

BREEN-PHILLIPS HALL



History

Originally constructed as a men's residence hall in 1939, Breen-Phillips Hall, or BP, was named after its benefactors, alumni and brothers-in-law William P. Breen and Frank B.

Phillips. During World War II, this hall served as a home for naval officers in training. At one point, the athletic department, including the office of head football coach Frank Leahy, was located in the basement of Breen-Phillips Hall. In 1984, Pope John Paul II imparted an Apostolic Blessing on BP and in 2014 by Pope Francis for the 75th anniversary. BP became one of the first women's residences after the University began admitting women in 1972. Famous alums include retired astronaut James Wetherbee (1974), a veteran of six space flights and Carl Yastrzemski, a member of the baseball Hall of Fame.

Room Information

Breen-Phillips offers mostly double rooms, but there are a handful of single rooms and triples found in the hall. There are currently two, 4-person suites. There are 105 total rooms on 4 floors, which house 193 residents.

Campus Location

North: Farley Hall
 South: Clarke Memorial Fountain
 East: Center for Social Concerns
 West: Zahm Hall, Cavanaugh Hall

Hall Amenities

Modular Furniture	Yes	A/C	No
Study Room	Yes	Kitchen	Yes
Sinks in Rooms	Yes	Laundry	Yes
Exercise Room	Yes	Elevator	Yes

Fast Facts

Established: 1939
Mascot/Nickname: Babes
Colors: Blue/Pink
Quad Location: North Quad
Chapel: Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi
Charity: Meals-on-Wheels

Hall Traditions

For the first home football game every year, members of Welcome Weekend staff run through the hallways waking people up for our Pajama Breakfast in the dining hall and the band's first march out. In December, each section goes all out to decorate for Christmas and the week culminates with our Winter Formal. Our signature event is the Breen-Phillips Meal Auction hosted every spring. We raise donations for Meals-on-Wheels from students bidding to eat with coaches, faculty, or other ND notables. BP Babes love to participate in co-rec sports, win or lose, and always are filled with dorm spirit! You can tell who is a Babe when they toss up our signature hand sign!



ASSISTANT RECTOR FOR BREEN PHILLIPS HALL

The position of Assistant Rector is primarily a ministry of service to the University of Notre Dame and the Breen-Phillips community. In this position, the Assistant Rector plays a significant role in enhancing the Christian community of the hall through example, actions, and participation in the life of the hall and that of its residents. The Assistant Rector is to value the mission and traditions of ND as guided by the charism of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Generally, Assistant Rectors are expected to maintain a calming presence, serve as mentors and role models while also supporting, implementing and enforcing University and Hall policies and procedures. They are to provide pastoral support to all those in the Hall, be prepared to handle crisis situations which may arise, and assist the Rector with varied tasks and projects. The Assistant Rectors either oversees Hall Government or the Liturgical life of the hall.

The following are more specific aspects of the job:

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- To attend and participate in the staff orientation processes
- To attend continuing education opportunities for Assistant Rectors as scheduled
- To assist the Rector in the development of community life
- To maintain open communication with the Rector
- To assist the Rector in the completion of administrative duties
- To actively participate and assist in facilitating weekly Head Staff and Hall Staff Meetings
- To commit to the development of team at both Head Staff and Hall Staff meetings
- To maintain clear and open communication between Hall Staff members
- To be responsible for the supervision and mentoring of three Resident Assistants and Hall Employees as assigned
- To develop and maintain a professional relationship with the Resident Assistants to allow for feedback and address concerns
- To maintain availability for residents to discuss concerns and joys about academics, health, spirituality, and other life issues
- To fulfill responsibilities for duty coverage during the week and fall/spring breaks
- To be actively present in the community on nights other than when on duty
- To address emergency/discipline situations as required
- To work closely with members of the community to plan events
- To be available for bi-monthly hall shopping; monthly reconciliation of credit card receipts
- To know and enforce *Du Lac*
- To maintain confidentiality
- To attend Sunday Liturgies
- To perform any additional activities at the discretion of the Rector

SKILLS NEEDED:

- Ability to relate with a variety of people
- Ability to work on a team
- Ability to deal with conflict and challenge disruptive behavior in a professional manner
- Ability to maintain appropriate boundaries
- Ability to state opinions in a respectful manner when presenting differing viewpoint
- Open to and committed to the development of leadership in self and others
- Open to own personal growth
- Interpersonal skills incorporating flexibility, respect, compassion, creativity, enthusiasm, credibility and a good sense of humor.

