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Welcome to Wood House!

Hi everyone! My name is Patty Smith and I will be your House Fellow for the 2009-2010 school year! I'm very excited to be working and living with you all on the eleventh floor of Chadbourne. Yes, we may be living in the penthouse, but don't worry, living on the top floor gives us all a very valid excuse to take the elevator! Whether this is your first year at UW Madison, or you are returning for another year, I'm sure you're all pumped (and maybe a bit nervous/excited) to be coming to school. I know I'm looking forward to a fun, challenging, and rewarding year here at the UW, and I'm sure you are too!

I'd like to start off by telling you a bit about myself! I'm a twenty year old junior at the UW, and I'm majoring in English with a Certificate in Classical Studies. So, if you ever need me to look over a paper or want to know a thing or two about classical mythology, my door is always open! I grew up in Sun Prairie, WI, which is right outside of Madison, and I always wanted to be a Badger! I am an avid Badger fan and love to watch all the games—especially football and basketball. I absolutely love watching movies and I can't stand missing my favorite TV shows—*Lost* anyone? I'm a huge bookworm and my guilty pleasure is definitely reading the *Twilight* series. I guess you could say that I am, overall, an entertainment junkie!

My first two years at Madison have been a blast, and that is largely due to the great atmosphere here on campus. Nothing beats a Super Saturday (Football game day!), laying out on Bascom Hill on a nice day, or hanging out on State Street. Lucky for you, Chadbourne is located at the heart of campus, and State Street, the Memorial Union, and many of the big campus buildings are literally a block away! Chadbourne Residential College has so many opportunities for everyone, and I'm sure all of you will find something that you're interested in. In addition to numerous courses held IN the Chadbourne building, there are many trips you'll have the opportunity to take, such as skiing trips or trips to museums or plays. Chadbourne also hosts many famous speakers—that is something I know I will be interested in! I would also like to incorporate different activities on our floor, such as movie nights, study tables, and so much more. I'll definitely be looking to all of you for your interests and what you would like Wood House to be. It will, after all, be your home away from home this year!

Your first few weeks here will be filled with tons of fun “Welcome Week” activities, but when that whirlwind dies down, it will be up to you to make the best of your time here. I encourage you to explore the Wisconsin website and see if there is anything you'd be interested in. Getting involved is an instant way to meet new people and to hone your interests! I found that getting involved and joining clubs helped develop my time-management skills, and all the while I was making friends and having fun! On that note, I would just like to say that I am so excited for a fun and crazy year with you all, and my goal is to make you feel safe, comfortable, and adjusted here at UW Madison.

I hope the rest of your summer is wonderful, and I can't wait to meet all of you! Get ready for a great year here at UW Madison, and go Badgers!

Patty Smith