

You are listening to Burned Popcorn, an EWU Housing podcast: Episode 2. Today we're talking about chocolate, a place drier than the Sahara, Fall 2020, and the RLC's dream cities. So let's get started.

Hey, everybody. Isai here. Welcome to Burned Popcorn. If this is your first time listening, then thanks for coming. Burned Popcorn is produced every week for your enjoyment and show notes are found at ewu.edu/housing/burnedpopcorn. Come back often and feel free to add the podcast to your favorite RSS feed or iTunes. You can also follow us on Twitter @ewuhousing and Facebook. All links are in the show notes. Now, let's get into the show.

NATIONAL DAY OF...

If you like chocolate and/or fudge, this day is for you. Happy National Nutty Fudge Day! So, I'm not a chocolate person at all so this is a day that I will whole-heartedly skip. I'm more of a sour candy kinda guy. If you're giving away Sour Patch Kids, sour straws/belts, or sour Jelly Bellies, you have my undivided attention.

Anyways, National Nutty Fudge Day is every May 12th. If you're wanting to celebrate regular Fudge Day, you'll have to wait until Tuesday, June 16.

If you don't know, fudge in general, is a Western confection. Typical fudge is made by combining sugar, butter, milk, and melted chocolate at the appropriate

temperature. There are a lot of varieties and flavors of fudge (including non-chocolate versions). Today we are celebrating fudge with nuts. If you have a nut allergy, you probably shouldn't take part in nut consumption.

If you want to celebrate this National Day, here's a suggestion, try your hand at fudge making, by giving Bon Appetite's [Chocolate-Almond Fridge Fudge](#) a try. If you want to see a step-by-step video, feel free to watch [Geoffry Allen](#) as he test drives this recipe.

To learn more about this National Day, visit the website, [National Day Calendar](#).

FUN FACT

You probably didn't believe me when I said the Sahara desert wasn't the driest place on earth.. According to scientists, Antarctica is drier than the Sahara desert! The continent is actually considered a desert. Even though it's covered in hundreds of feet in ice, it only receives an average of 2 inches of precipitation (mostly in the form of snow) each year. For comparison, The Sahara desert gets twice that amount each year.

The coastal regions of Antarctica have more precipitation, but, even then, it's only an average of 8 inches. Due to how cold it is on Antarctica, the water doesn't soak into the ground, it turns into snow and piles on

top of itself. Due to the climate, blizzards are a common occurrence with winds reaching up to 200 mph! The lowest temperature ever recorded on Antarctica is minus 129.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Due to Antarctica not belonging to any country, you don't need a visa to visit.

Up next, we'll be talking about Fall 2020 and programming events happening in the halls and on-campus.

To read more about the weather in Antarctica, feel free to visit [Livescience](#) and discover more about this wild frontier.

MEAT 'N POTATOES

HOUSING IN THE FALL

Let's get down to business. You probably have questions about Fall 2020. What exactly is going on?!? Well, I'm here to help answer some of your burning questions.

In case you were wondering, next year we will be doing single rooms. We will not be doing roommates. We are trying to focus on your well being. That's pretty much it. I know some of you requested to have a specific roommate and might be feeling disappointed. We get it. We really do. As a compromise, we will try (key word here) to make sure you and your roommate are next door neighbors.

During a normal year, we can comfortably house around 1,700 students. Due to us moving to single rooms and having Morrison permanently offline, our occupancy has dropped significantly. We currently have over 1,000 students hoping to live with us next year. This is a good and bad problem to have. It's bad because if you haven't signed up to live on-campus for Fall 2020, your chances just went down to secure a bed space. The good is that the more students we have on-campus, the more resources and staffing we can provide.

As you may have noticed, we don't have any student staff working this quarter. It's just 5 RLC's doing all the work. The plan is to have CAs next year. This should

PROGRAMMING

If you watched the Instagram live-stream, you probably heard that the Party Boxes will be going out soon. Make sure to watch the Housing Instagram live every Friday at 5PM. Last week we gave away a pair of Apple AirPods. I've seen some of the upcoming giveaways and let me tell you, you DO NOT want to miss out.

help create a college experience that is comparable to what you experienced previously. It won't be exactly the same since we will still be practicing social distancing.

To accommodate the new changes, our rates have changed. You can learn more about our rates by visiting the [Housing and Dining Rates](#) page. You can see the current breakdown for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years.

There will also be a new meal plan! Bronze-Platinum will no longer exist. The new plans are now Base and Upgrade. It will be just ala carte and flex. There won't be any special event points. The Upgrade plan includes more ala carte. Unlike older meal plans, if you have any leftover ala carte at the end of the quarter, it will be automatically converted to flex at a 75% exchange rate. If you have 200 ala carte points left, it will be converted to 150 Flex. Dining will also open up new locations. Those have not been announced yet.

We will be having a webinar on May 27 at 2 PM that will be focused on the fall live-in experience. More information (and the link) will be provided at a later date. Please join us and ask any burning questions you might have!

In case you didn't know, it's Diversity and Inclusion Week. There's still time left to join in on the fun. You can visit Diversity and Inclusion Week's [official website](#) and learn about all the events that will be happening this week.

RLC WEEKLY QUESTION

I messed up. Even with the answers, I still gave out wrong information. Sonora didn't attend La Verne University. She worked at University of La Verne, and Josh worked at University of West Georgia (not University of Georgia). This week's answers are 100% correct. We all have places where we would like to live if money wasn't a problem. I'm sure you have one as well. This week, I asked the RLCs this question.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?



FUN FACT

That's it everyone! We have reached the end of our second episode. Thank you so much for tuning in. If you have any questions, please send them to housing@ewu.edu. We'd love to hear from you. Make sure to tune in

this Friday on Instagram to view our live show. It starts at 5 PM. Our page is @ewuhousing on all social media platforms. See you all next week and GO EAGS!