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Honor codes

"A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."

United States Military Academy (West Point) Honor Code

"We will not lie, steal or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

Furthermore, I resolve to do my duty and to live honorably, so help me God."

United States Air Force Academy Honor Code

"Beat Army!"

United States Naval Academy Code

"Abstinence from illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, coffee and tea

Encouraging others in their commitment to keep the Honor Code

Living a chaste life:

Appropriate gender-specific behavior (no sexual harassment)

No involvement with pornographic or indecent material

No inappropriate sexual activity (no sexual relationships

outside of marriage)

No homosexual behavior

Obedience to the law

Active participation in Church services (according to whatever religion of which one is a member)

Respect for others

Clean Language

Following the "Residential Living Standards" (visiting hours for members of the opposite sex)

Dress and Grooming Standards:

Abiding by the guidelines for dress, grooming, and housing. Skirts and shorts must reach to the knee and shirt may not be sleeveless. Form fitting, strapless and revealing clothing is not appropriate. Male students may not wear beards or goatees without permission; such permission is usually granted only to men with skin conditions aggravated by shaving, men whose religious beliefs require them to wear beards, or theatrical performances requiring beards.

Students are prohibited from having guns on campus"

Brigham Young University Honor Code

Also, "Not all BYU students are familiar with LDS standards, so students who break the code for the first time are usually only contacted by mail as a warning and clarification of standards. Later violations may cause the student to be called into the office to speak with an Honor Code officer. Severe and continued violations can merit expulsion."

Our military academies can state their honor codes in one or two sentences but it takes BYU a long paragraph to elucidate its? That is control, not honor. (The Naval Academy has the same Honor Code as the other academies but, being a sailor, I thought I'd throw in what should be the Code instead of what is the Code. I've had to tolerate the "drunken sailor" slur for years, others can tolerate this diminution of an Honor Code.)

If the statement about first violations being handled with an admonition and warning is accurate, it is quite possible that the violation for which the very good basketball player was suspended from the team was not his first violation. The school is at a disadvantage here because it cannot defend itself against criticism nor release the facts leading up to the suspension. The player himself told teammates it was for a "sexual relationship outside of marriage." If you read the extent of the control BYU can exert on its students, it is a wonder that there is much of a student body left. Obedience to the law? A speeding ticket or parking violation is disobedience to the law. Suspension? Are all such violations treated as violently as the basketball player? Respect for others? If Jimmer Fredette strenuously objects to a foul call, has he violated that edict? Would he be suspended from the team for such a violation? Hardly. What about a player missing a "bunny" and shouting an expletive? Suspension? Isn't "revealing clothing" in the eyes of the beholder? How many of the provisions of BYU's Honor Code have to do with morality and how many with control?

As a high school senior in northern Wisconsin, I was provided a scholarship (academic and sports) application for BYU. I read it. I did not complete it. It was too much invasion in my private life. Brandon Davies signed the restrictive contract. He grew up in Provo. He knew the rights he would give up.

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