



University Life Division
Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

TO: UNIVERSITY CHAPTER HOUSE RESIDENTS

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RE: MOVE OUT DATES FOR MAY, 2011 -NO SUMMER STORAGE

DATE: FALL, 2010

There has been some confusion about when students are expected to move out of their chapter houses at the end of the academic year. Different chapter houses have different practices based on whether they stay open for the summer. Some close their houses for the summer annually, or they have summer groups to which they sublet. OFSA has worked in partnership with each house and its alumni(ae) in these matters.

Regardless of the practice, there is maintenance and repair work that must be done in each house during the summer months when there are fewer people in a chapter house or the house is closed. This helps us to do our best to make sure that the houses are ready for students to move in for the start of the next academic year each September.

One of the problems we have experienced is properties being “trashed” after final examinations are completed. Presumably, undergraduate residents are packing to leave for the summer and seniors are still here for Commencement and related graduation events. There has been increased vandalism to bedroom doors, windows, furniture, in addition to a general lack of disposal of trash by the residents as they prepare to move out. This results in increased cost to chapter operating budgets and less money for other repairs or improvements.

Undergraduates are required to move out of their chapter houses no later than 12 noon on the day after completion of their spring semester final examinations and no later than Wednesday, May 11th 2011 at 12noon (the last final exam period is on Tuesday, May 10th). Graduating seniors will be expected to move out of the chapter house by 5 p.m. on Commencement Day, Monday May 16th 2011 and no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, May 17th 2011. This is outlined in the Occupancy Agreement each individual signed in preparation to live in the house this coming year, which also clearly states the term of occupancy for the Fall and Spring Semesters. This is also consistent with the policy for the College Houses and is communicated numerous times during the school year. It is important that we adhere to this schedule, given the need to prepare for summer school occupancy in some houses, and other houses being closed this summer for renovations.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO SUMMER STORAGE ALLOWED. ANY PERSONAL BELONGINGS THAT STUDENTS LEAVE IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE WILL BE DISCARDED. Please make arrangements accordingly. The Occupancy Agreement you signed indicates that: Section IX 1. "The University and the Fraternity shall not be liable for any damage or loss of personal property in the room(s) or storage areas assigned to the student or any other person."

Your cooperation and attention to these move out procedures is appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at OFSA at 215-898-5263. Thank you!