Men's Hall ignites friendships, traditions

Sophomore Anna Wegener tells of her exciting residential adventures

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Sophomore business administration major from Lindsay, Nebraska, Anna Wegener, describes the unique aspects of living in Men's Hall. She has lived in Men’s for two years and in that time, she has been overwhelmed with the amazing sense of community.

Wegener says, “Men’s Hall has given me the opportunity to be surrounded by like-minded people. I have met a lot of my good friends by living in Men’s Hall because I know they care about many of the same things I do. Being able to live in Men’s has felt like a reward for all my hard work in school and with the Honors Program and I am so glad that I was allowed to live with this great community of people.”

Perhaps this sense of closeness is inspired by the activities Men’s Hall exhibits. “While not necessary put on by Men’s, many of the residents partake in games of Ultimate Frisbee when the weather is nice. Someone will recommend it in the Facebook group or knock on doors seeing if anyone wants to play. Usually, there are quite a few people playing on the greens outside Men’s Hall and it is a great time,” Wegener says.

Annual traditions further unite the residents. Wegener says, “It is not uncommon for a group of residents to go on donut runs at three in the morning. Usually, the tradition is to go to Daylight Donuts on Thursday nights, but any night of the week is free game when college students have a craving for donuts. It is oddly fulfilling to roll out of bed at 2:55 and enjoy sweet, sugary goodness before crawling back into bed a half hour later.”

Because of these adventures, Wegener concludes, “I have loved my time living in Men’s Hall. It has such a unique community atmosphere and the people here are amazing. It is not hard to roam the halls and find a group of people doing something. You are able to connect with your peers in the Honors Program outside of class time and form friendships.”

ABOUT MEN’S HALL

- Men’s Hall was built as a Works Projects Administration (WPA) project in the late Depression, and its distinctive Art-Deco design has netted it a place on the National Register of Historic Places.
- At various times it has contained faculty offices, the campus library, and a cafeteria, but it has been returned to its original use as a residence hall.
- Despite the name, residence is co-educational.
- After renovations in 2010, the hall now houses only students in the Honors Program.