Hey, Orson, it’s a little unusual for you to be so philosophical. Maybe so. I do tend to mostly push out messages about how our Wells campus community can be more sustainable. But I am very grateful to all those who have listened and taken action. I give you a lot of grief about your antics, Orson, but I am really glad you are here, helping spread the word about being more sustainable.

4. Express it.
Find that teacher who made a difference in your life, and tell him or her. Write a personal note and tell a long lost friend what she meant to you.

5. Seek it.
If you want to be thankful, get around people with that characteristic. Some people just bubble over with enthusiasm and gratitude for life.

Source: Skip Prichard

To get ready for the Thanksgiving holiday break, Residential Life reminds you do the following:
- Close and lock your window; close your shades.
- Unplug all appliances and electrical devices, including alarm clocks.
- Refrigerators may remain plugged in (but eat or toss food that could go bad over break).
- Empty your trash and recycling containers.
- Remove all perishable food items.
- Turn off all lights and lock your door.

New GOTCHA cards were issued for Block 2. Let us “getcha” doing the right things right! This card is good through December 9th.

As the ‘official’ start of the holiday shopping season, Black Friday, on November 27th, has almost become a holiday in and of itself. With many stores opening as early as 4 pm on Thanksgiving, it’s making the day less about gratitude and more about greed. This year, opt out of the Black Friday madness and try one of these free or inexpensive holiday activities:

- Holiday Movie Marathon — Pop popcorn, set up a hot chocolate bar, and spend the day watching your favorite holiday movie classics. Usher in the season without spending very much.
- Make Holiday Treats — Planning to give homemade treats as gifts? Start now so you don’t have to rush later. Spend the day assembling ingredients, preparing gift packaging and freezing batches of cookie dough. When the time comes, all you have to do is bake.
- Put Up Seasonal Decorations — Decorate with items you already have and get that excited, holiday buzz without spending a dime.
- Discover DIY — There are lots of fun and festive gifts you can make yourself — and there’s nothing that beats the personalized feeling of a handmade gift. Look online for ideas.
- Shop Local — Wait until Small Business Saturday to shop locally owned businesses and support the local economy. For every $100 spent at a local business, $68 stays in the community, vs. just $43 if you shop at a national retailer. And none of your money stays local if you shop on Cyber Monday from online retailers.

THANKS!