RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 2/7/22
Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:11 PM
Emily: Welcome back everybody, we’re going to get started!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:11 PM
Emily: Today’s mystery activity is Speed Date an E-Board position! You get to come up to ask us about what we do and just get to know us better!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:19 PM
Saskia: Hi everyone! So when I call your hall, if you can give me the number of people representing your hall, how many RHSA shirts you have on, how many NRHH shirts you have on, how many Conference shirts you have on, and a hall report from your hall gov if you have one.

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SENATE 9:22 PM

**Anne:** I know we all miss Chet, so send him positive vibes while I do today’s Senate report. We’re plugging our Instagram, @newpaltzsa, because this month we’ll be promoting content from the Black Student Union and Black Studies department. We also encourage you to follow them on Instagram so you really know what’s going on for Black History Month. That is @blackstudiesnewpaltz for the BSD and @bsu.np for the BSU. Senate meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm, always in SUB 6263. There are still a ton of spots open so please come if you want to join Senate. For NYPIRG, meetings are Wednesdays at 8pm in SUB 402. This Thursday in the MPR at 8pm there will be a Meet the Candidates Forum where we get to talk to prospective New York State Assembly Members running in our district. Now to Jordan with higher ed initiatives.

**Jordan:** Last week Joshua Gonzalez, Executive Vice President of SA, sent out an all-student email about the UCAT survey. Are you guys familiar with UCAT? It’s imperative we get as much feedback as possible if we want to see any services with UCAT or a different bus company all together, because I will be honest there may be some better options than UCAT but it’s all dependent on your feedback. To touch upon Anne’s comment about the Black Studies initiatives, we’ve already started one with a black film series. Jaden, if you want to talk a bit about that.

**Jaden:** Every Wednesday, we’ll be showing a film. Feel free to come, we’re going to start with refreshments at 6:45pm and then the movie starts at 7pm. We'll do a short discussion after the film. The more the merrier and we’d love to see you there.

**Jordan:** The last thing Anne mentioned was Higher Education Advocacy Week. It’s a joint meeting with CUNY, SUNY, and any legislative you could think of on the state level. If you guys want to join that meeting, I’m going to send that Zoom link to Emily and RHSA so she can send it in an email blast. That meeting is going to be joint with the university student Senate and others. That meeting is going to be starting Wednesday through Friday of next week, February 14th through 16th from 9am to 4pm. That’s a lot of time. Myself as well as other SUNY SA representatives are going to be speaking about things we want to see changed in the SUNY system, which includes possibly doubling the Pell Grant, or possibly getting student loans canceled- I’m really fighting for that one. That includes anything under that sun that deals with SUNY or CUNY. Lastly, if you guys choose to join the meeting and think of anything you would like to say during that meeting, without a doubt you cannot speak because if you speak up the SUNY Board of Trustees will disregard you. I’m your representative because I’m SA President, so if you guys have anything just message me within those times or while in the meeting. Also, they really stress that you should wear business attire. I know here at SUNY New Paltz business attire is not something we try to push because we know that it can be a barrier at times, so if you don’t have business attire I’m perfectly okay with it and I’ll defend you.

NRHH 9:26 PM
Eric: Today I’m going to be taking emails for anybody interested in joining NRHH. We have our first meeting this week so by next week we’ll have more information about what’s going on for the rest of the semester.

OLD BUSINESS 9:26 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Bliss
Second: Gage

Secretary
Saskia: The riddle in last week’s minutes was “What is the one committee that is only held in the spring semester?” The answer to that is Yearbook Committee! I put that as the riddle because you guys should join Yearbook Committee and help out our Historian Allison with creating the yearbook for the end of this year. Come to any committees if you’re interested in the things we talk about there, and look out for the riddle in this week’s minutes to earn GFPs!

President
Emily: There is going to be no AC meeting February 21st because there are going to be no classes. We’ll remind y’all next week.

Motion to Close Old Business: Mohonk
Second: Lenape

NEW BUSINESS 9:27 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Scudder
Second: Ridgeview

Diversity Event Ideas
Allison: We’re holding a diversity event this semester. It’s an event RHSA typically holds every year so we’re happy to get back into that. We still haven’t made concrete plans so we’re really open to any questions, suggestions, or ideas you may have and any organizations you may be involved in if they have ideas and would like to collaborate with us. We’re looking for these ideas before this Friday because that’s when we’re going to start to make more concrete plans, so if you have any ideas or organizations feel free to talk to us or email us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu before this Friday.

Dorsky Buzz
Saskia: We’re very excited that our first Buzz event of the semester is going to be Night at the Dorsky Museum. That is going to be Friday, February 18th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the Dorsky Museum. If you guys haven’t had a chance to go there yet, this will be a great opportunity to explore the museum we have on campus. Once again, it’s going to be Night at the Museum themed and we are going to be dressing up as characters from the movie so that’s a reason to come and get excited about how cute we look. All the details will be in the minutes and the email blast, so come by!
Emily: You can also dress up too if you want to come dressed as your favorite character!

SLC
Emily: If you’re interested in learning more leadership skills and experience and want to get to know more about other RHSA's in our region, you should apply for the Spring Leadership Conference! Just email us saying you’re interested at rhsa@newpaltz.edu by this Wednesday, February 9th! It’s going to be rock show themed, which is very exciting.

Coffee House
Parker: Coffee House will be Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. There will be performances, a blind date with a book section, as well as various treats and goodies for refreshments. If you’re interested in performing please see me after the meeting to sign up!

Enrollment Concerns
Allison: Every month we meet with President Christian and Vice Presidents and relay concerns you guys have brought to us in our meetings and emails. That’s one of the major ways we communicate with administration. This past meeting we had specifically focused on enrollment management, which is kind of a vague term but involves things like the current student enrollment stats, who goes here, number of students satisfied with services like advising, stuff like that. The reason we bring this up to you is because we can hear if you have any questions, comments, or concerns on this topic specifically so we can relay that back to administration. They’re always looking for feedback on these things because they collect these numbers but then the question is “What do we do with these numbers”, “If students are satisfied with academic advising, how do we improve?”, “What are those concrete problems people have?” So we bring it to you guys because if you have any suggestions or concerns you can relay them to us. You can email us at any time for more information on what enrollment management is. Email us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu and if you need any more information feel free to contact us.

10 Minute Break | 9:32pm - 9:42

Silly Election!
Emily: We have silly elections tonight, which is just to get people into the process of elections again because we’re going to be doing them to elect the new EBoard for next year. Tonight, you will be electing the best Spider-Man! We have 3 candidates, so we’ll have them introduce themselves to you.
Parker: Has anyone not seen the newest Spider-Man movie and care about being spoiled for it? Okay, there will not be spoilers. I’m Peter 1, I am Tobey Maguire’s Spider-Man.
Allison: I’m Peter 2, I’m Andrew Garfield’s Spider-Man.
Madison: And I’m Peter 3, I am Tom Holland’s Spider-Man.

Emily: Just to go over the election process again, there is no technology to be used in the room while elections are going on other than Saskia and I to keep time and write the minutes. We’re going to have 5 minutes to come up with expectations for our candidates. Then we’re going to go into 3 minutes speeches from each of the candidates, followed by a 5 minute question and answer period that’s extendable up to 3 times. After each candidate goes through this process,
there will be a 5 minute discussion period that’s also extendable up to 3 times. Then we’ll vote by eyes closed, hands raised! Any questions before we get started? I’m going to ask our Peters to leave and I’ll call them back up after expectations. We’re going to go into 5 minutes of expectations with the first placard raised.

Expectations:
- Handle their great power with great responsibility
- Good quips and jokes at the right time
- Selfless
- Overcome a lot
- Act their age
- Be nerdy in a charming way
- Good eyesight
- Not take the spider bite seriously at first
- Intelligent
- Friendly neighborhood Spider-Man
- Have common sense
- Have spidey senses
- Responsible
- Accurately portray Stan Lee’s vision of Spider-Man

Motion to Close Expectations: Gage  
Second: Esopus  

Candidate 1:  
Hello everyone I am Peter 1 and today I am running to be the best Spider-Man. The reason I am the best Spider-Man is you cannot beat the classics. I set the franchise up for what it is today with my work in Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2, and Spider-Man 3. My movies are absolute classics and full of peak memes and quotes that are not seen in the future movies, in my humble opinion. There is no Spider-Man line as iconic as “pizza time!” and Spider-Man 3 is a cinematic masterpiece. My dance in that movie has never been seen in any other format, and is still talked about to this day. I would make the best Spider-Man because of the lessons I have learned over the years and the trials and tribulations I have faced as the first of my kind in the big screen Spider-Man franchise. Like my Uncle Ben said, with great power comes great responsibility. Now I am ready for the great responsibility of being the best Spider-Man. With that, I hope you will remember my charisma when voting, and I yield to questions.

Question & Answer:
  Will you call the admissions department for the college if you have any questions about your decision to go to college?  
Parker: If I felt that I needed to speak with either an admissions counselor or admissions assistant, I would call the office of admissions if I needed to fight for my case.  
If you had to choose between MJ’s safety and the city’s safety, which would you choose?  
Parker: I think I would have to choose the city?
Emily: Any other questions for Peter 1? This is the best Spider-Man so you need to make sure you ask all the best questions to understand this Spider-Man the most.

What has been your proudest moment so far?
Parker: My proudest moment would have to be my ability to overcome challenges such as, for those of you who have seen Spider-Man 3, dealing with Venom. That was a big challenge that I had to overcome and I am proud because that was a very difficult and brutal task.

What is one of your biggest regrets as Spider-Man?
Parker: Technically I was just in Spider-gear, but not being able to save my Uncle Ben is a big regret.

Are you still salty about being fired from your pizza delivery job?
Parker: Yeah, a little bit. But I think it’s a learning moment and learning moments are important for the job. It’s just another hill I had to overcome to be an even better Spider-Man today.

I feel like becoming Spider-Man could inflate one’s ego. How would you combat that?
Parker: I am very lucky to have MJ in my life because she humbles me when the situation arises. Not that it arises often, but she is there to keep me in check. I also take all the experiences I’ve gone through and use them to shape who I am, the losses as well as the wins. The losses really help keep the ego from getting too inflated.

I understand you’ve fought many villains in the past. Do you view those enemies as villains or as individuals?
Parker: They’re definitely individuals, just misguided or maybe turned in a way they didn’t intend. Like in the case of Doc Oc, he did not intend his robot arms to turn him evil but it is what happened. I do believe everyone is capable of redemption and there is a second chance.

In the case that you do capture a villain, what do you want to happen to them?
Parker: I believe in redemption through and through. So if there is a way to rehabilitate them, remove them from their villainous ways, that would be the ultimate end goal.

Does your back still hurt?
Parker: Yeah, it really does.

Motion to End Question & Answer with Additions: Scudder
Second: Gage

Emily: Since they moved with additions, does anyone have any last minute questions they want to ask Peter 1? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Candidate 2:
Hi, my name is Peter 2 and I am running to be the RHSA’s elected best Spider-Man. I have served as New York’s friendly neighborhood Spider-Man since I was a teenager, and I have learned a lot in that time and think I am ready to take on being RHSA’s elected best Spider-Man. I have defeated many villains in my time, including Electro and Dr. Connors. In addition, I had to make the tough choice to take down my childhood best friend Harry Osbourne and I think that this shows I am able to make tough decisions if they’re the best for everyone. While I admit it may have taken me some time to come into my role as Spider-Man, the growth I have experienced in that time is immeasurable. At first, I didn’t think I was fit to be the protector of New York, but being in the role has shown me how important protecting the people around me is. Growth and development are things that are very important to me, and I think those are things I can continue to do as RHSA’s best Spider-Man. While I may have only gotten two films of my
own, I see this lack of experience as a way to look to the future and prepare myself for opportunities to come. I’m a work in progress, like so many student leaders are, and I think opportunities like this are important in order to grow as leaders. I’ve faced countless foes but nothing is more important to me than RHSA’s pillars, programming and advocacy. Lastly, as an added bonus, I’m the best at cracking backs so you can count on me with that. I’m honored to serve as Spider-Man now, and I would be even more honored to be voted best Spider-Man. Thank you for your time and I yield to questions.

Question & Answer:

To get the elephant out of the room, what did you learn when your girlfriend [redacted]? 

Allison: While what happened was incredibly devastating to me, I think the most important thing I learned was that everyone fails and nobody can be perfect. I think that’s an incredibly important thing to learn as a leader of anything- a student leader, a leader in general. You’re still a human being at the end of the day and human beings are not perfect. We don’t do things perfectly. It was a devastating loss but I take it with me. I take what I’ve learned: that I need to be kind to myself, and that things aren’t always going to work out perfectly but it’s more important to bring yourself back up and continue forward.

One of the first things you did with your new spider abilities was get back at your bully. Do you still believe in revenge?

Allison: Absolutely not. I think one of the most important things about growth is seeing where we started and where we ended. I’m a completely different person than I was then. I had gotten these new powers and was ready to show off, but in my time as Spider-Man I’ve learned a lot about how revenge simply serves nobody and continues a vicious cycle. I think I’ve shown in my time as Spider-Man that I’ve learned my lesson and I hope that what I’ve learned shows as I continue to be Spider-Man.

Being Spider-Man, I feel like that could inflate one’s ego. How would you catch yourself and combat that? 

Allison: Going back to when we talked about losing my girlfriend Gwen Stacey, it’s an important thing to remember you’re not perfect. At the end of the day, I’m Peter Parker. I’m not Spider-Man, I’m not the superhero when I take off that mask. I’m still a person who does everyday things like go to work and pay rent, which keeps you humble. I think it helps me in being Spider-Man to remember that I’m Peter Parker behind the mask.

What is one thing you regret or would have done differently as Spider-Man?

Allison: The one thing I would have done differently is to not involve Gwen Stacy in my Spider-Man business. I think it’s incredibly important to keep professional and personal matters separate. Once you start to interchange the two it can become a bit of a mess. I keep honing in on how being a person and being a superhero are different things. I learned a lot from that in what it means to be a person and what it means to be a superhero. They’re two identities I have but two identities that shouldn’t mix.

What is your idea of justice?

Allison: My idea of justice is to take those who have done wrong, hurt others in ways that cannot be measured, and bring them punishment. That’s a tricky question. I think it’s something I’m still learning about as a superhero because my idea of justice might not be somebody else’s idea of justice. I think it’s an ever evolving definition.

Do you regret forgetting Electro’s name?
**Allison:** Yes, because he got brought into the life of a villain which isn’t ideal for anyone. I wish I would have remembered his name and it’s not an excuse to say I was young but it is something I did in my past, I want to recognize what I did, and it’s something I take with me. It’s a regret and I can’t take back what I did, but I hope to learn from it.

Motion to End Question & Answer without Additions: Lenape  
Second: Esopus

**Candidate 3:**  
Hi everyone, my name is Peter 3 and I am running for the position as the best Spider-Man. This position typically entails representing the wonderful borough of Queens, fighting the occasional alien war, and general neighborhood protection. The reason I believe I am qualified for this particular position is that I have gone above and beyond my neighborhood. In 2019, me and Mr. Stark went to space! Although I did not choose this job, I believe the radioactive spider saw great potential in me and I am extremely committed to being the best Spider-Man I can be. There is a steep learning curve and I have lost a lot along the way, but someone very smart once told me that with great power comes great responsibility. I have learned so much along the way. The two great Spidermen before me have only inspired and helped me, and I love them for that. I hope, with your help, to be the best friendly neighborhood Spider-Man I can be. Thank you.

Motion to Open Question & Answer: Esopus  
Second: Bliss

**Question & Answer:**

[Question stricken for spoilers]

**Emily:** Point of Personal Privilege. We’re talking about a lot of spoilers right now and I want to make sure everyone in the room is comfortable with what is being said. I know not everyone has seen the movie, so if we can avoid spoiler questions from now on I would really appreciate it.

What do you think justice is?

**Madison:** Justice is making sure everyone gets a just consequence for their actions. I think good things and good actions should be met with a good fate and support, and I think people who commit bad acts should be held accountable. I’ve tried to team myself up with people who reflect that same sense of justice I do. I think the people I’ve worked with in the past have exemplified that. We’re all about justice here.

As you mentioned in your speech, you’ve been to space, yet you claim to be a friendly neighborhood Spider-Man. How do I know you actually care about my neighborhood?

**Madison:** As a friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, I have to protect the world that neighborhood exists in. We don’t exist in a vacuum. Although I really enjoy the smaller aspects of being Spider-Man, like saving the bodega cat, you do need sometimes to focus on the larger scale. When there are aliens bearing down on you, sometimes you need to go outside of Queens.

What do you believe should happen to villains who are not killed?

**Madison:** I know the Raft has been used in the past to keep very dangerous villains away from society and isolate them, but I do believe there is more we could be doing especially with the
technology we have. I think we should be moving toward such a reformation program if it is possible for that villain.

If you could redo everything that has happened with Mysterio, would you change anything?

Madison: I think as a person and as a hero I grew a lot from the experiences with Mysterio. Of course I want to minimize any potential casualties or anything that was bad for my friendly neighborhood, but I think I did learn a lot from it. Because I can’t redo it, I think it was a good learning experience. Going forward I wouldn’t be so quick to trust but still open to working with people.

Motion to extend Question & Answer: Esopus
Second: Mohonk

Do you think working as part of a team and how that sets you apart from the other Spidermen has made you a better hero or has made you less independent.

Madison: There’s a lot to be said about working alone and I would never judge any of the other Spidermen for making the decision to work alone because they’ve done such great things. But I do think working with a team has given me the opportunity to have more abilities on my side and a group of people who are like minded. It’s easier to get things done when you have a large group of people working toward the same goal so I definitely enjoy working in that group setting. I think it does set me apart, not necessarily in a good or bad way, but there are definitely pros to working with all the people I have.

How do you feel about the line between being Peter and being Spider-Man? How clear do you think that boundary should be, or do you think they should be more blended?

Madison: I think the boundary between being Peter and being Spider-Man is sometimes a good thing and sometimes a bad thing. I think the biggest time there is not a line is when morals are taken into question. I don’t think it should be black and white because I believe as Peter, my morals should be brought into being Spider-Man in treating everybody justly. But I do think the line should be drawn when it comes to the greater good. Being a hero sometimes you can’t be both at the same time.

Motion to end Question & Answer with Additions: Scudder
Second: Lenape

Discussion:

Emily: I’m going to reiterate that it’s not why you think one person is better, but why you think they are the best Spider-Man. You’re not really comparing them, but saying their best aspects. If you want someone to be the best Spider-Man, you’re going to have to root for them.

● Peter 1 is one of the few who honed in on his losses and what he’s overcome in terms of Uncle Ben. He also made some of the best quips out of the three during this which really encapsulates a side of Spider-Man which the others seemed to overlook. That sense of humor and friendly neighborhood aspect are definitely there.

● Peter 1 had the most well thought out and sophisticated answer to the question about justice and villains. I think that shows his responsibility to his position.
● Peter 2 discussed how he’s still learning so he acknowledges how he has gone through great growth and still has more to go.
● It was interesting how Peter 2 reiterated the separation between Peter Parker and Spider-Man. When it comes to morals, there are some decisions where personally as Peter Parker he may want to do one thing but they should make that decision for the greater good, which Spider-Man should be doing, not just for themselves. We think that was a good thing.
● We liked how Peter 1, when asked whether to save MJ or the city, didn’t just immediately say the city. He actually considered the weighing of that concept and eventually chose the city. He took it seriously.
● For us that was a negative point because in a life or death situation, decisions need to be made. He had to think about it for a good amount of time. When saving the city versus one person, we don’t think he should have thought that hard.

Motion to End Discussion: Lenape
Second: Esopus

Votes:
Peter 1 | 5 votes
Peter 2 | 4 votes
Peter 3 | 2 votes
No confidence | 0 votes
Abstain | 0 votes

Emily: We did not reach quorum. It was 2 votes too close so we’re going to go into another round of discussion. We’re not going to vote for Peter 3, who had the least votes.

Scudder: How much do they have to win by?
Emily: It’s off by one vote currently. One has to be at least 2 or 3 votes more than the other.

Discussion:
● On Peter 1 and it being a bad thing that Peter hesitated when asked between MJ and the city, if anything that is a very accurate portrayal of the character. Like Peter 2 said, he’s still Peter Parker and he’s still human. The fact that he cares about his loved ones as well as the city but knows deep down he needs to save the city resonates that with great power comes great responsibility and you need to take that into account despite what you might want in life.
● Comparing their speeches, Peter 1 is the one who mentioned the quote about great power and great responsibility and Peter 2 did not. How are we supposed to know if he can handle his great power with any sort of great responsibility?
● Peter 1 did get an ego and let it get to his head. Who’s to say that’s not going to happen again?
● In response to that, he was under the influence of the Venom symbiote which really affected his mind, so we would like to excuse it because the alien possessed him and we don’t know how much anyone could resist that.
● Again on that point, as soon as the symbiote left him he tried to make up for everything he did wrong.
● Peter 2, I think we’re forgetting that he lost the love of his life. With that comes a great amount of trauma, but from the way he spoke about it in his speech it seems like he’s maturing and out of all of them the most responsible. He recognizes the loss and struggle of it, and wouldn’t want anyone else to go through what he went through.
● Peter 2 is funnier than Peter 1. Good jokes were listed in our expectations.
● We would like to disagree. Peter 1 was the only one to reference jokes made in the movie. He said “Pizza time”.
● The screaming meme of Peter 1 is burned into everyone’s minds. It’s hard to recall anything about Peter 2 being funny.
● How many memes can you think of for Peter 1 versus how many for Peter 2?
● In terms of watchability, Peter 2 is easier to watch because he is more attractive so it makes one like him more.
● Age wise, Peter 2 fits it better.

**Emily:** Let’s base all of this off their speeches and what they said during the Q & A. Any other discussion points? *How many total RHSA EBoard positions are there?*

● Peter 2 recognized his humility really well, and that does fit the mold of being someone who is adolescent and transitioning into early adulthood. Plus he tried to relate to all of us who are in that same part of our life, specifically saying how he is the best Spider-Man for RHSA and working with us. That is really important.

Motion to End Question & Answer without Additions: Lenape
Second: Esopus

**Voting:**
Peter 1 | 4 votes
Peter 2 | 7 votes
No confidence | 0 votes
Abstain | 0 votes

**Emily:** Congratulations Peter 2 for being the best Spider-Man!

Motion to Open Nominations: Gage
Second: Scudder

**Emily:** Like last time, we’re going to go through the list of nominees who have tabled. Ryan Jones from Mohonk was nominated for NCC. Do you accept, table, or decline?

**Emily:** They are not present, so they table.

**Emily:** Sion from Ridgeview was nominated for Vice President. Do you accept, table, or decline?

**Sion:** I table.

**Emily:** Sophia from Bliss was nominated for Secretary. Do you accept, table, or decline?
Sophia: I decline.

Emily: Abby from Lenape was nominated for PR. Do you accept, table, or decline?
Abby: I accept.

Emily: Do we have any new nominations?

Scudder: We nominate Sophia from Bliss for CCC.
Lenape: Second
Sophia: I accept.

Esopus: Point of Information. What does CCC stand for?

Emily: Campus Communication Coordinator.

Allison: I know we don’t currently have a CCC, so if you or anyone else has any question about the position I’m doing some of the responsibilities from that I can answer those questions.
Parker: And if anyone is interested in Treasurer, talk to me.

Emily: Are there any other nominations tonight?

Gage: Point of Information. I recently found out about “So move” instead of saying “Second”. Do we do that here? Chet taught me that.

Emily: I’ve never heard of that. I’ll look into it. I know we have “Move to Groove” when we take a short break. I think we’ll start doing that for the break before elections.

Any other nominations? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Motion to Table Nominations: Gage
Second: Esopus

Emily: President materials are due tonight. However, no one is running or has been nominated so we’re taking back the requirement that you have to serve on the EBoard for a year to run. You do not have to be on the EBoard for a year to run for President anymore and therefore can be nominated and run for the position. We’re going to push those elections back a bit further just so we can get through the rest since we already set up the schedule. If you’re interested in President, let me know and I’ll give you more info.

NCC nominations and materials are due next week. Just a reminder that the materials are to be printed and they include 1 candidate form, 1 unofficial transcript and 15 copies of both the candidate application and your resume/co curricular transcript. That’s all on our website, so if you go to hawksites.newpaltz.edu/rhsa. You can also search “SUNY New Paltz RHSA” and look under resources to find out election information there. Any questions, comments, or concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Motion to Close New Business: Lenape
Second: Esopus

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:32 PM
- Dorksy Buzz | Friday, February 18th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Dorsky Museum
- Coffee House | Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:30pm - 8:00pm | SUB 100N
HALL CONCERNS 10:32 PM
Emily: If there’s something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs, SRA, and RD about and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:33 PM
Emily: If you have general concerns for things going on campus-wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu.

Scudder: Are we allowed to talk about a professor?
Emily: Are there any trigger warnings? If not, let’s talk about it.

Scudder: There is a specific math teacher who consistently goes over the class time. She asks if we can stay but multiple people have to leave. It’s a class where it’s known for people to fail and it’s a difficult class so people need the information, and she doesn’t give that information until the end.

Emily: Do you know if anyone has tried to email the dean or head of the department? If that doesn’t work email us the professor’s name and department and we’ll try to ensure they don’t do that because that time is set for a reason and withholding information just to keep class longer is not okay. Thank you for bringing that up.

Esopus: I was wondering about the plumbing work they’ve been doing on all the halls. Ever since they fixed the water line to Gage, I’ve been hearing about sewer gas coming up in some of the buildings.

Emily: Do you know which buildings specifically?

Esopus: In ours it’s been a big problem. I think it was Scudder as well.

Emily: In the halls or just outside?

Esopus: For Scudder it was outside, for us it was inside. And at the bottom floor of Perry’s too.

Emily: I’ll double check on that because I’ve been to Perry’s and it’s not a pleasant smell.

Scudder: I don’t know if we can change how often trash pickup time is, but it’s become a consistent issue that trash piles up so much that people have to put it outside of the garbage. Today I came in and there was trash in front of the road.

Emily: You’re saying people have to put it outside of the dumpsters?

Scudder: Yes, it gets stacked so high people have to set garbage next to it.

Emily: And you said that’s also a problem in Esopus.

Esopus: I’ve only seen that in the trash room, I’ve never been to the dumpsters outside. I don’t think it’s as bad but we do have that problem.

Gage: I noticed it with Gage too yesterday, even though the Zero Waste Room was open. But people could be better too.

Emily: I’ll definitely check in on that because I know that’s a problem with Mohonk as well.

Any other student concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Reminder that February 28th we’re going to be hearing all concerns but focusing more accessibility concerns, so if you want to talk to your hall gov members to collect accessibility concerns so we can hear those here please do. Then March 7th will be food concerns.
OPEN FLOOR 10:37 PM

Emily: If you have a program, meeting, or any other announcement that you would like to share with the Associate Council, now is your time to share! Are there any open floors?

Parker: If you’re going to be living on campus next year, you want to be a student leader, and you like the way that during my speech I made all the negatives into positives and want to learn how to do that yourself, come be a student ambassador! I can give you the Instagram and information to apply. I will also personally be reading your application, which is fun.

Lenape: Next week we’re going to have our first general interest meeting for CREW. I can also give you the information. It’s really fun! You get experience as a student ambassador. It’s a great way to become a student ambassador and you’ll have a lot of fun on our Open House days!

Emily: CREW is so much fun! I used to be the biggest cheerleader in the parking lot.

Gage: The Black Student Union is having yoga this week. Come if you’re interested! More information can be found on the Instagram, @bsu.np.

Emily: I have an open floor. If y’all are interested in learning more about the university’s presidential candidates, there are going to be Student Open Forums from 4:15pm - 5:15pm on the following dates: Monday, February 14th, Thursday, February 17th, Tuesday February 22nd, Thursday February 24th, and Monday, February 28th. If you’re interested you should definitely go because we’re deciding our new president of the college, which is a very big deal.


PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:39 PM

Allison: Molly has been rejuvenated for the new semester. We’ve given her these Mickey rainbow ears. She’s a Pride Moose.

Emily: We’re going to give her to Gage this week! PASS THE MOOSE!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:40 PM

Madison: “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams” - Haikyuu!!

ADJOURNMENT 10:40 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Scudder
Second: Ridgeview

Next meeting will be in SUB409!
Some say that Andrew Garfield was the best Spider Man.

Some say it's Tom Holland.

But deep down we all know that it's...