

TechnoLOGICALLY Speaking

Adventure Norm and Adventure Jane lead the way to exciting explorations in Campus Living!!



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Return To Campus Living! February 11-22, 2008

Follow Adventure Norm and Adventure Jane and participate in Return to Campus Living (RTCL) this month! Claim your “Squatter’s Rights” or request a completely new assignment, just by following the step-by-step instructions.

RTCL is our annual contract renewal period for current residents. During this priority period, you can apply for housing for Fall 2008—Spring 2009 and be assigned before incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students. This year, RTCL runs from February 11 through February 22, 2008, and our FIRST priority is YOU!

Prior to the start of the RTCL period, please make sure you know your Nyumba Student Gateway user name and password. If it has been a while since you last logged into Nyumba, you can retrieve your password by going to the login page and clicking on the option “I forgot my password.” Enter your User Name (which is the same as your NinerNet user name) and then answer your challenge questions. A temporary password will be e-mailed to you. If you have problems getting a temporary password, please feel free to call

the HTS Help Desk at (704) 687-7522 or e-mail us at HTSHelp@uncc.edu.

Go to www.housing.uncc.edu and click on Return to Campus Living for more instructions or click on Nyumba Student Gateway to start the application process.

We encourage you to visit the main Housing and Residence Life website to get all of the latest news on RTCL. You can also get information on special open-lab sessions where HTS staff will be on-site to assist you in completing your RTCL application. There will also be information tables in all of our Residence Halls staffed with people who can answer your questions.

Also, be sure to use the handy roommate collection card you have been given to note the UNC Charlotte Student ID numbers for each roommate you want BEFORE you begin the application process.

Finally, for those of you who apply during this priority period, there will be several opportunities to win great prizes! Check the website for more details.

Locked Out Of Your Room? Do You KNOW What To Do Now?

If you have locked yourself out of your room, you will want to go to the appropriate 24-hour loan key desk and obtain the use of a temporary loan key. You already know that for residents of Moore, Sanford, Holshouser, Scott, and Hunt Village, the loan key desk is located in Scott Hall; and for residents of C.F. Lynch, Martin Village, Phase III, Elm, Maple, Pine, Oak, Witherspoon, Laurel, Cedar, Hickory, and Sycamore, the loan key desk is in Oak Hall. When you present yourself at the loan key desk and request a loan key, here is what will happen.

- If you have your ID with you, show your ID to the person at the desk, fill out the Loan Key Rental Agreement form (which includes your name, UNC Charlotte ID number, your campus address, your birthdate, and space for your signature authorizing the \$2.00 fee for use of the loan key to be charged to your student account, using the information on the form), and request a loan key. You have 3 hours to return the key, or a lock change may be ordered for the room, for which you will be responsible.
- If you do NOT have your ID with you, you will be asked to fill out the form, and the desk representative will look you up in the Nyumba system. He/she will ask you additional questions to verify your identity. As part of that procedure, you will be asked to supply the answers to your 2 Nyumba challenge questions.
 - If you do not know the answers to your Nyumba questions, you'll be directed to the student computer station near the desk.
 - You'll be expected to log into Nyumba to change your challenge questions and answers to ones to which you can reply.*
- You will then return to the desk and let the rep know that your new answers may be looked up, and give those answers when requested.
- When you return the loan key within the 3 hour time limit, you will be required to present your UNC Charlotte 49er ID Card as proof of your identity, along with your permanent key. Failure to produce the card or the permanent key may result in a lock change, to be billed to your student account.

Loan key desk procedures are in place and must be followed for everyone's safety and security.

***TIPS ON CHANGING YOUR NYUMBA CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

Go to the Nyumba Student Gateway by going first to www.housing.uncc.edu and then clicking on "Nyumba Student Gateway." Then log in using your User Name and password. Enter your User Name (which is the same as your NinerNet user name). If it has been a while since you last logged into Nyumba, you can get a new temporary password by going to the login page and clicking on the option "I forgot my password." A new temporary password will be sent to your 49er Express e-mail account. Using that password and your User Name, log into Nyumba, and follow the steps for (1) changing your password to a permanent one and (2) changing your challenge questions, as directed on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact the HTS Help Desk at (704) 687-7522 or e-mail us at HTShelp@uncc.edu and we'll be glad to assist you.

The challenge questions are IMPORTANT, so take them seriously, and answer them so that you will be able to remember those answers. You will need to use them again.



Use Your Technology Safely

OK, so what did YOU get during the holiday gift-giving season? Was it a new iPod? Maybe a GPS system for your car? What about a new digital camera or camcorder? You may have even gotten a great new laptop or notebook or game system. Chances are excellent that something electronic found its way into your life last month, and is now firmly established as a “can’t live without it” part of your every day routine.

Did you maybe receive one of summer of 2007’s hottest offerings—an iPhone? After all, the prices did go down after that first rush to buy! Or perhaps a BlackBerry, or a Nokia, or a Chocolate with V CAST music and a camera! If so, you are probably already an expert in all the functions and features that your new hardware possesses. Here are some tips and cautions that you need to be aware of while using your new toy.

U. S. researchers have recently released the results of studies that targeted the use of cell phones by drivers actively operating their cars in traffic. Did you know that you are as much at risk using your phone behind the wheel as you would be if you chose to drive drunk? Focusing your attention on a cell phone conversation impairs your driving just as much as alcohol. For this reason, 50 countries worldwide have actually introduced laws banning the use of cell phones by drivers while the vehicle is on the road.

Another aspect of the study found that drivers using cell phones are a major cause of traffic slow-downs and jams! Using a phone distracts a driver’s attention from what’s going on around the car, so the driver will not be as aware of traffic patterns, speeds of adjacent cars, or lane changes requiring shifts in one’s own speeds. Being engaged in a cell phone conversation, drivers tend to make fewer lane changes, drive more slowly than the rest of the traffic, and generally take longer to get where they’re going. This in turn means that those drivers make everyone else late getting to their destinations as well. Next time you’re frustrated by finding yourself behind a driver going more slowly than the rest of the traffic, glance at them as you pass, and see if there’s not a cell phone in their ear.

Now, you may be thinking, “Well, aren’t the cops always telling everybody that they need to slow down on the roads? Why else do they have all those radar guns and speed traps?” And, if the slower speeds were actually to make driving safer, then they wouldn’t be a problem. However, going slowly doesn’t mean going safely—you can walk into a wall rather than run into the wall and you’ll still get hurt from the impact. Further, have you heard of the “ripple effect?” In traffic patterns, it refers to the phenomenon where one driver hitting the brakes for a few seconds and then resuming speed will cause the traffic behind to actually come to a complete stop a few miles back up the road. One small delay grows into a massive back-up in no time at all, and the further away from the beginning of the ripple, the better the chance that actual collisions will take place. Drivers using cell phones while driving cause ripple effects as a matter of course.

Even using your phone with some sort of “hands-free” device or ear-piece while driving your car is still “risky business” that will distract you from your primary business of driving your car safely to your destination. Before making that quick call to a friend or phoning in your pizza order so it’ll be waiting for you when you get back to the residence hall, please think about the potential for accident. Pull off the road and make your phone call. You won’t be causing a traffic jam behind you, or crashing into someone else, because your attention wandered from what you should have been seeing to what you were hearing through your phone.

Technology is intended to make life better—not more dangerous.



The Miner Movie Channel, located on channel 15, broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a great selection of Hollywood blockbusters, fun comedies, romantic stories, and everything in between! The channel is operated by Housing Technology Services.

Please note that we run a 4-week rotation and the schedule, including air-times and air-dates can be found on the HTS website.

If you have an idea for a movie you would like to see on The Miner Movie Channel, drop us an e-mail at HTSHelp@uncc.edu and we'll see if we can get it on the air!

The full cable channel line up is also provided on the HTS website:

www.housing.uncc.edu/technology

Our February Schedule...

3:10 to Yuma
 50 First Dates
 Air Force One
 American President, The
 Eastern Promises
 Eye Of The Dolphin
 Failure To Launch
 Fever, The
 Finding Forrester
 Good Luck Chuck
 Head Of State
 Hitch
 Hotel Rwanda
 Malcom X
 Mr. Woodcock
 Music And Lyrics
 Nanny Diaries, The
 Notebook, The
 Right at your Door
 Rocket Science
 Shoot 'Em Up
 Trade (subtitled)
 War
 Wedding Planner, The

Necessary Numbers

Cable TV

Basic Cable Services	7-3778
Miner Movies Channel	7-7522

Internet Services

Problems with your Internet service (all residents)	7-3778
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Telephone Services

Problems with your phone service	7-8800
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Housing Technology Services

Housing Website, RSA Website, Residence Hall Computer Labs & Printers, Nyumba Student Gateway	7-7522
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Door Access Cards

Building access or swipe card reader problems	7-7522
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