

RULES OF WILL RICE COLLEGE

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I. COMMONS AREAS IN THE COLLEGE

A. The Commons

1. Conduct

- a. Throwing of utensils, food or ice is prohibited.
- b. Line breaking by college members is prohibited.

2. Notices in the commons are subject to the approval of the Secretary. No soliciting, written or otherwise, is allowed in the commons without the President's approval.

3. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the stereo and the guidelines on its use and security.

4. Gameroom

- a. Use of the games is restricted to Will Rice members and accompanied guests.
- b. Misuse of gameroom facilities is prohibited.

5. Major activities that preclude the use of the Commons by Will Rice members must have the approval of the Diet and notice given to the Secretary.

6. Any use of the Commons by non-Will Rice members must be approved by the Diet or the Master.

7. The Master has final authority over Commons use.

B. The Kitchen

People using the kitchen facilities are expected to clean up promptly after use. Trays, dishes and glasses should be returned to the Commons after use.

C. The Laundry Room

1. Only those Will Rice members who have paid college dues are permitted to use the WRC laundry facilities.

2. The penalty for unauthorized use will be \$10.

3. Non-Will Rice members will not be allowed to use the laundry facilities.

4. Users of the laundry equipment shall be responsible for knowing the proper procedures for operation of the machines and shall be liable for damages resulting from misuse. Instructions for machine operation shall be posted in the laundry room.

5. The laundry room may be locked during the summer vacation.

D. Storage Areas

1. The storage areas are the 40s and 50s basement areas of new dorm.

2. All articles placed in the storage areas must be labeled with the owner's name, permanent home address, class, and date the articles were placed there.
3. All articles not so labeled become property of WRC and may be disposed of at the Diet's discretion.
4. All properly labeled articles left in storage areas for more than one year become the property of the college and will be disposed of by the Diet after attempted notification of the owner.
5. While WRC and Rice University are not responsible for articles left in the storage areas, persons tampering with the articles are subject to prosecution in the College Court.

II. ROOMS IN THE COLLEGE

- A. Unauthorized entry into private rooms is prohibited. An authorized pass-key is to be possessed only by the Student Maintenance Representative (SMR).
- B. It is expressly understood that authorized individuals of the university staff or the SMR shall be permitted access to the rooms covered by the Residential Lease Agreement in order to check for maintenance which may be required, damage to the rooms or furnishings, or for compliance with University or College regulations.
- C. Any person causing any sort of damage or defacement of any property of Will Rice College or the physical plant will be held responsible for his actions.

III. DAMAGES

- A. If the person(s) causing damage to college property admit to their actions, the Treasurer shall be responsible for assessing any resulting financial liabilities, with the help of Rice University Judicial Affairs.
- B. If the person(s) causing damages to college property are not known, the Advocate shall be responsible for presenting the suspects to the College Court.
- C. If damages occur in an area which is only privately accessible (singles, doubles, triples and quads) and persons causing the damages are not known, all members of that area shall be charged equally. In the case of bathroom damage in New Dorm, both suites shall be charged equally.
- D. If damages occur in a publicly accessible area and the person(s) causing the damages are not known, the College shall pay all damages.
- E. In any case, WRC members are responsible for reporting any information regarding damages to the Advocate or to the WRC Court.

IV. CONDUCT IN THE COLLEGE

A. General Conduct Rule

College members are expected to behave in a reasonable manner concerning the rights and privileges of others. College members are expected to honor reasonable requests made in an appropriate manner concerning general behavior in the College. The College shall be understood to have a policy that conduct is acceptable as long as it violates no rules and does not disturb others.

B. College Property

1. Behavior which damages college or personal property shall be prohibited. Any damage shall be brought before the WRC Court for adjudication.
2. Misuse of firefighting equipment shall be prohibited.

C. Firearms and Fireworks

Firearms and ammunitions shall be stored and used in accordance with University policy.

V. PARKING STICKERS

A. A college member must reside on campus to be eligible for a sticker in the college lot.

B. Any person wishing a parking sticker shall provide proof of vehicle ownership to the Vice President. Ownership shall be understood as personal ownership or ownership by a relative or legal guardian of the individual.

C. Distribution of parking stickers

1. One parking sticker shall be reserved for the President. Parking stickers shall also be reserved for the College Coordinator, each Resident Associate and the Kitchen staff (the number of stickers awarded is at the Vice President's discretion).
2. The remaining stickers will be distributed at Parking jack, to be held no later than the eleventh week of classes but after the last room jack.
 - a. To be eligible for Parking jack, students must have declared Senior status per the By-laws. A student may only be eligible for parking jack once.
 - b. If there are more students who are eligible and want a sticker, a lottery will be conducted by a cut of the cards.
 - c. The space shall be divided such that every eligible student receives at least one semester, with the full year spots assigned to those with the highest cards first.
 - d. If any stickers remain, they may be distributed at the Diet's discretion.

D. Parking stickers may not be transferred or traded. The Vice President, in consultation with the Diet, has final authority over parking stickers.

VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS

A. The following awards (with the exception of the Zevi and Bertha Salsburg Award) are to be given on College Awards Night in the spring semester. Each award shall have the name of the recipient engraved on a permanent plaque to be hung in the Commons.

1. The Worden Endowed Award.

- a. This annual award was established in 1980 by Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Worden, first community associates of Will Rice College, amended by Mrs. Worden in September, 1998.

b. The recipient of the award shall be a member of the senior class who during his or her years at Will Rice has made the most meritorious impact on the College through outstanding leadership, academic achievement, assistance to others and service to the college. Service rendered to the university and/or community may also be considered.

c. The dates for nomination shall be announced at least two weeks in advance of the election. Anyone associated with the college, both students and associates, may submit nominations. Nominations should be in writing and should include a list of the nominee's qualifications, signed by the nominator and submitted to the College Coordinator. An ad hoc committee consisting of the outgoing executive officers of the Diet, the chairman of the Will Rice Fellows, the Masters, Resident Associates and the College Coordinator, shall carefully screen the nominees and choose no more than five candidates of those best qualified.

d. A secret ballot which will include the candidates' qualifications shall be issued to all members of a voting committee: the Will Rice Diet, the incoming and outgoing executive officers, the Will Rice Fellows, the Masters, Resident Associates, College Coordinator and Mrs. Worden. The recipient will be announced at the spring Will Rice College Awards Night. The annual award of \$1000 will be paid by the Treasurer of the University from the earnings of the Worden Will Rice College Endowment.

2. The James Street Fulton Prize, established in 1981, by Mr. Edward Hinders, a distinguished alumnus of Will Rice College, class of 1971, in honor of the first master of WRC, will be awarded to the Will Rice student who has distinguished himself above all others in utilizing the educational opportunities of the University in the face of personal or financial hardship, and who has set an example of personal achievement and community service. Anyone associated with the college, including all college members, associates, Masters, and the College Coordinator may submit nominations. These should be in writing, include a statement of the nominee's qualifications as perceived by the person nominating and be signed. They should be deposited with the College Coordinator. Appropriate dates for nomination and election will be decided by the Diet and Master and announced at least two weeks in advance to the WRC student body. An ad hoc committee consisting of the outgoing and incoming Diets, the Resident Associates, Masters and College Coordinator will screen nominees and select an appropriate number (three to five) with the highest qualifications. The selected nominees will be announced. The winner of the award will be chosen from the selected nominees by secret ballot by the above ad hoc committee (one vote per person). There is an annual award of \$500 paid by the university from a fund donated by Mr. Hinders.

3. The J.S. Fulton Service Award shall be given to that person, other than the College President, who has been most exemplary in his service to the college during the year preceding the award. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised of the College President, Masters, Resident Associates, College Coordinator and the outgoing Diet.

4. The Diet Appreciation Award shall be given to that person who has made outstanding contributions to the college and its members. The recipient shall be selected by the outgoing Diet.

5. The Zevi and Bertha Salsburg Award, established in 1972, by Mrs. Bertha Salsburg in memory of her husband, shall be given for academic excellence to a freshman, the student with the highest grade point average being selected. The recipient will receive a \$300 cash award which will be given at Associates Night in the fall semester of his sophomore year. This annual award is paid by funds of the Chemistry Department's Salsburg Endowment.

6. The Dale and Elise Sawyer Outstanding New Student Award, established in 2003, by former masters Dale and Elise Sawyer, shall be awarded to the new student distinguished by his overall contributions to Will Rice and Rice University. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised of the outgoing Orientation Week Coordinators, outgoing President, the Masters, Resident Associates and College Coordinator.

7. The Corrine and Radoslav Tsanoff Sophomore Prize, established in 1974, by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Brown in honor of her parents who were original Will Rice Faculty Associates, shall be awarded to the sophomore who has made particularly good use of his opportunities here and who has contributed significantly to the ends which the college is to serve or foster. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised of the previous winners of the prize, the former recipients of the Corrine and Radoslav Tsanoff Junior Prize, the Masters, and the Resident Associates. There is an annual award of \$300 paid by the university from a fund donated by Mrs. Brown.

8. The Corrine and Radoslav Tsanoff Junior Prize, established in 1974, by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Brown in honor of her parents who were original Will Rice Faculty Associates, shall be awarded to the Junior who has made particularly good use of his opportunities here and who has contributed significantly to the ends which the college is to serve or foster. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised of the previous winners of the prize, the former recipients of the Corrine and Radoslav Tsanoff Sophomore Prize, the Masters, and the Resident Associates. There is an annual award of \$300 paid by the university from a fund donated by Mrs. Brown.

9. The James A. Castañeda Award, named for the second master of Will Rice, shall be given to the outstanding member of the senior class of WRC and based on service and dedication to the college. The recipient shall be selected by the Will Rice College Fellows.

10. The Barbara Willis Service Award, established in 1991 by Mr. Moses Scheinfeld, the Will Rice president 1988-1989, shall be given to that student who has displayed selfless devotion to the members of Will Rice College and who has displayed an outstanding interest in all fields of knowledge. There shall be a \$250 cash award donated each year by Mr. Scheinfeld. Then recipient shall be chosen by Mrs. Willis.

11. The Gilbert Cuthbertson Service Award, established in 1991 by Mr. Moses Scheinfeld, the Will Rice president 1988-1989, shall be given to that student who has displayed selfless devotion to the members of Will Rice College and who has displayed an outstanding interest in all fields of knowledge. There shall be a \$250 cash award donated each year by Mr. Scheinfeld. Then recipient shall be chosen by Dr. Cuthbertson.

12. The Ed and Andrea Doughtie Outstanding Associate Award, established in 1993, by the Senior class in honor of their former Masters (1987-92), shall be given to that associate (faculty, university or community) other than the Masters or Resident Associates, who has best exemplified the role of a WRC associate through service, spirit and dedication to Will Rice College. It shall be given to an associate who is active and visible in college life. The recipient shall be selected by the Associates Committee.

13. The Will Rice College Outstanding Faculty Associate Award, established and funded by Rice University, shall be awarded to the faculty associate who has best served Will Rice College through service. The recipient shall be selected by the Associates Committee.

14. Sport Awards, shall be given to both the male and female student who have served the College in an outstanding fashion, in both intramural and college sports. The recipients shall be selected by the Intramural Sports Committee.

15. The Peter and Doug Absolutely Arbitrary Award shall be given to any Will Rice student for any reason. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised by the outgoing President and his roommate.

16. Los Tres Amigos Award shall be given to the Will Rice upperclass student who has formed significant friendships with the freshmen class. The recipient shall be selected by a committee comprised by the outgoing President and his roommate.

17. The Will Rice College Fellows shall be selected by the procedures outlined in the By-laws.

B. If any member of any of the above selection committees is a candidate for that award, he shall forfeit his position on that committee.

C. The outgoing Secretary is responsible for publicizing these awards and their selection procedures, and for the supervising of nominations.

VII. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Any rules and/or regulations that are stated as University Rules and/or Regulations will be automatically considered as Rules of Will Rice College.