

Words to Watch

Ford Gives View on 'Code of Honor'

By JERRIE MARKOS
(Beginning today, The Daily Collegian will publish a series of articles in which distinguished members of the faculty and staff will comment on pertinent issues of the day.
This week's question is "Does the honor system belong at Penn State?" Dr. Donald H. Ford, director of Counseling, will initiate the series. Other authors will be Dr. Harold P. Zelko, professor of speech, and Dr. James J. Fritz, associate professor of chemistry.)



DR. FORD

If a code of honor doesn't belong in a university it doesn't belong anywhere, Dr. Ford said.

A university, Ford said, as the depository of human knowledge, responsible for passing it on and developing it, should be on the front of knowledge. As such, he continued, it should represent a model way of life: Boundaries are inevitable, among these are the relationships among human beings.

Any code of honor depends on the mutual agreement of those involved and a strict group enforcement of the code, Ford said. To have a workable system, the students have to agree and discipline themselves to it.

I feel Penn State would wear one sign of a great university if it could develop and enforce such a code, he said. An honor system would demonstrate the integrity and seriousness of purpose which

transforms good students into good professionals, teachers and leaders, Ford said.

Of course, to start a new tradition is hard but it is in the accomplishment of such difficult tasks that real satisfaction lies, he said.

When asked about the present state of honor at Penn State, Ford said, "I believe that our students are more honest and have more integrity than most of the general public and that

most of them want to maintain a high personal ethical code.

Chronic cheating occurs only in small numbers and can be cured only by public ridicule and public discipline, he said. "If cheating persists, the wrongdoer should be dismissed because he endangers the honest student."

A significant number of students cheat occasionally because they are afraid, and because the consequences of failure are great, Ford said.

When asked about the attitude of the faculty and staff, Ford said, "I feel the faculty and staff would like nothing better than an honor code which might make personal integrity more important than passing."

It is the people with conviction who make the difference and in a movement so dependent on student response, the students must take the lead; therefore, enough students with enough conviction about principle will be able to start the ball rolling. He said, it is the people satisfied with low standards who create second rate society.

Ford concluded saying, "Students working on principle will become leaders with integrity and conviction and will make Penn State a first rate university."

Fire Causes Slight Damage In 318 Atherton

A small fire broke out in 318 Atherton Hall early Sunday morning, badly charring a desk and completely destroying several books and notebooks.

No one was injured by the flames.

Barbara Kelso and Marian Johnston, the occupants of the room, put out the fire themselves with water from a drinking fountain, after they were awakened by smoke at 10:25 a.m.

Insurance men investigating the case have not yet determined the cause of the fire.

The blaze was confined to the desk but the smoke filled the room and filtered up through the heating ventilators to the room directly above, alarming the occupants who thought the fire was in their room and reported an alarm to Miss Mary Melusky, hall hostess.

WRA Elections--

(Continued from page seven) fleck, Joann Buterbaugh, Virginia Davenport and Gretchen Huester. The candidates for sophomore representatives are: Patricia Bak-conviction and will make Penn State a first rate university. Somerville

Pianist to Give Hillel Concert

Erwin Jospe, pianist, conductor and opera director, will present "Jewish Music Without Tears" at 8 tonight at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

As a conductor he has performed throughout the world, including appearances in major cities of the United States and Canada. Among his compositions are the ballet "Lil' Abner" and the score to Lewick's drama "The Golem."

Jospe has served on the staff of the Chicago Lyric Opera Company and is director of the Opera Workshop at Roosevelt University, director of music at the Anshe Fmet Synagogue in Chicago and director of music at the National Hillel Institute.

Junior Placed On Suspension

A sixth semester business administration student was placed on suspended suspension until graduation by the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline last week for falsification of records of an organization of which he is president.

The names of both the student and organization involved were withheld by the dean of men's office.

The student was charged with submitting bills not representative of the actual sums paid out by the organization. The financial transactions went through the Association of Student Activities.

Labor Department To Give Program

The Department of Labor Education, in cooperation with the United Steelworkers of America will present a program on "Man in a Free Society" on April 3-6. Only steelworkers who have completed the four-year steelworkers summer program may attend.

The program will include a presentation of the "Trial of Socrates," a lecture on "Painting as a Language," a film on Robert Frost and Jonas Salk on conflicts between science and humanities, and "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs" by the Penn State Play-

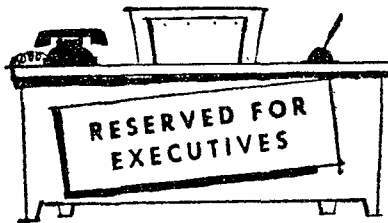
Gearhart Will Address Reserve Officers' Unit

Charles R. Gearhart, professor emeritus of dairy science extension, will address the dinner meeting of the Centre County chapter, Reserve Officers Association, at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Veterans of Foreign Wars home in State College.

Physicist Will Speak On Diamonds Tonight

Dr. Samuel Tolansky, chairman of the Board of Examiners in Physics at the University of London, will speak on the "Folklore and Technology of Diamonds" at 7:30 tonight in 110 Osmond.

The lecture is part of the series sponsored by the Chemistry Physics Student Council.



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