

Students' Rights and Responsibilities (cont.)

(3) All sponsors need to be mindful that the college is open to members of the Oberlin town community. Members of the college community should consider the placement and timing of posters and their effect on workplace environments and town residents (including children) whose values may be different from their own.

(4) Do not attach posters to surfaces (such as painted surfaces, wood, or glass) that may be damaged by tape, glue, staples, tacks, etc.

(5) Remove posters when the advertised event is over, or after they have been posted for two weeks.

(6) To help ensure that posters remain in place for two weeks, they should bear the date on which they are first posted.

(7) Members of the college community should be mindful of the fact that taping flyers to sidewalks creates significant additional work for college workers and compromises the environment.

b. Bulletin Boards

Individuals are encouraged to use bulletin boards in a responsible manner. Although individuals and organizations are responsible for making their own decisions about the use of posters and flyers, they should consider the following:

(1) The use of designated public bulletin boards is strongly encouraged.

(2) Pushpins or staples should be used on bulletin boards. To avoid possible puncture of wheelchair/bicycle tires, please do not use thumbtacks or staple guns. Masking tape and/or sticky-tack putty are preferred types of adhesives. Duct, gaffers, packing, or scotch tape should not be used. (These materials are very difficult to remove and cause damage to surfaces.)

(3) No more than one posting for the same event or issue should be placed on a single bulletin board. Avoid posting on top of other material.

3. ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ADVERTISING (SAVE PAPER)

a. Newspaper ads.

b. Painting a rock in Tappan Square (etiquette suggests that you don't paint over an event that has not yet occurred).

c. Radio (WOBC and other local stations).

d. Outside banner on Wilder porch (must be scheduled in Student Union Office).

e. Inside banner (primarily Wilder lobby).

f. Press Releases (campus and off-campus publications).

g. Information tables in Wilder Bowl (must be scheduled in Student Union Office).

h. Electronic events calendar, Oberlin Online.

D. Faculty Statement on Social and Political Unrest

The following statement was adopted by the General Faculty on February 27, 1968, and remains in effect.

The form and nature of protests and other social and political actions should not obstruct other persons in the exercise of their rights as members or guests of the academic community or in the conduct of their business in a normal manner. Acts of social and political protest must not disrupt the essential operations of the college and should not violate standards of civility and respect important to the achievement of the college's educational purposes.

Because definitions of the limits of acceptable actions cannot be free of ambiguity, and because clarity about the limits and about the penalties that may be incurred for violation of the limits is desirable, the following procedures are established:

1. A person or persons sponsoring a demonstration or similar action may obtain an advisory opinion from the Office of the Dean of Students as to the permissibility of the planned action and as to the possible penalties which the Office of the Dean of Students might impose or recommend if an impermissible action is carried out. If the Office of the Dean of Students rules that a planned action is not permissible, an effort to compromise should be made, in cooperation with the Student Life Committee.

2. If an action is carried out that has been ruled impermissible in accordance with paragraph 1. above, or that has become disruptive in the judgment of the Office of the Dean of Students, the said Office of the Dean of Students, or appropriate representative, will warn the participating students to desist, inform them of the possible consequences of refusal to desist, and allow the participants a reasonable amount of time to desist. The same procedure will be followed when the advice of the Office of the Dean of Students has not been sought.

E. Faculty Statement of Policy on Student Demonstrations

The following statement was adopted by the General Faculty on December 17, 1991.

1. FREEDOM OF SPEECH AT OBERLIN/ AFFIRMATION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

On May 20, 1986, the General Faculty adopted a resolution on freedom of speech and expression that remains in effect today. It urges aggrieved persons or