

Letter Encouraging Rectors to Maintain Normal Parietal Hours During Breaks and
Junior Parents' Weekend

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Dear Rector:

In researching the topic of parietals on campus, it has come to our attention that there exist discrepancies in weekend parietal policies in different residence halls during breaks and Junior Parents Weekend. Whereas some dorms maintain regular 2:00 a.m. parietals on those weekends, others decrease visitation hours to 12:00 a.m. In investigating this policy, we found that the university has no overlying requirement of 12:00 a.m. parietals on these occasions. Rather, the university leaves the matter to the discretion of each individual rector.

As a representative body of the University of Notre Dame, it has been brought to the attention of the Student Senate that students are largely dissatisfied with the earlier policies that exist in some residence halls. We understand and do not question the need for quiet hours and/or prohibiting social gatherings on some occasions. However, in the spirit of fostering an environment of community and social well being within the residence halls, we ask and encourage rectors to keep the regular 2:00 a.m. visitation hours on said weekends.

Thank you.

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Submitted by the Student Senate Residence Life Committee

