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COLLEGE CODE OF CONDUCT

The College of Wooster
Campus Council
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*cf - Faculty refer to Home Code/adv refer here; who changes?
Judicial system*

PREAMBLE

Philosophy of Social Conduct

at

The College of Wooster

The Christian ethic demands a willingness to recognize and accept persons in their individuality; it also affirms the social dimension of man's existence. A socially responsible community, therefore, must determine the structure within which individual freedom may flourish but not become so self-centered that the resulting environment finally destroys the very freedom it was intended to support. The College of Wooster believes that the Christian ethic is best served in an atmosphere of personal self-discipline, guided by the principle of concern for others, and reinforced by a structure which represents only such limitations as have been agreed upon in principle by a consensus of all elements of the community - students, faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees. Within such limitations the exercise of self-determination by residential units shall be accepted as a means to achieve personal individuality within a socially responsible community.

The Wooster student, therefore, acknowledges the existence of such limitations and accepts responsibility for the consequences of his actions whenever he goes beyond the necessary limitations. In most cases, this will mean a judicial hearing on specific charges. It is also understood, however, that a student whose behavior clearly indicates an incompatibility with the philosophy herein stated may be counseled to leave this community for another more suited to his needs.

It is the right and duty of the College as an institution with a past and a future, as well as a present, to enunciate those continuing expectations for its students which it has derived from its philosophy:

I. Personal Integrity and Self-Respect.

The College expects that integrity and self-respect are evidenced not only by one's own commitment to personally responsible behavior but also by a willingness to extend support and direction toward a neighbor whose behavior appears harmful to himself or the community.

The College expects that out of respect for his own well-being, a student will not abuse his mind or body by use of harmful or illegal drugs or excessive or untimely use of alcoholic beverages. For its part, the College undertakes an obligation to provide education about such abuses, to offer counseling, to support federal and state laws, and to encourage an environment which will support the student in his efforts to make and abide by healthy decisions in these areas.

II. Respect for the Rights and Concerns of Others.

The College expects that in all relationships with each other, College of Wooster students will be guided by a mutual concern for each other's integrity, needs, and feelings, and an underlying responsibility whether these relationships be among men or women alone or a male-female relationship. The College believes that such concern, when

II. Respect for the Rights and Concerns of Others (continued)

properly understood, must by definition exclude irresponsible sexual behavior. For its part, the College undertakes to provide education, guidance, and counseling in these areas; to evolve a residential environment which in its diversity will be complementary to the academic and social purposes of the College.

III. Respect for the Property and Functioning of the College.

The College expects that all students will have regard for the property of the College as an asset in which they have a vested interest. The College also expects that such differences of opinion as may arise from time to time among various elements of the community will be dealt with through recognized channels and will not become a matter of threat to or actual abuse of College property or in any way interfere with the normal functioning of the College. For its part, the College will continue to support, within the means at its command, the maintenance and improvement of College property for the convenience of those who use it; to keep open all channels of communication among various members of the community, and to deal with problems with all practical expediency.

From these expectations mutually agreed upon enforceable rules shall be derived and by their incorporation into a code, known as the College Code of Conduct, it shall become the responsibility of each member of the community to accept the obligations placed upon him not only for personal behavior but for the enforcement of the Code through the judicial system.

THE COLLEGE CODE OF CONDUCT

I. Alcoholic Beverages

1. Ohio Statutes prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 18 years of age, and permit drinking only of 3.2 beer by persons between 18 and 21. The possession or use of any alcoholic beverages in violation of these statutes on college property or in student residences is forbidden and subject to disciplinary action.
2. On-campus use of legal alcoholic beverages is limited to residential units and to any other areas identified as acceptable for this purpose by the administration. Alcoholic beverages are permitted in upperclass student rooms and in designated private recreation areas wherever a residential unit has made that decision by a 2/3 vote of the occupants by secret ballot.

I. Alcoholic Beverages (continued)

3. Alcoholic beverages are permitted in the residence halls' public lounges only during registered social events. All social events in the residence halls must be scheduled through the Lowry Center Program coordinator. They must operate within the following provisions:
 - a. Ordering of all beverages to be served must be arranged through the Lowry Center Program Coordinator.
 - b. The only alcoholic beverage to be ordered and served at registered social events is 3.2 beer.
 - c. Non-alcoholic beverages and food must be provided at all functions where an alcoholic beverage is served.
4. Possession and consumption of 3.2 beer in places other than designated above, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, will not be tolerated, and will be judged severely. The Judicial Board may, at its discretion, apply such penalties as disciplinary probation and suspension for any such offenses. A residential unit holding a social function will be expected to take reasonable precaution to avoid such behavior and to take disciplinary action whenever it is indicated; failure to take either such preventive or disciplinary action may result in loss of permission to hold future social events.

II. Drugs

(The following policy statement was recommended by a committee of students, faculty, and administration in June, 1968, was subsequently approved as the position of the College, and is now incorporated as part of the College Code of Conduct.):

"Both federal and Ohio State laws prohibit the use, possession, sale or offering for sale of hallucinogens and narcotics (including marijuana), and Ohio laws prohibit improper possession and sale of amphetamines and barbituates. The College of Wooster upholds these laws and will not interfere with the legal prosecution of any members of the community who violate them. It is a particularly serious offense to sell, provide, share or distribute drugs illegally. Any such offense, on or off campus, may result in the suspension of the offender from the College. That the College does not search rooms or seek in some other fashion evidence of drug involvement in no way implies that such involvement is not taken as possible justification for the most serious disciplinary action.

"To go any further in spelling out in advance what The College of Wooster's action might be in any particular case is both unwise and impossible. The circumstances in every case, including what the best interests both of the individual and of the community might require, would eventually determine what the College would do. The College cannot protect an offender against the penalties of the law. Law enforcement officers, when armed with proper documents, have a legal right to search any and all buildings on the campus without prior notice to anyone at the College.

II. Drugs (continued)

"In addition to its illegality there are other reasons why the College refuses to condone the possession, distribution, and use of hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs. Some drugs, like heroin or LSD, are well known to have disastrous, tragic effects, both psychic and physical, on the user. Likewise, improper use of drugs in the barbituate class, all of which may be addictive, and drugs in the amphetamine class may have undesirable effects on the individual.

"Marijuana, which is technically nonaddictive, may also have disturbing, disruptive implications for the individual and the community over and beyond its illegality. The illegality restricts much of its distribution and sale to illicit sources which may also supply LSD and hard narcotics. Any relationship with such sources will be on their terms, which may include graduation to stronger drugs and invite disruptive intrusions by law enforcement officials into the College. To point out that nicotine and alcohol are also drugs and thus to claim some comparable acceptance of marijuana blurs a very important distinction. Both the smoking of tobacco and the drinking of liquor, which some medical authorities consider harmful, have long had a general acceptability in our society and may be legally used in accordance with laws which vary from state to state. By contrast, the use of marijuana violates the laws of Ohio and of the United States.

"While in no way condoning the breaking of the law on drugs, the College is concerned in every way possible to help the individual achieve both a realistic understanding of the consequences of drug use for himself and society, and thus the independence that comes from informed, responsible decisions. The ultimate basis for such decisions is one's responsibility to oneself and thus to the community in which one has accepted a part. Literature concerning drugs is available at the Student Health Service and from the Personnel Deans, where therapeutic and counseling assistance is also available, as always, on a confidential basis for any member of the community who needs their help."

III. Firearms, Fireworks, Fire Fighting Equipment

Possession of firearms and fireworks on campus is forbidden; misuse or abuse of fire fighting equipment and/or alarms is prohibited.

IV. Residential Self-Government

1. A granting of authority to upperclass residential units to provide self-governance within their residences may be granted by Campus Council under these conditions:
 - a. A residential code of conduct for each unit in keeping with the philosophy and the Code of Conduct of the College shall be adopted by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority of the residents of the house and submitted to the Campus Council for approval; until it becomes effective, the rules of the previous year remain valid; each code shall provide for corridor options if a minority of one-third of the residents requests such.
 - b. No rule for the residences may be instituted which would result in contradiction of the following:

IV. Residential Self-Government (continued)

1. b. (continued)

- (1) The staff relationship of a student Resident to the office of the personnel deans as provided in his or her contract.
- (2) This College Code of Conduct.
- (3) The following standards established by the Campus Council effective with the initiation of this Code but subject to revision by the Campus Council if it deems necessary:
 - a) Visitation rules must be determined within the following: Sunday through Thursday, ~~10:00 a.m.~~ to 12:00 midnight; Fridays and Saturdays, ~~10:00 a.m.~~ to 1:00 a.m. ✓
 - b) Lounge Hours - Men's Halls - Unlimited; Women's Residence Halls until desk duty ends; Senior Honor Women's Houses - Unlimited.
- c. Each residential code of conduct must be enforced by a judicial system which meets the minimum requirements established for residential units by the Campus Council.
- d. Each residential code of conduct must include a commitment by the individual members of that unit to accept the obligations placed upon them not only for personal behavior but for the enforcement of the code through the judicial system.

V. Judicial System

1. The judicial system to be established in conjunction with the adoption of the residential code of conduct is the following:

Hall Council

- a. Composed of at least five members of the immediate living unit. In units of less than 25 persons, the councils shall consist of at least three members.
 - b. Elects its own chairman and provides for the selection of secretary and any other needed council officers or aides. The staff Resident in each unit will attend all meetings and hearings of the Hall Council as an observer.
 - c. Has original jurisdiction in all cases involving infractions of the residential code of conduct committed by members of the unit within the residence, except those specifically assigned by the Code of Conduct to the Judicial Board.
2. The judicial system to be established in conjunction with the College Code of Conduct is the following:

V. Judicial System (continued)

2. (continued)

Judicial Board

- a. Composed of four students, two faculty members, and two personnel deans. Two hearing counsels (one man and one woman) selected by members of the Board shall serve the Board as nonvoting prehearing investigators and friends of the Board during hearings.
 - b. Elects a chairman and provides for the selection of a secretary and any other needed Board officers or aides. *and sets its own rules & procedure*
 - c. Receives and adjudicates all appeals from actions taken by any Hall Council.
 - d. Has original jurisdiction:
 - (1) In all cases involving alleged infractions of this College Code of Conduct that are not under the original jurisdiction of the Hall Council.
 - (2) In all cases involving physical harm to any person or persons.
 - (3) In all cases involving damage to College property, when the cost of repairing such damage is in excess of \$50.00.
 - (4) In all unresolved disputes between two or more living units, or between individuals within two or more living units.
 - (5) In all cases referred to College officials by civil authorities, unless there is mutual agreement between those authorities and the College officials that they should be handled otherwise.
 - (6) In cases involving those who experience continued difficulty with the residential code of conduct, jurisdiction may be referred to the Judicial Board at the request of the membership of the Hall Council or the Resident.
 - (7) In any case referred by a Hall Council.
 - e. Keeps complete minutes of all hearings, and submits written reports of all actions taken to the Deans.
 - f. For all hearing boards (Judicial Board and Hall Councils), establishes procedures that are fair and just and meet the basic requirements of due process without becoming unduly legalistic or placing any other unusual burden on either the hearing board or the accused.
 - g. Appeals from the Judicial Board go directly to the President of the College.
3. Any student who wishes to do so may opt to have his alleged infraction of any regulation heard by a committee of personnel deans. This option is guaranteed regardless of the nature of the offense.

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V. Judicial System (continued)

4. Penalties of the Judicial Board may include the following:
 - a. Conduct probation - such probation does not involve loss of privileges, but is recorded on the student's permanent record during term of probation only.
 - b. Work penalty.
 - c. Recorded disciplinary probation - appears on student's permanent record, does not appear on transcript after conclusion of probation period. The probation period may range from no less than one full quarter to no more than two quarters. This probation does involve loss of privileges - any individual on disciplinary probation may not represent the College in any official capacity such as athletics, music, dramatics, or hold student office.
 - d. Suspension - separation from the College for a predetermined period of time, with right of application for readmission at end of term of suspension.
 - e. Expulsion - separation from the College with no provision to return.
5. Any case involving the penalties of d. and e. above is automatically subject to review by the President of the College.

VI. This Code shall become effective at the beginning of the academic year 1970-1971.

Professor Gordon Collins, Chairman
March 16, 1970