

# **Gossip Is Not A** Laughing Matter -Of Carolyn Steinla-

A legend is more often than not what a man would like to have been, rather than what he was or 18.

A man's legend outlives him by years, decades, even centuries. It is at least possible that what is remembered of many great Americans is not the man, but the legend. Wild Bill Hickock and Wyatt Earp and even perhaps Abraham Lincoln and George Washington are to us more legend than man. A legend is a story. The story is sometimes humorous sometimes sad - sometimes degrading - and almost always not true.

Yes, the basic story is true, but embelishment has crept into the tale here and there. Wild Bill Hickock was a buffalo hunter, but he undoubtedly did not do - could not have done - all that the spinners of his tales depict him as doing.

The legend of George Washington and his chopping of the cherry. tree is an interesting story; it makes a nice lesson for our younger brothers and sisters and then one day for our children, but no one has been able to say definitely that the story is a completely true one.

Stories have a funny way of being distorted by teller and the listener doesn't quite hear the story as the teller speaks it. The story need not be one with historical significance; it could just as well be a story meant for a party to provoke a laugh.

We have all played the party game, gossip, or seen the Candid Camera television show using the theory that no story is told twice alike. A tale is spun to one person who tells another who tells another until the original story can no longer be discerned from the story of the last teller. On television it provides a laugh, but not even that film camera is candid enough to catch the current story being told to suite-mate of sorority sister of next-door neighbor. This current back-fence story is more than likely about someone you know or someone who knows someone you know. People always make the best stories. Other people make the best stories. What other people are doing, who they're doing it with or to, and where they're doing it are the most exciting stories. You'll hear a lot of these stories in your time, not only on campus but after college. Stories are sometimes true and sometimes bad distortions. The latter are commonly known as rumors or gossip. Next time you hear a story that you are told in strictest confidence, but with a firm assurance that you are to pass it on, just-think two things. The first thought should be that the best stories are about other people and the second should be that to someone else, you are other people.



#### Madison's New Leaders

The major officers who will be the leaders of the 1965-66 session at Madison College were elected February 23. They are (bottom to top) Mary Dwyer, S.G.A. president; Betty. Deutz, W.A.A. president; Nancy Myers, Editor of the Bluestone; Alice Williams, Y.W.C.A. president; and Mickie Anderson, Editor of THE BREEZE. Resulting from a tie between Pat Thomas and Helen Fortune, who were seeking presidency of the Honor Council, elections were held Thursday night, February 25 in the dormitories. The new Honor Council president will be announced in the next edition of THE BREEZE.

# **Honor Emphasis Week**

mark the observance of Honor Emphasis Week.

Honor Council members will be wearing identifiable armbands.

A bulletin board depicting an appropriate theme will be on display in the P. O. Lobby.

On March fourth, a mock trial conducted by the Honor Council is scheduled for the regular assembly program. The fictitious case will feature volunteer drama students Marilyn Oppenheim, Carolyn Stienla, J. B. Hancock, and Judy Wayner.

That evening at 9:30, the Honor Council will hold buzz sessions in all freshmen dorms. Also Freshmen in Gifford, Wayland, and Cleveland will meet in their respective recreation rooms. Freshmen in other upper class dorms and sorority houses will meet in Converse. These buzz sessions are

### **Students Choose Miss Madison** Wed., March 3

Madison students will go to the polls Wednesday, March 3, to vote for Miss Madison.

Presented to the student body by the Nominating Committee are candidates Sandy Anderson, Nancy Cattlet, Mary Beth Drayer, Andy Lacy, Lynda Lynn, Diane Miller, Mary Ann Matthews, Ellen Sandefur, Tanya Suarez, Barbara Sweeny and Carol Wooten.

Miss Madison must be a Senior and have a 2.25 accumulative average. She should present a neat appearance and have proven herself a campus leader.

Voting will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. in the Post Office Lobby. Students may find Bulletin Board in Harrison after Sunday.

March second, third, and fourth, compulsory for all Freshmen.

Upper classmen are cordially invited as this is an opportunity for all students to air their views. The Honor Council hope that everyone will take an active part in these special programs. 1965 marks the nineteenth consecutive year that the Honor System has been in practice at Madison.

# **Drs.** To Speak At Seminar

Dr. Walter M. Zirkle, Jr. and Dr. Robert G. Schultz, gynocologists in Harrisonburg, will speak at the seminar to be held in Alumnae Hall February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The seminar will consist mainly of questions from the students and discussions of these. A question box will be provided.

The seminar is under the direction of Dean Elizabeth Shafer and Dr. Mae Kelly. It is centered about the theme of "Development and Identity of Self". Future seminars will be on topics requested by students.

#### **Deans Schedule Etiquette Sessions**

Standards Committee is sponsoring a series of etiquette sessions. for all dormitories. Dean Elizabeth Shafer and Dean Dorothy Garber are holding the sessions.

The following schedule will be followed:

March 2 - Garber - Wayland March 4 — Shafer — Ashby March 9 - Garber - Logan March 11 - Shafer - Cleveland March 18 - Shafer - Johnston March 23 - Garber - Jackson

Started any legends lately?

Calendar

2-28-65 Seminar, Alumnae, 6:30 p.m. 3-3-65 Visiting Scholar, Blackwell, 7.30 p.m. 3-4/65 Assembly, Honor Council, Wilson, 1:00 p.m.

Vote For

**Best-Dressed** 

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Students are requested to turn in candidates' pictures posted on the any special questions they have to the dean speaking in their dormitory ahead of time.



#### Madison To Choose 'Best Dressed' For Competition In Glamour Contest

"Glamour Magazine" is again sponsoring a nation-wide contest to determine the best-dressed feminine members of the college world. Those selected to compete for Madison's representation are left to right: Marlene Renalds, Barbara

Wassell, Kathy Gough, Sandy Doyle, Betsy Robertson, Jan Mondy, and Jane Renn. Not pictured are Yvonne Fisher, Linda Harper, Betsy Mitchell, and Susi Timmons.

Madison College, Saturday, February 27, 1965



Council is trying to emphasize its purpose and necessity to the students of this college. News articles in this issue of The Breeze will inform the student body of the efforts of the Council to arouse and interest in YOU?

An article which appeared in the February 5, 1965 issue of "Life" magazine revealed some startling statistics resulting from the most comprehensive study ever made of cheating among college students. The study was published recently by the Bureau of Applied Research at Columbia University.

Five thousand students from 99 colleges and universities were questioned in confidence. One of these colleges interviewed might have been Madison.

The following information formed part of the report:

• Nearly half of the students questioned admitted they had engaged in some form of cheating since entering college.

• Cheating is more prevalent at large schools than at small schools and occurs more commonly in large classes than in small ones.

• The highest proportion of cheaters (68 per cent) is found among mediocre students who treat grades lightly themselves but who are under great pressure from their parents to get good grades. Students with poor grades tend to cheat more often than better students. Among those who admitted cheating, 57 per cent had average grades of C-minus or lower. However, 37 per cent of the "A" students polled admitted cheating at some point in college.

• The stricter the classroom rules against cheating-a teacher constantly watching, assigning seats, staggering seats, refusing permission to leave the room, etc.-the more students are likely to cheat.

Open letter to the students: A recent survey of civilian college cheating, conducted by Columbia University, brought to light some significant findings. One of these findings was that there is the least amount of cheating among students in colleges that have an honor system run and enforced by the students themselves, where there has always been a strong disapproval of cheating by the student body.

This only reinforces our belief that the founders of Madison's Honor System established the best kind of system possible. It is flexible enough to meet the needs of each school generation, yet still it keeps the same basic idealism that it started with - that of trust, respect, and individual responsbility. No system is perfect; an honor system at its best will still have mistakes and disappointments at one time or another. We can only work that much harder to strengthen it.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, the administration and faculty, and our advisors for their cooperation and support in striving to maintain the Madison Honor System as a working reality.

Letter On Films

Dear Editor,

In reference to Louise Schullery's letter concerning the foreign films, I would like to add these comments. The only objection that I have against these cultural footholds is the admission price required. These movies seem to be the only extracurricular activities of the Foreign Language Department, besides a language club meeting once a month and an occasional speaker from a foreign land. I agree that the foreign films are worthwhile educationally and worth the time spent viewing them. But to charge 75¢ per movie or \$2.00 for a semester of four movies seems outrageous to those students who go. The Saturday night campus movies are financed by the student activities fee. Could an allotment be allowed the Foreign Language Department for foreign films? This seems to be the answer to a larger attendance.

Actually, there should be no admission at all, at least to foreign language majors and minors. Other departments on campus have enlightening experiences free of cost to the students. Does the Committee on Foreign Films, or whoever it is, think that foreign language students have larger allowances than the other students on campus? Perhaps the reasons why these films are attended more by the faculty than the students are because the students have less time and money. Not always are the films chef-d'oeuvres, but they are better than not having any foreign activities on this campus. The only obstacle is the cost. Yes, we, the students, do accept -at a price.

# **Tea Room Lacks Adequate Hours**

- by Jim Orndoff —

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles by Jim Orn-

In his fourth index of institutional excellency, Dr. Boroff deals with college gathering-places and has this to say about them. "No dean worth his stipend can afford to be indifferent to student hangouts - especially those that dispense coffee - for that is where the serious talk takes place. My bias, is, obviously, toward urbane, light-handed administration, but here a little social engineering is in order. The vital schools have meeting places where students - and faculty - can repair for coffee and conversation. One shrewdly administered college in the South combines its snack bar with its paperback bookstore - a conspicuously happy marriage! The most justly celebrated hangout in academia is the University of Wisconsin's Rathskeller, where beer has corrupted no one, and where political debates flourish at any hour, class lines crisscross (freshman girls meet real graduate students), and professors sit in earnest conference with students\_over cups of coffee."

Here we have one campus institution which can be compared with Boroff's ideal. The Madison Tea Room, where students come only during the day and only if the campus meals are unbearable; offers the only college-operated hangout which dispenses coffee and which could therefore serve as a gathering place for persons of different views, students and professors alike. Unfortunately, this tea room is open only until early in the afternoon and cannot provide a gathering place on the campus proper after 2:00 P.M.

A number of students and faculty members, appalled by the lack of academic spirit, the absence of intellectual debate, and the inadequate communication between students and professors on the Madison campus, have signed a petition requesting that the Tea Room be left open until 10:30 P.M. on week nights. Unfortunately, because of the apathetic attitudes and the unfounded fears in relation to the administration, a majority of students and faculty have not yet signed the petition. Until this majority is received, it is impossible to conceive of any change in the hours of our only campus hangout, which must be made if we are to improve our standing on the scale of institutional excellence.

• Cheating occurs most often on tests using multiplechoice or true and false questions, least often when essay-type questions are used. It is most prevalent in courses where frequent tests are given and where the standardized tests are given year after year or to different classes in the same year:

• Cheating has a direct relationship to study habits. Only 42 per cent of the students who study for 30 hours or more per week admitted to cheating. Among the cheaters 57 per cent study only 19 hours a week or less.

• Students in career-oriented fields like business and engineering are more likely to cheat than students majoring in history, the humanities or language. In between are student specializing in the sciences or the arts.

• The social life of the students has a bearing on their tendency to cheat. Only 41 per cent of the students who said they did not play cards or watch TV wound up in the cheating category, while 56 per cent of those who spend five or more hours a week in these pursuits admitted to cheating. Students who date regularly cheat more than those who do not.

• Ninety per cent of the students — including many who admit to cheating-said they are opposed to the practice on moral grounds. Over half of the students-again including some cheaters-believe it is far worse to cheat than to report another student for cheating. Of those who hold this view, 16 per cent would report even a close friend to the authorities if they caught him cheating, and 51 per cent said they would either ignore a friend or turn him down if he asked for help during an exam.

• Cheating is more prevalent at schools which try to control it by a joint student-faculty system of monitoring. It is slightly less common at schools where the faculty alone tries to cope with the problem. And it occurs far less often at col<sup>2</sup> leges with an honor system, in which the students themselves do the policing and enforcing.

Take a good look; are you one of these students?

We hope that the high ideals set up in our system now will continue to be a vital part of the students' lives beyond graduation from this institution.

The Honor Council

Editor's note: The following poem was submitted to THE BREEZE as an answer to last week's letter to the Editor concerning a faculty member's view on smiling.

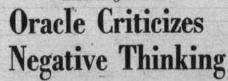
Smile: You're On Madison's Campus

> We wander lonely in a crowd, We float high o'er realities of time, We'll hear perhaps a friendly greeting, A word, a laugh, a chance meeting. Beside the desk, beneath the roof, Speaking; laughing is the proof.

Continuous is the smile that shines Through all, it goes a long, long way. It stretches the never-ending line Along the margin of the day. Two thousand we see at a glance; Two thousand friends to make by chance.

The time behind us passes, but we Refuse to let it go with glee A friend could not but have a brighter day, If we took time for a "hello" to say. We watch, we gaze-with little thought What friends this campus to us has brought. -A STUDENT

Jody Hoffman



(ACP)-Morale on the American college campus is at an all-time low and no wonder, says the Tennessee Tech ORACLE in an editorial. It's the power of negative thinking. \*

"It is much easier to criticize than to praise, more American to see the bad instead of the good, and more collegiate to be dissatisfied with everything in general. \* \*

"America has been accustomed to the freedom of speech and thought so long that her citizens now interpret freedom of speech to mean freedom to find fault. Talk with one of the students on campus who has lived in a country without personal freedom and see if you do not feel a sense of elation after you have finished the conversation.

"We have replaced good, clean humor with the sick cruelty joke. Things are funny only at the expense of others. And still we wonder why we cannot enjoy the wholesome fun provided by college activities?

#### **Students Compete** For Best Dressed

Girls have been nominated by the junior and senior class presidents and the nominating committees as candidates for "Best Dressed" at Madison. Their names appear in the ballot below.

When voting students should remember the judging standards used by the magazine which are as follows: (1) a clear understanding of her fashion type, (2) a workable wardrobe plan (3) a suitable campus look (she's in line with local customs) (4) appropriate-not rah, rah-look for off-campus occasions. (5) Individuality in her use of color, accessories (6) imagination in managing a clothes budget. (7) Good grooming, not just neat, but impeciable, (8) Clean, shining, well-kept hair. (9) Make up-enough to look pretty, but not overdone. (10) Good figure, beautiful posture.

The girl chosen to represent Madison will be entered in competition with "best dressed oncampus" winners from hundreds of colleges throughout the United States and Canada. Three pictures of her—one in an on campus outfit, one in a formal or cocktail dress and one in an off campus outfit will be submitted with the official entry form to the magazine for the national judging by a panel of Glamour editors.

All ballots should be placed in the ballot box in the P. O. lobby by noon on Tuesday, March 2, 1965.



The above juniors and senior have been chosen by the respective committees to walk for the best-dressed on Madison's campus in the 1965 "Glamour Magazine" contest: Alice Munka-

**Nineteen Years of Honor** 

**MC's History Includes** 

The Fencing Club will hold tryouts on March 4 at 7:00 P.M. in Keezell Gym.

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#### Madison College's Honor System has an impressive twenty year history.

The Honor System was incorporated at Madison College in 1945. Dr. Samuel P. Duke and Dr. Mary Armentrout Jackson helped to found the Madison Honor System.

Before this time, Madison College had no Honor System of any kind. The only mention of honor was found in the handbook which devoted a one-half page reminder to the students. The reminder asked the students "to hold truth and honor high in their everyday lives."

With the publishing of the 1946 Handbook, the Honor System was put into effect. The By-Laws stated that there were to be eleven members of the Honor Council not including the chairman and secretary, which were elected by the student body. There were to be three seniors, juniors, sophomores, and two freshmen. The By-Laws provided for three faculty advisers.

Any student conscious that he

report himself to a member of the Honor Council. Any student who observed a violation of the Honor System should solicit the aid of a witness to the act and ask the accused for a explanation. If the explanation is not acceptable, one should give the accused two days in which to report himself; and if he fails to do so, the student should report the violation.

Penalties of the Honor Council ranged from probation to expulsion. In all cases involving suspension and expulsion, the recommendation of the Honor Council should be submitted to the Administrative Council of the college for approval.

All students attending Madison College are members of the Honor System. After they fully understand the system, they are asked to sign the Honor Code and live by it.

The Honor System of 1958, made few changes in the original By-Laws. They made provisions for the men students to have repreGerman Club To Hold Dance

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The German Club will sponsor an informal dance in Bluestone Hall from 8:30 to 12:00 P.M. on March

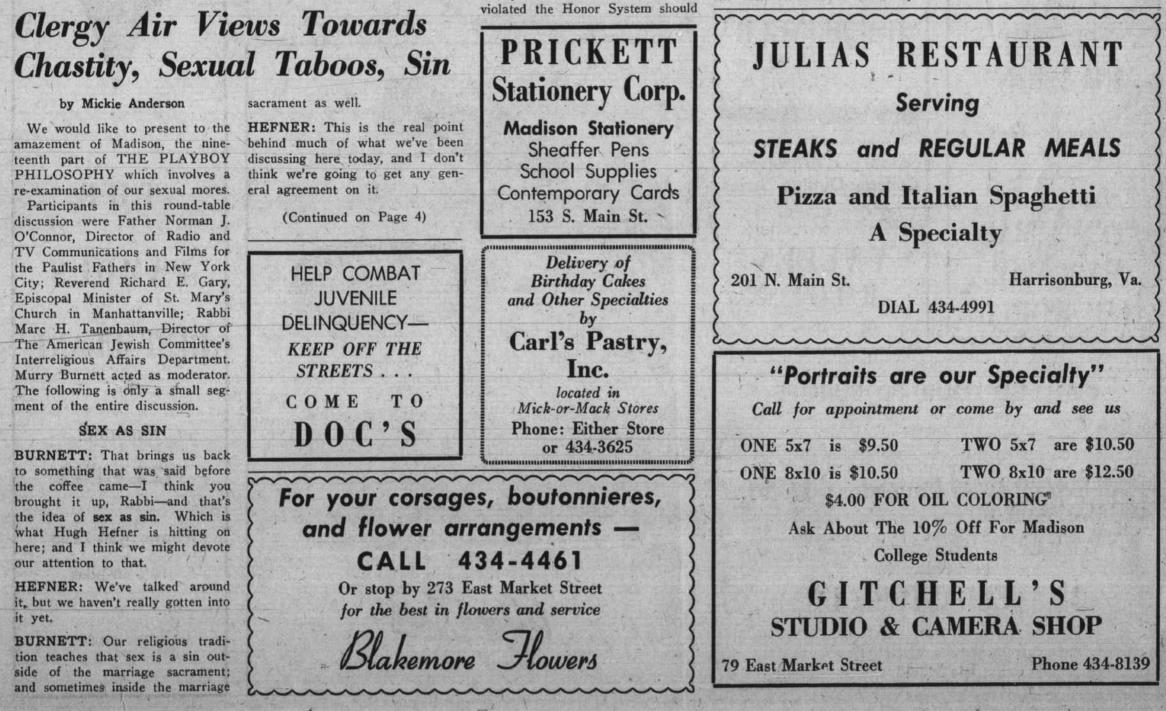
Bluestone will be reminiscent of an attic with old trunks and cobwebs helping to create the atmosphere. WSVA Radio, which is providing the music for the evening has also furnished a disc jockey to act as Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets are  $75\phi$  a couple and may be purchased at the door.

sentatives on the council, and they added another office, that of Vice-President.

Although not many changes have been made in the system's twenty years existence, the system has lasted and with each year improves its effectiveness. It has taught the students the value of honor and the importance of accepting the responsibility of self-discipline. The high principles for which it was organized are still being maintained.

Marlene Reynalds	Jo Paige Rust
Alice Munkasey	Barbara Wassell
Betsy Robertson	Leslie Gallahan
Jan Mondy	Linda Harper
Sandy Doyle	Jane Renn
Helen Maynard	Betsy Mitchell
Yvonne Fisher	Cora Jane Davis
Merle Kay	Kathy Gough
Susi Timmons	
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## **Playboy Philosophy Discusses Mores**

(Continued from Page 3) O'CONNOR: No, you've got a new theology, kid. You're going to have to defend it.

HEFNER: That's why I'm here. But I believe it is behind the thought that you expressed earlier, Father, that the Church has not fully spelled out a positive attitude toward sex; and, Rabbi, your comment that the sex-sin relationship has been one of the significant shortcomings in our religion, down through history-with the religious approach to sex traditionally negative, expressed as a concern over sex as a temptation, rather than a more positive view of sex as, indeed, an extremely important, worth-while . . .

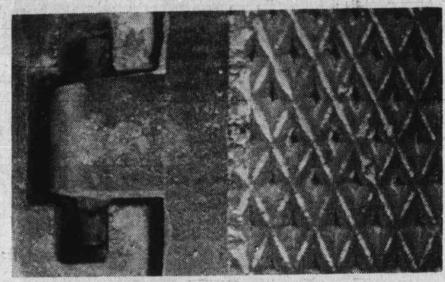
BURNETT: ... And pretty wonderful . . .

HEFNER: .... Yes ... aspect of life.

tion with sex as vice.

sex has been looked upon in Western religious tradition. What are the implications of this tradition, which we have inherited, for American sexual behavior and morality, as you see it?

HEFNER: The major implication from a religious point of view, it seems to me, is the need for the clergy of all faiths to take an altogether new and considered look at this question, because it is very, very obvious that the traditional Judaeo-Christian teaching on sex is not being accepted-is being openly flouted by an otherwise, by and large, religious community. One of the Ten Commandments states, "Thou shalt not commit adultery"; but adultery is commonplace. This taboo against extramarital sex was extended, during the Dark Ages, to include all forms of premarital sex, as well; and the majority of our society pays lip service to the prohibitions, without making any



#### **Can You Guess**?

WANTED, a Madison student who can correctly identify the above picture. This is a picture of something found on Madison's campus. If you are an observant student you surely should have seen this object on your many campus tours as it is in a prominent place. This is the fourth in a series of mystery pictures. Address answers of exact location tor The BREEZE, Box 28. Passes will be given from the Virginia Theater to the three students who correctly identify the above object. The contest closes Monday, March 1, at 12 o'clock noon.

