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ALBRIGHT COLLEGE RESIDENCE HALL CODE OF CONDUCT

Mission Statement

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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Every Albright College resident should expect to:

- Be free from fear or intimidation and physical or emotional harm
- Redress any and all grievances with resident assistants and/or Housing Office staff
- Be provided a clean building and room in which to live
- Have one's personal belongings respected by all who enter the room or building
- Live in a smoke-free/substance-free environment in all buildings/areas that are so designated
- Have all repairs or service orders attended to in a timely manner
- Host guests in accordance with the guest policy in effect
- Be assigned to rooms that are appropriately and adequately furnished
- Enjoy a quiet environment for study during appropriate hours as posted in College publications
- Decorate residence hall rooms within the guidelines specified in *Community Living: Your Guide to Living on Campus*

Failure to adhere to the residence hall policies as outlined in *Community Living: A Guide to Residence Halls* and the *Albright College Compass* may result in an intervention by the Office of Community Standards or your removal from College housing. See your resident assistant in your building or any College housing official if you have questions regarding this information.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Every Albright College resident has the responsibility to:

- Abide by all federal, commonwealth and local laws and understand that there are stringent penalties for tampering with fire safety equipment and failure to exit the building when the fire alarm sounds
- Fully realize that the use or possession of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 is prohibited, as is the distribution, sale or provision of alcohol to persons under 21
- Take every precaution to ensure that College property is not abused or defaced and to report anyone engaging in such acts
- Understand that the College reserves the right for appropriate officials to enter, inspect and search any room or apartment at any time
- Report any person or persons who may present a threat to the safety of students or College personnel
- Refrain from propping entrance doors and to close any door left in such a manner
- Take all personal room trash to the appropriate location outside the building
- Escort and supervise guests at all times when they are in the residence hall
- Refrain from smoking in all areas that are designated as smoke-free
- Keep your room door locked when you are asleep, in the shower, visiting, or anytime you are away from the room

JOIN THE HOUSING PRIDE!



Become a Resident Assistant

Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 1 semester on-campus living experience
 - 2.50 or better GPA
- Acceptable community standards record

Resident Assistant Selection for 2009-2010 will take place in early 2009. Stay tuned for more information!

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Housing and Residential Learning

Dear Resident Student,

You have made a remarkable decision to join our residential community at Albright College. As a resident student at Albright, you will learn what it means to share a living space and respect your surroundings. You will have many opportunities to connect with your peers through residence programming and experience what it means to help create a “living-learning” environment. Living on campus, you will have the chance to truly embrace campus life at Albright College. While you are here, our distinguished faculty will educate you, our dedicated staff and administration will guide and support you, and you will become a unique part of these wonderful Albright traditions.

You will never forget the first time you moved into a residence hall, the first time an RA knocked on your door to ask you to join a hall program, or the very first resident who made you feel at “home” and would later become your friend for life. You will always remember those “all-nighters” when cramming for a biology final, ordering student-discounted pizzas from Mama’s, and then making a late-night Wawa run for coffee just to stay awake. Each experience is what you make of it. Most will make you laugh, but some might make you cry. It is up to you to make the most of your Albright experience. As a former student and four-year resident student here at Albright, I am proud to serve my alma mater and its students in my role as housing director. It is my own personal experience that my Albright roommates, friends and teammates played integral roles in helping me become the person I am today.

It is my sincere hope that this guide will provide you with all the information you need regarding your on-campus living experience at Albright. Please read this guide carefully, as it will prove to be a valuable resource. Please contact me or any member of the Housing staff if we can be of any assistance to you while you are here. We look forward to having you become a part of the Albright residential community. You are Albright, and you will remember your time here for the rest of your life.

Sincerely,

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The Office of Housing and Residential Learning

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Academic Support

Academic support is accomplished by promoting an environment conducive to learning, enhancing student-faculty interaction in the residential setting, and establishing strong partnerships with other campus departments.

Valuing Diversity

Diversity is one of the strengths of a society and one of the hallmarks of a college campus. Albright College recognizes and values the perspectives molded by different cultures and backgrounds. Albright College recognizes and supports the ideal that colleges protect the academic environment, and encourages freedom of expression and the responsibility that it entails. While members of the Albright community reserve the right of freedom of expression, the members of the community must also recognize that they have a duty to be responsible. Members of our community have the right not to be discriminated against by any agent, organization or member of the Albright College community.

Residential Learning Program

Our on-campus residences are intentionally managed to support the residents' transition

from high school to college and their successful enrollment at Albright College. Citizenship skills are taught through involvement in social and educational programs, self-governance, resident-staff partnerships, student employment opportunities, and resident accountability. Through participation in various aspects of the residential learning program, students will have numerous opportunities to get involved at Albright College. In doing so, they will develop many valuable life skills.

College Housing Office Staff

Housing administration is the business operation of the office, and is involved with room assignments, room moves, and the cancellation of the housing contract. Residential learning involves staff recruitment and selection, and the training of resident assistants, who are responsible for developing a positive living experience and learning environment for resident students, and for supervising residence hall programming.

Assistant Directors

The assistant director is a full-time professional staff member who has the primary live-in responsibility for the residence education program and administration of a designated community of residence halls housing approximately 115-200 students. By coordinating programs and activities, promoting a positive living and learning environment, and getting students involved, the assistant director implements a comprehensive residential program to support the personal growth and development of resident students.

Student Employment Opportunities

The Office of Housing and Residential Learning is one of the largest employers of students on campus. Positions available to students are resident assistant and office assistant. Applications for office assistants are available in the Housing Office in April,

and students who are selected begin their employment in the fall semester. The selection process for resident assistants occurs during the spring semester for the following academic year. To learn more about these positions, read the descriptions below or ask your resident assistant or a member of the Housing Office staff.

Resident Assistants

Resident assistants live with the students in each residence hall. They are student staff members selected on the basis of their skills, interests and activities, enabling them to effectively assist and advise students. Each resident assistant is trained to assist and/or refer students with academic and personal concerns, assist students in maintaining an educational environment, and enforce College and housing policies. More specifically, resident assistants conduct numerous programs and activities to meet the growth and developmental needs of students.

The Office of Community Standards

The main responsibility of the Office of Community Standards is to ensure that the standards of the community and policies are being upheld. While students have the right to enjoy their freedoms, there is also a sense of responsibility. To maintain the optimal learning environment, everyone within the Albright College community has the responsibility of familiarizing themselves with and adhering to the Student Code of Conduct. The Office of Community Standards is responsible for responding to issues that may be in violation of the Code of Conduct. When an individual can be identified, the Office of Public Safety, in most cases, will file charges for the individuals involved. The Office of Community Standards is located in Selwyn Hall, north, ground floor, and can be reached at 610 921-7663.

The director of community standards and/or designee are administrative positions within the student affairs division. The duties of the director and/or designee consist of training new members of the board and advising the board on procedures, as well as gathering all information required by the board. In addition, the director and designee are responsible for coordinating hearings and may serve as administrative hearing officers. They are present during all board hearings and deliberations. If neither the director nor designee is available, the dean of students will appoint another person to be the advisor to the board for that case. **Please note: All meetings and hearings with the Office of Community Standards take precedence over all classes and extracurricular activities.**

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

As an Albright student, you are guaranteed all of the rights, privileges and freedoms granted to every citizen. However, with these rights come responsibilities. Albright is not a place where students can escape the responsibilities imposed by law upon all citizens. As a student of Albright College, you are expected to abide by all federal, commonwealth and local laws. (Alleged violations of these laws will be referred to the appropriate court or police authority.) Violations of these laws may also lead to disciplinary actions by Albright College. When you enroll at Albright, you assume special responsibility for living by Albright College's Code of Conduct, which is not intended to deny any of the rights guaranteed to you previously. Rather, it was adopted to ensure that Albright is able to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and personal growth.

All policies contained in this publication pertain to all residence halls, Albright

Woods apartments, and the greater campus community. The Albright College Code of Conduct is explained in *The Compass*, which is the student handbook. It is your responsibility to know and abide by these regulations.

Assignment Policies and Regulations

Residential and Food Service Contract

All students desiring residence hall housing are required to sign a housing contract for the entire academic year. With the exception of Albright Woods residents, all resident students are required to select a meal plan. The contract defines the terms and conditions of occupancy, housing and meal plan costs, and procedures for termination.

Eligibility

Housing at Albright is available for traditional undergraduate students ages 17-25. On-campus housing is required and guaranteed (see note below) for all students with first-year and second-year academic status who are not living with a parent or legal guardian. Housing may also be made available to non-traditional students, including Accelerated Degree students, master's level students, 4+1 students, and any other students returning for certification, at the discretion of the housing director and dean of students. Albright College does not provide housing accommodations for married couples or families, and does not allow infants and children to reside on campus.

Please note: On-campus housing can be guaranteed only when established deadlines are met for the housing deposit, housing contract, and housing preference card.

To be eligible to live in a College-owned residence hall, undergraduate students are

required to enroll for a minimum of three courses. Students enrolled for less than the minimum must obtain advance approval from the director of housing and residential learning to secure on-campus housing.

Room Assignment Procedures

New students are assigned rooms according to the date that the Housing Office receives a completed housing application/contract and after the \$100 confirmation deposit is paid. Initial room assignment letters are generally mailed prior to or during the second week of July.

Current resident students are given the opportunity to sign up for housing during the spring semester for the following academic year. During this process, a "How-to Guide" is placed in all student mailboxes, except for those graduating seniors. Flyers are posted in the residence halls, and parent letters are sent home. All students must sign a housing contract, complete applications when necessary, and follow specific instructions and deadlines listed in the "How-to Guide" in order to secure housing for the following academic year. More details about the room selection process will appear in the "How-to Guide" in February 2009.

Opening Procedures

Upon arrival on campus, upperclassmen should proceed to the housing check-in area. There you will receive the information you need to access your room. Once at your building, you will receive a room inventory form. This form must be examined, signed and returned to your resident assistant. (See "responsibility for the assigned room" for more information.)

Closing Procedures

When housing closes for Thanksgiving, winter, spring break and end of academic year, residents are responsible for following

the proper closing procedures for their area. During these closings, students will not be permitted to remain in College housing (see note below). Refer to the housing calendar in this guide for residence hall closings.

Please note: Students who reside in North Hall break-housing suites, and who have paid the additional fee, are permitted to reside in housing during Thanksgiving and spring breaks only.

Closing procedures will be distributed to all students prior to each closing and may include, but are not limited to, meeting with a staff member to review the condition of the room, unplugging electrical appliances as directed, removing trash, and locking all doors. It is for health, safety and security reasons that these procedures must be followed. Any students not following proper closing procedures will be fined \$30 for an improper checkout.

Any time a student needs to check out of a room permanently before the end of the academic year, such as to change rooms or leave the residence halls, he/she must come to the Housing Office at least two days before moving to complete the appropriate paperwork. For end-of-year close down, proper instructions for checking out will be distributed before the end of the academic year. The student checking out must remove all personal belongings so that a complete inspection of the room can be made. If a student vacates housing permanently, all items belonging to that student must be removed from the room prior to his/her leaving. Any items left behind will be discarded, and the student will incur a packing/clean-up/removal fine. The room inventory form signed by the student when he/she moved in will be reviewed, any damages beyond normal wear will be noted, and the student may be held financially responsible. Students are responsible for checking out with

a resident assistant when vacating on-campus housing at any time during the year. A \$30 improper checkout fine will be assessed for improper checkouts.

Residency Schedule

College residence halls open for residency as announced prior to registration for each semester or summer session. Non-graduating residents may remain in the halls at the end of the semester for no longer than 24 hours after their last final exam. All students must follow the policy stated in the residence hall closing notice memorandum. Students failing to vacate according to this schedule will be charged a late checkout fee. Housing will be provided for graduating seniors until immediately following graduation exercises.

Assignment of Space

The Office of Housing and Residential Learning reserves the right to reassign students to other spaces, rooms or halls when doing so appears to be in the best interest of individuals or groups of students, or when it is determined that a student is not actually residing in an assigned space.

Consolidation Policy

When one resident occupies a double room, room consolidation may be used to help the Housing Office meet the needs of students wishing to room together or other demands of the office. When possible, room consolidation will be limited to the building wherein a resident resides unless he/she voluntarily moves to another building. When room consolidation is necessary, residents will be notified and will be expected to make changes in a timely fashion as designated by the Housing Office.

Room/Hall Changes

Students desiring to change rooms or halls must come to the Housing Office to complete a room-change request form. Details of

the room-change process are listed on the IMPORTANT FACTS SHEET that is given to you with your signed housing contract. Failure to adhere to this process may result in the denial of your room-change request.

No changes are to be made without the approval of the Housing Office. At the beginning of each semester, a two-week "freeze" on room/hall moves is in effect, and students cannot move during this time. After the freeze, requests will be honored based on availability and the date of the completed room-change request form. However, room-change requests will NOT be honored after November 1 of the fall semester and after April 1 of the spring semester. Failure to obtain approval from the Housing Office, and/or not complying with the required room change procedures, may result in a \$50 fine. A first-time room change will not be charged. All subsequent room changes will incur a \$30 charge per move.

Access Cards

Each student is issued an access card that opens the front door of the student's assigned residence hall. It is also their identification and meal card, and must be carried at all times. Identification cards must be produced if requested by College officials, including resident assistants. This card is to be used only by the individual to whom it is issued; students may not allow any other person to use this card at any time. Improper use or allowing others to use your access card as well as "popping" (pulling hard) the magnetic doors to gain entrance will result in a \$100 fine, and you may be referred to the Office of Community Standards. If this card is misplaced, the student will need to notify the Office of Public Safety. Once a card is reported lost, the student bears the financial responsibility for the card, even though the lost card may later be found. The cost to replace a lost card is \$10. All cards are the property of the College.

Breach of Security

Access to residence halls can be accomplished only through a photo identification/access card. This security feature is only as good as those who are willing to utilize it. Propping of doors or allowing access to the building to non-registered or unauthorized persons jeopardizes the safety and integrity of the building and its occupants. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$300 and/or disciplinary action. Also note that allowing others access to the residence halls through side doors and exit doors clearly violates this policy.

Room Access

Residents of Albright Court, Albright Woods apartments, Mohn Hall and Walton Hall ground level will be issued a key to the assigned room or apartment. This key is only for the use of the individual to whom it is issued; residents may not allow any other person to use this key at any time. Improper use or allowing others to use your key will result in a \$50 fine, and you may be referred to the Office of Community Standards. In the event that this key is misplaced, the student will need to notify the Office of Public Safety. Once a key is reported lost, the student bears the financial responsibility for the key, even though the lost key may later be found. The cost for each lost key is \$25. All keys are the property of the College and therefore, for safety reasons, students cannot duplicate keys for any reason. A fine of \$200 will be assessed to a student found in violation of this policy, and the matter will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for disciplinary action. Residents of Crowell, Krause, North, Smith and Walton Halls will be issued a room combination. For safety reasons, you should never give this combination to anyone. Residents may not be assessed a fee for first-time combination changes unless it is determined that the student deliberately gave their combination to someone else. Each additional student

request for a combination change will incur a fee: \$25 for the 2nd request, \$50 for the 3rd request, etc.

Roommate Assignment

Every effort is made to honor indicated hall and roommate preferences. When filling out the roommate preference card and answering preference questions, consider how you intend to live on campus at Albright College, not how you live at your present address. Roommate preferences will be honored if 1) the applicants request each other 2) a double-room vacancy exists. Information provided by the student on the preference card will be used to determine roommate matching. Every effort will be made to match like preferences. Room assignments are made without regard to race, creed, religion, sexual orientation or national origin.

Community Services and Information

Facilities Office

Maintenance and cleaning issues should be directed to this office, not the Housing Office. Students may contact the Facilities Office at 610-921-7520. For facilities concerns in your room, lounge or restroom, please refer to the College Web site and select "Facilities work requests" from the "Quick Links" drop down box at the top right corner of the home page to process your online work order. If you feel that your concern is not met in a timely manner, please bring this to the attention of the Housing Office.

Food Service

Per the housing contract, students are required to select a meal plan. All incoming freshmen must select either the Gold 20 Full or Silver 14 Flex meal plans. All returning students must select from the Gold 20 Full, Silver 14 Flex, or Bronze 10 Flex meal plan

options. Meals are provided by the Food Service Department of the College and are not the responsibility of the Office of Housing and Residential Learning. As outlined in the housing contract information, students will have an opportunity to change a meal plan by an established deadline. Contract participants enjoy the privileges of unlimited seconds. Note: Only Albright Woods apartment residents may elect not to participate in a meal plan, and once a meal plan is chosen the student is obligated. Commuters and Albright Woods residents may select from any of the above meal plan options, in addition to the Commuter/Apartment 7 Flex or the Commuter/Apartment 5 Flex options.

Gable Health and Counseling Centers

The on-campus Health Center is located on the corner of Linden St., directly across from the Housing Office. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and students may call the center at 610-921-7532 to schedule appointments. A physician, nurse practitioner, dietician and counselors are available by appointment to offer a variety of medical, nutritional and counseling services. For more information, please visit their Web site.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Office is located on the corner of Linden St. and College Ave., directly across from Walton Hall. This department provides 24-hour-a-day service, every day of the year. Students may contact the office at 610-921-7670 for non-emergencies, and should dial 311 for emergencies. In addition to the director and two assistant directors, other staff includes 16 full-time officers and ten auxiliary officers. All officers receive CPR, first aid and AED training and required recertification. The Public Safety Department demonstrates a strong commitment to helping to ensure the safety of the residence halls by conducting regular rounds in the

residence halls, making sure ID card access and doors to residence halls are properly functioning at all times, and responding to incidents in the residence halls as needed. For a more detailed description of Public Safety initiatives, please visit their Web site.

Telephones

Local service and voice mail are provided in each room or apartment. Residents wishing to make long distance calls may apply for a long distance passcode (LDP) with Lion Telecommunications at x7676 or helpdesk@alb.edu. NO COLLECT CALLS may be accepted using residence hall or other campus telephones. Individual bills are rendered by Albright College for calls charged to the student's LDP, which is issued to the student. For communications reasons, students are encouraged to set up their voicemail. Proper procedures for setting up your voicemail can be obtained by contacting Lion Telecommunications.

Each student on campus will have an individual extension that is the student's mailbox per the chart below. To receive a call from outside the Albright campus, the caller would need to dial 610-921-7200. When the Albright announcement starts to play, the dialer would need to dial your extension number.

Student Mailbox No.	Extension/Voicemail
1-999	5001-5999
1000-1999	1000-1999

Examples: mailbox 7 = ext. 5007; mailbox 123 = ext. 5123; mailbox 1024 = ext. 1024

Residents may not alter the existing telephone system. Students suspected of misusing an LDP will be referred to the Office of Community Standards. **Violations of this policy or the acceptance of collect charges will constitute default of the contract and may result in termination of the housing contract.**

Internet

All rooms are equipped with two Internet ports. New students will be given information about how to set up an Albright computer account at orientation. These accounts are active as long as you are a student. When you move into a room, the ports are ready to use. Problems can be reported to the Information Technology Services Helpdesk by calling 610-921-7676, or helpdesk@alb.edu.

Cable Television Services

Each room comes with a basic Comcast cable connection that is already included in your fees. This connection does not have premium movie channels such as HBO and Starz, but Comcast will be in the residence halls at the beginning of the year with special offers for those additional channels. Students are responsible for any additional costs other than the basic services provided.

You should bring a TV cable cord for your room.

Mailboxes

The College post office clerk automatically assigns students residing in College housing campus mailboxes. The mailbox number you receive when you arrive on campus will be your mailbox number for as long as you are enrolled at Albright College. Important College information is often communicated through the Albright College mail system. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each student to check his/her mailbox on a daily basis. **Use the following address format to have mail delivered to you.**

Your Name, Box # _____
Albright College
P.O. Box 15234
Reading, PA 19612

Note: Mail will not be delivered to residents' rooms.

Vehicle Registration and Parking Regulations

In order to maintain an orderly travel flow and to ensure fair and equal access to parking on the Albright College campus, all vehicles (including motorcycles) must be registered with the Office of Public Safety. Parking on the Albright campus is on a "first come, first served" basis, as long as the vehicle is registered and occupies an authorized parking space. For additional information on vehicle registration and parking regulations, please refer to the Albright College student handbook (*The Compass*) or contact the Office of Public Safety. **Freshmen are not permitted to have cars on campus.**

Summer Housing

One residence hall remains open during the summer to accommodate summer session students. Students desiring to live in College housing must sign a summer housing application/contract. Contact the Housing Office (x7641) before leaving campus for the summer for more information.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Some residence halls are equipped to specifically meet the needs of physically disabled students. It is our goal to provide services and resources that eliminate barriers and help students feel that they are part of the community. Please contact the Housing Office as soon as possible to discuss any special needs. Additional services can be coordinated with the Office of Disability Support by calling 610-921-7662.

Community Activities

Residence halls are places for the exchange of ideas, experiences, feelings and interests. Thus, the development and implementation of programs and activities are important aspects of community life. Traditionally,

residence hall activities are as varied as the individual residents and staff who plan them. Examples of programs are:

Social Activities: Welcome-back parties, ice breakers, movie nights, room personalization, fire prevention, breakdown of cultural barriers, cookouts, roommate games and pizza parties

Physical Activities: Intramural sports, (basketball, flag football, volleyball, tennis, soccer), Frisbee, golf, self-defense, rape awareness, nutrition and blood drives

Intellectual Activities: Current events, academic advising, goal setting, computer technology, study skills, AIDS discussions, racial sensitivity and women's issues

Spiritual Activities: Value clarification, relaxation, ethics, death, religious issues, philosophy and politics

Career/Life Planning Activities: Career exploration, interviewing skills, volunteer opportunities, graduate school information, job search strategies and communication skills

Emotional Activities: Motivation seminar, combating depression, test-anxiety reduction, stress management, decision-making seminar, assertiveness training, and alcohol use and misuse education

Resident Student Association

The Resident Student Association (RSA) is a coordinating body among the residence halls and their communities. All resident students are members of RSA and are encouraged to participate in weekly meetings and coordinated activities. The RSA works with housing staff members and residents in the development of residence hall activities, programs, policies, procedures and facilities. The RSA utilizes programming and other

methods to bring residents and their communities together. Look for RSA-sponsored homecoming events, the RSA formal, and Spirit Week!

Community Living Standards and Expectations

Albright College is a community of persons from diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds. Each person is a unique individual drawn from the broad spectrum of society. Each must strive to understand the individuality and life choices of others. Students and staff members can best learn from one another in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and mutual respect. As students engage in daily activities and interactions, they must possess a genuine desire to learn from others. In addition, they must give others the respect and tolerance that all people deserve. It is the College's belief that one's actions demonstrate one's commitment to respecting the differences among individuals. Students are individually and collectively responsible for their behavior and accountable for their actions. They must take the initiative and responsibility for their own learning and awareness of the differences that exist in our community and avoid all actions that diminish others.

Bigotry and hate cannot be a part of our College community. While each student has the right to his/her own personal beliefs, these beliefs give them no right to denigrate another on the basis of age, physical disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, sex or religious affiliation. The College does not tolerate verbal or written abuse, threats, intimidation, violence, or other forms of harassment against members of our community. Thus, we cannot accept ignorance, humor taken at the expense of others, anger, alcohol, or substance abuse as an excuse, reason or rationale for such behavior. Violation of policies outlined in this guide and

The Compass will be referred to the appropriate office for that particular violation.

Responsibility for the Assigned Room/Apartment

Students are responsible for what happens in their room/suite/apartment.

It is the responsibility of every student to prevent activity from taking place in his/her assigned space that is in violation of College policy and commonwealth and federal laws. If the College determines that activity has taken place that is in violation, all residents of the room/apartment will be held accountable and referred to the Office of Community Standards. If one or more of the residents assigned to a room/apartment is not present at the time of the violation, he or she may still be charged and referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Students aware of, or in the presence of, a violation of College policy and remain in the presence of, or fail to take reasonable action to stop the violation, are considered to be giving implied consent to the violation due to the inaction. Students may be held responsible and subject to disciplinary action.

The student is responsible for the condition of the assigned room and shall reimburse the College for all damage to the room and damage to, or loss of, fixtures, furnishings or properties furnished under the contract. No alterations are to be made to the furniture provided by the College. Additional furnishings brought into the room must be free-standing and clear of all existing furniture, fixtures or walls contained in the room.

Each resident will be required to complete a room inventory form with a resident assistant within 24 hours after occupancy. When occupancy is terminated, an occupant must obtain room clearance. This will be done by a staff member of the Housing Office, who will inspect the room and relieve the

occupant of responsibility for the room, assess for damages and missing property, and determine if the occupant has failed to follow established procedures. Students vacating rooms without following this procedure will be charged \$30, plus the cost of any repairs resulting from damages inflicted during occupancy. (See Repair and Replacement Costs section.)

Responsibility for Common Areas

Common areas include hallways, bathrooms, lobbies, stairwells, lounges (including suite lounges in North Hall), study rooms, meeting rooms, utility rooms and kitchens, as well as the furnishings within. Residents are expected to keep common areas free of personal items such as clothing and crafts. If these items remain for extended periods of time, the housing staff reserves the right to discard them. (Please see the Abandoned Items section for more information.) Residents are expected to take every precaution to ensure that communal property is not abused or defaced. In common areas where damage occurs or conditions require excessive cleaning, and the responsible party cannot be determined, repair/replacement/cleaning costs will be prorated and assessed to all residents living on that floor, suite or apartment. When an organization is given the opportunity to have exclusive use of an area, the organization will be held responsible for reimbursing the College for such abuses should they occur. (See Repair and Replacement Costs.) If it is determined that an area is continually abused, the Housing Office reserves the right to lock the area.

Responsibility for Student Property

Although precautions are taken to maintain adequate security, the College cannot assume responsibility for the loss of or damage to student possessions. Students or their

parents are encouraged to carry appropriate insurance to cover any such losses.

The following is a list of residence hall policies and regulations. This list is not an inclusive list, and students are to refer to *The Compass* for additional information. Violations of these policies may result in disciplinary action.

Roommate Bill of Rights

Your enjoyment of life in College housing will depend to a large extent on the thoughtful consideration you demonstrate for your roommate and your neighbors. Basic rights of every roommate include:

1. The right to a clean building/room in which to live.
2. The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.
3. The right to the redress of grievances. Housing staff is available for assistance in settling conflicts.
4. The right to read and study in one's room. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of this right.
5. The right to sleep without undue disturbances from noise, roommates, guests, etc.
6. The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from a roommate.
7. The right to personal privacy.
8. The right to be free from fear or intimidation and physical or emotional harm.
9. The right to have guests in accordance with the guest policy with the expectation that guests respect the rights of the host's/hostess's roommate and other hall residents.
10. The right to expect reasonable cooperation in and access to the use of the room telephone.

REMEMBER: To be a mature adult is to accept responsibility for the welfare of others. Only you can ensure that your roommate enjoys these rights.

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Abandoned Items

In instances when items are left in residence hall rooms or common areas for 15 days or longer, after the owner has moved from the hall, or when the items are not labeled indicating ownership, the Housing Office will declare them abandoned and dispose of them.

Alcohol

Albright College allows students who are 21 years of age to use alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their assigned room. Kegs or any other common-source containers of alcohol are prohibited in or around residence halls and apartments. Appropriate charges will be filed for everyone involved. Rooms/apartments in which all assigned residents are not of legal drinking age are considered dry rooms (no alcohol permitted in that room/apartment). This means that guests are not permitted to bring alcohol into a room where residents are under the age of 21. Please refer to *The Compass* for specific information about the use of alcohol on the Albright College campus.

Antennas/Aerials/Satellite Dishes

Exterior antennas, aerials or satellite dishes are not permitted.

Bicycles/Motorcycles

Motorcycles and similar vehicles are not permitted in the residence halls. Bicycles are not to be ridden or stored in hallways, lounges or stairwells. Bicycles should not be attached to railings or any device that obstructs access to sidewalks or entrances. Bicycles left unattended anywhere in the hall other than the students' rooms or

sanctioned areas may be removed without warning.

Bulletin Boards

Residents are responsible for reading all College information posted on bulletin boards. These boards are maintained by resident assistants and contain notices of College announcements and activities. Any person found removing postings from the residence halls without authorization will be fined \$50 by the Office of Housing and Residential Learning.

Candles/Candle Warmers/Incense/ Open Flames

Candles (burned or unburned), candle warmers, incense (burned or unburned), scented oil burners and any open flames are prohibited in Albright College residence halls and apartments. These items will be confiscated and a \$50 fine for each confiscated item will be assessed. If the individual(s) responsible for the violation cannot be identified, all residents of that room/apartment/suite will share the cost. Confiscated items will not be returned. Candles kept for decorative purposes must have the wick completely removed.

Damages

(See Responsibility for the Room and Responsibility for Common Area Property sections elsewhere in these policies.)

Disruptive Conduct

Disruptive conduct includes any action that disrupts a peaceful environment. When students enter the College community, they take upon themselves certain responsibilities and obligations, including satisfactory academic performance and social behavior consistent with the lawful purpose of the College. Student conduct, therefore, is not considered in isolation within the College community, but is an integral part of the educational process.

Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to, assault, misconduct, threats to personal safety, fighting, throwing any object in the College dining facility or from the window of a College facility, making excessive noise, lewd or indecent behavior, and any other type of disruption or conduct that interferes with the rights and opportunities of those who attend the College for the purposes for which the College exists. Additionally, speech or behavior that materially and substantially disrupts the College living environment will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action resulting from disruptive speech or behavior may result in consequences ranging from educational sanctions to removal from the residence halls and/or the social and academic community. Please see *The Compass* for more information.

Decorations and Room Modification

The appropriate decoration of residence hall rooms is encouraged. However, in the interest of safety for all residents and to prevent damage, all of these guidelines and restrictions on decorations shall be followed:

1. Walls: To prevent damage to student rooms, limitations are placed on the types of adhesives and hangers that may be used. No holes can be placed in the walls. When it's necessary to place something on a painted surface, a good grade of masking tape will normally not result in damage to the surface if the masking tape is carefully removed. No painting of student rooms or public areas by students is allowed in the residence halls. No wallpaper, contact paper or stickers are to be placed on room doors, furniture, walls or glass surfaces. The student is held responsible for any damages to a room, with the exception of normal wear and tear. Check with your resident assistant or assistant director for information on specific guidelines for particular buildings.

2. Ceilings/Entryways: Items are not to be attached to the ceiling of the student's assigned area or doorways. Entryways must be free from obstruction. This includes, but is not limited to, curtains hung in front of the doorway. This is to ensure a clear path to the exit in the event of an emergency.

3. Construction: Lofts are permitted ONLY through the College-approved vendor, Campus Loft, Inc. Students who desire a loft must contract privately with the company. You may contact Campus Loft at 1-877-bed-loft or www.877bedloft.com. The College receives a small portion of revenue from resident contracts. Information will be provided to each resident.

Electrical Appliances

Residence halls have limits on the capabilities of their electrical systems. Overloading these systems presents fire and safety hazards. Furthermore, electrical heating elements are dangerous when used in residence hall rooms. The following guidelines govern the use of electrical appliances, outlets and extension cords in residence hall rooms, Woods apartments, suites, kitchens, lounges, and all other common areas:

1. All electrical appliances with exposed heating elements, such as toasters and sandwich makers, are prohibited. The George Foreman Grill is also prohibited. A \$50 fine for each confiscated item will be assessed, and confiscated items may not be returned.

***Special note to Albright Woods Apartments Residents: Students are permitted to bring their own microwave, toaster and charcoal grill. Students may not bring toaster ovens, George Foreman Grills, or propane tank grills!**

2. Extension cords may be used under the following conditions:

a. Only one extension cord is permitted to connect an appliance with an electrical outlet. (Cords may not be used in a series, i.e. connected together.)

b. Only grounded extension cords may be used with appliances.

c. Multiple-outlet extension cords with built-in breakers are required when the number of outlets needed is greater than the number of outlets provided.

3. Privately owned air conditioners are not permitted. Air conditioning is provided in all residence hall rooms.

4. Personal refrigerators and microwaves are prohibited. (Microwaves are permitted in Albright Woods.) All residence hall rooms are provided with a microfridge by Albright College.

5. Other appliances such as radios, nonhalogen lamps, computers, TVs, electric razors, hair dryers, hair curlers/straighteners, fans and clocks are permitted, provided the total electrical requirements do not exceed the capability of the system. Lava lamps and black lights are permitted. **Halogen lamps and multi-color/multi-bulb floor lamps exceeding three bulbs are strictly forbidden.** There is a \$50 fine for confiscated items, and these items may not be returned.

6. All electrical equipment and cords must be kept in safe operating condition.

7. Irons may be used only with ironing boards.

8. Cooking in a residence hall room is limited to the following appliances, which may be used only for their intended purpose: sealed-unit coffee makers, popcorn poppers, hot pots, crock pots and rice cookers.

9. NO electric space heaters will be allowed without special permission from the

Facilities Department or the Housing Office. Students may not bring their own heater. The Facilities Department will provide a space heater only in the event of a heating emergency, and only on a temporary basis. Students are required to fill out a space heater temporary use form. Heaters must have six feet of clearance around them at all times. This means that some of the smaller "single" rooms may not be permitted to have space heaters due to the six-foot clearance rule. No clothing or flammable items may be within six feet of the heater. Heaters may not be used while sleeping. When the heating problem is resolved, all heaters must be returned to the Facilities Department. Failure to return the heater will result in a \$50 fine.

10. NO beds or other items may be stored in front of the heating/air conditioner units. There must be a four-foot clearance to allow either unit to function properly. This will also allow maintenance personnel access to these units for cleaning, adjustments and repair.

Residence hall staff must ensure total compliance with these safety policies and will direct any necessary adjustments in use of appliances and/or outlets.

Electrical Equipment

No student shall alter or repair electrical equipment or fixtures that belong to the College. Defects in building electrical equipment should be reported to the assistant director, resident assistants, or the Facilities Department by calling 610-921-7520.

Explosives/Flammables

The possession or use of explosives, fireworks, flammable fluids (e.g., propane tanks), dangerous chemical mixtures, propelled missiles, or any other item that may present a threat to the safety of students

or College personnel is strictly prohibited. No such items are to be stored in rooms, common areas or student vehicles on the Albright College campus. Students possessing or using any of these items will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and face suspension or expulsion from the College. Visitors will be subject to arrest and/or placed on trespass notice from the College.

Fire Safety/Alarms/Drills

The triggering of false fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishers, hoses, sprinklers, exit signs, posted fire safety information, and/or the alarm system is prohibited. This also means that students should not hang objects from sprinklers. Individuals suspected of such offenses are subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. The displaying of fire safety equipment (i.e. exit signs) is also prohibited. Anytime the fire alarm is sounded, students must leave the building immediately and return when advised by College officials. Public Safety, Facilities, and/or Housing personnel will supervise the evacuation of the residence halls. When a fire alarm is triggered, all rooms will be opened to ensure that residents have evacuated. Illegal items noticed during evacuation will be confiscated, and depending on the item, a full room search may be conducted. Failure to leave the building or re-entering prematurely will result in a fine of \$100 and/or disciplinary actions. Refer to *The Compass* for additional policy on fire safety.

Furniture Arrangement

Furniture may not be arranged so that it blocks heating units or inhibits access to exits. Furniture arranged in a manner that creates a fire hazard will be required to be rearranged. Repeated violations of this policy may result in fines and/or other disciplinary action.

Guest/Escort Policy

1. It is the responsibility of the host student to ensure that his/her guest is aware of College and residence hall policies.
2. Guests are held responsible for their own actions and for knowledge of College regulations. However, the host will be held accountable for damages committed by his/her guest, unless the guest can be identified and is an Albright College student.
3. Students are permitted to have guests in their rooms only if there is no objection from their roommate(s). To ease the congestion of the move-in period and to allow roommates the opportunity to discuss the issue of overnight guests in the room, proper notice should be given when a guest will be coming.
4. The host/resident must be present with the guest for the duration of the visit. The host must meet their guest at the front door and escort them at all times throughout their visit, including to the front door upon leaving. **Roommates are never required to leave when a guest is present.** Guests, student or non-student, will be required to show proper photo identification upon request by a College official. Guests may not be allowed in the building without proper identification. Staff members, including resident assistants, may confront individuals if they are not recognized as a resident of that building and/or if a resident of the building is not escorting them. Residents should only escort individuals whom they know personally. If a resident student suspects an unfamiliar guest in the building, they should contact the RA or Public Safety immediately.
5. Neither room keys nor door access cards will be provided for guests. Residents are not to give their keys, combo, or access ID card to guests in order for them to gain entrance to the room or the building. The

College reserves the right to revoke this privilege. Guests are not permitted to stay in the residence halls more than three days in a row.

6. Guests may not move from one host's room to another in order to extend their stay in the residence halls. Only residents and their invited guests are permitted in the living areas of the building, e.g., locations other than the lobby, including individual rooms and floor lounges.

7. Individuals found in the building who are not residents or guests of residents are considered to be trespassing.

8. Guests are to use the appropriate restroom/shower facilities, i.e., male and female.

9. The resident is responsible for his or her guest's conduct in and around the residence areas and the College grounds, including any financial charges resulting from damages or clean-up time caused by the guest.

10. Students whose guests violate the Student Code of Conduct will be held accountable for the actions of their guests.

11. Albright College reserves the right to disallow guests from returning to campus property.

Access to residence halls can be accomplished only through a photo identification/access card. This security feature is only as good as those who are willing to utilize it. Propping of doors or allowing access to the building to non-registered or unauthorized persons jeopardizes the safety and integrity of the building and its occupants. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$300 and/or a disciplinary hearing. Also note that allowing others access to the residence halls through side

doors and exit doors clearly violates this policy.

Improper use or allowing others to use your access card as well as "popping" (pulling hard) the magnetic doors to gain entrance will result in a \$100 fine, and you may be referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Hall Sports

Residents are not permitted to play ball, skateboard, or run in the hallways.

Harassment

Harassment of any kind, threats of violence, and posted statements of a harassing or violent nature are not permitted at Albright College.

Illegal Drugs

(see *The Compass* for specific information)

Laundry Rooms

Washers and dryers are located in the residence halls or in designated nearby campus locations and are free of charge for use by resident students only. Non-resident students doing their laundry on campus are subject to fines and/or disciplinary actions. Resident students may also be held accountable for allowing off-campus students to use campus laundry facilities.

Students are to assist with maintaining the cleanliness of the laundry rooms and the machines. Students should not leave clothing in or around laundry machines, and students should not place sneakers or other irregular items in washers/dryers. Students abusing laundry machines or facilities are subject to disciplinary action and/or fines.

Lost and Found

Items that have been found may be claimed in the Office of Public Safety.

Mental Health Disturbances

Disposition

The Office of Housing and Residential Learning is gravely concerned with any situation wherein a student's state of mental health leads to either acute risk or actual disruption of the living and learning environment of the residence halls, or creates undue and continuing stress or danger for either that student and/or members of the College community.

Should a student's behavior be assessed by appropriate College staff to have caused disruption of the student's living environment, or to pose imminent possibilities of such disruption, disposition of that case will be considered on its own merits.

Possible disposition may include, but is not limited to, any or all combinations of the following requirements: referral for professional mental health evaluation, remediation, therapy, imposition of sanctions or limits designed to protect the individual or the residential community, voluntary withdrawal from the College (including College housing) for either a specified or unspecified period of time, or involuntary withdrawal from the College (including College housing) for either a specified or unspecified period of time. Final disposition of the matter will be determined by the vice president for student affairs/dean of students in consultation with the Office of Community Standards and appropriate counselors or other mental health professionals.

Rearranged College Furniture

Each student room is provided with certain items of furniture. Students may not move additional items into their rooms from public areas of the halls (or any college property), including North Hall suite lounges, or from other students' rooms. In addition, students are not permitted to remove items that are furnished by the College without prior

approval of the assistant director or the Housing Office.

Students found to have violated this policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include a fine of \$75 per item of furniture.

Pets

No animals, with the exception of fish and turtles in properly maintained aquariums of 10 gallons or less, will be allowed in residence halls. Students who are in need of service dogs are permitted to have the service dog in the residence hall. These students must inform the Housing Office and obtain approval before bringing the approved service dog on campus. Students found with unauthorized pets in the residential facility will be issued a fine of \$200 per pet/per incident and will be responsible for any damage or clean-up costs resulting from the pet. In addition to the \$200 fine, the student may be subject to housing removal and will be required to relocate the pet within 24 hours.

Public Posting of Materials

No materials may be posted inside or outside the residence halls without the approval of the Housing Office. Materials that promote the use of alcohol or other drugs or that promote discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity or national origin are prohibited in all public areas and any area outside the student's room or visible from the outside of the window. Expressions that can be viewed publicly and are obscene, socially inappropriate, intimidating or offensive to the prevailing standards of an academic community are also prohibited. This also means that students should refrain from viewing inappropriate programs on TVs located in lounges. Any person posting material without prior approval from the Housing Office, anyone found viewing inappropriate programs on common area televisions, or

anyone removing postings/flyers within the residence halls without authorization will be fined \$50 by the Office of Housing and Residential Learning.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours provide a structure to achieve a balance between quiet and privacy. During quiet hours, noise that can be heard one door away from the source is too loud. Students who violate quiet hours may incur a fine, may be relocated to another residence hall, or may even be forced to move off campus at the discretion of the Office of Housing and Residential Learning.

Quiet hours will be observed during the following times:

9 p.m. Sunday until 9 a.m. Monday
9 p.m. Monday until 9 a.m. Tuesday
9 p.m. Tuesday until 9 a.m. Wednesday
9 p.m. Wednesday until 9 a.m. Thursday
9 p.m. Thursday until 9 a.m. Friday
12 a.m. Friday until 12 p.m. Saturday
12 a.m. Saturday until 12 p.m. Sunday

Residents of a living unit may vote to increase the number of quiet hours if they so choose. A 2/3 affirmative vote of residents is required to extend these hours. The Housing Office must be informed prior to the vote in order to review the voting process. These hours may not be reduced. "Courtesy hours" will be in effect at all other times. During courtesy hours, noise should not be so loud that it disturbs neighbors. At any time, a resident's right to a quieter environment should be honored. Residents should communicate with their neighbors to establish times when louder noise is acceptable. (These times cannot violate established quiet hours.) During finals week of any semester, quiet hours are in effect 24 hours a day, starting at 9 p.m. the Friday before finals week begins and continuing through the end of the examination period.

Room Furnishings

Each student room is furnished with a single bed, mattress, desk, desk chair and dresser for each student. Each room has closet space, window blinds, a ceiling or wall light, and a microfridge (not including Albright Woods). Each room or apartment has a telephone jack. The College, at no extra charge, provides basic television cable service, local phone service, and Internet service. No College furniture may be placed outside on patios or balconies of Albright Woods, or outside or in common areas of other residence halls.

Room Entry/Inspections

The College reserves the right to enter student rooms for purposes of safety, health/sanitation issues, facilities improvements, and routine maintenance. The College also reserves the right to enter rooms when there is reason to believe that there is a violation of College policy, to assess property damage, to secure unauthorized property, or to control rooms in the event of an epidemic or emergency that jeopardizes the well-being of the occupant or other students in the hall/apartment. When possible and appropriate, residents of a room/apartment will be given notification before College officials enter.

Search and Seizure

The College reserves the right for the appropriate officials to conduct searches if reasonable cause exists to believe that (1) activity is taking place in a student's room or on College premises that is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of individuals; or (2) substances that would constitute a violation of the Code of Conduct are contained in the room or on the property of the College or on a person. A search involves the close physical examination of all areas, which includes, but is not limited to, thoroughly going through all of an individual's personal belongings. Determination of what constitutes "a reasonable cause to believe"

that a search is necessary will be made by the director of public safety. Rooms may be entered without the student present.

Repair and Replacement Costs

Vandalism to a residence hall and its furnishings will be charged to the responsible party, and the party may be subject to further disciplinary action. (See Responsibility for Common Area for specific information about common-area damage.) Punitive charges may be applied when damage occurs but total replacement is not practical (e.g., burn holes, stains in flooring).

The following is a list of the repair and replacement costs. This list is not inclusive of all charges. Many of these costs do not include the cost of labor or contractor fees. These costs will be assessed as needed, so the final cost may be more than the cost indicated.

DAMAGED AREA	COST
Replace doors.....	\$200
Replace doors (North Hall)	\$350
Utility closet door (Albright Woods)	\$75
Frame	\$85
Refinish	\$48
Lock set	\$65
Lock set (North Hall)	\$125
Remove tape, etc.....	\$25
Wall patch/paint wall.....	\$75 per wall
Receptacle/switch plate	\$5
Cover plates	\$5
Exit sign (replacement/repair).....	\$150
Exit sign (metal covers)	\$25
Exit sign (red cover)	\$20
Data receptacle.....	\$300
Windows	Assessed per item
Blinds	Assessed per item
Screens	Assessed per item
Repaint ceiling.....	\$75
Tile replacement (1x1).....	\$10
Tile replacement (2x2).....	\$15

Tile replacement (2x4).....	\$20
Carpet tile replacement.....	\$50

Water coolers

Drinking spout.....	\$75
Push buttons (side and front)	\$125
Entire cooler replacement	\$500

Emergency phones

Replace yellow phone.....	\$800
Metal phone poles.....	\$300

Blocked drains (intentional blockage with food, paper towels, toilet tissue, tobacco, etc.)

Unclog.....	\$50
Tub replacement	\$500
Faucet replacement.....	\$200

Toilets/Urinals

Broken.....	\$300
Flusher valve	\$200

Heating/air conditioner units

Removal of any item when unit needs maintenance or repair.....	\$30
Grid work per foot	\$20
Blocked heating/AC unit motor burns up.....	cost of unit

Lights

Light cover.....	\$50
Replacement (2x2).....	\$100
Replacement (2x4).....	\$125
Diffuser (2x2).....	\$30
Diffuser (2x4).....	\$40
Desk light	\$50
Pole lights/broken lens.....	\$200
Broken top cover	\$125

Furniture

Desk	\$250
Side chair.....	\$125
Bed.....	\$175
Mattress	\$150
Chest of drawers.....	\$275
Sofa.....	\$750

Lounge chair.....	\$310
Love seat	\$650
Mirror replacement	\$75
Removal of furniture	\$75 per piece

Miscellaneous

Excessively dirty room (any time during or after the school year).....	\$100
Excessively dirty common areas	assessed per incident at \$100 per person
Coaxial TV cable per foot	\$10
Flooding in dorms due to vandalism/carelessness.....	assessed per incident
Fire extinguisher replacement	\$100
Fire extinguisher refill	\$50
Fire extinguisher box replacement.....	\$100
Fire extinguisher box: replace glass.....	\$30
Fire alarm box repair.....	\$125
Fire bell/strobe replacement.....	\$150
Smoke detector replacement.....	\$250
Exit sign replacement/repair.....	\$150
Electric hand dryer replacement.....	\$300
Hand soap dispenser replacement	\$75
Paper towel/toilet paper dispenser.....	\$100
Bulletin board replacement.....	\$250
Thermostat	\$250
Clean microfridge	\$40
Reading Fire Department response	\$100
Fire extinguisher discharge	assessed per incident
Electric strike replacement	\$200
Removal of graffiti	assessed per incident
Biohazard clean-up.....	assessed per incident

Roofs and Ledges

All persons are prohibited from climbing onto all roofs and ledges.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ALL buildings on campus. Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of entranceways to residence halls. Refrain from smoking near windows. All debris must be disposed of properly. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in a fine and/or disciplinary action.

Soliciting and Sales

Soliciting, canvassing, or the use of College housing as a location for selling of any type is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, demonstrations such as Mary Kay, sex toys, etc. All solicitors should be reported to a housing staff member or the Office of Public Safety.

Telephones

(See telephones, community services and information.)

Unauthorized Entry or Use of College Facilities

No student shall make unauthorized entry into any College building, room, office, attic, roof or other College facility. This includes times when the College is closed (e.g., Thanksgiving and spring breaks), or times when the student is not approved to be on campus (e.g., summer/interim sessions). Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from College housing.

Vending Machines

Drink and snack machines are located in each residence hall for the convenience of the residents. Proper care and utilization of these machines is expected. To have these machines refilled, please call Dining and Food Services at 610-921-7525.

Waste Disposition

All room trash must be deposited in dumpsters located adjacent to the residence hall area. This includes, but is not limited to, pizza boxes and beer cans/bottles/cases. Under no circumstances should room trash be placed in the bathroom or lounges. Littering or improper disposal of trash is not permitted, and violators may be fined \$100.

Water-Filled Furniture

Waterbeds and other pieces of water-filled furniture are not permitted because of the weight and potential for water damage.

Weapons

The possession or use of firearms or any other object that may present a threat to the safety of students or College personnel is strictly prohibited. No weapons are to be stored in rooms or student vehicles on the Albright College campus. This includes but is not limited to ALL types of guns (including BB guns and air guns), stun guns, knives and martial arts weaponry.

Weights

The College does not permit weight equipment (commercial or handmade) in the residence halls. Free weights and cardiovascular equipment are provided for the use of students in the Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being.

Windows and Screens

Throwing objects from windows and/or hanging objects from windows and screens is prohibited.

Community Living Standards Particular To Albright Woods

Social Gathering Policy

All social events in Albright Woods will follow the following guidelines:

A. Social gatherings within the living facilities shall be confined to the designated apartment. Guests with or without alcohol are not permitted to congregate in the stairwells, laundry facilities, patios, balconies or any other area outside the confines of the designated apartment.

B. Social gatherings must be registered and approved through the Office of Housing and Residential Learning at least 48 hours in advance of the social gathering request date.

C. Social gatherings are permitted Thursday

through Saturday only, and may begin after 8 p.m. and must conclude by 1 a.m. Registered events will not be permitted during any official break period or exam period, or during the College's interim period.

D. In accordance with fire safety codes, the maximum number of individuals for any social gathering may not exceed 24 (this includes residents and guests) in any one apartment. A gathering consisting of 12 or more individuals is considered a social gathering and must be registered with the Office of Housing and Residential Learning.

E. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in apartments where all residents are under the age of 21.

F. Beer is limited to cans only. The host apartment is responsible for appropriate disposal of all cans and trash at the conclusion of the event. The host apartment is also responsible for all debris around the host building. Residents may be assessed a fine for failure to properly dispose of trash and debris.

G. One six-pack of beer or one four-pack of wine cooler (or equivalent) is permitted per individual 21 years of age or older during the social gathering.

H. No common-source containers of alcoholic beverages are allowed (kegs, party balls, trash cans, tubs, punch, etc.).

I. No drinking games are permitted at any time.

J. It is the responsibility of the host apartment to ensure that all individuals consuming alcohol are of the legal drinking age (21 years of age or older). Violation of this will result in individuals 21 years of age and older being charged with providing alcohol to minors, which is a violation of state and local law.

K. All guests are required to have a College ID or a valid driver's license and must produce this documentation upon the request of Albright College Public Safety or other Albright personnel.

L. Admission may not be charged for any social gathering, including donations or other "selling" of alcohol. This includes pooling of funds between residents of the apartment. This policy is consistent with state and local laws.

M. Albright Public Safety and/or other College personnel may enter an apartment during a social gathering.

N. Any apartment residents or guests who do not comply with the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action. This action may include, but is not limited to, removal from the event, immediate termination of the event, monetary fines, loss of social gathering privileges, housing probation, or loss of housing, as well as additional sanctions by the Office of Community Standards. An apartment with prior social gathering violations may be declined an application to host a social gathering by the Office of Housing and Residential Learning.

O. The Office of Housing and Residential Learning reserves the right to limit the number of social gatherings that each individual apartment is permitted and to decline an application for a social gathering at any given time.

P. The College reserves the right to amend this policy at any time without prior notification.

Enforcement

The Office of Housing and Residential Learning and the Office of Public Safety are responsible for the enforcement of the social gathering policy in Albright Woods. When

needed, they may call upon local authorities for assistance. Any violations of the Student Code of Conduct or Community Living Guide will result in the disbanding of the party.

Sanctions

If there is a violation of the Social Gathering Policy, each resident who lives in the apartment (regardless of attendance at the gathering) will be sanctioned as follows:

First Violation: Letter informing the residents of the apartment that their behavior is contrary to the Social Gathering Policy and that a \$50 fine will be imposed.

Second Violation: A \$125 fine and housing probation for each resident who lives in the apartment.

Third Violation: A \$250 fine and loss of privileged housing for each resident who lives in the apartment. Residents may be ineligible for privileged housing for the duration of their enrollment at Albright College. Students may also be referred to the Office of Community Standards for any Social Gathering Policy violation.

Fire, Health and Safety for Albright Woods

Because of Albright Woods' unique living arrangements, there are some special fire, health and safety regulations. Failure to adhere to these policies may result in fines or other disciplinary actions. Apartment residents are strictly forbidden to have propane tank grills. Tiki torches are also prohibited. Refer to the Social Gathering Policy for other guidelines regarding number of guests and fire codes.

Blocking Exits

There must be a clear path and easy access to all points of entry to the apartments. Students may not construct or place any obstacles, such as furniture in front of doors,

that will impede the safe exiting of the apartment from any of the three doors (front entrance, back entrance and sliding glass doors).

Water Heaters

There must be a clear path of access to the water heater in the back closet. There can be no belongings or trash within three feet of the water heater.

Trash

All trash must be taken to the appropriate dumpsters. Any excessive trash anywhere in or around a building will be the responsibility of the residents of that building. All of the residents who live in that building will be fined \$50 each for the removal or clean-up of the trash. If the trash can be associated with a particular apartment, then each resident who lives in that apartment will be issued the fine.

Property Inspections

In an effort to ensure the cleanliness of the living areas, to protect the College's property, and to ensure the safety of the students, periodic inspections will be made randomly throughout the academic year. An official of the College will make at least one inspection a month. During periods when College housing is closed (e.g., Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks), residents should set their thermostats to 65 degrees. Residents who do not keep their apartment in an acceptable condition as determined by the Office of Housing and Residential Learning may be required to immediately vacate on-campus housing and will be responsible for all costs associated with repairs and clean-up.

Policies contained within this book are reviewed at the conclusion of each academic year. The College reserves the right to revise the policies contained within this book at any time.

Important Telephone Numbers

- Office of Public Safety (emergency only) 311
- Fire/Police/Ambulance..... 911
- Office of Public Safety (non-emergency).....921-7670
- Counseling Center 921-7640
- Provost 921-7643
- Dean of Students 921-7611
- Dining Services 921-7525
- Dining Services Menu 921-7608
- Facilities Office..... 921-7520
- Financial Aid 921-7515
- Health Service..... 921-7532
- Information Technology Services Help Desk..... 921-7676
- Office of Disability Support 921-7662
- Office of Housing and Residential Learning 921-7641
- Student Billing/ Controller's Office 921-7764/7754
- Student Activities..... 921-7529
- Office of Community Standards.... 921-7663

Your Resident Assistant:

Your Assistant Director:

OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

HOUSING CALENDAR

FALL 2008 SEMESTER

- August 21-Thursday**
Housing opens for new students @ 8 a.m.
- August 21-September 7**
Room move freeze period (no room changes)
- August 24-Sunday**
Housing opens for returning students @ 9 a.m.
- September 5-Friday**
Deadline for meal plan changes
- September 8-September 19**
Room move period for fall semester
- November 24-Monday**
Last day to cancel contract and receive a refund of the Confirmation Deposit (spring '09 new students only)
- November 25-Tuesday**
Student housing closes for Thanksgiving break @ 6 p.m.
- November 30-Sunday**
Student housing reopens @ 9 a.m.
- December 12-Friday**
Student housing closes for winter break @ 6 p.m.

INTERIM 2009 SESSION

- January 4-Sunday**
Student housing reopens for Interim session @ 9 a.m. (Students must be taking classes or participating in an approved activity to live in student housing during Interim.)
- January 23-Friday**
Student housing closes @ 6 p.m. (only students not returning for spring semester)

SPRING 2009 SEMESTER

- January 25-Sunday**
Student housing reopens for spring semester @ 9 a.m.
- January 25-February 8**
Room move freeze period (no room changes)
- February 6-Friday**
Deadline for meal plan changes (new spring '09 enrollees only)
- February 9-February 20**
Room move period for spring semester
- March 13-Friday**
Student housing closes for Spring Break @ 6 p.m.
- March 22-Sunday**
Student housing reopens @ 9 a.m.
- May 22-Friday**
Student housing closes for end of year @ 6 p.m. (underclassmen only)
- May 24-Sunday**
Student housing closes for end of year @ 7 p.m. (graduating seniors)

Best wishes from the Office of Housing & Residential Learning for a happy and successful 2008-2009!

