

# A Green Start in Melcher Hall!

## MOVE-IN TIMES

**New and Transfer Student move-in is Saturday,**

**August 29 from 8am-2pm.**

**New Student orientation begins Saturday, August 29 at 3:30pm.**

**Continuing Student move-in is Sunday, August 30 and Monday, August 31 from 10am-2pm.**

**CONTINUING STUDENTS MAY NOT MOVE IN EARLIER THAN SUNDAY, AUG. 30**

## Important Dates to Remember

**Saturday, August 29**

Halls Open for New Students

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Sunday, August 30**

Check-in for Returning Students

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Monday, August 31**

Check-in for Returning Students

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 1**

Classes Begin

**October 4-10**

Homecoming Week

**Friday, October 16**

Fall Break: No Class

**November 26 - November 29**

Thanksgiving Break

**December 13 - 18**

Finals Week

## Welcome to Melcher Hall!

As you are reading this, the Melcher Hall staff is busy getting ready for your arrival. You are in for a great year. The staff is excited to get to know you. Right after your arrival, there will be numerous opportunities to get to know your fellow Melcher residents. You will have an ice cream sundae party hosted by the staff. In addition, the campus block party will be right outside our doors on Sunday among other activities.

The theme this year for opening in Melcher Hall is "A Green Start". Just like the saying a clean start, a Green Start is going to give you the opportunity to start something new.

In addition, the building has also seen improvements this summer. We hope you will enjoy all of the work that has been done to improve Melcher Hall!

## Things To Bring For Check-in!

- Your Pioneer Passport
- A check made out to Melcher Hall for Activity Membership (for more info see page 5)
- Personal Data Form (in assignment letter and on our website).
  - Information includes emergency contact, vaccinations and other health related questions.
  - In the event of an emergency, we need a personal data sheet on file to give to the EMT. This information is kept confidential.

## Your New Address

Your Name  
Room # Melcher Hall  
50 S College Dr  
Platteville, WI 53818

PLEASE ADHERE TO YOUR SCHEDULED CHECK-IN TIMES. STAFF WILL BE BUSY WITH NEW AND TRANSFER STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES. EACH STUDENT MUST CHECK IN, NOT JUST ONE OF THE ROOMMATES.

## Have you contacted your roommate yet?

One of the best ways to start off a successful year is to contact your roommate prior to arriving to campus.

See page 3 for more details.

**If you will not be attending UWP this Fall, please contact the Student Housing Office immediately at 866-864-7647 (toll free).**

## Helpful Hints for a successful Move-in Day

When you arrive to move into Melcher Hall, the following information will make the move in process just a little bit easier for not only you, but for everyone else as well.

- You will see an unloading zone in front of the building. When you pull in, members of the UWP Welcome Crew may be available to assist you in unloading your vehicle. Your family and possible help from Welcome Crew can unload your car into one of our unloading zones. As soon as your vehicle is empty, please move your vehicle to a parking spot. This ensures that others have the opportunity to utilize the unloading zone as well. Someone from your party should remain with the belongings.
- Members of the welcome crew are also here to help move your items up to your room. Please feel free to ask for help. **Welcome Crew are not allowed to assist in moving large or valuable items such as TVs, couches, etc.**
- **1st and 2nd floor residents:** If you have rented a loft, it will help your process if you check in prior to picking up your loft. **3rd and 4th floor residents:** If you rented a loft, it should be in your room when you arrive.
- **1st and 2nd floor residents:** If you are building your own loft, please note that no sawing or cutting of wood may occur in the building. Power tool use is prohibited in the hall.
- You will begin the check in process at the table in the front of the building where someone will greet you.
- Feel free to ask any questions you may have to any staff member.

## MENINGITIS AND HEPATITIS B

**Students who live in a Wisconsin residence hall will complete a form at check-in indicating the dates they received immunization OR that they have been provided the information but do not choose to have immunizations.**

**If you have received these vaccines, please bring dates of immunization.**

**THE PERSONAL DATA FORM, PAGE 2, HAS INFORMATION REGARDING THESE IMMUNIZATIONS. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE HOUSING WEBPAGE. PLEASE BRING DURING CHECK-IN.**

## PARKING PERMITS

The 09-10 parking permits are available from Campus Police. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.uwplatt.edu/police/commuter.html>

Direct billing is available thru the end of August and the permit charge will be reflected on the September university bill. Students who order permits thru the summer will have the permits delivered to the residence hall mailboxes the day before the halls open for fall semester, unless the student indicates they want it mailed to another address.

Campus Police strongly recommends that students order their permit before August 21st.

**Enforcement begins the 1st day of classes.**

## BIKE LOCKER RENTAL

Bike lockers may be reserved at the Office of Student Housing, Royce Hall during check-in hours.

Cost is \$38/year or \$21/semester and will be charged on your university account.

All students with a bike locker will need to sign a contract at the housing office, obtain your receipt and pick up your key.

Bikes cannot be stored in the residence halls.

Moped and motorcycles will not fit in the bike lockers.

## Meal Access Office

Questions about your meal plan or eating on-campus?  
We can help!  
Email [mao@uwplatt.edu](mailto:mao@uwplatt.edu) or stop into Glenview Common's Meal Access Office

## Textbook Center Hours

New students are encouraged to utilize the **Saturday** hours of 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to pick up their textbooks. Returning students won't be back yet, so there will be fewer people!

Fall Book Distribution (1st week of classes):

Monday through Thursday: 8 am to 7 pm

Friday: 8 am to Noon; 1 pm to 4 pm

## Need Help with your Internet Connection?

The ResNet Staff will be roaming the halls on August 29th to help with computer setup. Watch for the black, orange, grey and purple ResNet shirts.

They will be equipped with network cables for purchase. A campus ID is required for the purchase of a 10ft cable; \$5 will be charged to your student account.

If you have trouble locating us, check in your hall's main lobby from 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm. If we missed you and need help after these times, contact the ResNet Office at 342-1990, [resnet@uwplatt.edu](mailto:resnet@uwplatt.edu) or 122 Royce Hall.

## Insurance Information

Situations may occur when belongings including rental textbooks, clothes, bikes, computers, etc. disappear (stolen, misplaced) or become damaged. **The university does not accept any liability for this type of loss and you are strongly urged to determine if you are covered by your parents' insurance or invest in adequate personal property/renters insurance if necessary.**

## 1st and 2nd Floor Only: LOFT DISTRIBUTION

Bedloft.com lofts are distributed to new/transfer students Saturday, August 29 from 8am-2pm in the parking lot between Dobson and Melcher Halls. Returning students may pick up lofts Sunday from 10am-2pm or Monday from 10am-2pm in the parking lot between Dobson and Melcher Halls. **A minimum of 2 people are needed to carry the loft to the hall.**

If you are interested in renting a loft and haven't done so yet, contact [www.bedloft.com](http://www.bedloft.com) by August 26th to reserve and pay for one. Also at this website, you can purchase a futon.

A limited number of lofts may be available the day of loft pickup. However, lofts are not guaranteed unless you have purchased them in advance. Loft rental is \$95 plus tax and \$10 for an optional shelf. Only credit card or check will be accepted as payment.

## New Students!

In order to help you to adjust to life in college, we have a "New Student Orientation" for all incoming students at the beginning of each year. You will be given the opportunity to explore the campus and the Platteville community.

Every year we schedule many exciting events and activities that will help you to learn more about college life and meet many of the other students on campus. The New Student Orientation schedule will be distributed when you check-in, but you can check out the orientation schedule online now at

<http://www.uwplatt.edu/admission/orientation.html>

## You and Your Roommate

Learning to get along with someone you hardly know may be one of your biggest challenges in college. Begin by establishing a pattern of open communication and cooperation with your roommate. Take time to share your reactions to some of the following sentence leads. This process will help you understand each other more fully and to pinpoint potential areas for negotiation and compromise.

- The background I come from is...
- What I miss most and least about home is...
- I came to UW-Platteville because...
- This year, I'm most looking forward to...
- This year, I am worried about...
- I like to spend money on...
- I like to sleep at these times...
- I need approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours of sleep each night.
- When do you get up in the morning?
- When do you go to sleep at night?
- Do you fall asleep with the TV/radio/fan on?
- The grades I hope to earn this semester are...

- My typical approach to studying is...
- Where do you study?
- What noise can you tolerate while studying?
- I think drinking and drug use are...
- Some things I feel strongly about are...
- For me, making friends is...
- Something that is likely to annoy me is...
- You can use these belongings of mine...
- These items of mine are off limits to you and your friends...
- Are we going to share food?
- How will we handle weekend guests?
- Do you have a significant other?
- When will that significant other be allowed to visit?
- What's an appropriate sound level for TV, games, computer, music, etc?

These discussion topics may seem trivial, but many roommates split over such issues. Please take the time to discuss these items with your roommate before you come or as soon as you meet! Do not assume that your roommate knows your living style, even if you are already friends!

## A Welcome from your RD!

Hello residents of Melcher Hall! My name is Trapper Mitchell and I am going to be your Resident Director (RD) for the 2009-2010 year. I have had the opportunity to meet some of you at registration this summer, and I am looking forward to meeting those that I have not had that opportunity this summer.

As the RD, my daily responsibilities consist of dealing with the general management and operation of Melcher Hall as well as interpersonal areas such as advising and counseling individuals. I supervise one Senior Assistant (SA), eight Resident Assistants (RA), three desk staff and finally, serve as the primary conduct hearing office for all discipline cases which pertain to Melcher Hall residents. In addition to my duties in Melcher Hall, I also serve on various student housing and university committees. It is not uncommon to see me outside of the hall on campus as much as in the building. Additionally, it's my goal and hope that Melcher Hall will serve as a dynamic environment for your personal, academic and identity development. Our theme this year is "A Green Start in Melcher Hall". Just like a clean start, with a green start, we hope that you will be able to begin your journey to becoming who you are while also helping your world around you. After you arrive and get settled, walk around the building and become familiar with what Melcher Hall has to offer.

On a more personal note, I am originally from Elm Creek, Nebraska. This will be my fourth year as the RD of Melcher Hall and at UWP. I received my undergraduate degree in history from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and was an RA on campus for two years during that time. After graduating, I was employed as a RD for 4 years. I am currently working on a Masters Degree in Student Affairs Administration through the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Like you, I am also a full time student.

I am confident this is going to be an exciting year that you are sure to enjoy! You will have fun times and you will have challenging times, but that is what makes the college experience great. I encourage you to make the most of it by taking advantage of all the great, positive opportunities to learn and get involved in both Melcher Hall and around campus.

I am looking forward to a great year. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to stop by my office (located in the main lobby next to the front desk) anytime during my posted office hours.

Trapper Mitchell

## Contact Info

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## About your Senior Assistant

### Morrow Hall Senior Assistant

Jake Beirowski

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My name is Jake Beirowski and I'm a Criminal Justice Major from Green Bay, WI. I'm also minoring in Spanish and Business Administration and hope to become a Police Officer after college and later get into police department management. I have one brother, Justin, who also goes to UW-Platteville and is going to be an RA in Dobson Hall and I am engaged to a wonderful woman who goes to UW-La Crosse. I enjoy going for bike rides, weight lifting, playing soccer, watching movies, traveling to new places, and camping. I'm excited for the upcoming school year and overcoming any new challenges that may come with it.

## Melcher Hall RAs

RA	WING	ROOM	PHONE
Greg Seckora	1 West	105	2895
David Kish	1 East	116	2807
Dustan Garrigan	2 West	216	2995
Tyler Swan	2 East	226	2051
Jon Lambie	3 West	313	2535
Fred Kolkoski	3 East	333	2564
Loren Daentl	4 West	409	2577
Brad Wondra	4 East	428	2665

## What is a Resident Assistant (RA)?

A Resident Assistant (RA) is a student staff member who lives on the wing. The RAs are trained to make your UWP experience the best it can be and to help you succeed. They are your primary resource for information about UWP and the things you will experience as a resident here. They are available to answer your questions and will work to create programs for Melcher Hall residents. They are also trained to handle a variety of emergency situations and to mediate conflicts that may arise on the floor. The RAs are here to make your Melcher Hall experience the best it can be, so be sure to make contact with them and utilize their knowledge!

## Melcher Hall Council

Melcher Hall Council is a student leadership organization within Melcher Hall. All of our residence halls have a Hall Council, and the ten residence hall's councils collectively make up what is known as Residence Hall Association, or RHA. Melcher Hall sends two students who represent the hall at the RHA meetings and serve as the voice of the students of Melcher Hall. They also bring information that affects the students from these meetings to Morrow Hall residents.

Melcher Hall Council is an *excellent* opportunity to get involved in the hall and with a leadership organization. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings to stay informed and alert to the happenings in hall and on campus. Our hall council also plans social events to get residents of the building together to have fun and get to know each other. If you are the type of person who likes to be in the know, likes to have share your ideas about how to make Melcher a fun environment to live, I encourage you to get involved in hall council.

Many of the Melcher Hall council executive board positions are vacant at this time and voting to fill these positions will occur in early September. We are also looking for wing representatives for each wing!! Being a wing rep or an exec board member are excellent ways to get involved on campus and your Melcher Hall community. These positions are also excellent for growth of your leadership skills as many hall council wing reps and exec. board members go on to become RAs in our halls. Make sure you visit our Hall Council table during your check in where you can ask more questions about hall council or sign up for events related to Homecoming. I highly encourage you all to get involved in these events. For more information about Homecoming you can ask your RA.

### Hall Activity Memberships

Each year, Melcher Hall provides the service of a main desk which contains a number of items for residents' use. In order to use the items, you must be a member of the hall and have purchased a hall activity card. The money that the hall generates from this fund goes toward hall improvements and hall activities, such as programming, wing parties, and homecoming events. **The fee for the hall activity card is \$15/year or \$10/semester.** The only major items you can use from the front desk without having purchased the hall activity card are a vacuum battery charger and lock deicer.

**In order to dramatically speed up your check in time, we encourage you to have your checks prewritten for your activity card .**

#### Front Desk Items:

Board Games • Sleds • Racquets • Volleyballs • Lawn Croquet Set • Footballs • Frisbee Disks • Frisbee • Basketballs • Soccerballs • Softballs • Bats • Air Pump • Pool Cues • Triangles • Ping Pong Set • Faberware Knives • Hand Mixer • Blender • Cookie Sheet • Pie Pans • Strainer • Measuring Cups • Measuring Spoons • Pot Holders • Spatula • Ladle • Whisk • Meat Fork • Pastry Brush • Plastic Spoons • 2 Qt Pitcher • Plastic Bowls • Metal Bowls • Frying Pans • Sauce Pans • Large Pot • VCR • TV/VCR w/Remote • DVD Player • Electric Keyboard • Stereo w/CD Player • Iron • Circular Saw • staple gun • Handsaw • Hacksaw • Socket Sets • Lock De-Icer • Wrenches • Adjustable Wrench • Hammer • Utility Knives • Shovels • Channel Locks • Engraving Tool • Glue Gun • Jumper Cables • Drill • Putty Scrapper • Soldering Set • Mining Tool • Drill Bits • Flashlight • Wire Brush • Tape Measure • Needle Nose Pliers • Three Hole Punch • Stapler • Electric Pencil Sharpener • Paper Cutter

### 2009-2010 Hall Council Executive Board

**President: Eric Reed**

**Vice President: Open**

**Secretary: Open**

**RHA Representative: Open**

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### Homecoming Information

This Year's UWP Homecoming Theme is Game Shows: Pioneers Come on Down.

A lot of work needs to be done before the start of homecoming including: selecting two people to represent our hall for Homecoming Court, creating a banner and preparing to participate in many other events! Melcher Hall will again be teaming up with Wilgus Hall in all competitions

We need a lot of people to not only be involved in the events but to come out and watch and cheer on our residents competing in the events. Look for more information when you get to campus!