

Editorials

Coeds and Their Ethics

A women's honor code, placing them on their honor to obey WSGA regulations, has been put before the University women.

The honor code has been under study by WSGA committees for a year, but they have yet to define a clear-cut means of attaining the goal. That goal, the WSGA Implementation Committee says, is to aid women students in setting their own standard of values and give them more freedom to make their own decisions.

So far 79 women have signed the code. Many have refused to sign it on the principle that one should not need to affirm one's own standards of behavior. Others object to pledging themselves not to drink—although a WSGA regulation states that no women students may drink.

Value standards vary with individuals. In many instances the code might be defeating its own purpose—instead of encouraging self responsibility it could discourage women from setting their own principles.

Eventually everyone is subjected to social pressure and must find a means to cope with it. By signing this code the coed has temporarily relieved the pressure but she has not necessarily assimilated this code of ethics.

WSGA can legislate rules but it cannot legislate values.

The possibility of added privileges for those signing the honor code has been mentioned. Granting them would be a serious error since they inevitably would be interpreted as reward or bribe. Such bait would be like dangling a carrot in front of the donkey's nose—a much more subtle means than beating it with a stick.

Suzanne Smith, president of WSGA, said that the long-range goal of the project is to install a University-wide honor code binding on all women thus making it a "way of life" at the University.

This would be the first step toward a future revision of WSGA regulations, Miss Smith continued. The revised rules would differentiate between those who signed the code and those who didn't.

With added responsibility, she said, would come added privilege. This added privilege, however, has not been definitely decided.

The fundamental ideas of the honor code are good, for these ideals cannot be questioned. The fact that several women now under the code have reported themselves for violations proves that the code is not without value. If it helps even one person, it is worth something.

However, admirable as the idealistic goal may be, the committee should not lose sight of reality. It should not try to force all students to sign it, for there are a good many women who have evolved their own code of ethics and feel that signing the pledge is not only unnecessary but also undesirable.

By giving extra privileges to those who sign the code, WSGA would be setting itself up as a moral censor. It would discriminate between those signing the code and those not, and this is only a matter of moral judgment.

An honor code as such is a good idea. Certainly it could do no harm. But harm can be done when students are pressured or bribed into signing it.

WSGA should consider the code as it will be interpreted by all types of students. Then it should find realistic means toward attaining the idealistic end.

Some Big Hearts Wanted

Twice a year students are asked to roll up their sleeves and donate blood to the Red Cross.

The current blood drive ends today in the Hetzel Union Building with almost 500 donors needed to reach the 600-pint goal. This means many "walk-ins" are needed.

It's a painless effort to give blood. All it takes is a big heart.

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Shop Talk

An Inside Look At Your Paper

This is a new column which will appear from time to time whenever we feel we have something to say which may interest you readers.

The purpose, as the title of the column implies, is simply to "talk shop."

We've been receiving some good letters to the editor lately which we can't publish because the writers are not signing their names or are signing false names.

Our policy is that all letters for publication must be signed by the writers. However, we will consider withholding names if requested.

Letters may be mailed or brought to the Collegian office, basement of Carnegie Building.

We are pleased with the many favorable comments we have received on the "Peanuts" comic strip.

The Michigan State daily newspaper has added "Peanuts" since we started carrying it, we've noticed.

Space prohibits adding "Pogo," which would be next on our list of outstanding comic strips. Space also prohibits, we're sorry to say, the addition of a crossword puzzle.

We're still accepting candidates for the editorial staff of Collegian.

Students may come out for Collegian any time by just stopping into the office some day at 4 p.m. Students need not be journalism majors nor have previous newspaper experience (We have had a chemistry major and an engineer as editor in recent years).

Often, we have found, many freshmen do not like to come out for Collegian right away. They are told not to rush into activities at the beginning of their college careers.

However, now is a good time for many of the hesitant freshmen to come out. Almost half the semester is gone and they should know how they are doing in their schoolwork and whether they can spare some hours for work on Collegian.

However, let us repeat: students can come out for Collegian any time during any semester.

In future columns we'll keep you posted on what we are doing to try to increase the number of papers we print. Also planned are explanations on how certain editorial policies have been formed.

—The Editor

Gazette

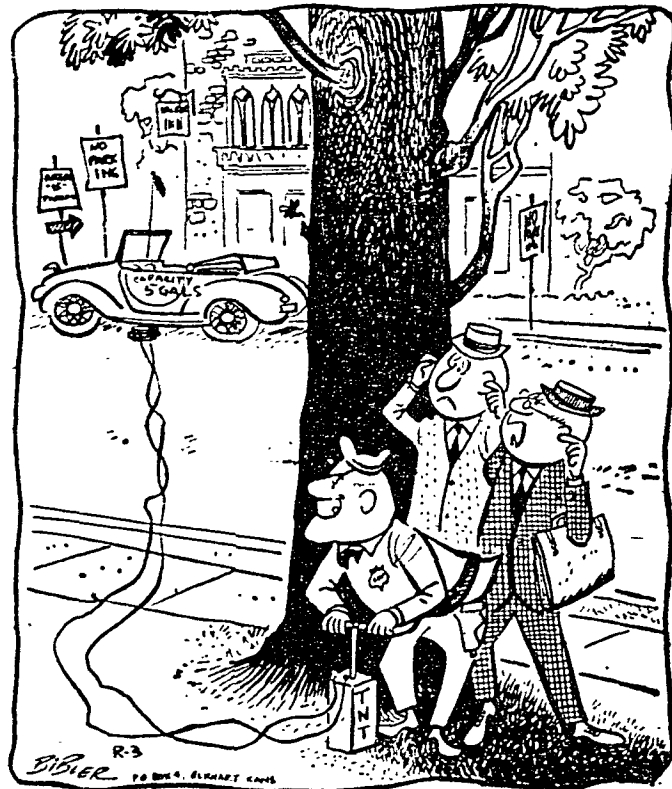
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Ag Hill Party Committee, 7:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
Basic Judaism Course, Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, "The Concept of Torah," 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Comparative Religion Lectures, Rabbi Emanuel Lifshutz "Judaism As A Way of Life," 7 p.m., Foundation
Dairy Science Club, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy Players' Advertising Crew for "Apollo of Hellas" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 6:30 p.m., Schwab loft
Phi Chi Theta tea for Bus Ad faculty, 7 p.m., Sigma Chi house
Newman Club, Fraternity-Sorority Committee, 7 p.m., 301 Willard
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Hillel Comparative Religion series, guest speaker, 8 p.m., foundation
News and Views, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Ec.
Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
Circs Editorial Staff, 8:15 p.m., 102 Bookie
Froth Art Staff, 7 p.m., Froth Office, HUB
Newman Club Discussion Group, Apologetics, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel; Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Student Center
Theta Sigma Phi, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.

- UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Lorena Scott, Griete Flickinger, Barbara Brubaker, Mabel Hays, Asa Dickenson, Paul Eck, Stanley Jacobs, Francis Zettler, David Alexander, Eugene Robbins, Richard Kovacs, Roger Clisby, Robert Heist, Thomas Radwell, Dominic Tremonte, Daniel Tholmer, John Hess, James Kels, Annella Lundberg, Harold Rinken, Samuel Sates, Paul Nichols, Carmen Rodia.

- PLACEMENT SERVICE
Humble Oil & Refining: Nov 21, 22, BS, MS, PhD in ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, Png; MS, PhD in Chem, Phys
Bendix Aviation (Scintilla Div) Nov 21 BS in EE, IE, ME, EE (sales)
Anchor Hocking Glass Corp: Nov 21 BS, MS in Acctg, BusMgt, Econ, Fin, Mkt, T&T, Cer, ChE, Chem, CE, IE, ME
Paych Chevron Oil Co: Nov 21 BS, MS, PhD in GeoChem, GeoPhys

- TONIGHT ON WDFM
6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: Contemporary Concepts; 7:30 State News and National Sports; 8:00: Guest DJ; 8:30: Showcase; 9:00: News, Local, National and World; 9:15: Special Events; 10:00: News; 10:05: Chamber Concert; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"First campus cop we've had to do anything to eliminate the parking problem."

Vodka Will Flow As Reds Celebrate

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

Tonight Moscow will look a bit like a big American town on New Year's eve.

There will be singing and dancing in the streets. Vodka will flow freely. Police will grin and look the other way while gaily shouting Russians parade arm in arm along Gorky Street. This is the one big chance of the year for the population to let down its hair.

The Russians are celebrating—without being quite certain just what they are supposed to be so supremely happy about. Perhaps they will get a giddy feeling from being promised the moon by their scientists. There are many other things—like better living quarters and clothing—they would prefer to have first.

This is the 40th anniversary of what the Communists call "The Great October Socialist Revolution." It took place Nov. 7, 1917—Oct. 26 by the old Russian calendar.

Actually this is a celebration of 40 years of Communist power, seized from the hands of real revolutionaries who overthrew the cruel autocracy of Czar Nicholas II nine months before.

Relatively few are alive today who took part in those events. For the rest of the people, the meaning of the day is lost in a cloud of distorted history.

In the 40 years of Red power, the U.S.S.R. has advanced spectacularly from the backward nation to one of the two great world powers. But for all its power, its people still lag sadly behind those of other advanced nations.

Violent anger against centuries of Czarist oppression and vast human misery aggravated by World War I brought the

Russian explosion in February, 1917. Nine months later, the Russians' first breath of real freedom vanished in a sudden coup.

A pot-bellied little man with a bald, bulging head and pointed beard—Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, who called himself Lenin—chose the day and hour for the Bolsheviks to strike down the provisional government.

A fiery revolutionary just back from exile in New York, Lev Davidovich Bronstein, called Trotsky, was his chief lieutenant. His Red guards stormed the winter palace and it was all over for a provisional government which held the promise of constitutional rule for Russia.

The new regime quickly installed its own copy of the Czar's terror machine—a police organization called the Cheka—and used murder as a means to political power.

Civil war struck like a plague. Before it was over, Russia had paid a fantastic cost in life and property and was on the verge of famine.

Marin Joins Eng Group

Dr. Joseph Marin, professor and head of the Department of Engineering Mechanics, has been appointed a member of the mechanical properties of materials committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

PEANUTS comic strip panels. Panel 1: A dog barking. Panel 2: A boy asking "WELL! HOW'S OL' DIME-A-DOZEN" TODAY?". Panel 3: A boy looking sad. Panel 4: A boy saying "MISERABLE!".