

Editorial Opinion

# Honor in a Muddle

A year ago the Women's Student Government Association set up a committee to implement an honor code for coeds. Since that time the committee and WSGA have promised, cajoled and bribed to convince "honorable" young women that by signing the code they would be "accepting responsibility."

The result of a year's campaigning has not only been the recruitment of a meager 90 signees out of about 3500 women, but also a violent reaction against the code by many women.

The honor code is a failure. It is a failure for two major reasons. First, it is incompatible with the present WSGA regulations which allow no flexibility for added responsibility. Second, the committee was aiming for a vague utopia without clearly defining this goal or the means for attaining it.

The only means for "added responsibility" would be to revamp the system of enforcement of WSGA regulations. This would mean that doors would not be locked at curfew hour, there would be no blackmark system, and when signing out, coeds would state only the destination—not the time of departure or return.

Only in this way would there be the responsibility for reporting infractions of rules. And this is definitely not feasible where there are two groups—those who have signed the honor code and those who have not.

Even if there were one group, such an informal system would hardly be successful in a dormitory of 500 women. Most successful honor codes have involved a small group of women living in separate quarters.

We seriously question whether the committee fully realizes the implications of its project. The goal—that of added responsibility—is certainly commendable, but by now too many Carrie Nations have dived in and have lost sight of what they are doing.

The fact that they don't know what they're doing is evidenced by the statements made in yesterday's Collegian by Sue Whittington, honor code chairman, and Sue Smith, WSGA president.

WSGA and the committee have worked on the code about one year and have been able neither to attain a tangible program nor to shift the burden of responsibility from the housemother to the coed. This is a sign of either lack of leadership, lack of substance, or both.

Miss Whittington and Miss Smith said: "We are not trying to establish the honor code as a moral censor. Rather we are trying to give every Penn State coed the privilege of self-responsibility."

If this weren't so pathetic it would be humorous. Moral censure is involved whenever extra material privileges are given to the more "honorable" group.

Giving coeds the "privileges of self-responsibility" is non-existent because the honor code is forcing women to obey regulations which they had no part in forming. There is no question of should I or should I not, for if a rule is disobeyed, the coed is expected to withdraw from the code.

Many women were strongly against the code because they did not wish to declare their honor. Others would have been willing to join if there had been a successful implementation.

If anyone still feels a burning need for an honor code, the present muddle should be dropped and a new beginning made. This would mean a long-range and well-planned program—not one developed by the hit and miss method with hopes for a miracle.

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Letters

## DTS Fraternity Extends Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: Fires are tragic, and the one at the Delta Theta Sigma fraternity had its terrifying aspects.

Fires are destructive, and our fraternity suffered a heavy physical loss. The members and pledges living in the house lost personal property of both material and sentimental value.

However, in this experience we of Delta Theta Sigma have found that fires also are builders. New friends have been made, cooperation has been created, and faith and confidence have been strengthened.

Even before the heat of the fire had cooled, warm hearts throughout the community were responding to the needs of the stricken fraternity. Food, clothing, books and other gifts have been given to the DTS boys.

And so we take this opportunity to express publicly the deep appreciation of the alumni association and the active members and pledges of the chapter for all that has been done to relieve the serious situation the fire caused.

Our thanks go to the men of the Alpha Fire Company who fought the fire for several hours in bitter cold, to the State College Police for their cooperation, and to the dean of men's staff at the University for quick action in providing housing for the homeless members.

Then there are the cleaning and laundering companies who offered free services but requested no publicity; the other businesses that gave help; the fraternities who helped to feed and clothe the boys; and the hundreds of individuals who have made gifts of various kinds. We thank them all.

Our thanks also to the Centre Daily Times, Collegian, and Radio Station WMAJ for all their cooperation.

It is gratifying to know, that in spite of the hectic world in which we live, folks can still find time to help in an emergency. The members of Delta Theta Sigma are very appreciative for all the help that has been received.

—Active Chapter and Alumni Association of Delta Theta Sigma (Frederick A. Hughes, President, Alumni Association)

## Gazette

TODAY  
 All-University Cabinet, 7 p.m., 203 HUB  
 Alpha Lambda Delta, 6:30 p.m., 215-216 HUB  
 American Rocket Society, Dean Merritt A. Williamson on "The History of Rockets," 7 p.m., 105 Mech. Eng.  
 Book Exchange, all boards, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB  
 Book Exchange, new Candidates, 7 p.m., 214 HUB  
 Bridge Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB Cardroom  
 News and Views, 6:45 p.m., 14 HEc.  
 Newman Club Fraternity-Sorority Committee, 6:30 p.m., 114 Boucke  
 Marketing Club, J. W. Holdsworth on "Selling for West Virginia Paper," 7:30 p.m., Beta Theta Pi  
 Outing Club Main Group, 7 p.m., HUB Auditorium  
 Outing Club Field & Stream Division, 7 p.m., 317 Willard  
 Young Democrats, 8:15 p.m., 217 HUB  
 Sigma Alpha Eta, 7 p.m., Speech Clinic  
 Spring Week Publicity, 6:45 p.m., 218 HUB  
 Vesper Service, Rev. Donald McIvride in charge, 4:30 p.m., Chapel  
 WRA Officials Club, 8:40 p.m., White Hall

## Interviews

Gimbel Brothers: Mar 13; BusAdm, LA, Home Ec.  
 Minnesota Mining & Mfg Co: Mar 13; BS in ChE, Chem, EE, IE, ME; MS in ChE, Chem; also Jr in above fields for summer employment.  
 Colgate Palmolive: Mar 13; BS in ChE, IE, ME, CE, EE, Chem, Acctg; MS in IE, ME, CE, EE, Acctg.  
 Carnation Co: Mar 13-14; BusAdm, Acctg, LA, Agr, DSci, IE, Chem.  
 Proctor & Gamble: Mar 13-14; LA, Bus Adm, Ed, Psy, interested in sales mgmt. career.  
 Hamilton Standard (Div of United Aircraft): Mar 13; BS & MS in AeroE, EE, Math, Phys, EngSci, IE, ME, Metal.  
 Woodward & Lothrop: Mar 13; BS & BA in LA, BusAdm, HomeEc; also Jr. interested in retailing as a career for summer employment.  
 Carter Oil Co (R & D only): Mar 13; BS & MS in ME, Png, ChE; MS in Math, Chem, Phys.  
 Swift & Co (research lab): Mar 13; BS in Chem, Bact, ChE, EE, ME; MS in Chem, Bact, ChE, EE, ME, Phys, Biol, Ag-BioChem; PhD grads in PH.  
 Hamilton Standard (Div of United Aircraft): Mar 13; BS & MS in AeroE, EE, Math, Phys, ChE, IE, ME, Metal.  
 New York Life Ins Co: Mar 13; BusAdm, LA, anyone interested in insurance; Math for actuarial work; also Soph. Jr. Sr in above fields for summer employment.  
 Jones & Laughlin: Mar 7; BS & MS in Metal.  
 Chrysler Missiles Operations: Mar 13; ME, EE, AeroE, Phys.

## Dean's List Omission

The name of John Legory, 3.61, was omitted from the Chemistry and Physics dean's list given to the Daily Collegian.

## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Oh my—I'm in for it again tonight—it looks like he's had another bad day at school."

### Tempered Topics

## And Who Created Rock 'n' Roll?

By Ralph Manna

Teen-agers are constantly in the news these days. Be it a teen-age rumble or a teen-age hop, it's sure to make the newspapers.

But this news interest in the youth of the nation is not novel. Yesterday the headlines blared of the shieks and shebas of the Charleston Age. Today they scream of

the delinquent cool cats and dungaree dolls of the Rock 'n' Roll Era.

The why and wherefore of the news value of teen-agers has been explained by many as the interest and/or attempts of adults to recapture their youth. Others say adults want to read about teen-agers in order to find out just what makes their be-bop off-spring tick. (Perhaps psychologists can find some sort of teen-age Oedipus complex in the fact that the boys seem to be interested in older women—as witness the two popular songs—"Diana" and "Oh, Julie!") Whatever the answer, there is no denying the fact that teen-agers and their goings-on make good hot news copy.

The highest rated daytime television program is a teen-age dance show, "American Bandstand," emanating from Philadelphia and m.c'd by Dick Clark, the show spotlights teen-agers as they dance to the pulsating rhythms of rock 'n' roll music. The kids dance the hop, the stroll and the calypso and also get a chance to see top recording stars in person. The program, now in its sixth

year, attracts both teen and adult audiences.

Teen-agers also rally to the star-studded rock 'n' roll shows at New York City's Paramount Theater. And now recording stars tour the country so that teen-agers from Maine to California have a chance to see their idols.

"O.K. sure," say adults, these shows keep kids off the streets and let them get together for a dance or some entertainment. But what about this rock 'n' roll? Isn't it immoral or something?

Adult sympathizers of rock 'n' roll say it allows teen-agers to let off steam. Some say it symbolizes the teen revolt against this mixed-up world caused by the goofing of the parents. Others say it symbolizes the rebellion against the strictness of adult society. To these theories, most teen-agers say "baloney."

Teen-agers recently interviewed by Mike Wallace, television reporter, said rock 'n' roll does let them let off steam—but not against a mixed-up world.

In interviews conducted for the New York Times, Gertrude Samuels found that teen-agers like rock 'n' roll because of its "different beat," its pulsating rhythms and because it is "easy to listen to."

Rock 'n' roll makes you want (Continued on page five)

