

# Yearly Report

Academic Year 2006 ~ 2007

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## RHA ...

- Funded more than \$20,000 to student groups, residence halls, and campus-wide social events.
- Represented and fought for residents against school policy and new safety measures.
- Renovated hall descriptions on the website.
- Insured ten seats at the senate representing residence halls on campus.

## \$27,000 – Your money, Where did they go?

One of many accomplishments of RHA 2006-2007 is funding. Each quarter, RHA receives about \$8,000 to spend on improving life for the residents on campus. Of those \$8,000, \$2,000 have been set aside for student group funding.

RHA sponsored events, such as \$8,500 project, Six Flags Magic Mountain during Spring of 2006, \$4,000 give-away, RHA Free

Movie Night during Winter of 2007, allowed residents on campus to go on free trips and social events.

Ever since the renovation of the website, RHA has been receiving applications from student groups funding each quarter. As a result, RHA was able to fund more than 10 student groups for various reasons

from performances to philanthropy events.

RHA has sponsored residence halls for maintenance and social events. \$8,000 and \$6,000 were given to small houses and Foster-Walker/Kemper formals respectively.

RHA will continue to fund student groups and residence halls on campus. If your student group needs money, consider RHA.



**Sponsored by RHA**  
**10 dollars per ticket**  
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**Contact your president**

Six Flags Advertisement for Spring 2006

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## Representing more than 3,000 students

One of the most important role of RHA is representation. Members of the executive board sat on endless committees at Northwestern University to protect the needs of residents and speak aloud the voice of students on campus.

Food and Housing Advisory Committee, Safety Committee, Safety Education Campaign Committee, Dillo Day Task Force, ... there are literally no committee where RHA is left

out. Sitting in these committees and providing student input as a representative have allowed good changes and started many more.

Not all recommendations go directly into effect. In fact, RHA stood up and fought against the new safety measures, specifically regarding side-doors. After long discussions with ASG and RCB, online poll was created. Thereafter, RHA was able to make sure

student's input was taken into consideration by the exceptions process. All presidents in residence halls submitted the exceptions for their halls in March 1, 2007. Decisions are yet to be announced.

In the past, RHA took lead in improving student's life on campus. In order to tackle the issue, RHA met with housing officers in the Spring of 2006.

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## RHA in action: Safety, Wireless, and Dillo Day

During the Spring of 2006, RHA members brought up issues such as wireless for residence halls, cafes for south campus residents, payment methods of laundry money, and the housing website's hall descriptions.

Although the issues were not solved directly, RHA was able to initiate some into further discussions. Housing agreed to do several surveys to gather student's opinions, and more realistic discussions started in the Winter of 2007 with ASG members.

Safety has been a great con-

cern for RHA. Incidents during spring of 2006 initiated a new committee called the Safety Education (SafeEd) Campaign committee. Comprising of University Housing, Residential Life, University Police, ASG, RCB, and RHA, The SafeEd committee has been gathering information and finding ways to inform residents of the importance



Dillo Day 2006

of safety awareness. RHA member also sat in the Dillo Day Task force to insure safety of the residents on campus.

Newsletters and emails have been sent out before and after break seasons and holidays to help residents stay safe.

RHA is always in action, whether it be safety, wireless, or improving hall living.

## RHA— Representing 2/3 of on- campus population.

## Residence halls finally represented at ASG

A long, windy road laid before RHA when it came to ASG senators representing residence halls. Previous selection methods were not attracting too many students, and complications arose when forming districts, number of senator seats, and their relations with RHA.



By the end of Spring 2006, however, RHA

came up with a democratic method for voting new senators for the fall. Districts were divided up into halls similar in size and location. Active publicity of RHA sparked interest in many students and all ten seats at the senate representing residence halls were filled.

On-going interaction after their selection

with residents and RHA kept the communication alive between RHA and ASG, as well as residents in the halls.

As this was the first ASG senator election with the new districts, some changes may be necessary to improve the whole process, but nevertheless, RHA has improved its association with ASG.

## No more emails, the new RHA website

RHA website went through two major renovations during 2006-2007. Before the renovation, there was no website available to students for finding relevant information regarding residence hall living.

To help students find useful information when moving into residence halls, the new RHA website expanded the scope of the site to include

information regarding dining, move-in, maintenance, performance arts, events, school calendar, and hall descriptions. By incorporating minutes and funding application as well as concern/request forms, students were able to find the information off the web quickly and conveniently.

The renovated hall sites now provide descriptions as well as photos and comments.



## Six Flags and Rock the Beach, RHA social events

Big undertakings for RHA were major social events of each quarter. Numerous ideas including baseball games, ice skating, and poker tournaments were brought up, but only three events were selected.

The biggest one was the Six Flags Magic Mountain project in Spring of 2006. Spending nearly \$9,000, RHA funded up to 90% of all admission costs, free picnic, as well as access to the waterpark. Event turned out to be a huge success and students had a great time with

their friends at the park.

Along with New Student Week activities from various halls, RHA sponsored Rock the Beach along with RCB in the Fall of 2006. Rock the Beach invited all freshmen with limitless pizza and music. The cool breeze of the North Beach and meeting new people got many freshmen excited.

As a thank you to all residents and hall presidents, RHA hosted the final social event in Winter 2007: Free Movie Night. RHA paid for the cost of watching ANY

movie that is showing for certain dates.

RHA plans to host more events in the future and also participate in philanthropy opportunities.



RHA Free Movie Night at the Evanston theatres

## RHA Homecoming—Roll Out the Purple Carpet

RHA participated in Homecoming this year during the Fall of 2007. Along with the theme of "Roll out the Purple Carpet", halls with similar number of residents competed to win prizes and show school spirit.

Judges included Northwestern Alums as well as faculty on campus.

Winners for each "size" of



2007 Homecoming winner—Transfer House

halls were Lindgren House from small halls, Sargent Hall from medium size halls,

and 1835 Hinman from large halls. The overall winner, however, was Transfer House! Transfers to Northwestern showed the most school spirit. Way to go!

Overall winner, Transfer House received a RHA-funded munchies from Ben & Jerry's and the other winners received RHA Homecoming Mugs for each resident.

*Transfer House wins the grand prize of RHA Homecoming Decoration Competition!*

## And your money goes to...

RHA would like to thank student groups for considering RHA. Below are funding results. Details at the web.

### Spring 2006

Caribfest \$245  
NEXUS Magazine \$305  
African Drum and Dance Ensemble \$500  
Black Women's Film Festival \$250  
Undertones \$300  
Student Blood Services \$200

### Fall 2006

Tonik \$250  
MustardSeed Magazine \$250  
Dance Marathon \$500  
NCDC \$250  
BLAST \$300  
Arts Alliance \$250  
THUNK \$200

### Winter 2007

Undertones \$300  
African Drama and Dance Ensemble \$300  
EMT \$400

NURD \$500

Treblemakers \$150  
SEED \$200

Student groups, RHA social events, what about the leftovers? Most of the RHA funds actually go towards halls for their social events, new student week funding, and maintenance issues.



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The Northwestern University Residence Hall Association exists to improve the quality of residential life for Northwestern University students. The Residence Hall Association shall encourage interaction and cooperation among the residence halls. The Residence Hall Association shall further be a liaison for the students to the University administration, acting as the representative voice for all undergraduate students living in the residence halls of Northwestern University.

2006—2007 RHA Executive Board members would like to say **THANK YOU** to all residents for the continued support and interest

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## RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Representing more than 2/3 of on-campus population

[HTTP://GROUPS.NORTHWESTERN.EDU/RHA](http://groups.northwestern.edu/rha)

## Newly elected Executive Board members

Improved publicity methods and good relations with ASG boosted the number of interested students for the executive board positions of the upcoming year in RHA.

14 total applicants ran for various positions and almost all positions are filled up. With a full board for the upcoming year of 2007-2008, RHA will continue to listen to the needs of residents, fund groups and halls in need of financial support, and represent students in meetings and committees.

If you are interested in helping Northwestern University build a better community, there are many ways to get involved. Senators for each district of residence halls are elected every Fall. Executive board members are elected every Winter. Hall government elections are also in the Winter or Fall.

RHA welcomes the new executive board members and wishes a great year ahead.

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