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### Letter Regarding 24-Hour Space Improvements in Residence Halls

Mr. Scott Kachmarik,  
Director of Student Residences  
305 Main Building  
cc: Mr. Bill Kirk and Mr. Jeff Shoup

Dear Mr. Kachmarik:

The Student Senate Committee on Gender Issues conducted research regarding 24-Hour Space facilities in the residence halls.

Students expressed concerns about the adequacy of the physical space currently designated 24-Hour Space for the number of residents living in their halls. We understand that the architecture of the residence hall buildings and limited access to parts of these buildings present a challenge to the amount of 24-Hour Space that can be made available. Please evaluate the situations in these halls:

Breen-Phillips, Cavanaugh, Dillon, Howard, Lewis, Lyons, Pangborn

The students suggested areas that could be designated 24-Hour Space, upon your approval, in that they believe this would not infringe negatively upon the quality of living for any of the residents in their halls. The areas that students suggested to be made 24-Hour Space in these halls are:

*Breen-Phillips:* "Movie Room" in the basement  
*Cavanaugh:* the first floor TV lounge  
*Dillon:* front entrance of the hall  
*Howard:* basement  
*Lewis:* "Party Room" in the basement  
*Lyons:* "Den"  
*Pangborn:* basement social space

Students also voiced concerns about the poor condition of some of the residence hall 24-Hour Space facilities. While we understand that the responsibility to seek the means to make minor improvements (i.e., replacing old furniture and electronic equipment) lies in the individual residence halls, we ask that you would consider providing the funding for major renovations. For instance, Dillon Hall's basement is in need of major renovations.



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We believe that 24-Hour Space should be conducive to social interaction among all students. We hope that you will help us to ensure that 24-Hour Space facilities in the residence halls are adequate and welcoming for student use. Thank you for your kind consideration and assistance.

In Notre Dame,

*Brooke E. Norton*  
Brooke Norton, Chair  
Notre Dame Student Senate

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*Kevin Berchou*  
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I, Brooke Elizabeth Norton, Chairman of the Student Union Senate, do certify that Resolution S0001-21 was considered, debated, and passed according to proper legislative procedure with twenty-five Student Senators voting in the affirmative on Wednesday, November 15, 2000.

*Brooke E. Norton*  
Brooke Elizabeth Norton

Now, therefore, I, Brian Patrick O'Donoghue, President of the University of Notre Dame's Undergraduate Student Body, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame, have set my hand this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

*Brian O'Donoghue*  
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