Small Room Big Party

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those four years of your life when your time is consumed with late-night studying, tests, and of course, parties. Throwing the party of the year can be exhilarating, but also difficult. Seeing as most students aren’t living in penthouse suites, space can be a major problem. So if you’re crunched for space but still want to have a bad ass party, here are some tips and pointers to get you started.

When you’re living in the dorms, space is not your only issue. Neighbors and that ever-watchful CA can be a problem. "Become besties with your CA," says Elizabeth Breuer, junior in dietetics, who lived Larch Hall her freshman year. Knowing your CA’s round times and planning accordingly can be helpful in staying out of trouble. "Secret code knocks are a good way to identify yourself as a fellow party go-er and not a CA."

AJ Bryant, senior in industrial engineering says that you should "try to keep random people to a minimum, and if they are there make sure they know someone there and didn’t just walk in.” When throwing a party in a smaller enclosure, having way too many people can lead to issues. Sticking to a set number of people can help ensure there will be adequate space for people to move around, dance and hold a conversation with those around them. "Females, that’s always important in a small space," says Andrew Burgart, sophomore in criminal justice. Burgart remembers having some pretty good parties at “Club 3205,” the small dorm room where he and his friends enjoyed spending their free time. According to Burgart, “black lights, good music and nice, cold booze,” also help in making a small-spaced party the go-to place on the weekend.

For Jon Feavel, sophomore in pre-architecture, the perfect small-space party comes down to his, “recipe for success.” This recipe includes music, lighting effects, a good group of friends, the incentive to celebrate and Jimmy John’s number on speed dial. “Get your friends in there and get a lot of them,” Feavel says. “A small enclosure packed is way better than a penthouse suite with arm space. Pack ‘em in."

There are numerous other ways to throw the party everyone will be talking about the entire semester and some will be trying to remember. Just use the space you have wisely and do the best you can to ensure everyone is having a good time.