

15 July, 2014

Dear Siegfried Rambler,

Welcome to Siegfried Hall and to Notre Dame! My assistant rectors, Joseph Connor, Dan Carey and our staff of six senior resident assistants join me in extending a warm welcome.

Siegfried Hall is a community of 240 undergraduate men from all classes and over 70 of you will be first-year students. Notre Dame is justly proud of its 29 residential campus hall communities and you will be a member of the best! Siegfried Hall opened in 1988. Centrally located to the library, dining hall, classroom buildings, parking, athletic and the intermural recreational facilities, we enjoy a home that is clean and cared for and well-equipped (chapel, laundry, study, weight and recreation rooms). Each double room will accommodate a 12'x14' carpet. The twin beds can be quickly and easily bunked.

Freshmen are not permitted to build lofts in Siegfried in the first semester. Wired-internet and WiFi access, and cable television are provided to each room. Bring bed sheets, pillows, blankets, and reading and/or desk lamps. Your mattress is 80" long. I suggest you use a fitted bottom sheet and mattress pad. We are proud of our home and expect that you will come to share our pride. Nicknamed the "Ramblers," our intermural teams take the name from "Rockne's Ramblers," what Notre Dame teams were called before they became the "Fighting Irish." Check out our hall web site at:

www.nd.edu/~sieghall/index.html

Siegfried Hall is known for many things but among them are our competitive and spirited inter-hall athletic squads. Since 1998 our Rambler teams have claimed 35 Interhall titles in football (4), basketball (4), baseball (5), bowling (4), cross country (4), racquetball (3), soccer (3), softball (2), golf (2) and ice hockey, lacrosse, volleyball and table tennis. And five times (2008, 09, 10, 11, 13) we have earned the coveted All Sports' Trophy. We are proud to field such competitive teams. Siegfried is the "Hall of Champions" and we invite you to participate either as a player or a fan not only in the intermural sports program but the many other academic, cultural and volunteer service activities that you will discover we are involved in.

When you arrive on campus you will be welcomed by members of our freshman orientation committee. We will be ready to meet you and move your belongings to your room on the day you are scheduled to arrive. I look forward to meeting you. As part of the hall registration procedure, you'll be asked to complete an emergency information card containing, among other things, home, work and cell telephone numbers of your parents and others you wish to have notified in the event of an emergency. **Bring these phone numbers with you.**

May I ask a favor. Each year I assemble a picture book for use by hall staff. **Please send me a recent photograph of yourself. A wallet-size graduation picture works great. Be sure to write your name on the back of the photo, use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, attach a first-class 49 cent stamp and drop in the mail today. Thank you.**

Enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation. Be assured of my prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Notre Dame,

Father John Conley, C.S.C., Rector