Code of Conduct Examined To Set Up Guidelines For Behavior

by Martin Laiks

In light of recent incidents on campus, the Committee on Student Conduct will be holding several meetings prior to Spring break to examine the Code of Conduct and reach an operational definition by which all alleged incidents of demeaning behavior may be reviewed. The committee feels that the code should be interpreted to establish guidelines providing the expectations the college has for the social behavior of students.

Samuel Stoddard, associate professor of mathematics, and chairman of the conduct committee, said that no singular incident is the reason for the meetings. Stoddard said, however, the recent concern on campus regarding a lack of respect for human dignity prompted the committee to hold the meetings several weeks earlier than originally planned.

The committee has scheduled three meetings in order to hear the opinions of varying sectors of the college community, including the Association of Lafayette Women, the Professional Women of Lafayette, the Association of Social Living Groups, and student government. The third meeting will be open to the entire campus and will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 4:15 p.m. in Kunkel Auditorium. All members of the college community who wish to express an opinion are encouraged to attend.



After the reaction to their controversial party, DU pledges greeted female guests at the following Thursday's pub-night with a flower and escorted them to the barroom.

(Photo by Dave Rohrbach)

'Back To The Womb Night' Generates More Response

by Joseph Rogers

The controversial "Back to the Womb Night" party at Delta Upsilon has continued to generate response both on campus and in the community after extensive coverage of the party in the Easton Express. Herman C. Kissiah, dean of students, announced that the incident is still under investigation, and as of yet no charges have been filed against DU.

Thomas W. Norton, associate professor of sociology, proposed a motion to the faculty calling for action against violations of human decency, which was overwhelmingly passed. Norton said that although the motion was not in direct response to the DU party, it may have been prompted by the attention the party received. Norton explained, "It is not simply in response to recent activities, but in response to a deterioration of human dignity and welfare."

The motion reads as follows: "That the Faculty deplores those activities and actions which demonstrate a blatant disregard for the dignity and welfare of any member of the campus community and that the Faculty instructs the appropriate agencies to take prompt and proper measures against any violations of human decency which jeopardize the intergrity of campus life."

Norton concluded, "This is not against Delta Upsilon, or any other fraternity, but it is a culmination of events indicating insensitivity to various groups."

Kissiah declined conjecture on the penalty DU would receive if they are found guilty upon conclusion of the investigation. The Student Conduct Committee will meet on Monday and an open meeting is scheduled for Tuesday before any decision is reached.