

SECTION VIII. Noise

As an academic institution, the College must provide an atmosphere where study and learning may take place. Therefore, excessive noise which interferes with that process cannot be permitted. The right to quiet for study and sleep supersedes the privilege of making noise. This is interpreted as follows:

- A. In accordance with the College's general regulations for quiet hours in its residential units, consideration for the rights and concerns of others and common sense dictate that individuals refrain from disturbance and excessive noise during those hours when others are sleeping and studying. The basic expectations of the all-campus noise policy may be found in the section of *The Scot's Key* entitled Noise Policy (page 40). These minimum standards apply to all residential communities. However, in light of the academic purpose of the institution and the desire that each community have a sense of self-direction, individual residential units may wish to expand upon the all-campus policy through their program board.
- B. The College views the use of sound equipment (i.e., stereos, radios, televisions, tape systems, etc.) as a privilege and not a right. As such, all individuals must take responsibility to ensure that the use of this equipment does not interfere with the normal activities of others (sleep, study, and conversation) or the normal functioning of the College (classes, conferences, and residential programs). Regardless of whether or not a complaint comes from another resident, the staff in a residential unit and/or Security will determine when noise levels are excessive. Failure to comply with a request to reduce the noise level will result in disciplinary action.
- C. The College recognizes that groups of people engaged in organized social activities occasionally produce higher volume levels. Such a privilege should be exercised with due consideration for the rest of the community (residential units, campus or town). However, excessive exterior noise, resulting from organized parties, speakers which are played outside of windows, or individual or group disturbances will result in disciplinary action.
- D. "Unreasonable Noise" is a violation of Ohio State law and Wooster City ordinances.
- E. As with any other social events taking place outdoors, those involving music and/or more than 25 people must be registered (i.e., approval may be denied by the Dean of Students Office) at the Facilities Office four days in advance and are expected to end by 11:30 p.m.