfill. You can see them [here](#). Your loft needs legs so it can walk away when it gets tired of the view. We're going to e-mail out more information about this. joeg is also open to critiques, so if you want to add or remove policies, talk to joeg! Or talk to us.

Legs are important. If your loft doesn't have legs how did it get up the stairs? EC is not a handicap accessible dorm.

Questions:

- What about furniture that's huge, like the stuff that had to be brought in through the window? Deal with it, it has to go away for the summer. If your hall has Nice Things™, it still needs to go away but we will probably have a cage for this.
- Paint jobs in rooms - joeg will be painting over freshman rooms and crappy paint jobs. Is it a crappy paint job or is it art?
- Floor jobs - Probably you're fine.

joeg says a lot about repairing and replacing as necessary. Anything he sees that's broken he's going to make not broken. He wants us to be surprised by how clean and nice it is when we get back. Last time this happened it only lasted a month. If it lasts longer this time, joeg will be happy. Or, you know, less sad.

Basement:

- There are cages that are supposed to be empty but which are full of cruft (read: junk?). We will be having more cage cleanouts so we can make room for summer stuff. joeg really doesn't like the cruft. If you have some in the basement, get it out or we'll throw it out.

- Virtually no one has taken things out of the valuables cage. Piper and JoeG will go through and remove everything that doesn't belong there. If you have stuff there that shouldn't be, get it out.
- If you don't want your stuff that's in the basement anymore, it would be nice if you took it out yourself, because it probably won't go up for reuse if you leave it there.

Logistical questions like how many boxes or how insurance works don't have answers yet because they are still under discussion.

Remember when you first moved into EC? This is like that in reverse.

Updates from the UA on Drugs and the Mind and Handbook

A group of students, faculty, and admin exists to discuss current policies and how they can be improved. For every year in the last several years, there has been an attempt by students and much of the faculty to include drugs under the alcohol "Good Samaritan" policy. Every year this has not passed because the committee runs on consensus. This year the committee decided the discussion ends the same way every time, and that they didn't want to have it anymore. The UA is composing an open letter to the chancellor requesting that the Mind and Hand book be concise and clear on the topic of medical transports. If you're interested in getting in touch with Matt Davis, talk to Piper.

War on Simmons

DormCon had a failed vote for the other 9 dorms to declare war on Simmons. Maseeh disagrees, though, so now they have declared war on Simmons, with a [PDF signed by their government and house team](#). If you want to pick a side, you'll have to write things yourself, but maybe Piper will sign it.

sqshemet thinks we should be agents of anarchy.

HouseComm is over.

Summer Housing FAQ

- Can I leave my loft over the summer?
 - JoeG has a loft policy that he wants to implement. It contains a list of rules you must follow, but not every loft in the building has. They are in place so facilities can get to the windows, radiators, and sinks to make repairs. Unfortunately only parts of it are in the housing guidelines, and he's in the process of getting it approved for EC. It is open to edits if you feel that some of the rules need fixing.

Lofts that follow this policy will be left intact for the summer since it won't be obstructing any facilities work. He will take down violating lofts over the summer if they are still in your room, so you should take these down yourself

and rebuild them to policy in the fall. If you do not follow only the last point (you're supposed to tell JoeG before you build the loft), you can do it post-construction (i.e. now) and he'll still accept your loft provided everything else is OK.

His other plan is to start fresh by removing all lofts from all of EC this summer.

In the future, people will know about the policy after the rules get emailed/posted everything/on the website. This will make JoeG happy with the lofts and loft-builders happy for four years of nice lofting.

- What about my [large piece of furniture]?
 - Sorry, you have to get it out of the room. You brought it in, you take it out. JoeG could take it out for you, but it'll be thrown away and he'll charge you a very hefty fine (i.e. the hourly wages of people paid to remove your thing. He estimates \$6,000 if he has to get a crane, window people, an electrician to power the crane, etc. to remove an excessively large from your window.)

- Can I leave stuff on the walls? (whiteboards, shelving, etc.)
 - Yes, unless your room has a poor paint job. JoeG hasn't had issues with these things in the past, but it's possible that your room will get painted over if the paint job is in poor taste. In this case, it's best to remove your whiteboards/shelves because they might get paint on them or obstruct JoeG's painter. Other non-standard wall objects (LED lights, speakers, etc.) should probably be removed since they should not be that difficult to remove and are easily ruined by water (which is a fairly common hazard considering New House and the west parallel leak from three summers ago.)

- What about floor tiling/modifications?
 - Extremely unlikely. He reworks the room floors and tiling if there's asbestos detected.

- What's happening in general to rooms over the summer?
 - Freshman rooms, as always, get painted over. In addition, bad paint jobs are getting painted over. Other than that, JoeG will replace and repair whatever as necessary. Mostly cosmetic things.

- What's happening to the rest of EC?
 - Planned upgrades are "replace and repair as needed":
 - Bathrooms- fixtures, stalls, lights
 - Kitchens- appliances, windows, ventilation, paint walls. Color fan for halls to choose from.

- Hallways- carpet, exterior wall. Not much painting except dead walls. Won't paint murals.
- Lounges- carpet, wall. Need to be cleared (ie no 5E couches for soda machines)
- Fire doors
- Stairwells- redo flooring, paint walls.

"I know exactly what I'm doing. I got your interest in mind." -JoeG. He hopes that the only thing you're surprised about is how clean the place is.

- How is basement storage going to work?
 - We are going to clear out more cages and have many sections for specific items. For example, each parallel will have a designated spot for fridges. Fridges should only go these areas and not any other area. In addition, stored items will have to be in a box, likely the DSL boxes. We will consider accepting other containers, like suitcases or sturdy plastic boxes you already have that's approximately the same dimensions.
- What cages are going to be cleared out?
 - Plan to clear these cages: Wood doored/room cage, Goodale doored/room cage, Bemis doored/room cage, and Walcott cage.
 - Already/can clear: Wood open area with shelving, Goodale open area (currently has institute furnishings).
 - Should be clear but isn't: the water pipe room in Goodale, cages mentioned about that were cleared and subsequently filled.

We are working on a temp storage area for boxes you plan to store over the summer but are currently in one of the cages. Note that junk/cruft is highly disliked by JoeG and you should definitely think about throwing away the horde of junk you amassed.

- How many boxes will we get?
 - We haven't determined this yet, but you will get enough to store normal things (clothes, kitchen supplies, books, monitors, etc.) not not enough to store all the cruft you possess in the basement.
- How does the insurance work?
 - We haven't determined this yet. It's mostly on the DSL side.