Alumni Hall
Home of the Dawgs

Top Dawg Job Description:

• Live in residence in an undergraduate hall with 240 students, working as a mentor and advisor to undergraduate students of all grades (freshmen to seniors).

• Coordinate with Father George in the general administration of the dorm, including budgeting, maintenance, scheduling, ensuring university compliance, and the development and enforcement of dorm standards of conduct.

• Plan and organize academic and social activities for the hall community, including post-graduation informational panels, multiple dances, and Wake Week, etc.

• Assist in resident disciplinary meetings and hearings.

• Collaborate with six resident assistants, a fellow assistant rector, and Father George to develop, maintain, and ensure a supportive residential community for student development.

Unparalleled Excellence: Alumni's Chapel, dedicated to St. Charles Borromeo
About Alumni:

Constructed in 1931, Alumni Hall was named in honor of the graduates of Notre Dame. The administration originally planned that the hall would serve as housing for Notre Dame Alumni returning to visit the campus. Although the administration made one of their best decisions to date by constructing Alumni Hall, they regrettably constructed the unfortunate neighboring structure known as Dillon Hall, Alumni’s rival dorm.

The men of Alumni are very proud of the hall’s beautiful chapel, which is dedicated to St. Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of Fr. Charles O’Donnell, CSC, who was the University’s president at the time Alumni was built. Alumni Hall was also the first dorm on campus to have an electric elevator, which was constructed with the building in 1931 and is still lovingly used by Dawgs to this day.

Alumni Hall stands on South Quad at the end of Notre Dame Avenue on the edge of Main Circle. Due to its ideal location, and the fact that the statue of Our Lady atop the Dome fondly looks upon Alumni Hall, the residents of Alumni logically concluded that their dorm is located at the Center of the Universe.

Numerous stone carvings adorn Alumni’s exterior, such as gargoyles, Saint Thomas Aquinas, legendary football coach Knute Rockne (his open hand always welcoming of a refreshing beverage), and Clashmore Mike, an Irish Terrier which was the mascot of Notre Dame’s football team of the 1930s, and the inspiration for Alumni Hall’s mascot, the Dawgs. Alumni residents proudly refer to themselves as Dawgs, and frequently call Alumni Hall the Dawghouse. Additionally, Alumni Hall is the only Notre Dame dorm to use Greek letters, ΔΩΓ (Delta-Omega-Gamma), which spells out the dorm’s mascot “Dog.”

The Big Dawg: Father George Rozum, CSC

Fr. George Rozum, CSC, became rector of Alumni Hall in 1978 and still proudly heads the Dawghouse 34 years later, making him the longest serving rector in the history of the University. Fr. George generates great respect from the men of Alumni, and images of him often appear on dorm-made shirts and other keepsakes.

Fr. George was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 1968. Before becoming rector of Alumni Hall, Fr. George received a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in Theology from Holy Cross College of Washington, D.C., an M.S.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and a National Certificate for Teaching the Deaf from the University of Texas at Austin. He also served as chaplain to the Texas State School for the Deaf, and an associate pastor at St. Ignatius Parish in Austin, Texas.

Fr. George says mass at the Chapel several times during the week and at many Sunday services as well. He always makes time for students, advising or guiding them in difficult times. Fr. George also takes great interest in dorm traditions and sports, frequently appearing at Dawg Hockey or Football games, where the men of Alumni greet him by chanting “F-G-R.”

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