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Dear Residence Hall Student,

This comes to you regarding Halloween activities and celebrations in our community.

Halloween activities in Chico – like many college towns - are sometimes unsafe and can become dangerous. Fights and other acts of violence, often as a result of excessive alcohol use, have led to injuries to students, police officers, and community volunteers. In recent years, the City of Chico and the campus community have worked together to create solutions to keep our community members safe. Much of the concern centers on the sheer number of people who turn out into the streets, many of whom are visitors with no investment in our community.

As noted on page 23 of the *“Living In” the residence life handbook*, University Housing and Food Service has instituted a **“no overnight guest”** policy for all on-campus residence halls and University Village (UV) during the Halloween period. This policy is evidence of our continued support of the Chico Community’s effort to limit the number of out of town guests, thus returning any celebration back to the local residents of Chico. Therefore, the **“no overnight guest”** policy begins on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 8:00 p.m and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2. In addition, we will have staff members working 24 hours per day at the front entrance of each residence hall to monitor everyone entering residence hall facilities for the duration of the **“no overnight guest”** period stated above. Please be certain to carry your student ID, (access card), and room key to ensure that you can identify yourself as a resident of the building or University Village. **Also, Halloween masks are not allowed within the residence halls over the weekend.** Specific details and information will be available from Residential Life staff members if you have questions.



While the above actions help address the number of out of town visitors, there remains a concern with the choices being made by some students regarding alcohol and illicit drug use. It is apparent that some residents are making choices to engage in a drinking culture that is illegal for most students, but more importantly, dangerous for those who are experimenting with significant consumption patterns. I ask that you examine the choices you are making with regard to alcohol and drugs. If you are using or experimenting with alcohol or other drugs, I ask that you look beyond yourself to see how those choices impact others around you as well as potentially jeopardizing your health and perhaps, your future at the University. Otherwise, consider taking an active role in planning and implementing alternative activities as well as encouraging others to join you. Remember that your safety is not only impacted by your choices, but also by the choices being made by those around you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you choose to celebrate Halloween, I hope that you enjoy yourself and remain safe. We believe the measures we are taking, while they may pose some inconvenience, will help protect our community and better insure your safety. As a safe alternative, I invite you to join residence hall programs throughout the weekend. Contact your Resident Advisor to find out how you can get involved or review the calendar of events on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David B. Stephen".

David B. Stephen, Ed.D.
Director

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Slam Poet: Rafael Casal Whitney Dining 9:00 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Spirit Week	6	7	8	9	10
				Film: <u>Harry Potter 6</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.	Film: <u>Harry Potter 6</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.	Film: <u>Harry Potter 6</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.
11 Top Chef: Honors Round 1 Konkow Hall 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Ally Week	14	15	16	17
18 Top Chef: Honors Round 2 Konkow Hall 6:00 p.m.	19	20 RA Superstar Whitney Dining 9:00 p.m.	21	22 Comedian: Vic Henley Whitney Dining 9:00 p.m.	23	24
25 Top Chef: Honors Round 3 Konkow Hall 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28 RHA Haunted Basement Whitney Basement 9:00 p.m.	29 Film: <u>The Hangover</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.	30 Film: <u>The Hangover</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.	31 Film: <u>The Hangover</u> Whitney Dining 9:09 p.m.