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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

May in McMurdo always brings the anticipation of full darkness and 'true' winter, and this year is no different. While you're thinking outside, make a plan to attract Antarctic cryptids to your home. Discover what plants you'll need to entice these visitors. As well as outside in the cold and dark, this issue of MH&G also takes a peek at winter cleaning and the revitalization of your home.

First and foremost is the entrance to your home. Is it time for a revamp? Within the pages of this publication, we have the

latest designs and embellishments to make your entry absolutely enchanting. Perhaps your kitchen needs an upgrade, but what to focus on? New colors, new countertops, artwork, and appliances can take your galley from sedate to great! Local professionals share tips and ideas to help make your upgrade seamless.

Winter offers so much in the way of renewal, color, and the coldness of the endless night. Whether you delight in tiptoeing through the dorms, or tipping over a chair on your way to another chair in the furniture milvans, we hope you'll take the time to look through this issue of McMurdo Home & Gardens. Happy May, McMurdo!
Rejuvenate.

xoxo,
Kelsy

Further in the room, a mosaic of pink images surrounds the sink. As this area "feels very sterile" in most rooms, she wanted hers to "have a pop of color." The pictures are perfectly positioned so no matter where you stand, they reflect in the mirror for double the impact. Utilizing the reflection creates an illusion of more depth, making the space feel larger than it is. Nothing short of brilliant!

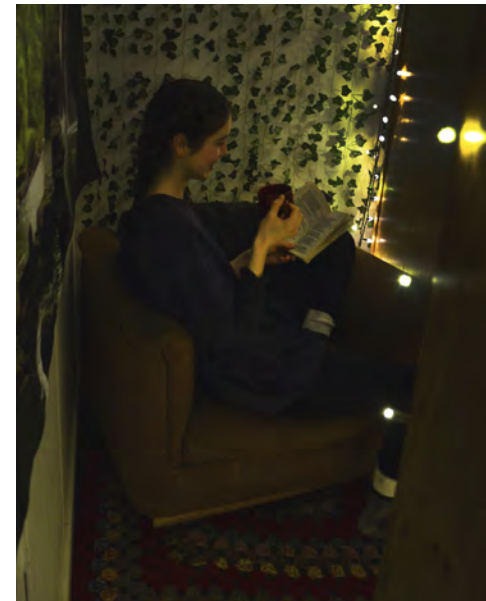
The bed and surrounding tapestries provide an equally satisfying aesthetic experience. The bars of her bed frames face outwards, flush with the wardrobes of the "Nature Nook", furthering the feeling of distinct rooms. Although boxing in her bed might be a slight inconvenience, or "a yeet yourself onto the bed situation," it's a small price to pay for the wide open space it creates. This expanse is perfect for yoga, watching movies, or even "coming home inebriated on Saturdays, pulling out the space heater, and just laying here and falling asleep."

The minimalist yet elegant decorations over her bed - tapestries of a sunrise and a White Claw wearing a cowboy hat - were hand-picked to match the bed décor. She explains that "the color scheme kind of came together itself. You're distributed these lovely brown comforters," which are complemented nicely by the tapestries' subdued earthy tones.

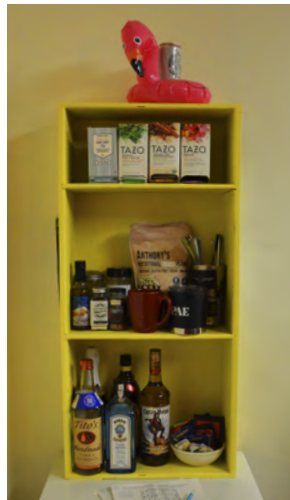
It should be noted that a similar "Yeet Claw!" tapestry was last spotted on the ceiling of Michael Reinhardt's* old room, located next door. That tapestry went missing around the time Piper acquired hers. Asked how she obtained her tapestry, Kruchoski responded, "I don't recall, but I think home invasion is a real problem here. Lock your doors or else things get taken!" Regardless of its origins, there can be no denying the tapestry is in its rightful home at the Kruchoski property.

I think Piper's sophisticated stylings can be instructive for all of us, not just in the realm of interior design but as a life lesson as well: lean into the peculiarities. When you play into what makes you - or your space - unique, that's when you can really shine.

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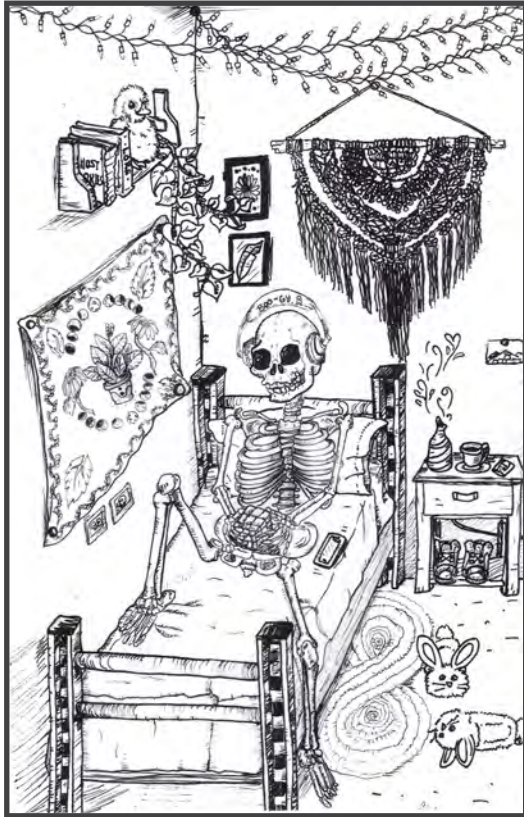
Turning a House into a Home with Piper

by Michael Reinhardt

Tucked away at the end of the 2nd floor of Dorm 208 lies the estate of Piper Kruchoski. Adjacent to the staircase and dry closet, and opposite the lounge, Ms. Kruchoski is situated at an interesting nexus of dorm activity. It is fitting, then, that her unique location offers rare design opportunities - and ones she so deftly exploits. Let's dive in.

The first thing I noticed about the Kruchoski residence is its corridor-like entrance. The neighboring dry closet juts into the room, directly across from the bathroom, resulting in a T-shaped layout. In her own words, "It gives hotel room vibes where you go down that little hall."

Where others might see limitations with this configuration, Ms. Kruchoski recognizes its possibilities. For by arranging her wardrobes in an "L" shape against the wall shared with the dry closet, she creates a **room within a room**. She's outfitted the space with forest tapestries, draped vines, and an oversized armchair, dubbing it the "Nature Nook." I could almost hear birds chirping and feel rays of sunshine poking through the canopy above. What better way to forget the barren expanse outside than to escape to this deciduous oasis? "I can be a recluse!" she laughs, adding that the alcove's uses are endless: "I read, I write, I listen to music, I color sometimes...what little kid doesn't want a fort?"



featured artist: Sarai Gonzalez

May Horoscopes

With *Madam Australis*

Gemini: Look in your heart for the answer. (The answer involves a whole lot of blood.)

Cancer: The food pyramid isn't working for you. You should move to the food parallelogram. Better for digestion.

Leo: 90% of your body is water. 6% is delusion. 4% is cheese.

Virgo: Not all ideas are bad. The one you just had though? Oof. Rethink, buddy.

Libra: Sleep like there's nobody watching.

Scorpio: When you're born, you start with about 300 bones. By the time you reach adulthood, you only have 206 bones. Every physical check-up since your birth they've been stealing your bones. Trust no one. They only want you for your bones.

Sagittarius: When's the last time you had a good jump? Just in place, nothing fancy. Go for it, have some fun for once.

Capricorn: Remember: Tradition is just peer pressure from your ancestors. They're dead, so how smart could they be?

Taurus: Good job, Taurus! If you're reading this, it means that you survived the culling! You may not realize it, but you're one of the last Taurus on earth! Keep on keeping on!

Aries: The current threat level for you is Burnt Sienna. Use clothes dryers and toasters with extreme caution.

Aquarius: ♋♌♍♎♏♐

Pisces: Remember, if you tell dad jokes, but have no children, you're a faux pas.

Does Size Matter?

by Chase Chambers,
HOA president of 209 Apts. & lodging supervisor

When you first set eyes onto apartments 206, 207, 208, and 209, (informally known as Uppercase) there are many thoughts that might come to mind. Amongst them might be the thought of Soviet Brutalism; exposed bare materials and structural elements over decorative design. What makes McMurdo Apartments so unique is that, while most Soviet Brutalist buildings have the decorative design on the outside, Uppercase decided, instead, to put the decorative design on the inside. This is the most obvious when one looks at the different rooms and room layouts.

One would assume that the rooms in the building would all be the same square-shaped room. But, if you look more closely, you will notice that not all rooms were created equal. Some of the rooms are more rectangle-shaped as opposed to square-shaped. Only a few rooms have a quaint, little hallway inside of them. At least one room, designated for the Resident Assistant, has its own bathroom.

If one was very perceptive, they might even notice that some rooms are smaller, while others are larger.

THAT is what makes Uppercase unique. The outside of the building says boring, uniform, unoriginal, but if you just take a second to really observe the building for what it is, you just might be able to see the decorative design hidden inside.

Our reporter, Eleni Ziogas, has been investigating this very important topic. These are her scientific findings that have been provided to her by community members about their apartments:

Building/FI. of Rm.	Size	Units of Measurement
B-209: 1 st Fl.	69 x 69 x 69	Feet
B-209: 1 st Fl.	26 x 13	Skuas*
B-209: 2 nd Fl.	6 x 3.50	Reginalds**
B-209: 3 rd Fl.	80085	420
B-208: 1 st Fl.	2 x 1.5	Hagglunds
B-208: 2 nd Fl.	0.0045	Acres***
B-208: 3 rd Fl.	12 x 6	Feet
B-208: 3 rd Fl.	5 x 2.5	Bikes
B-208: 3 rd Fl.	20 x 12	Feet
B-155: 1 st Fl.	10 x 8	Tents
B-155: 2 nd Fl.	180 x 240	Inches

*Beak to tail

**Eleni & Jess's adopted penguin

***This is not including the vanity, which has a surface area of 5.875 square feet