

Residence life can be challenging

Tissue acquisition creates hardships

By **Korie Hawkins**
Staff reporter

Have an issue? Here's some toilet tissue.

This year Warren and Shriwise residents have to walk to Student Life to retrieve toilet paper, unlike other housing on campus. Some students don't have to walk to Student Life. Most resident hall managers or resident assistants disperse it.

The previous system involved asking the resident assistant or resident director for toilet paper.

In Shriwise, Honors and Warren, the apartment managers placed a box in the laundry room. Students were free to retrieve it from there when needed.

Joe Wood, apartment manager for Warren, said, "We had a problem with the 80 roll box being used in one week. People were taking more than what they needed."

This caused the change in how toilet paper was distributed in the apartments. Residents were notified through e-mail of the change.

Some resident directors may still be handing out toilet paper. But if they aren't, it is available to students in the Student Life office.

Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life, said, "Cole, Broadhurst, Reid, Sutton and Wallingford residents can still get toilet paper from resident assistants and resident directors."

Now residence life sees more students with the

change. The toilet paper is available during office hours.

Hallinan said, "It's like handing out candy."

Warren residents don't favor the change too much. Kari Roth, psychology junior, is one of them. She said, "It's kind of annoying to have to walk so far, when we used to be able to walk right down the path to the laundry room to get it."

Eva Sanders, business administration senior, said, "I have bought toilet paper on the weekends because Sutton was closed. But I also use the school toilet paper." She said, "I like to buy toilet paper because it is softer."

Some of the resident managers also buy their own toilet paper because they would prefer softer tissue. Wood said, "I am an Angel Soft fan personally. It's only like \$5 for a 24 roll at Walmart."

Jennifer Buehler, Reid apartment manager, also buys her own tissue. She said, "Cottenelle is a soft brand, and I like it better than the school brand."

The campus tissue is ordered by maintenance. The brand name is Envision. It contains 20 percent recycled fiber.

The tissue was selected by students several years ago. There was a trial run of three tissues. Students liked Envision best.

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Roommates prepare to swap

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Freshmen have always had hardships to overcome their first year away from home. The lack of parental guidance, stressful finals to study for and new friends all add up to a bigger picture that is their first year in college.

In all of these, the living situation seems to be the hardest to cope with.

For some, the experience of having to share a room and day-to-day life with another person has never been part of their lives.

Freshmen can have a difficult time coping with sharing their space with another person for a whole year. They have the option to switch roommates at the end of the semester.

There is a system that is followed to ensure every precaution is taken before swapping roommates.

Gloria Griffin, psychology junior, is a resident assistant in Cole Hall.

Griffin said, "When students first move into their rooms they are all given a contract where they state anything that could possibly stir up any issues between them. Both are asked to agree and abide by those rules. After the initial disagreement is brought to our attention, the RA uses his/her ability to talk through the issue with both of the roommates. Usually, it's just a simple case of miscommunication."

Hillary Hull, biology and pre-physical therapy freshman, is a Cole Hall resident.

She said, "My roommate and I almost never hang

out. It's really only because we have different majors though. But it's not that big of a deal and we like each other."

Kerry Sonnenburg, elementary education junior, said, "We're teammates, and that helps, but we still have our own circle of friends."

For others, their roommate is a good buddy.

"I like my roommate for the most part," Taylor Angelmeyer, biochemistry freshman, said. "We even hang out on occasion."

"My roommate and I were friends before we got here," said Morgan Constantine, digital arts freshman. "We played club soccer together, so we get along."

Most often, the reason roommates clash is because of lifestyles.

Kelli Barnes, undecided freshman, said, "My roommate and I just don't mesh well together. We both have very different lifestyles and personalities and they seem to hurt more than help."

Not all of the roommate disagreements happen during freshman year. It is more likely to happen the first year though, since upperclassman can pick whom they want to room with.

For students who are having living arrangement troubles, Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life, is the one to talk to. You may contact her by e-mail at sarah.hallinan@sckans.edu for further discussion on living arrangements.

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Free laundry is washed up

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Detergent, fabric softener, dirty clothes, dryer sheets and \$2 in quarters are part of a successful trip to the laundry room.

Laundry was free on campus this semester. It won't be next semester.

After winter break, students who live on campus will be required to pay a \$60 laundry fee.

"I already pay enough to go here," said Daniel Forsyth, computer science freshman. "I don't want to pay a fee. They should just add it to tuition."

Ellie Brewer, sports management sophomore, is also against the fee. "I think it's enough that we pay a lot for tuition," Brewer said. "The least they can do is to keep the laundry free as it is."

Some laundry rooms in campus have had problems sometime or another this semester.

"One of the dryers didn't work at the start of the year," Brewer said. "But now they are fixed and work just fine. Other than that, there haven't been any other problems."

Brewer confused over the whole situation. "I don't understand why it was free the first semester and next semester it isn't," Brewer said. "There is no reason for them to do that."

Some agree with this new policy. "I can see why they are doing this," said Shannon Varney, nursing senior. "With it being free, I am sure they lost water and what not because of people taking advantage of not having to pay."

Paying only \$60 can save

you some money. "I remember having to use a lot of quarters," Varney said. "I used to hate having to get change just to use the laundry room."

Although she agrees with the situation, Varney thinks they might have forgot to charge this semester.

"I would agree more if it was \$60 a year, not just one semester," Varney said. "They apparently were going to include it in tuition but forgot or it was an experiment."

"We have a new contract with our machine company," said Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life. "They now bill us for the usage. It is an outsourced company."

Other schools also have the billing of at least \$60. "Most schools already have the bill of \$60 to students," Hallinan said. "It is easier to bill the students and not have them use quarters."

"We have a total of 51 new machines that we will be using next semester," said Dan Falk, dean of students. "These new ones are more efficient. The ones we have had are from 1996. We are trying to have as many machines as possible."

Paying this fee, you won't have to go scrounge around for quarters to go do your laundry.

"If you look at it, there are 15 weeks in a semester. That's \$4 a week," Falk said. "That is two loads wash and dry when really you could only be doing one load. If you are using the fee to the maximum, then you are ahead of the game."

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'Small Packages' comes just in time for Christmas

• One act plays to be directed and performed Dec. 14 by theatre department

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Small packages are not stocking stuffers or what you would find in little boys underwear (just kidding, ... or a mailed gift). It is a combination of four diverse scenes, directed by four students to make a play. The Directing 1 class was put to the test when they were told to pick, edit and direct a short scene. The four lucky directors in the making are, Brienne Simmons, theatre junior, Abram

Rankin, theatre junior, Brook Rowzee, theatre junior, and Elizabeth Higbee, theatre junior.

Small Packages is being performed at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Helen Graham Little Theatre in Christy.

Roger Moon, director of the theatre program, said, "The four scenes are a great variety from comedies to dramas. All four are relatively new and exciting for college audiences." All of the scenes have been previously produced around the country

with success.

Faculty members Matt Thompson, professor of religion, and Michelle Boucher, professor of English, are included in the cast.

Moon said, "Michelle Boucher plays opposite of Angie Combs in a wonderful comedy by Abram Rankin."

Moon said, "Elizabeth Higbee is directing a cutting from a brilliant award-winning drama, starring Will Neely and Cody Davis."

The play is significant not only because it was produced

by students, but afterwards the audience can see the students nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Excellence Award by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region 5.

The students will perform the acting auditions they are going to perform at the Region 5 festival in Lawrence in January.

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Holiday dinner



Inger Marie Furholt/Collegian photographer

Xiaolin Li, business freshman, eats at the International Christmas dinner with her host family. The annual event was Dec. 7 in Wroten Hall. The building was packed with International students, host families and friends.

Yuletide tunes hit Jinx radiowaves for holiday season

By **Alissa Sheppard**
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For the first year ever 100.3 KSWC will be playing only Christmas music for the last week and a half of school. In past years, the station played a mixture of Christmas music and regular music.

This year the radio station decided to switch things up. In addition to traditional Christmas music, hip hop and rock will also be played so everyone has something

to nod their heads to.

"It will give us time to get organized for the rest of the year and have everything polished up," said Nate Jones, communication senior.

Jones is the general manager of the radio station. A station that sounds good is what attracts more listeners, said Jones, who hopes this holiday change will work out for the best. "I put up decorations to add to the holiday music," said Jones.

There are two main rea-

sons the radio station decided to do things differently this year. The first is to get students in the holiday spirit with a variety of songs to listen to.

The other reason is to work on and organize their regular playlists for when everyone returns from break.

"Our biggest goal is to make KSWC Southwestern's radio, meaning when students think of music, they think of us," said Tommy Castor, adjunct instructor

of communication. Castor wants everything to work out as planned so that everyone will be able to enjoy it. "We want them to come back and want to listen to our station," said Castor.

Castor will be teaching Radio Production in the spring. Castor was in radio for four years.

"I have a passion for radio. That is why I want to help other students understand more about it," said Castor.

His goal is to teach stu-

dents the secrets to success. "Many people in radio know the basics, how to work in and with radio, but do not know the correct tools to succeed in the radio industry," said Castor.

He wants to be able to help the radio station grow and continue to be a part of Southwestern's radio.

Tom Jacobs, chair of computer science and communication, appointed Castor the job for spring. "I feel that he is most qualified. He did

radio all his years here. He worked at a couple of radio stations around Kansas and he is the one who changed our radio into what it is today," said Jacobs.

He wants Castor to be able to keep up his good work and continue to help the radio station grow by teaching other students what he knows.

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Department preparing for visit from Christian philosopher

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There has been a long standing debate in the hallowed halls of academia, that of religion versus science. Does God have a place in science?

On Feb. 2, that topic will be taken up once again in the Beck Lecture, led by Dr. Alvin Plantinga.

Plantinga has been called

one of the foremost Christian philosophers in the world, said Mike Harper, assistant professor of philosophy & religious studies. In preparation for Plantinga's visit, the philosophy & religious studies department has planned a series of colloquia.

"The philosophy & religious studies department, in an attempt to cover religious and philosophical ideas, meets once a month," Haper

said. These colloquias can be as broad in topic as the debate of extraterrestrial life and theology.

The department plans to read some of Plantinga's works and ideas in order to prepare for his February visit.

"Dr. Plantinga is the John O'Brian professor at Notre Dame, arguably the best theologian philosopher in North America, and the top

English speaking philosopher in the world," said Matt Thompson, assistant professor of philosophy & religious studies.

Plantinga is active in the conversation of religion and science, and will discuss his viewpoints on how evolutionary theory undermines naturalism. In his view, adopting evolutionary theory undermines the claim of naturalism's advocates.

But can science and religion ever find a common ground? "They're not mutually exclusive. There is significant overlap. However, science is not theology, and theology isn't science. There are things that science cannot address. By the same token, there are things that religion is not concerned with," said Thompson.

January's colloquium will be the first Tuesday after

classes resume following the winter break. Those interested in participating can meet at 5:45 in the Welcome Center.

"Plantinga is a voice that deserves to be heard. The logical problem with evil doesn't exist with him anymore," Thompson said.

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