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## Omicron Delta Kappa Proposes Honor Code For N. C. Wesleyan

The Wesleyan Circle of Omicron, Delta Kappa, a national Honor Society, has spent many long and tedious hours putting together an Honor Code for our campus. After communication with several colleges and universities in a two state region they have compiled what they think is the code best suited for Wesleyan. The code which follows is just a proposal for you the student body to read and think about. Final approval must come from the student body and the faculty. The Decree hopes that you will read it carefully and consider all of its possibilities.

### THE HONOR CODE

#### PREAMBLE

Convinced that only the highest moral standards are compatible with the objectives and purposes of North Carolina Wesleyan College and determined that honesty, decency, and integrity are the proper standards for both nation and citizen, we, the students of

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North Carolina Wesleyan College, do hereby adopt and promulgate the following Honor Code.

#### ADMINISTRATION

The Honor Council of North Carolina Wesleyan College shall be elected by and from the student body. This election shall take place not before the 15th of March nor after the 30th of March. The Council shall be composed of three seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores. Included in this group must be at least two men and two women. The Council shall serve for one year.

The Chairman, a rising senior, shall be elected by the newly elected members of the Council and the senior members of the outgoing Council. The Vice-chairman, arising junior, shall be elected in the same manner.

The Chairman shall appoint a Council member from each class to an Investigative Committee. This appointment shall be done prior to each case. One member of the Investigative Committee shall act as clerk of the Council. The Chairman, the Vice-chairman and the remaining three members shall make up the Judiciary Council who will sit in review of the case.

The Chairman, with the consent of those sitting in review, shall have the power to appoint another student from the student body at large to sit in trial should a member of the Judiciary Council be absent or ruled ineligible.

A non-voting faculty adviser shall be selected by the President and Academic Dean of the College with the advice and consent of the Honor Council. This adviser shall be in attendance at all of the trial proceedings.

The Dean of Students, as a non-voting member, shall be in attendance at all of the trial proceedings.

#### INFRACTIONS

It becomes necessary in order for such a system to be effective that each student acknowledge that he will not accept dishonorable conduct

among his fellow students. Therefore the responsibility of the student to report infractions is a vital part of this Honor System. There are four major classifications of Honor Code infractions, as follow. Other violations are under the jurisdiction of the judicial system of the S.G.A.

**CHEATING:** A student must neither give nor receive help on any test, examination, or any other pledged work. Such violations include copying, collaboration, or use of crib notes or textbooks during a test.

**PLAGIARISM:** The act of taking another person's words or ideas and not giving him due credit for them is plagiarism. Ideas include unique methods of treating subjects as well as original thoughts and opinions. The unacknowledged use of research or writings by others is plagiarism.

**LYING:** Deliberate misrepresentation of the truth is lying. Forgery is considered an act of lying, such as the unauthorized signing of college documents, as is the deliberate issuing of worthless checks.

**STEALING:** The taking of another's property without paying for it or being given permission to use it is stealing. An example is taking books

belonging to another and selling them.

#### PROCEDURE

I. Any person believing that a breach of the Honor Code has been committed must challenge the student accused of the act and offer him the opportunity to report himself to the Honor Council. If the accused does not report himself to the Honor Council within 24 hours, the accuser must report the case or be held in violation of the Honor Code. Only in those cases where a direct challenge is not feasible may he report the suspect directly to any member of the Honor Council, who will in turn notify the accused of the accusation against him.

II. The investigative committee shall then investigate the case and summon the defendant and any other persons having pertinent information.

III. As soon as the investigation is completed and the

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## Campus Greeks Announce Rush Plans

The two week rush period begins January 15 for the five Greek systems on the Wesleyan campus. The first week, January 15th through the 17th, will involve the sororities; the second week, January 21st through the 24th, will involve the fraternities.

Organization for the respective one week rush periods began prior to the Christmas holidays. During this time, each fraternity and sorority established their formal rush program. No individual Greek member may entertain any prospective rushee outside of his established rush program. Each system has the right to choose when they "Go invitational" at which time the parties given are closed. A rushee may attend only with a personal invitation. At the first open house, which is usually in

the respective lounges, a rushee will sign his name to a guest book. From this list of rushees, the Brotherhood or Sisterhood will select those that will receive future invitations. As the week progresses, the list will become more selective. At 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18th, for the sororities and Saturday, January 25th, for the fraternities, silent period will begin. This is a period when members of a Greek system must refrain from any communication with the rushees. During this time each potential rushee will be voted on by the Brotherhood or Sisterhood; bids for pledging will be sent out to the rushees on Monday, January 20th, for the sororities and Monday, January 27th, for the fraternities by the IFC Faculty Representative. Silent period will

last until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, the 21st and Tuesday, the 28th, or until the bids are accepted. The purpose is to allow time for a prospective pledge to decide whether or not he or she desires to affiliate with a particular fraternity or sorority. Tuesday, January 21st, marks the first official day of pledging for the sororities; Tuesday, January 28th, marks the first official day of pledging for the fraternities. Pledge period can last a maximum of ten weeks and usually lasts from six to eight weeks. The pledges are voted on again at the end of this period, and, if they are passed and they accept, they go through an initiation.

Alpha Delta Chi, the oldest Greek system on campus begins its Rush Week with an open house in their lounge on

third floor, South Hall. They will close rush for Wednesday night and go invitational. Carlyle Taylor, president of Alpha Delta Chi described rush as "A formal invitation to the campus to find what the Greek systems have to offer."

Nu Gamma Phi also starts off its rush on Tuesday night with an open house in their lounge, located on the third floor, South Hall. Wednesday night will be closed and serious rushing will begin. Greg Williams, President said, "Rush is a great time for us and the prospective pledges to get together."

Sigma Omega will hold their fifth rush beginning January 21st. They will begin with open lounge on third floor Edgecombe on Tuesday night. Wednesday night will be invitational with a closed function. Pete Van Keuren, presi-

dent of Sigma Omega, sees Rush as an opportunity for students to look at all Greek systems on an equal basis."

Pi Epsilon will begin rush on Wednesday night, January 15th, in their lounge located on the east end of third floor North Hall for all girls that have been at Wesleyan for at least one semester. Thursday they will go invitational; Mary Ann Brinser, president, sites rush as a time "The sorority introduces to the rushees the meaning of a close sisterhood."

Sigma Phi Delta will have their lounge on third floor North Hall open on Wednesday the 15th also. Thursday night will be their first closed party. The president of Sigma Phi Delta, Sue Anderson, sees rush as "A chance to meet people, have a good time, and get acquainted with sorority life."