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From The Director

Hi Everyone!

As Winter Quarter winds to a close, and Spring Quarter starts, there are a few things I'd like to talk to you about. First of all, we had a meeting for some of the freshmen, sophomores and pre-juniors about the possibility of having a Lindner Honors-PLUS House in the new Stratford Heights development, beginning in fall 2005. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, but I'd like to hear from anyone who has feedback about whether this makes sense for our program. The plan would be for freshmen to still live in Honors dorm housing their first year, but for the Stratford Heights housing to be available to upper-classmen.

Housing rates would be \$450/ mo. for a triple, \$475/mo. for a double, and \$550 a mo. for a single. These rates would include all utilities (heat, water, cable, phone, network connections for computers). The units would be professionally cleaned once a week...except for the bedrooms (but bathrooms and living areas are cleaned!). All units are fully furnished, 4 students to a bathroom, on average. There would be full laundry and kitchen facilities, two

living rooms (one with a big screen TV), a furnished deck with a built-in gas grill, and wireless access throughout the entire Stratford Complex. There will be a separate Multi-purpose Center for the complex with work out facilities, a game room, meeting rooms, mail room, grab and go type foods for breakfast and lunch, and a light grill for evenings (hamburgers, wings, etc.). Meal plans are not required. Parking is close, but at extra cost, and there would be security on weekends and blue emergency phones throughout.

We would probably commit to a 26 bed unit, although larger units are available. If you could, please check out their website at www.uhcurc.org; it has a great deal of pictures / renderings / floor plans / other information. I'd greatly appreciate your feedback as to whether this makes sense for Honors-PLUS, regardless of whether it's something that you personally would take advantage of. Please let me know your thoughts as soon as possible, if you haven't already. We will probably be making a decision the first of next quarter.

Our new freshman class has been recruited for next year. They are great kids, as

usual. All have extensive extra-curricular and leadership experience, the average SAT to those offered admission is 1320, and average class rank is 7%. Thanks to all of the current students who helped us out with the recruiting process and provided feedback on the applicants. We really appreciate it. Christy and Greg will be looking for volunteers to call the students and follow up to see if they would like to visit campus or need more information. I know many of you have told me informally that you'd be happy to help; here's your chance! If you have time to call a student or two, please email or call Christy or Greg and let them know.

I hope you all have a fun, restful and safe spring break.

Living The Dream

by: Tim Metzner

I can't imagine a more exciting or experience filled 8 months than the chapter that I just completed in my life. It all began with the international component to Honors-PLUS, our trip to Europe, in July of 03 and ended with a 6 month co-op at Alpine Investors, LP in San Francisco, California. So, for the last 6 months of my life I have been living and working in one of the most exciting (and expensive I might add) cities in the US. I literally lived less than 5 minutes from the beach and from The Golden Gate Bridge. Where I worked was even better, the Financial District, in downtown San Francisco, where I was blessed with views of the San Francisco Bay and the Bay Bridge for the first 3 months, then of Alcatraz and other Bay views after we moved offices.

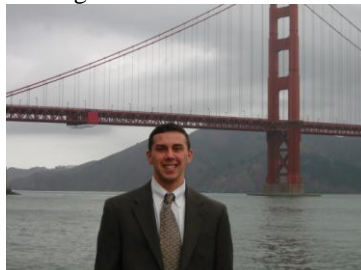


So who/what exactly is Alpine? Alpine Investors, LP is a lower middle-market leveraged buyout firm. In plain English: Alpine has raised over \$170 million dollars from private investors with the intent of using this capital to invest in small, private companies. Upon investing in these companies, Alpine typically becomes the majority owner of the business and works with the former owners and existing management to grow and further develop the business. Some of our investment interests include: printing, direct marketing, vending, logistics, outsourcing, gaming, etc.

I worked for the sourcing half of Alpine. Sourcing consists of finding

new companies that are on the market and managing the investment process from the discovery and initial exploratory stage up through the actual investment. That meant that I was assigned a wide range of tasks varying from making 150 outbound calls per week to business brokers (the folks representing companies for sale) to drafting an initial letter of interest to a business owner indicating our proposed terms for, and interest level in, buying his company. But for me, the most rewarding part of the job was trying to determine whether a given company was a good business with great top management. This process was so rewarding because naturally while hunting for those few winners you come across countless others that don't fit the bill, and with each of those companies you have the opportunity to learn something new about what makes (or prevents) a successful business and/or management team. It also really helped to be surrounded by an incredibly talented and experienced team at Alpine who helped me learn to separate an OK business from a Home Run.

On top of learning an incredible amount about evaluating and understand businesses, I had plenty of time to "grow personally." Having grown up and spent my entire life in Cincinnati I decided that I needed to see what else was out there, and that's exactly what I did. Moving across the country, to a completely new city, on my own, has proven to be quite the experience all its own. From the drive across the US, to the days I spent sitting at Crissy Field looking out on the Golden Gate Bridge,



Alcatraz, and the hundreds of sail boats that filled the Bay, to the many hours I spent exploring the surrounding wilderness areas, this has been an unforgettable chapter in my life.

There are several other factors that have made this whole adventure particularly rewarding. The first is that I found the job on my own, when I went to my co-op advisor I was told that UC didn't really have many/any jobs available for business students on the west coast, so it was up to me. I used all of my personal connections and through a contact at SparkPeople was put in touch with Alpine. 7 or 8 phone interviews later I was given a 6 month position despite Alpine having no previous knowledge of what the co-op program was all about. And now, what's most rewarding is that Alpine has been so pleased that they not only asked me to find a replacement for myself (which I did, Kyle Bertke – fellow Honors-PLUS Junior) but also hired Ashley Vissing (Honors-PLUS sophomore) and another co-op from the Northeastern University to come replace me in March.



This has been a surreal experience all in all, even as I get ready to head into the office for the last time today I sit thinking, did I really just live and work in San Francisco for 6 months? So to put it simply, San Francisco is definitely all it's cracked up to be!

Important Registration Information

Fall 2004 Registration

Early Registration for continuing Students will replace the traditional Priority Registration beginning with Autumn Quarter 04A. Students will be given an opportunity to register for classes on the web on a priority basis, however. That priority will be determined by the number of hours a student has earned. The number will include hours of advanced standing (transfer credit) and advanced placement. It will not include hours for which the student is currently registered.

Early Registration for Continuing Students will begin on May 3 for Autumn Quarter, 04A, according to the following schedule:

Matriculated....

Graduate students – May 3-4

Undergrad students with...

135+ hours	May 5-6
110+ hours	May 7-10
90+ hours	May 11-12
70+ hours	May 13-14
50+ hours	May 17-18
30+ hours	May 19-20
20+ hours	May 21-24
0+ hours	May 25-26
Non-matriculated stud.	May 27-28
Open web regist. begins	June 1

Web registration will be available 6 am until midnight.

Students can determine the days on which they can start to register by checking their total earned hours on their most recent grade report from "View my grades" on the One Stop Web Site at www.onestop.uc.edu. There will also be a link from the One Stop Web Site where students will be informed about the days they are eligible to register. Students will be able to register on or after the assigned dates, and Open Registration for all students (on the web) will begin on June 1st.

First year students will not be able to register until they attend orientation in the summer (begins June 24). Bills will be available to students on-line in mid-August.

Looking ahead to Summer....

Summer registration for Spring Quarter, found at www.onestop.uc.edu, will be available for students to use for final registration or add/drops from March 8 through April 4. The system will accept drops only April 5-18.

In-person registration will also begin on March 8 in the One Stop Student Service Center of University Pavilion, at the registration sites at the branch campuses and at the Adult Learning Center.

An important side note: It has always been our intention to make sure all Lindner Honors-PLUS students register during priority. This is now becoming even more important. The University now has some new guidelines in place with respect to courses being taught each quarter. If there are less than 16 students registered for a class during priority registration, they want to cancel those classes. No sense paying a professor to teach a class with such a small amount of interest, especially with budget cuts today. This could cause one of your required classes to be cancelled, which means you might have to take it the next time it is available, which could conflict with your normal schedule, and/or could cause you to be short a class or more for graduation. There is an easy answer to this problem.....*register during priority!* We can not stress the urgency in this.

Priority Registration for summer will start on Monday, April 19th!

Project Safe Place

Project Safe Place now has a great foundation of volunteers and area businesses to help bring the program back into the community spring quarter! Thank you to all who responded to the request for volunteers. If anyone else is interested in volunteering to train local businesses or signing up to become a driver, Project Safe Place welcomes more volunteers for the upcoming quarter. We are hoping to secure several chains of businesses in the area as established Safe Places by summer, when most children are outside and can easily identify these locations as companies willing to help them.

To find out more about volunteering with Project Safe Place, please contact Nancy Gannon at GannonNL@email.uc.edu or (513) 556-8523, or Lisa Morris at MossisL2@email.uc.edu or (513) 556-8296.

"Safe Zone" Parking

From the office of: Greg Hand

As part of the university's response to recent incidents affecting the safety of students and employees, Parking Services will offer \$1.00 after-hour parking in the Langsam Library Garage. This special "safe zone" rate is available to patrons exiting the garage after 10:30pm., Monday through Friday, and after 5:00pm., Saturdays and all day Sunday.

UC students and employees who do not have garage passes are encouraged to take advantage of this "safe zone" option rather than parking on the streets.

Items of Interest

Steve Bybee (Senior) was offered a position after graduation at **PriceWaterhouse-Coopers**, which he turned down *only* because he was accepted into the UC Law College starting fall quarter. Way-to-go-Steve!

Adam Hildebrand (Pre-Jr) returned for the fifth time to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico this past March 11-14, 2004 to serve as a translator for a medical mission trip.

Matt Mezinskis, **Adam Hildebrand**, **Phil DiCiero**, and **Sebastien Schultz**, (Pre-Jr's) all members of *Beta Theta Pi* fraternity, helped raise over \$2500 for Literacy Center West last Saturday March 11th at their annual fundraiser: "**The Psychedelic Toilet Sale**"



(Adam Hildebrand pictured with Psychedelic Toilet)

Delta Sigma Pi (one of the two professional business fraternities on campus) just had officer election, and here is the list of Lindner Honors-PLUS students that were elected into various positions. *Looks like this fraternity is in good hands!*

President

Jacquelyn Ducat

Senior VP

Jessica Sharts

VP/ Alumni Relations

Jessica Vater

VP/Chapter Operations

Nancy Gannon

VP/Finance

Ashley Vissing

VP/Fundraising

Ryann Noble
Jamie Meyer

VP/Scholarships & Awards

Andrew Laskey

Chancellor

Matt Zavodsky

Social Activities

Jeff Brawand

Internal Communications Chair

Jessica Kinnemeyer

Rob Reinerman (Senior) was recently recognized by *Sigma Chi* as the Chapter Balfour Award Winner. This award is given to the most outstanding senior and placed him in the competition for the Southern Ohio Balfour Award, which he also won. He will now go on to compete on an international level within Sigma Chi for the International Balfour Award (the highest honor presented to an undergraduate Sigma Chi in the US and Canada.) He will undergo an extensive interview process at Miami University in June and the final winner will be announced at Kansas State University in August.

Rob Reinerman (Senior) has been invited to be a guest speaker, on behalf of UC Student Government, at the City of Blue Ash Student Government Day on April 8, 2004. The event is geared to local high school students who are currently involved with their Student Government Associations and it will provide these students with the opportunity to spend a day with the City of Blue Ash to see what it is like in a real city government setting. Rob will be speaking, along with one other representative from UC, for approximately 45 minutes to this large group of high school students from surrounding area schools about what it is like to be a member of student government at the collegiate level.

He has been given the time slot from 10:00-10:45am. Other speakers throughout the program's events will include Blue Ash City Officials.

Kyle Neumann (Senior) just accepted a full time offer with *Banc of America Securities*, as an analyst. He will be located in Charlotte, NC in August of 2004.

Kyle Bertke (Junior) was instrumental in co-founding a new student organization with several friends, the University of Cincinnati Homebrewer's Guild, a group dedicated to learning about the brewing process and sharing that knowledge with others while fostering an appreciation for craft-beer.

Justin Shafer & Ben Hines (Juniors) are running for President & VP of the Student Body. Elections are in April!

Jenine Shafie (Junior) was elected President of Student Alumni Council for the upcoming year.

Congratulations & Good Luck to all our Lindner Honors-PLUS students. You continue to exemplify what our program is all about!

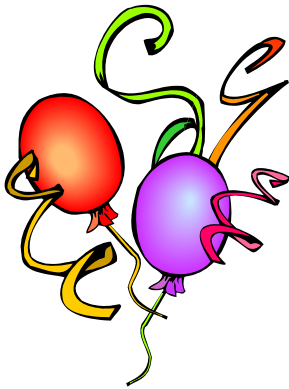
Alumni Corner

Clarissa Kin, class of 2004, (graduated early, in fall of '03) got engaged on March 4, 2004, to Brent Niese. The wedding date has been set for January 8, 2005. Congratulations Clarissa!

Raqule Whited, class of 2002, took her CPA exam last November. Results were posted this past February, and Raqule passed it the first time! Congratulation Raqule!

Mindy Giehls & Dave Ross, class of '02, have set the date for their wedding. October 9, 2004. You can visit their website for details. Congratulations! www.glenngulia.com

April Birthdays



Sarah Green	April 1
Todd Barnes	April 6
Brent Cengia	April 9
Phil DiCiero	April 11
Abby Hunter	April 12
Clarissa Kin	April 12
Tim Metzner	April 12
Chris Frericks	April 13
Erica Drinnen	April 13
Matt Lashway	April 18
Adhruca Apana	April 22
CARL H. LINDNER	April 22
Kyle Bertke	April 30

