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DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Western Kentucky University recognizes that its residence halls play a central role in most students' total educational experience. It is in the residence hall that some of the most significant personal growth and maturation occur. For many students, classrooms and libraries are simply where knowledge is "dispensed". The residence hall is where this information is reviewed, studied, discussed, questioned, and yes, even sometimes discarded.

The residence hall is also where many students learn the fine art of getting along with others. Learning to peacefully and productively co-exist with other individuals is fundamental to overall success in life. Central to this concept is the development of a genuine concern for other human beings.

Therefore, Western seeks to provide an environment that is compatible with, and supportive of students' personal, social, physical, spiritual, and intellectual development. Specifically, the mission of the Department of University Housing is to provide a reasonably priced living/learning environment that is clean, attractive, well maintained, safe, comfortable and considered by residents to be a positive and desirable community living arrangement. Evidence of our efforts to meet this goal include a blend of attractive facilities and a competent, enthusiastic staff. Student responsiveness creates this stimulating environment.

The idea of moving into a situation where people from different backgrounds can learn more about each other should be very exciting. Campus living provides the student with an opportunity to experience a more complete education—something which goes far beyond the formal classroom setting.

WKU students may choose from 17 residence halls—4 for men, 11 for women, and 2 co-ed facilities. We offer a variety of different living options designed to meet the needs of a diverse and cosmopolitan student population.

Each residence hall room is equipped to accommodate two students; each room is furnished with beds, chests of drawers, closet space, mirrors, desks, chairs, refrigerator and one active telephone line and jack for local telephone service. Long Distance service is available through AT&T.

WHAT TO BRING

Students should furnish their own bed linens and pillow. All beds are twin size; however, a few halls have extra long (80") mattresses. Please note the **Fitted Sheets** entry in the **Policies/Services** section.

Students should also plan to bring personal items such as hair dryers, toiletries, towels, wash cloths, a laundry basket and washing supplies, eating and cooking utensils, an iron, telephone, alarm clock, various desk supplies including a dictionary, and clothes which are appropriate for the season.

Since it is normally rather warm at the very beginning of Fall Semester and at the very end of Spring Semester, residents of non-air conditioned halls may want to consider bringing a small fan for use during these periods.

Also, there may be a few cool nights in the Fall before the heat is turned on campus-wide, so it might be wise to bring along a blanket if you are cold natured.

Residents may also have small, compact microwave ovens in their rooms for personal use. Larger models are not permitted due to electrical regulations.

Residents may also bring their own personal computers, as well as other electronic devices such as stereos, televisions, etc. Please keep in mind, however, that the University assumes no liability for damage or loss to these items which may occur while they are in the residence hall.

Many students purchase carpet for their rooms. If you would like to do so, please consult the next few pages for an approximate floor plan of the rooms in your assigned residence hall.

It is always a good idea to discuss with your roommate who is planning to bring what prior to your arrival on-campus in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of some items (televisions, stereos, etc.).

A somewhat more detailed listing of what is permissible in our residence halls is found within the **Policies/Services** section of this publication.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Area Code (502)

Dept. of University Housing	745-4359
Dept. of Residence Life	745-2037
Academic Counseling & Retention	745-2793
Office of Student Life	745-2791
Academic Advising	745-5065
Associated Student Government	745-4354
University Bookstore	745-2466
Black Student Recruitment	745-5066
Business Affairs	745-5375
Athletics Office	745-3542
Orientation Office	745-4242
Public Safety	745-2548
Veterans Affairs	745-5482
Student Financial Aid	745-2755
Student Health Service	745-5641
Counseling Services	745-3159
Student Organizations	745-2459
Campus Information	745-0111
Military Science	745-4293
Intramural Office	745-5216
Food Services	745-2416
University Center	745-5793

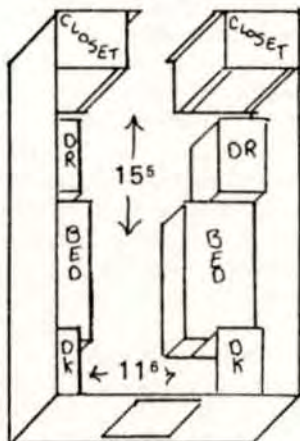
MEN'S HALLS

DOUGLAS KEEN

Douglas Keen, is a split-level men's residence hall located at the south end of campus. A spacious lobby and recreational area separate the two sides of the building. Western Kentucky's football team occupies the short side which has four floors, and the tall side, which has seven floors, is occupied by traditional students. Keen also has two carpeted study rooms located one on each side of the building.

BARNES-CAMPBELL

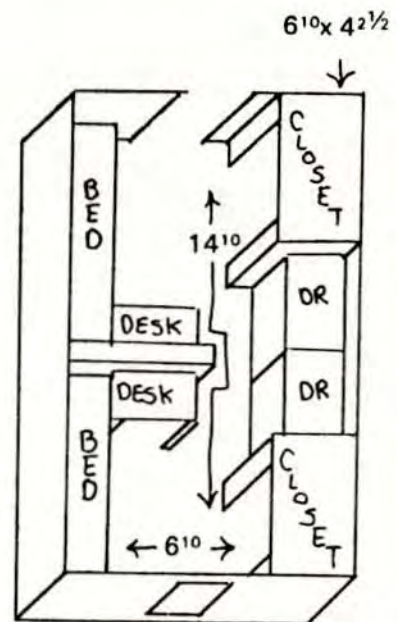
Barnes-Campbell, one of the Twin Towers located on the south end of campus, is designed to house 366 men on eight floors. The size and personality of the building have made Barnes a popular hall. A spacious recreational room and a study area are also available to the residents.



APPROXIMATE ROOM LAYOUT

PEARCE-FORD TOWER

Pearce-Ford Tower, or just "The Tower," is a 27-story air-conditioned men's residence hall located on the south end of campus. The tower houses 892 students and has four elevators that service the building. Common areas include a large, carpeted study lounge on the second floor, and a television area and recreational facility located on the the 27th floor. Also located in this building are two branches of Food Services. On the first floor is a pick-up grocery store equipped with some of the basic needs and on the 27th floor, there is a grill-type restaurant.

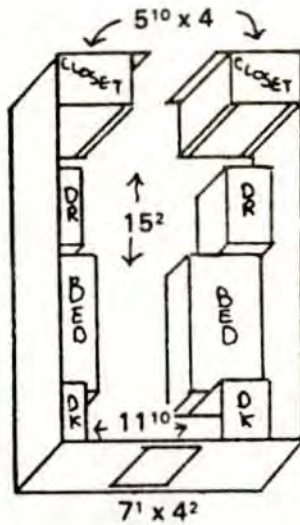


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NORTH HALL

North Hall, has a capacity for 174 male residents. Although North is not air-conditioned, it is the only men's hall in the center of campus, which makes it a desirable choice. The ability to bunk the beds, combined with moveable furniture, adds to its popularity and provides flexibility for the residents. North Hall is in close proximity to academic buildings.

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GILBERT HALL

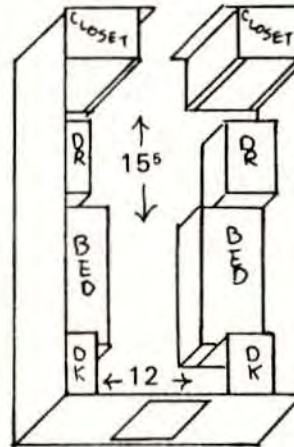
Gilbert Hall, is a four-story, air-conditioned hall that houses 202 women. Gilbert is unique in that it is the only predominantly Greek hall on Western's campus. Gilbert has a large lobby with cable television and several carpeted study rooms. This hall also has a branch of Food Services, Unicorn Pizza, located in the basement. This facility has both eat-in and delivery services.

MCCORMACK HALL

Sitting adjacent to Gilbert is McCormack Hall, which houses 354 women on six floors. McCormack has four separate recreational rooms that provide television, piano, and study areas. There is also a large lounge and television area on the third floor.

RODES-HARLIN

Rodes-Harlin, is the tallest of the valley halls. It has nine floors on which 368 residents can live. The first floor has a carpeted study room and a separate recreational room with a television and ping-pong table.

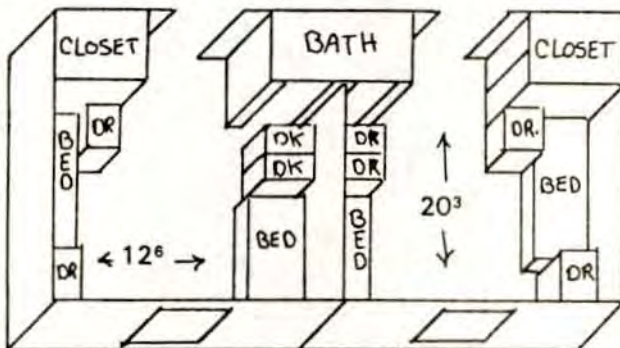


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WOMEN'S HALLS

McLEAN HALL

McLean Hall, is one of the more traditional residence halls on Western's campus. Its white pillars and overall colonial design add to its beauty. McLean is unique in that the rooms are arranged in suites: every two rooms are connected with a bathroom. This feature coupled with the ability to move furniture and bunk the beds makes McLean a favorite to some. This hall houses 148 female residents on three floors. (Windows in McLean Hall vary in size from room to room).



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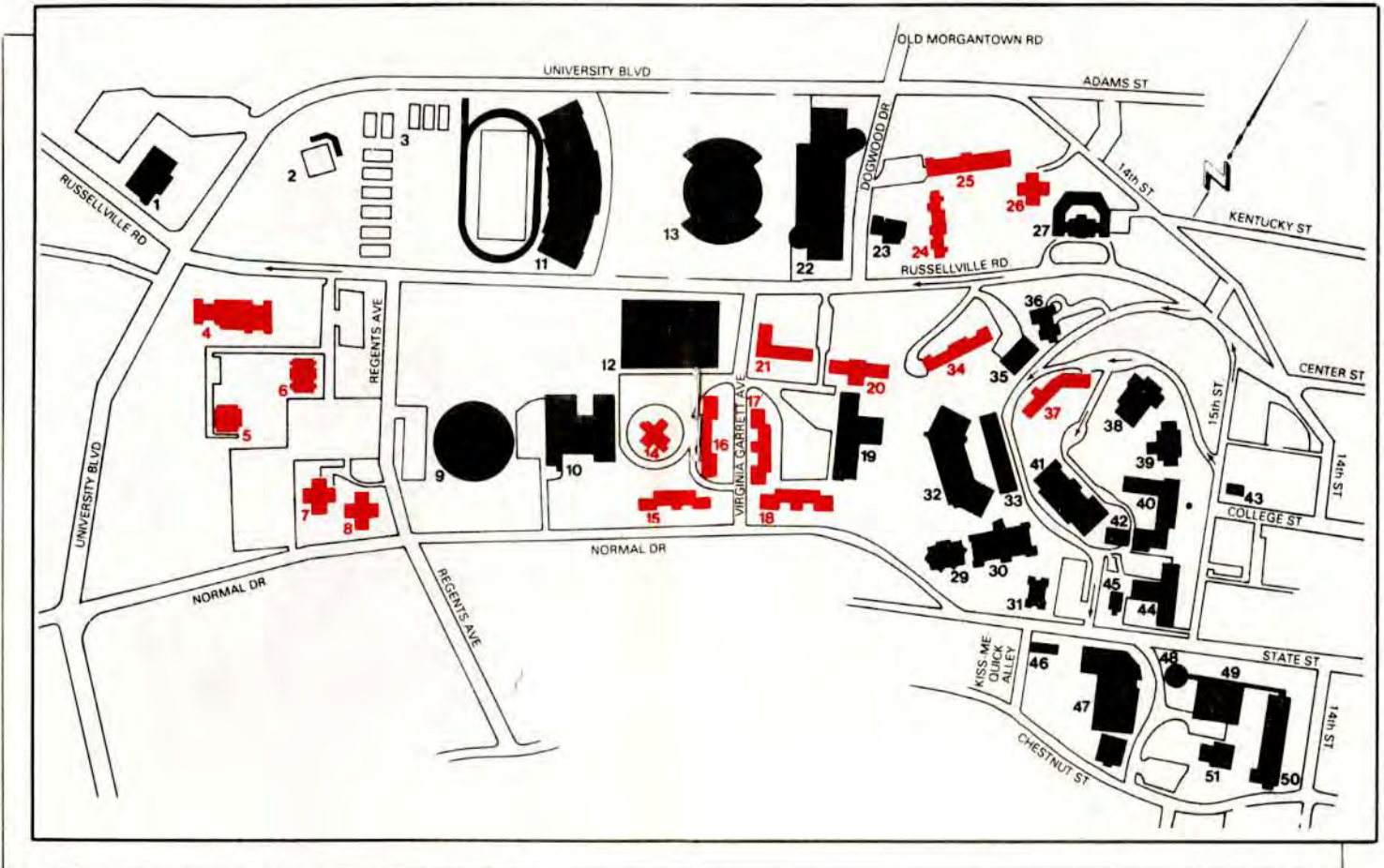
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SOUTH HALL

Located in the center of campus and convenient to the Downing University Center is **South Hall**, which is designed to house 183 women. Although it is not air-conditioned, its spacious rooms, fairly small number of residents, and proximity to academic buildings have made South Hall a convenient residence hall for women. A large multi-purpose room and a quiet, carpeted study room also add to the attractiveness of the building.

BATES-RUNNER

Bates-Runner, is a three-story residence hall that houses 152 women. Bates is located close to the student center, athletic complex and the campus laundry facility. Although Bates is not air-conditioned, its roomy closets and large rooms are very appealing.



WEST HALL

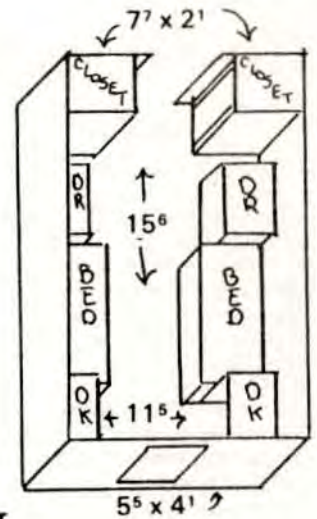
Sitting adjacent to the student center and centrally located on campus is **West Hall**. West is a non-air-conditioned building housing 182 female residents. This hall offers an intimate personal environment for students and has a characteristic that is unique and pleasant. A feature unique to West Hall is the "Cellar," the basement facility used for dances and social gatherings throughout the year.

EAST HALL

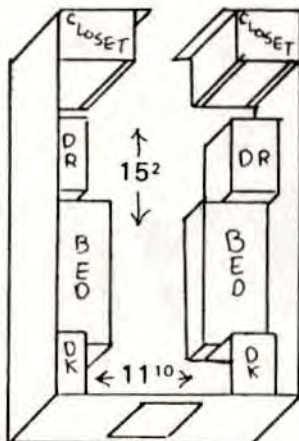
East Hall, is a three-story women's residence hall that houses 200 students. A location in the center of campus allows East Hall residents the convenience of the student center and several academic buildings. East also has movable furniture that helps the residents to personalize their rooms.

CENTRAL HALL

Central Hall, is a ten-story air-conditioned residence hall located in the central part of campus. This hall has a capacity for 398 female residents, including the Lady Topper basketball teams. The first floor consists of a lobby with cable television and a separate multi-purpose room. Central is the only high-rise hall in this section of campus and is in close proximity to the student center and to academic buildings.



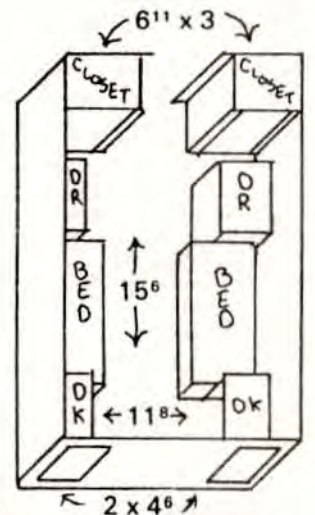
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BEMIS LAWRENCE

Bemis Lawrence, is the other hall of the Twin Towers. Bemis is equipped to house 366 women on eight floors. For convenience, there are two study rooms located in the building and a kitchen on every floor.

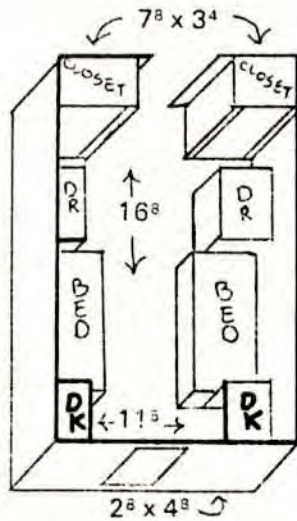


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CO-ED HALLS

HUGH POLAND

Poland Hall, is unique in that it is one of Western's co-educational halls. It is located on the south end of campus with a view of the baseball field, football field, and tennis courts. Poland is a nine story air-conditioned building with women living on floors 2 - 5 and men on floors 6 - 9. Located on the first floor are study rooms, recreational rooms, and a television area that compliment the living environment of the hall. To live in Poland a student must have already completed 24 hours of course work.

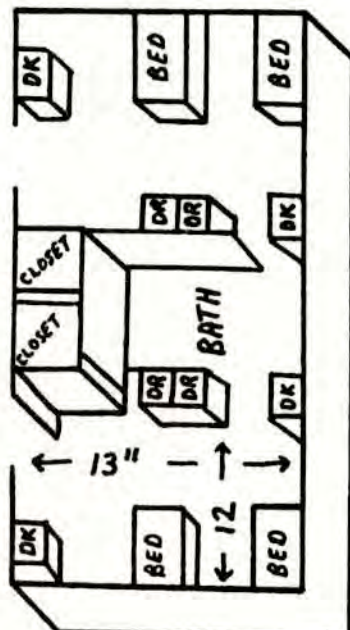


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FLORENCE SCHNEIDER

Florence Schneider Hall, more commonly known as Schneider Hall, houses 50 females and 44 males on two floors. The spacious rooms in Schneider are arranged in suites, two rooms adjoined by a bathroom. Because the hall is co-residential, with men and women living across the hall from one another, there is a family atmosphere that is relaxed, mature and friendly. To live in Schneider a student must have already completed 60 hours of course work and be in good disciplinary standing.



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POLICIES/SERVICES

ANTENNAS—Antennas of any kind are not to be hung from windows or attached to buildings in any way.

APPLIANCES—Television sets and radios with self-contained antennas, record players, electric razors, clocks, hair dryers, lamps, heating pads, electric blankets, humidifiers and fans are permitted in rooms provided their use does not disturb other residents and their state of repair is not a fire hazard. All appliances must be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approved. Safety, sanitation and insurance standards require that certain restrictions be placed on the use of electrical appliances in the residence hall. Popcorn poppers (excluding hot air poppers), coffee makers, crock pots, hot plates, grills, electric skillets, toasters and toaster ovens may not be used in resident rooms, but may be used in kitchens or other designated areas. No cooking is permissible in resident's room with the exception of microwave ovens and hot air poppers. Under no circumstances are sun lamps, window air conditioners, dehumidifiers, space heaters and gas appliances allowed. Violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

BUNK BEDS—Students residing in East Hall, North Hall, or McLean Hall will be eligible to have their beds bunked for a \$10 service charge. This charge will remove students from the liability and responsibility of bunking and unbunking beds. For further details contact your hall staff.

CABLE TELEVISION—Cable TV is available in the lobby or multi-purpose room of all residence halls.

CAMPUS MAIL—Any mail that needs to be delivered to any location on campus from another on-campus location can be sent from your hall desk with no postage charge.

CARPETING—You may choose to have carpet in your room. Due to the fact that in many halls the furniture cannot be moved, it may be wiser to cut carpet after you put it in your room. (Rooms in Florence Schnieder Hall are carpeted.)

CARPET TAPE—Carpet tape should be used sparingly, (if used at all) in the residence hall rooms; any damage to the floor tiles from the use of tape will be charged to the student upon check-out.

CHANGE MACHINES—Several change machines are strategically located across campus in the following residence halls: Barnes, Bemis, Central, Keen, McCormack, and Poland. These machines will change \$1.00.

CONTACT PAPER—Contact paper is not allowed to be used on walls, fixtures, or university furniture; any damage incurred will be charged to the student at the time of check-out.

COOKING—Cooking is not allowed in the residence hall rooms except when using a microwave oven or hot air popcorn popper; all other cooking appliances must be used in the kitchen.

COPY MACHINES—Coin-operated copy machines are located in Helm-Cravens library, Tate Page Auditorium, Tate Page Educational Resources Center, Thompson Complex, Central Wing Science Library, Downing University Center, McCormack Hall, and Pearce-Ford Tower.

CO-RESIDENTIAL LIVING—WKU offers two such halls, Hugh Poland and Florence Schneider; students wishing to live in Poland must have completed 24 hours, have a 2.0 GPA and not have had a disciplinary sanction placed against them. Students wishing to live in Schneider Hall must have completed 61 hours, have a 2.0 GPA and must not have had a disciplinary sanction placed against them.

CREDIT CARDS—You may use your MasterCard or

Visa to pay for your housing; this must be done at the Housing Office.

DAMAGE FORM—This check-in form consists of a description of any existing defects in a room and a list of all equipment in a room. The resident is responsible for the condition and equipment of the room and for all damages or loss that may occur while occupying the room.

DARTBOARDS/DARTS—Although you never miss the bull's eye, there are those who never hit it; therefore, darts are not to be used in residence hall rooms. Violators of this policy will be subject to a disciplinary sanction.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS—When rooms are inspected during Safety Checks every other week, the residence hall staff will be looking for unsafe usage of room electrical outlets. The following policies concerning the use of electrical outlets must be used:

1. In each electrical wall outlet (set) of two outlets over the desk or at baseboard level, four appliances may be plugged in through the use of one extension cord or one three-way adapter.

2. All major appliances (refrigerator, microwave) must be either plugged directly into the wall outlet or into a heavy duty extension cord plugged directly into the wall outlet. No major appliance should be plugged into an adapter or regular household extension cord.

3. No adapter or extension cord is to be used in the outlet that is part of a light fixture; one appliance may be plugged directly into this outlet, however.

4. Six-way adapters, power taps, electrical bars and power surge protectors* are strictly prohibited and will be removed by the residence hall staff. (*Power surge protectors are permissible when used with computers.) This policy is for your safety as well as the safety of all residents in your hall. Any violations of this policy will be noted and recorded. Failure to correct any violations may result in a disciplinary sanction.

FIRE ALARMS—The university safety program requires one pre-scheduled fire drill for all residence halls, all other alarms indicate that there is an actual fire within the residence hall. Fire evacuation plans and directions are posted in each room of the residence hall. The University requires all hall residents to adhere to the fire safety regulations of the campus. Failure to evacuate is not only a safety hazard, but it is a violation of University Policy.

FITTED SHEETS—The following residence halls are equipped with mattresses that are longer than a standard twin size: Bemis Lawrence, Barnes-Campbell, Douglas Keen, Hugh Poland, Rodes-Harlin, Diddle and selected floors in Pearce-Ford Tower. Use of a standard twin size fitted sheet will cause irreversible damage to the mattress (i.e. bowing). A substantial charge is assessed for a bowed mattress. All other halls are equipped with standard twin size mattresses that a regular fitted sheet will not damage.

HOLIDAY CLOSE-OUT—All residence halls close for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. Residents are required to be out of the hall at closing time and will not be readmitted until reopening of the hall after the break. There is no need to remove all personal belongings, only to prepare the room for possible pest control spraying.

HOUSEKEEPING—The residence hall housekeeping staff regularly cleans all public areas (bathrooms, kitchens, corridors, lounges, and lobbies). The cleanliness of your room is your responsibility.

PEST CONTROL—A service is provided through the Physical Plant to have all buildings sprayed several times a

year. Any time that pests become a problem, notify your resident assistant to get the area sprayed.

PETS—Pets are not allowed in residence halls due to safety and sanitation regulations. Fish are the only pets allowed in the halls.

REFRIGERATORS—A refrigerator is provided in each residence hall room at no additional cost. The refrigerator is the property of WKU and is the responsibility of the resident(s) in the room it is assigned. Under no circumstances are the residents permitted to sublease or move the refrigerator from the originally assigned room. The residents also assume responsibility of cleaning the unit upon checking out of the room. Each unit has a WKU identification number engraved on it. Residents are permitted to bring their own refrigerator or freezer, provided it does not exceed 3 cubic feet.

ROOM CLEANING—The cleanliness of each room is left up to the residents of that room. Sorry, Mom is not here to help.

ROOM PAINTING POLICY—Residents are allowed to paint their rooms provided they contact their hall director, gain approval and receive a copy of the required guidelines.

SAFETY CHECK—These checks occur every other week to ensure the safety and sanitation conditions of each room.

TELEPHONES—Each residence hall room is provided with one active telephone line and one wall mounted modular jack for local service. WKU contracted with AT&T College and University Systems (ACUS) to provide long distance telephone service to all residence hall students.

TRASH CHUTES/TRASH REMOVAL—You are responsible for the removal of all personal trash from your room. Trash can liners may be obtained by inquiring at the desk of your residence hall. All high-rise residence halls are equipped with trash chutes for your convenience and all low-rise halls are located within close proximity to a garbage dumpster. Check with your hall staff for the location nearest you.

VISITATION/SINGLE SEX HALLS—Members of the opposite sex may visit residents during the following hours:
Sunday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.-midnight
Friday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
Each guest must check in at the front desk with either a valid driver's license or student ID. He/she must be escorted when in any public area in the building and must use the restroom designated for the sex of the particular guest. Each guest must be checked out by the resident as they leave the building. Residents are responsible for the actions of their guests. Violators of this policy will be subject to a disciplinary sanction.



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