Shea House Newsletter – March 2017

International Dinner

The second international dinner of the year, featuring a Middle Eastern-themed meal, took place this month, attracting over 50 language house residents. The purpose of these international dinners is to get people from different language departments to interact with each other. Thanks to all who came out!

Semester Events

As the weather gets warmer and the days become slower, the different language departments that comprise Shea hold a semester event meant to educate and entertain. This month, the Korean department held a presentation on the history behind the democratization of Korea. Attendees later had the opportunity to learn the Korean alphabet and practice writing their names over Korean fried chicken and karaoke.

A Visitor’s First Impression of Shea

While it is a dormitory, Shea House isn’t solely occupied by residents. Professors hold lectures in the Shea classroom, and residents invite friends to the Shea dining hall from time to time. Non-Shea resident Alyssa Nessel had a lot of great things to say about her dining experience at Shea. “I thought [the dining hall] had a really personable atmosphere... you could actually meet the chef.” Japanese instrumental music had been playing during Alyssa’s visit. “It was like a theme park...kind of like Fantasy Land. I felt like I could escape Grounds for a second.” When asked about the food, she said, “It was so good. I felt like it was catered more to a certain group instead of being generic...there was more thought put into its preparation. The couscous and lasagna, in particular, were amazing.”

What’s Next?

More semester events will occur in April. In addition, the deadline for the Shea House Photo Contest has been extended. The theme is “Shea-nanigans” – please submit any photos you’ve taken in Shea to Josh (jms7dx@virginia.edu). The winner will receive Shea House t-shirts for their entire floor.