

WSGA Rules and Regulations

**THE PENNSYLVANIA
STATE UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
POLICIES AND
REGULATIONS GOVERNING
UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN**

I. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

These policies have been designed to provide a maximum of freedom, a maximum of personal responsibility, and only enough regulation to establish the orderly living of women students in residence. The success of their operation is completely dependent upon the integrity of women students. Personal growth in responsibility and integrity is an important goal of higher education. It is hoped that these policies will be an educational program to guide a woman in establishing personal standards which will adequately serve her when she moves from the college community into society in general.

II. RESIDENCE REGULATIONS

A residence hall shall be defined as a housing facility operated by the University or a group living arrangement approved by the University, i.e. Nittany Co-op, etc. Any woman residing in a residence hall either permanently or as a guest shall be subject to the policies and regulations of residence halls.

A. ABSENCE FROM RESIDENCE HALLS.

1. **SIGNING OUT AND IN A RESIDENCE HALL.**
 - a. **Signing Out.**
A student who plans to be away from her residence hall after 8 p.m. is expected to sign out at a designated place according to established procedure. She need not sign out in person. However, she is held responsible for any errors made in the procedure.
 - b. **Signing In.**
Upon returning to her residence hall, the student, herself, shall sign in, noting the exact time of her return.
2. **OVERNIGHTS**
A student shall have a clear understanding with her parent concerning absences from residence halls overnight.
 - a. Women students are permitted to stay overnight:
 1. In other women's residence halls,

2. In the homes of families in the area
 3. In residences occupied only by women
 4. With her visiting family at any time
 - b. Women students are not permitted to:
 1. Visit apartments or private areas of living quarters occupied solely by men at any time, except by special permission of a residence hall staff member and with parental approval
 2. Stay in motels, hotels, etc., except with parents or with permission from parents
 - Direct contact by the parents with the student's residence hall staff member is necessary. (Fraternity housing is provided at certain times during the college year only for "imports".)
 - c. **Signing Out and In for an Overnight.**
 1. When going to another residence hall, the student notes the name of that hall in signing out. When signing in at the hall at which she is a guest, she notes the number of the room in which she is staying. She shall sign in at her own hall upon her return.
 2. For any overnight at a private home or apartment, the student shall indicate the name, address, and phone number, if possible, of her hostess. She shall sign in at her own hall upon her return.
 3. **WEEKENDS AND UNIVERSITY'S VACATIONS.**
A student shall have a clear understanding with her parents concerning absences from residence halls over weekends and University vacations.
 - a. A student should sign out for weekends and University vacations by indicating the name, address, and phone number of her hostess. She shall sign in upon her return.
 - b. When traveling outside the borough of State College for a weekend or University vacation, a woman is expected to return to her residence hall not later than 1 a.m. the day of her expected return.
 - c. If a woman will be unavoidably late in returning to her residence hall, she is expected to contact the staff member of her residence hall.
- However, if making such a call would endanger her safety (i.e. extremely bad weather at Christmas preventing the stopping of the car, etc.), she will explain this to her residence hall staff member upon her return.
- A residence hall staff member will

- call the student's home if there is no contact from the student by 2 a.m.
 4. A student planning to leave the residence hall before 6 a.m. should notify the staff member of her residence hall prior to the sign-in hour of the preceding evening.
 5. **LATEST HOURS FOR RETURN TO THE RESIDENCE HALL.**
 - a. 1. Upperclass women (third semester rank and above) are expected to return to their residence halls not later than 11:30 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday.
 2. Freshman women (first and second semester) are expected to return to their residence halls not later than 10:30 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday.
 3. Exceptions are:
 - a. Women students 21 years of age and over shall have upperclass hours regardless of semester rank
 - b. Women students traveling outside the borough of State College over a weekend of University vacation shall be expected to return to their residence halls not later than 1 a.m. the day of their expected return
 - b. 1. All women students shall be expected to sign in at their residence halls not later than 1 a.m. following Friday and Saturday evenings
 2. Exceptions are:
 - a. For certain events the 1 a.m. sign in shall be extended by WSGA at least one week in advance. (For "Big Weekends" a woman can anticipate a 2 a.m. sign in following both Friday and Saturday evenings.)
 - c. It is generally understood that all campus activities are over in time for students to return to their residence halls not later than 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.
 1. "Occasional events".
Permission for first and second semester Freshmen students to extend the sign in hour from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. for an occasional event shall be granted at the discretion of her residence hall staff member.
- Campus events and activities shall be considered reason for requesting this privilege.
- Only in rare cases would a student need to request an extension beyond 11:30 p.m. for such an "occasional event". Such a request should be discussed with a residence hall staff member in advance.
2. "Continuing Occasions".
Sometimes a student becomes involved in some campus activity which requires late-hour participation on a continuing basis. Requests for such privilege shall be submitted in writing to the WSGA Judicial at least one week in advance.
 3. Note to Chairmen of Special Events
In an event of an all-Campus nature is planned to extend beyond the usual sign-in hour for a particular evening, the chairman must submit in writing to the WSGA Judicial at least two weeks in advance a request for extension of the sign-in hour.
 - d. In the event of any lateness emergency a woman student is requested to contact the staff member of her residence hall.
 - e. During the course of any one calendar month each woman, if necessary, may accumulate a total of 15 late-minutes without penalty.

- being called before the Judicial Committee in the following ways:
 - a. three withdrawals of privilege in any one calendar month
 - b. more than 30 minutes lateness upon any one occasion
 - c. establishing a repeating pattern of withdrawals of privilege over a period of time
4. Any woman subject to withdrawal of privilege may appeal her case to the Judicial Committee for consideration
6. **MEN'S CALLING HOURS**
 1. Men may be entertained in public places of the residence hall (i.e. lounge, recreation room) from 12 noon until the required sign-in hour of his date, when he is expected to leave.
 2. Before 12 noon men will be expected to remain in the lobby.
7. **IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS WOMEN**
students are expected at all times to maintain high social standards and consideration for other residents. The residence hall should be regarded as a woman's home which is shared by many. For this reason residence regulations are established not for discipline but for well-ordered living in the best interests of all. Keeping quiet during the hours when people are likely to be studying or sleeping and respecting other's needs and habits are essential to the maintenance of a conducive study atmosphere for all. At no time should a woman's conduct with a man violate good taste or be embarrassing to others. Bermuda shorts, kilts, and slacks are considered suitable attire for residence hall entertaining, for breakfast, lunch and Sunday supper during the semester, and for all meals during finals except Sunday noon dinner and special dinners. However, they are not appropriate in administrative buildings and offices nor for evening meals during the semester and Sunday noon dinner. Women students are expected to wear heels and hose to Sunday noon dinner. Sweatsuits, bluejeans, khakijsans, short shorts, gym suits, bandanas, pincurls, and curlers are not considered appropriate attire for the dining hall. Women students are expected to dress appropriately when in the public places of residence halls during men's calling hours, for example, no housecoats, pajamas during these hours. It is generally not considered appropriate for women to smoke while walking across campus or through the hallways of any building. Student's private rooms, lounges, recreation rooms and the dining hall are considered appropriate places for those who wish to smoke. In other public buildings a student should be guided by the acceptable practices of that building.
8. **AT ANY TIME, THE BEHAVIOR** of a woman in a residence hall is inappropriate to the maintenance of a refined atmosphere or detrimental to the other residents, she makes herself liable to disciplinary action by Judicial Committee of WSGA or by the University Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline. Guests are held responsible for their actions and, as such subject to action by the appropriate authorities.
9. **THE STUDENT GOVERNING BODY** of a particular residence hall may find it necessary to establish special rules and policies to be applied to the hall which they govern. Such rules and policies shall be subject to review by WSGA at any time.
10. **WOMEN STUDENTS ARE REMINDED** of the University policy on drinking:
 - W-1 Possession or use of alcoholic beverages on University property, and maintenance of bars, dispensing equipment, or similar facilities for storing or serving alcoholic beverages in any student or social unit are prohibited.
 - W-5 The Senate Committee on Student Affairs shall hold student organizations responsible for the good conduct of all persons at all University related functions, and for conformance to the laws of the Borough, Commonwealth, and Nation. Any individual or organization whose conduct is found to be prejudicial to the good name of the University will be subject to disciplinary action. Such action may include suspension or expulsion of individuals, or the suspension or revocation of the charters of organizations.

From
Senate Regulations for
Undergraduate Student

It is to be noted that excessive drinking by students is dealt with by the proper University authorities.

Players to Present 'Top of the Stairs'

The plot of William Inge's "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" is not only one story, but a series of short stories.

Player's second Center Stage production of the semester will open April 1, and will run weekends until May 14.

Donald Paxton, junior in physical education from Latrobe, and Anne Grant, junior in business education from State College, will play Eben and Cora Flood, the parents of a small boy and teen-age daughter.

Their personal conflict is one theme which adds to the problems of the boy and girl. Richard Gorlow, a 9-year-old boy from State College, will play the part of their son, Sonny. Gorlow was selected through Dr. Walter H. Walter's theater instruction class for teachers of the State College area.

Muriel Liney, sophomore in arts and letters from Huntingdon, will play the part of the teen-age daughter, Reenie. The part of Sammy, a young boy from the Military Academy who wants to take Reenie to a dance, will be played by Stuart Fischaff, sophomore in psychology from Yonkers, N.Y.

The prejudice of the Flood family toward Sammy's religion, causes conflict between the boy and girl.

The part of Cora's sister, Lotie, will be played by Mary Lee Sheftic, graduate student in speech from Boswell. Her corroding marriage plays its part in adding to the series of stories. Her husband Morris will be played by James French, graduate student in engineering mechanics from Huntsville, Ala.

Other members of the cast are Beverly Hoffman who plays the part of a flirt; Robert Jervis playing another boy from the Military Academy; and Phyllis Hutton in the part of a bookholder.

The play is directed by Warren S. Smith, associate professor of theater arts.

Advisory Board to Meet

The Sophomore Class Advisory Board will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday in 218 HUB and the membership committee will meet at 1:30 p.m.

Student Injures Ankle In Skating Rink Mishap

Frank Nappi, graduate student in meteorology from New York, City, injured his left ankle at the skating rink Wednesday evening and was taken to the Ritenour Health Center.

A hospital nurse said that his ankle was in "very satisfactory condition" yesterday afternoon.

B. WITHDRAWAL OF PRIVILEGE

1. A woman makes herself subject to withdrawal of privilege by accumulating more than 15 late minutes in any one calendar month.
2. A withdrawal of privileges entails the following:
 - a. A withdrawal of privilege is taken on a Friday or Saturday evening within one month from the date the excess of late minutes are accumulated.
 - b. On that particular evening the woman signs in at 7 p.m. and notes on the sign-in sheet that she is completing her withdrawal at that time.
 3. A woman makes herself subject to

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