

the cooperation of the wellness program by allowing us to use their kiosk from time to time to promote house events. In addition, we will post flyers around campus advertising any upcoming events.

5. If you are given this unique residential opportunity, how do you plan to serve the entire Allegheny College community over the course of the next year?

We feel that by serving as a liaison between the numerous programs on campus and the incoming freshmen class that we will be helping to promote a larger sense of community at Allegheny College. By starting the freshmen class off on the right foot and introducing them to the wellness program and a variety of organizations on campus we feel that we can help promote both campus and involvement with the Meadville community for the entire student body. By starting this freshmen class off on the right foot and continuing the programs throughout the year we will start a legacy that will continue for the next four years.

6. How would you like support for this program from the Office of Residence Life?

In addition to the \$250 granted to each house, we may need access to a copy machine in order to print off flyers to advertise upcoming house events. We would greatly appreciate access to the copier in the Office of Residence Life. Also, we plan to work with RAs to promote house events. We would ask that RAs consider possibly using some of our programs as community building activities.

7. If your house is selected as a SIH house, your budget from Residence Life for programming will be \$250 for the academic year. Please use this figure when you plan your programming activities for your house.

We intend to use money granted to us by Residence Life to purchase food and beverages for events. Also, any other materials needed for various programs would be purchased using the house budget of \$250. Some specific examples include food and beverage for the orientation social, yoga mats and videos, and money for various outside speakers that we bring to campus.

8. If you are a current Special Interest House, please describe the programs and events you have completed this year. Also, explain how your house has benefited the Allegheny Community and how you will add to the efforts you have made this year.

The Transitions House would be a new addition to Special Interest Housing on campus.

9. Understanding that placement decisions will be made based on balancing the competing needs of the accepted programs, please list the top three house preferences you have and why you believe those would best serve your program.

Our top choice in housing would be 377 Sherman Street. We believe the large grassy area behind the house would be conducive to outdoor events we have planned during the fall and spring. However, if weather does not permit the events to be outside, the large front room in the house provides a good alternative

1. *Title of proposed Special Interest House/Theme Living Area*

The Transitions House

2. Goal/Mission Statement outlining the proposed Special Interest House

The purpose of the transitions house is to aid in the transition for first year students from high school to Allegheny College. We believe it is important to introduce freshmen to the variety of programs available at Allegheny College to help them in all six areas of the wellness program. We believe by starting early in their freshmen year we can help students form good habits that will carry on through graduation.

3. Please describe the programs, which will support your house goals/mission that you plan to do fall and spring semesters for the 2008-2009 academic year. Please describe what steps you will take to accomplish these programs.

We have thought extensively about the potential programs that could be held at our house to support our mission. We have discussed these ideas with our advisor, Lynn Zlotkowski, and have come up with a number of exciting ideas. Our programs will begin as soon as the class of 2012 arrives on campus. We believe making the presence of our house known during orientation is essential to building a successful relationship with the class. As a house we will help with the various orientation programs and would like to hold a Rootbeer Fest/social in the backyard of our house during orientation week. Ideally, a number of upperclassmen club and organization members will be present at the social to discuss their involvement and passions with the freshmen. We would like to hold a campus wide food drive for Second Harvest and store the food in the front room of the house. We would organize a service event for freshmen class to be involved in the Second Harvest Food Drive. During Depression Awareness week we plan on holding a program with the counseling center and therapy dogs at our house and organizing some sort of service event to get students off campus and active in the community. We will have a number of programs with the Learning Commons to acclimate students to academic resources on campus and to encourage taking an active role in their education. We will have specific programs during stressful times of the semester such as midterms and finals. During these programs we will work with the learning commons to have a healthy dinner at the house and an exam study tip session. We also plan on holding biweekly or monthly yoga sessions. While we plan on hosting a number of programs as a house we also plan on co-hosting programs with a number of other campus organizations so that the class of 2012 is aware of the endless opportunities to find a way to express their unusual combinations at Allegheny College.

4. How do you plan to promote your programs to the community at large?

As previously stated, we would like to begin advertising our house during orientation. We believe this is a key time to make our presence known to incoming freshmen. Our involvement in various programs, as well as our Rootbeer Fest will be the first step to making our presence known. Further, we will use RAs to spread the word about our programs. We also intend to request

so we would not have to cancel events. Also, the large family room will be necessary in events that require room to move such as yoga nights, and movie viewings. The large kitchen will also be helpful with food and beverages for some of the larger events we have planned. With the amount of people we hope to have attending some of our events, we are afraid some of the smaller houses would be very cramped. 377 Sherman Street offers large open spaces conducive to the types of programs we wish to hold. While we do not know as much about the other two houses, our second and third choices for the Transitions House would be 382 E. College Street and 300 Loomis St.