



Beta: Beginning of the End?

Seems like the administration is really flexing its muscles this time around. Fresh from my inbox:

Dear Students:

I write to notify you of a revision to Wesleyan's residency requirement designed to clarify the University's rules concerning off-campus housing. In brief: beginning Fall 2011, Wesleyan students will be prohibited from residing in — or **using for social activities** — houses or property owned, leased or operated by private societies that are not recognized by the University. You can find the revised policy online at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/studenthandbook/residency.html>

Students found to be in violation of this policy **will be subject to disciplinary measures** by the University, **including suspension**.

President Roth asked for this policy revision to address the problematic issue of having residential organizations that appear to function as Wesleyan entities yet have no Wesleyan oversight. DKE, Psi U, and Alpha Delt are recognized as part of program housing and are thus not affected by this change. This revised policy would, however, have major consequences for Beta which has chosen to not participate in program housing and is therefore not recognized by the University.

We are continuing our discussions with the members of Beta and their alumni about joining program housing, and remain hopeful that they will choose to do so. Such a choice would result in University recognition and avoid the scenario of students being prohibited from residing in Beta or using it for social activities.

This revised policy won't affect the great majority of you as you consider your housing options for the 2011-2012 academic year, but President Roth and I agreed that it was important to call your attention to the revision — and its potential ramifications.

Sincerely,

Dean Mike Whaley
Vice President for Student Affairs

What? Huh? What just happened?! More after the jump. Keep refreshing, this post will definitely be updated throughout the day.

Some initial thoughts:

- *President Roth and I agreed that it was important to call your attention to the revision*

Well, thanks for letting us know...?

- *Students found to be in violation of this policy **will be subject to disciplinary measures** by the University, **including suspension**.*

Wesleyan makes on-campus housing for all four years mandatory, so this isn't really news. But the fact that we'll be disciplined to *throw parties* in an off campus building owned by private societies... What?!

- *This revised policy won't affect the great majority of you blah blah blah*

No. There is no question that Beta Theta Pi has a respectable part of the social scene at Wes, whether you like it or not.

Will Beta Theta Pi put up a fight? How about us as a student body? I really can't throw a kegger in the attic of my cheese lovers society? So many questions. All I know is there's a storm a brewin'.

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