

November 20, 2012

Summary Synopsis:

After about three months since I have assumed the position of Acting Director of Student Life, following are improvements at the Residence Halls shared by two advisors and several residents:

- Trust, respect, and cooperation from dormitory residents and staff towards Acting Director of Student Life
- Dormitory Advisors' attitudes toward their jobs, attendance/punctuality, and performance
- Residence Halls policies are being reinforced and most are being abided
- Residents are more behaved, more responsible, and more active in residence halls activities
- Residents' attitudes toward dormitory advisors in terms of respect and cooperation
- Drinking alcohol is at minimum; therefore, there is no more fighting among residents for these past three months
- Students are able to study and enjoy a peaceful environment with the absence of loud music
- Cleanliness of the common areas and surrounding areas with the help from Maintenance (*we are encouraged by positive comments from former off-island residents, parents, and participants of Close-Up and UB Programs*)
- Constant maintenance of needs and cleaning in the residence halls by our Maintenance staff (*thanks to Ankie*)
- Concerns/Needs of residents are addressed in a timely manner
- Counseling is provided here at home for many residents
- Class attendance (*may want to verify with faculty but this is what I'm told by students who used to hang around the TV lounge*)
- Off-campus students and other visitors are discouraged to enter the halls

In the process are:

- Dormitory Inspection: we'll do a pre and post inspection for hygiene and comfort purposes in December followed by monthly inspections

- Open House: we'll invite the College community to visit the Residence Halls in January, 2013
- RAs are on the roll to step up with close supervision of residents who are on work details
- Workshop: will do a presentation on test taking tips especially for the freshmen residents before final exam week in December