The Lamson Letter

Important Reminders...

Didn't Get a Lamson Hall Keychain? See a dean this week, we'd like you to have one!

If You Already Have Honor Status, you don't need to re-apply this semester unless you are applying for a different status.

Sit N' Sip Till spring break, you're invited to join whichever Dean is on duty each evening for Sit N' Sip, hot drinks and warm chats. It's a way to lure you in for fellowship :-)

Graduating this Spring? How exciting for you (and for your families, who share that joy)! I remember that my last college semester was surprisingly challenging, with future uncertainty. Do tell me (Dean Phillips) your future plans/hopes and your current concerns, and I'll gladly add them to my Graduation Prayer List!!!

(repeat together) My Handbook Is My Friend Yeah, I know it has no plot, but it's still well worth scanning. In it you'll find out such varied things as how to reserve the kitchenette or chapel; how to not get charged fees for single housing or improper checkout; how/where to send faxes; when kitchenettes and laundry rooms are locked at night (and why); how to submit a work order; and other such exciting things as how to reserve the kitchenette or laundry room first, both residents are equal renters of resolution, Dean Phillips will work with one or the other keys (and ID cards) as you will have to when you leave residence hall life. But if you need to re-arrange furniture, bunk beds, etc without the approval of the other. It is expected that young adult women will not stoop to malicious gossip, unkindness, or unrestrained anger about roommate situations. Despite who was in the room first, both residents are equal renters of resolution, Dean Phillips will work with one or the other keys (and ID cards) as you will have to when you leave residence hall life.

I Locked Myself Out! Think of carrying your keys (and ID cards) as you will have to when you leave residence hall life. But if you occasionally lock yourself out, present yourself at the West Desk, confirm your identity (for safety), leave collateral, borrow a key to let yourself in. But, like I said, occasionally. The responsible party here needs to be, increasingly, you.

And If I'm Not in My Room at Room Check? Well, first of all, if you're wandering the building, wander with your ID card. If you are in your room, get in the habit of putting the card in the plastic slot by the door. Besides helping the RA input data, the added bonus for you is knowing right where to find it in the morning! (How much time will THAT save?!) When one roommate is needing to retire for the night, there is no question that the overhead light should be turned off, whatever time it is: That is why each desks is equipped with shielded lights adequate for your own personal study, without disturbing the sleep of another. And when one has gone to bed, if the other continue skyping, listening to music, watching tv, etc, they do so with headphones. When one roommate needs to be studying, the other roommate does not entertain friends in the room, talk loudly on the phone, etc. Again, the need of one to study or sleep in their own room is going to trump the right of the other to listen to music, socialize, etc. which can be done in another way or venue. Roommates and suitemates are always expected to equally contribute to all cleaning, and to the purchase of all cleaning products. It is expected and advised that you discuss together what and when clean means to you! In our conservative setting, the right to worship on Sabbath without secular music or television/movies, etc will trump the desire of the other roommate to pursue secular choices. No one has the right to re-arrange furniture, bunk beds, etc without the approval of the other. It is expected that young adult women will not stoop to malicious gossip, unkindness, or unrestrained anger about roommate situations. Despite who was in the room first, both residents are equal renters from the university, so neither has the right to require that the other leave: if the room in question is an RA or SD room the student staff person will need to be the one to remain in the staff-assigned room. And in rare occasions, the Deans may determine that one resident is clearly more at fault, but generally speaking, the roommate who feels the need for a change is the one worked with towards a new room situation. When there is a lack of understanding between roommates, it is expected that both young ladies will take whatever peaceful steps are necessary to understand the others' point of view, to calmly discuss the situation, and to honestly seek clarification. If it appears there is no possibility of resolution, Dean Phillips will work with one or both to find a different room and roommate situation. But with honesty, compassion, and wisdom, most roommate relationships can be made more healthy. Let's at least commit to do our very best to try!

Fun/Unexpected Quote about teen girls being concerned with looking sexy. “It's not appropriate. Allowing my teenager to dress that way is like giving a 10 yr old a car: there's nothing wrong with the car, but a kid is not mature enough to handle it.” James Todd Smith, aka LL Cool J