

Fines to be enforced for vandalism in Gleason

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Non-traditional Gleason-Hairston Terrace's coed residents will be issued a \$15 fine next semester for multiple events of vandalism this semester.

Vandalism has been occurring in the Hall since August.

The fine will be included with the regular school charges on all current GHT residents' bills next semester.

Infractions include improper trash disposal; petty vandalism; damaged suite doors; alcohol bottles and cans; petty thievery; and urine in the elevators.

Latanya Miller, the GHT director, said she will issue a fine to each person occupying the dorm this semester.

Miller sent an e-mail to residents Oct. 18 that said the residents fail to realize that they are adults.

"Adults are held accountable for their actions and must face the consequences for their actions," Miller said.

"The vandalism and littering is becoming a bit ridiculous."

The e-mail described how people had removed and broken exit signs, destroyed bulletin boards, removed and cracked light covers and been caught with alcohol paraphernalia.

Miller said that the residents must be fined to assist in paying for repairing. She said that since the fine has been issued, vandalism has occurred less but has not stopped.

Miller said that all resident hall fines are dependent on GHT residents, and encourages them to cooperate in preventing any further damages to the hall.

Miller said she has requested more security cameras to assist in identifying those responsible.

Hoping to deter students from any malicious or illegal behavior, Miller said she has assigned her resident assistants to extra hallway walks.

"All the other non-traditional halls have not experienced a significant increase in the destruction of University property," Cassandra Bradley said.

"The traditional halls experience very little vandalism. Our biggest issues are residents not taking

their trash to the proper receptacle and residents contaminating the recycle bins with trash." Bradley is the assistant director of Housing and Residence Life.

Duane Ward, the GHT maintenance supervisor said that the housekeeping and maintenance staff keep the dorm up to code both health and safety wise and must respond to every maintenance call quickly and properly. He said that sometimes maintenance receives a second call a mere 24 hours after originally repairing the issue.

Ward said that the constant repairing of the same problems regularly is upsetting the morale of his employees.

"You come in here [dorm rooms] and fix something. The next day you come in and it's broken again. That takes a toll on you," Ward said.

"And this is not a 'stand alone' issue; it's sometimes everyday this is happening."

Both Ward and Miller said that the main issue with the vandalism is the unwillingness of students to alert staff after witnessing incidents such as the improper disposal of trash or destruction of school property.

WSSU Nursing Program committed to excellence

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The Nursing Program at Winston-Salem State is arguably one of the best in North Carolina.

Nursing programs at HBCUs are slowly disappearing, so it makes some wonder just what it is that sets the Nursing Program at WSSU apart.

"We have incredibly dedicated faculty who believe in what they do and do what it takes to provide students with the best possible education," said Dr. Lenora R. Campbell associate dean of nursing.

"The instructors are very knowledgeable; we're instilled with all of the proper information," said Nia Campbell, a sophomore nursing major from Salisbury.

The program is structured and presents all opportunities for success.

"The program and its courses are very carefully thought about and laid out, nothing is haphazard," said Dr. Campbell.

Meeting admissions guidelines for the University does not guarantee students admission to the Nursing Program.

A minimum of 71 hours of general education courses are required for nursing majors. Also required are 14 hours of pre-nursing courses for clinical preparedness.

Students must pass with a score of 80 or better in all nursing courses.

"Students are committed

to the process that's preparing them to be professional nurses," Dr. Campbell said.

Graduation rates for WSSU's Nursing Program have increased significantly over the last five years.

In 2005, there were 183 graduates. That number grew to 403 in 2009; the highest of any WSSU major.

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— Lenora R. Campbell

ish and they are not ready [to enter the workforce as professional nurses], we will work with them until they are," Dr. Campbell said.

N.C. A&T has fallen on hard times with the disappointing drop in their nursing students passing rates for the National Council Licensure Examination. A steady decline over the past several years has left them with a passing rate of

62 percent.

Fayetteville State's nursing program was suspended in May 2009 for reporting the lowest test scores in the state with a NCLEX pass rate of 46 percent.

The N.C. Board of Nursing requires state nursing programs to have passing rates at 95 percent of the national rate, based on a three-year average.

The passing rate for WSSU's Nursing program this year is at 87 percent.

"It's lower than we'd like it to be; 90 or above is ideal," Dr. Campbell said.

With all of the troubles that N.C. A&T and FSU face in getting their nursing program's back up to standards, they don't have to do it alone.

"We stand ready to assist A&T because they're family, and we're willing to help them in doing what it takes to be successful," Dr. Campbell said. "We can't afford to lose these programs."

Nursing programs at HBCU's graduate the largest percent of minority nurses for which there is a shortage in the workforce.

"Cutbacks affected us earlier on, mainly in the area of faculty travel for development, workshops, seminars, etc. However it hasn't been much of a problem in the last two years," said Dr. Campbell.

"Hands down, whatever we need to provide a stellar education [to our students] the administration provides. We do not go without."



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