



RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

The University of Michigan

To: The RC Student Body & Community

From: Angela D. Dillard, RC Director

I know that many of you have questions and concerns about the upcoming renovation of the East Quad. It's true that we'll need to be out of the building from May, 2012 until August, 2013. We're thinking of this fifteen months period as the RC Odyssey: an academic year and two summers when we'll be At-Large on campus. In the coming weeks, the RC staff and I will be working hard to provide more information. For starters you can join me for a special "fireside chat" on November 29th in Greene Lounge, 5:00-6:00pm. In the meantime, here are some answers to some frequently posed questions.

- *East Goes West?* While no one residence hall on central campus is big enough and bad enough to house RC students, faculty, administrative offices, art studios, music practice spaces and pianos, the West Quad is an ideal location for next year's incoming class and our rising sophomores. In fact, West Quad looks suspiciously like the EQ in many respects. We'll also be moving in some of our administrative functions and several faculty offices, and we've claimed some administrative office space in South Quad, too. The West Quad-South axis will be the heart of our At-Large community.
- *Where's Waldo?* I'm not sure I can assist you in finding Waldo, but I can tell you that there is a good chance that at least one of your RC classes next year will be in the Dennison Building. We're occupying much of the second floor and part of the third. We'll also be utilizing spaces across the campus, from the Burton Tower to the University of Michigan Museum of Art. It won't be the same as rolling out of bed and strolling to class in the EQ, but that's part of the adventure. A full schedule of classes for next year is in the works now.
- *Are you sure this isn't some elaborate strategy to get us out of the building and to destroy the RC?* Yes, I'm sure. This \$116 million project is much needed to improve our physical location and to raise the height of those showerheads! The substantial contributions of the LSA Dean's office to the renovation of our classrooms, studios, and other instructional spaces represents a major recognition of our on-going record of achievement in undergraduate education for the past forty-four years . . .and counting.
- *When's the House Party?* Now you're talking! Some sort of celebration, probably in mid-April, MUST be had to say farewell to the old EQ. I know that many former residents and alums will want to drop by, wax nostalgic, and take a photo or two. I'll keep you posted.