

Students deck the residence halls

Some campus residents use the holidays as an excuse to decorate

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Just because you live on campus doesn't mean there is no way to get in the holiday spirit.

All around the University, holiday lights illuminate windows and shimmering garlands adorn doorways. 'Tis the season for caring, sharing and daring to decorate with holiday flair.

Signs of the holidays can be found on nearly every block of the University campus. Festive lights trim residence halls, lining windows or fanning in creative swirls and designs. White icicle lights dangle from top-floor rooms, creating a sense of winter. Miniature trees, dressed with tiny brilliant lights and thin strands of tinsel appear in windows. Advent calendars hang on walls and doors.

Though many students will leave the University for the three-week holiday vacation, their spirit nonetheless shines through.

"People keep asking us why we did this now, and it's like, we only have like two weeks left [before the break]," said Sarah Petretto, a junior transfer student living in Carson Hall.

Petretto and her neighbor, Courtney Hamilton, bedecked their end of the hall with a shiny red garland above the fire escape door. Petretto also has an Advent calendar tacked to her door, but she said she isn't exactly following the rules of eating its chocolate treasures.

"We don't have enough time to eat them all, so we're eating two at a time," she said, laughing.

Walton Complex is another fes-



A festive snowman adorns the window of Kristin Locke and Nicoal Price's room in the Dymment wing of Walton Complex.

tive place on campus. Many of the windows are lined in small glowing lights that brighten the dreary gray sky.

Nicoal Price and Kristin Locke, both freshmen living in Dymment Hall, went all-out on their decorations. Their large window is covered with white snowflakes and trimmed with lights. Also, a stick-on snowman clings to their window, set alight with a strand of red, white and green bulbs.

"We're just festive," Locke said excitedly.

The greek system is definitely in on the action as well. This year, the Delta Upsilon fraternity is sponsoring Lights for Charity, an event organized to donate money to charity. Nearly all of the greek houses on campus are participating in this first-time event, said Jackson Jeyanayagam, vice president of public relations for Delta Upsilon.

Each participating house pays \$45 to join the contest. They are then allowed to decorate their house as extravagantly as they like. On Dec. 6, a panel of judges will select a winning house, whose residents will receive the pool of money to donate to the charity of their choice.

"It's a great event for a great cause," Jeyanayagam said. "It's a good way to get involved in the holiday spirit."

Members of the houses put up the lights, along with help from their parents, alumni and friends. Jeyanayagam said many members came home from the Thanksgiving break with loads of holiday decorations.

"Christmas season is the best time to do this. Everyone is excited," he said. "And Christmas is the best time to give money to charity because they need it most."

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