

Faculty bring younger crowd to residence halls

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The melody of childish laughter and clamor of tiny feet are sounds most college students won't be hearing in their homes for at least another couple of years. However, for Resco and Ross Hall residents, these sounds are becoming familiar ones.

Dr. Olujide Akinbo and Tom Keller are faculty in residence this year, and according to Akinbo, they're "just continuing their [own] college days ... except for the kids."

Akinbo, a professor of chemistry, brought his wife and four children to Butler with him from their previous home in North Carolina. Now, the family of six lives in a two-bedroom apartment in the basement of Ross Hall.

When Ore, 6, first saw her new home, the old, stone building didn't appeal to her.

However Akinbo said, "[The children] are enjoying it quite a lot," as four-year-old Ayo climbed into his lap. The constant flow of students in and about their apartment gives the children's environment a "festive mood," he said.

No place like home

Akinbo's wife, Olusola, said that before the family came to Butler, the children were very shy.

"Since we moved here, it's like a veil was taken off their faces. They like to be noticed now," she said, as 3-year-old Cayo plopped down to play with her doll.

Keller, a professor of counselor education, said he and his family are also enjoying living on campus.

"It's wonderful," he said. Keller, who's been a faculty in residence in Schwitzer for three years, now lives in Resco's C-wing with his wife, D'Ann, and her three children. While Keller doesn't think the kids are aware of what college really means, he said, "they love living here."

Although the Keller children spend part of each week at their father's home, Keller said they really perceive their Resco apartment as home. He remembered an instance when Hayden Keller, 7, was told by her teacher at school to