Finding Aid to the
Residence Life Print Materials

Residence Life
Residence Life, Print Materials, 1930’s-Present
Record Group 8.2
1.5 linear ft.

OVERVIEW

Links: Finding Aid to the Student Handbooks Print Material
       Finding Aid to residence hall see: NDSU/NDAC Buildings Records

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HISTORY

The need for a men’s dormitory was reported in the First Biennial Report of the North Dakota Agricultural College to the Governor of North Dakota (1891-92, p. 24). The Second Biennial Report (1893-94, p. 55) reported that the legislature of 1893 appropriated $17,000 for the building of the dormitory. In this report the building was described as a "well arranged, roomy and attractive building, having twenty-eight sleeping and study rooms en suite for fifty-six students, a large dining room with a
seating capacity for seventy, fine reception and working rooms for the department of domestic economy, closets, bathrooms, etc., all heated by steam and lighted by electricity.” (Second Biennial Report of the North Dakota Agricultural College to the Governor of North Dakota, 1893-94, p. 6). Francis Hall (1893) was the second building built on the North Dakota Agricultural College campus. Originally called “The Dormitory,” it was, in 1898, named in honor of O.W. Francis, a former President of the Board of Directors of the College. With ever increasing enrollment, it became necessary to turn Francis Hall into classrooms and laboratories in 1899.

The next dormitory was one for “young ladies.” The following is found in the 1909-1910 North Dakota Agricultural College Catalog. “Young Ladies Dormitory. The College has taken direct control of the Beals Dormitory Building situated on 12th Ave. North, which has been thoroughly renovated and modernized. As remodeled, it accommodates about fifty young ladies. It is very convenient to the college grounds and the entire management of the place will be in charge of the head of the Department of Domestic Science, who will reside in the building. This arrangement is expected to greatly improve the social and student life of the young ladies of the college.” (p. 35)

In 1909 the State Legislature approved the construction of a women's building on campus, allocating over $85,000 between 1908-10 for the construction of Ceres Hall. The Spectrum reported a few minor changes made to the original plans. The principal one of which was the enlargement of the northwest wing, the lower floor of which was the kitchen so that it would be three stories high instead of two as originally planned, thus making all the buildings three stories high. In addition to the above change, the east wing of the building was enlarged as to admit a gymnasium above the third story. The large dining room occupied the greater part of the lower floor of the east wing; the lower floor of the west wing was given over to domestic science, and the rest of the floor occupied by kitchens, laundry, hallway, reception room, and cloak rooms. (The Weekly Spectrum, April 13, 1909, p. 8).

As per Residence Life’s website (2009), “The Department of Residence Life supports students by providing a vibrant, healthy place to live and learn.”

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This artificially created series contains print material dealing with residence life on the NDSU campus. The bulk of the material, collected by the University Archives, provides information on residence accommodations, costs, and options from the 1960s to present.

**BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

**BOX 1**

Finding Aid

Ceres Hall and Sorority House regulations – September 1935
Rooming House Regulations – c.1930s
Register of Approved Rooming Houses – n.d.
Surplus bed sale - 1977
Residence Hall staff positions – notice – 1979-1980
Information sheets – residents affected by October 2000 fire in F-Court; letter – opening of F Court – December 2002

Hall checkout information – 1986, n.d.
Single Student Apartment Contracts - 1998; 1997; c.1996
Graduate Student Housing Brochure - 1998; 1999
Graduate Housing Contract - 1998
Married Student Housing Brochures - c. 1969-1970 (2); c.1970s
Family Student Housing Check-out Information - 1997; 1992; 1995
Married Student Housing Hits and Information - 1979-1980
Family Student Housing Application - nd
Temporary Housing Brochures - 1982; 1985; 1989; 1993
Personal Security Brochures - 1993; 1994

BOX 2

NDSU Calendar/Handbook - 1999-2000 (University Archives Photos featured)
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NDSU Calendar/Handbook – 2001-2002
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BOX 3
NDSU Calendar/Handbook – 2004-2005
NDSU Calendar/Handbook – 2007-2008
NDSU Calendar/Handbook – 2008-2009 (University Archives Photos featured)
NDSU Calendar/Handbook – 2009-2010

Residence Life Receipt Form - 1995
Housing Folder
Hall Director Positions - brochure - 1999
Inter-Residence Hall Council - 1986
Housing Brochure - The Graver Inn - 1977; 1978
Residence Life Reunion - 1996
Residence Life - Area Map - 1998
Memo - Re: Dine with the Faculty of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences - 1996
Flyer - Trick or Treating Bison Style - 1998
Flyer - Dates to Remember - nd
The Bison Bulletin - 1999 (Department of Residence Life)
Making Connections - 1999 (Faculty-in-Residence Newsletter)
The Student Life Signature Programs - brochure - July, 1997
Card with picture of High Rises – 2002
“In Residence” Newsletter – March 2004

2004-2005
*Hall director positions – brochure – January 2005

2005-2006
*First year experience – NDSU faculty – Spring 2006
*Faculty in residence – letter/application – April 2006

2006-2007
*Living on campus – brochure & card - September 2006
*On campus living at NDSU – 2006-2007
*Conference tips – brochure – January 2007

2007-2008
*Residence Life showcase - campus tour – Fall 2007
*Living on campus – brochure & card– 2008
*Residence Life Recognition Banquet – card – April 2008
*On campus living at NDSU – 2007-2008
*blank letterhead – 2008

BOX 4

2008-2009
*Door knob hanger – on-line room sign up – 2008-2009
*Hall director positions – brochure – Fall 2008
*Faculty in Residence program - 2008
*Residence Life showcase - campus tour – Fall 2008
*Living on campus – brochure & card– 2008
*On campus living at NDSU – 2008-2009
*Residence Life Recognition Banquet – card – April 2009

2009-2010
*Door knob hanger – on-line room sign up – 2009-2010
*Faculty in Residence program - 2009
*Residence Life showcase - campus tour – Fall 2008
*Hall director positions – brochure – January 2010

2010-2011