

Editorial Opinion

# Why Not Honor System?

The student leaders at the University of Florida have pessimistically said that an honor system is unfeasible on their campus because students fight for degrees and neglect education.

Joseph Riley, former student body president at Florida, said many students will go after a degree with little regard for how they get it.

To a certain extent, we feel this problem exists on the campuses of every university today, Penn State being no exception.

Many students do not understand, ignore or never learn what "education" is. Education is regarded merely as a means to the end of earning a living and other values such as truth and honesty get lost in the competition.

However, we are not nearly as pessimistic about the future of honor systems as are our southern friends. The experimentation with an honor system in certain courses within the College of Mineral Industries is apparently working out quite well.

At the beginning of the semester, students in certain upper class courses vote on whether or not they will take their examinations under the honor system. These courses are given preliminary approval for establishing the honor system by the departments at the beginning of the semester.

Assistant Dean John D. Ridge, who handles the college's honor system, said it was not made available in the lower level courses because so many students outside the College of Mineral Industries elected these courses.

Ridge said he has not discovered a single case of cheating in classes which elected to take tests under the honor system.

We think that it would be entirely possible and certainly advantageous for other colleges to try this system with the eventual goal of establishing it on a University-wide basis.

We do not advocate that the University establish the honor system tomorrow or next week. The results would be disastrous.

But we do think that, in time, the honor system could be established with students benefiting from the increased personal responsibility and more concern for truth and honesty.

Ridge, in discussing a University-wide honor system, said that there "would be a lot of trouble until it became customary to report people who cheated."

We think that if student attitude changed so that it became sophisticated to be truthful and honest rather than to be apathetic or "able to get through without a bit of work," there would be fewer cheaters.

However, students would have to do more than whine about the guy who keeps crib notes. They would have to get up and do something about it.

We definitely feel that with a slow implementation of an honor system, student attitudes would change and it might indeed become "customary" to report the cheater.

# The Coward's Way Out

SGA President Richard Haber read before the SGA Assembly last night what he called "an anonymous letter" severely criticizing The Daily Collegian.

The Collegian asked to have the letter for publication. Haber flatly refused.

The Collegian is only too happy to print and to listen to any criticism of itself if the author has enough conviction in his beliefs and the intestinal fortitude to sign the letter.

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Letters

## Another Upset By Policy On Discrimination

TO THE EDITOR: I too was disturbed by the statement attributed to Mr. Wilmer Wise and Dr. Monroe Newman, who spoke for the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, in the Collegian of March 8.

The opinion that racial discrimination in fraternities and sororities is a matter of self-determination is sheer nonsense.

As a nation we began by declaring that all men are created equal. But some people have altered that statement to read all men are created equal except Jews and Negroes.

The heart of the race question is moral and religious. It concerns rights of mankind and our attitude toward our fellow man. If our attitude is governed by the Christian law of love and respect for his rights, then we can proceed to work out the techniques for making the necessary social adjustments.

But if our minds are poisoned by indifference toward the welfare and rights of our fellowman, then our nation faces an internal crisis.

It is unreasonable that factors such as race and religion should be made causes of discrimination and a basis for unequal treatment.

—Rev. Reiss J. Hampton,  
Liberal Catholic Missionary

## Gazette

TODAY  
Alpha Phi Omega, 9 a.m., 1st floor, HUB  
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room  
College of Agriculture Faculty, 4:15 p.m., 109 Armsby  
Cosmopolitan Club Dinner, 6:30 p.m., State College Presbyterian Church  
Eastern Arts Research Committee, 7 p.m., 218 HUB  
Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 105 ME  
Interamerican Club, 8 p.m., Conference Center  
MI Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., MI Auditorium  
Placement, 3 a.m. and 1 p.m., 203, 212, HUB  
Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond  
University BX Committee, 6 p.m., 218 HUB  
Wesley Foundation, 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Party  
"Wonderful Town," 8 p.m., Schwab

Interpreting

# U.S. Moves Slightly On Colonial Issue

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

The United States moved ever so slightly Wednesday night toward what is for her a more natural relationship with the nationalist revolution which has been taking place in the world.

She abandoned, at last for this once, the tightrope of abstention by which she has been attempting to maintain a precarious balance in the United Nations between the burgeoning movement for independence and the interests of some of her allies in the remaining tatters of colonialism.

She sided with the small nations in their contention that Portugal must now start doing something toward preparing Angola for independence.

The Portuguese dictatorship has been following a stern and inflexible policy toward the African area which she calls an overseas province, after the French custom with regard to Algeria. No program looking toward establishment of a native political entity has been permitted.

The farthest Portugal has gone has been to offer Portuguese citizenship to natives who can meet difficult qualifications.

The U.N. Security Council—including Britain and France which still have their colonial problems—decided that the Angola situation did not represent a threat to peace and



refused a resolution demanding reforms. The issue will go to the General Assembly.

But before Adlai E. Stevenson had finished speaking, the attitude of the United States had transcended the immediate point at issue.

Enunciating a policy decided upon only a short time before the meeting, Stevenson asserted the right of the United States to advise Portugal as a friend that her policies might eventually lead to a threat of war such as has occurred elsewhere in Africa.

He thus broke the front of waiting and maneuver by which the Western powers have tried to gain time.

That does not mean the United States has decided time is not needed for orderly transition in the face of Communist threats of disorderly takeover of emerging peoples.

It does suggest that the United States is beginning to realize what can happen to her own position in the world if time runs on too long.

It is an assertion of leadership where leadership has been seriously needed. It is an expression of traditional American principles which may pay off where diplomatic pussy-footing has not.

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## Testimonial For Newman

TO THE EDITOR: To those who know Dr. Newman, his stand against discrimination needs no expounding. But lest any doubt has been created in the minds of those who do not know him well, a statement from one who has had much contact with him would help to eliminate any doubts of his position with respect to discrimination.

In stating what the University's policy is on certain matters, it would be unfortunate if Dr. Newman is associated with favoring discrimination.

I know of a number of people in the campus community who are aware of the many ugly forms of discrimination

here in Penn State and State College and who oppose such practices. Among those people is Dr. Newman.

It would therefore be a serious disservice to the very forces that are fighting discrimination to alienate Dr. Newman or people with his views.

I have no doubt that his convictions on the immorality of discrimination are so great, that no unfortunate misrepresentation of his position would deter him from continuing his fight for an equal chance for everyone, regardless of race, creed or color.

—Hugh Greenidge  
Foreign Student

## It's In the Charter

TO THE EDITOR: After reading, with profound admiration, the defense of personal liberties, the right to choose one's associates etc., stated by various spokesmen of official organs of the Penn State student body, I am making public the formal request I shall voice at the next meeting of the Diablerie Committee of the College of Liberal Arts.

In so far as the Charter of the National Association of Liberal Arts Colleges (to which we owe allegiance, money and buddy-ship) makes it clear that undesirable types are to be excluded from all member colleges, I move that henceforth no member of the I.F.C.,

S.G.A., F.L.A. (Freedom Loving Americans) be enrolled in our college. If any such types are presently enrolled, it is only because they are "passing" and refusing to reveal their true colors.

Of course, I have nothing personal against these people, but the charter is the Charter is THE CHARTER. Should any ifcsgafia brother complain, let him go to another college or organize his own.

Why do people always push themselves where they are not wanted? Let's go back to the peaceful days before I.F.C. or even P.S.U.

—Jerold Roschwalb  
English Department

## Economical Opportunity at Co-op

TO THE EDITOR: Recently it was brought to my attention that over 5000 students had signed a petition which opposed a raise in tuition. From this it is rather evident that there are quite a few students in financial need.

For the past 23 years there has been an organization on campus whose aim has been to offer a less expensive means of attending college: This is the College Co-op. This June, for a lack of membership, there is the possibility that the co-op may have to close its doors.

From what I understand of the situation I can only come

to the conclusion that many students do not know that such a place does exist. Room and board is approximately half of that of the dorms.

Of course we cannot compete with the plush dorms; we can only offer the opportunity for a less expensive education among warmth and friendship.

If the co-op must close, it will be a loss to those who, because of financial difficulties, are finding the cost of an education a much more serious problem than either they or we had first imagined.

—Harry D. Boonin  
President, College Co-op