Note: Due to personal reasons and issues of time, the Honor Council Chair did not co-chair this panel.

Introduction:
Late one night, Safety and Security responded to a report of fire on the grand stands. Officers arrived on the scene and found four piles of four rolls of toilet paper each that had been ignited. The fires were put out, and officers investigated an obstruction in the dirt road by the bleachers. The object in question turned out to be a beer bottle containing lighter fluid and a wick. Safety and Security spoke with the person who had called in the report, and were told that two individuals were spotted running toward the White House. Safety and Security questioned a few people at the White House and shut down the party that was in progress.

Early the next week, Safety and Security released a campus-wide mailing asking anyone with information regarding the identity of the two runners to contact Safety and Security. Hillary and Liddy contacted the Dean of the College soon after and turned themselves in. The Dean of the College, the EEOC Officer and the Honor Council Chair and Secretary met and decided that the most appropriate process for this matter would be a Joint Panel (Joint Panels consist of two deans and four Honor Council members). Honor Council discussed the matter and also reached consensus that the matter should go to a Joint Panel. After the Panel co-chairs held introductory meetings with the parties and other panel members the panel convened.

Statements:
After introductions and a moment of silence, Hillary began by giving her account of the night in question. Hillary said that she and Liddy had been at a cookout earlier that afternoon where they found a bottle of lighter fluid that was still partially full. Later that evening, Hillary found Liddy at a party at the White House. The two left the party and went to Capitol Hill where they took 16 rolls of toilet paper. Liddy stopped back at the White House and took an empty beer bottle from the party. Hillary told the panel that she and Liddy then went to the dirt road by the baseball field. They figured the dirt road would be safer than anything else because the rock on the road was not flammable and it was far away from the party and any other people. They poured lighter fluid into the beer bottle, added a wad of toilet paper, and then lit the toilet paper. The fire soon went out. Hillary said that she and Liddy had been hoping that more would happen as a result of this experiment, but since the toilet paper simply burned and went out, she and Liddy left the bottle in the road, away from anything flammable, and wandered around the city for a while. About an hour and a half later, they stacked rolls of toilet paper on the grandstands, lit them on fire, and ran to the opposite side of the track to watch them burn. They saw security come and put the fires out, then went home.

Liddy then gave her account of the evening, which was merely a restatement of Hillary’s statement.

Hillary then continued by saying that when the Safety and Security mailing about the “Arson” had come out, they turned themselves in the next day. She said that they were taken aback by the word “arson” because neither she nor Liddy had intended to burn anything down. Hillary said that she and Liddy met with the Dean of the College, and then went to Safety and Security where they filled out reports. Later that evening they went back and apologized to the two officers who had responded to the call about the fires. Liddy reiterated that they lit the fires on the grandstands because they were metal, and hence would not burn with the toilet paper. She told the panel that he and Hillary had no malicious intent.

Questions:
Panel members then began to ask Hillary and Liddy clarifying questions. Juror 1 asked Hillary and Liddy to comment on the thinking/feelings involved in the act and what they hoped to get out of it. Hillary responded by telling the jury that their original intention when they took the lighter fluid was to try to write their names on cement, then light them on fire, as they had seen done in the movies. When this failed to produce the desired effect, Hillary and Liddy got the idea for the toilet paper fires. Juror 2 asked if they had considered what might have happened if the fires had gotten out of control. Hillary and Liddy responded that they had specifically chosen the bleachers because they were metal, so they wouldn't burn, and elevated, so the fires would be easily visible. They never considered that the fires might get out of control, but mentioned that if the fires had burned out of control, they would have called Security. In response to another question, Hillary and Liddy said that the fires were for no one's benefit but their own.

Juror 3 asked them to clarify what they did after they lit the fires. Hillary and Liddy responded that they ran to the other side of the track to watch the fires (the view was better), and saw security arrive and put out the fires. After the fires were out, Liddy went back to the White House for approximately 15 minutes and Hillary went home. Liddy was not at the White House when Security shut down the party.

Juror 4 asked Hillary and Liddy to comment on how they saw the act, in retrospect. Hillary responded that she had been thinking a lot about intent and outcome. She said that they had not intended to damage anything, and pointed out that nothing had been damaged and no one had been hurt. She said that she understood why Security called the act "arson," and why Security reacted the way they had. Liddy said that the whole thing had been foolish. She told the panel that it had been a dumb idea to try the experiment with the bottle, and an even worse idea to leave it lying around. Liddy said that they had not even considered the fact that the bottle might still be warm enough to explode if someone drove over it. She mentioned that it was also foolish that they had not taken precautions to assure that if the fires had spread, there would have been some way to put them out.

Juror 2 asked Hillary and Liddy if they had thought to help Security put out the fires when they saw them arrive. The two responded that they didn't think to help them because Security did not seem to be having any problems putting the fires out.

After a few more clarifying questions, the panel co-chairs asked Hillary and Liddy for their suggested resolutions. Hillary said that she really wasn't sure what would be appropriate. She said that although they had already apologized to the security officers, she felt that they owed apologies to more people, specifically to the inhabitants of the White House who had their party shut down and who were required to attend a meeting. Hillary suggested that she and Liddy write a letter to the community about the dangers of fires on campus. She also suggested that she and Liddy work on the fire section of the Student Handbook to make it more comprehensive and stronger in its message that fire is a great danger on college campuses. Liddy said that she wasn't sure about what resolutions might be appropriate, but wanted to reinforce to the community in some way that fire is not acceptable.

Hillary and Liddy left the room and the panel began deliberations.

**Deliberations I:**

Since the panel only had a few minutes to begin deliberations, they discussed the statements they had just heard from Hillary and Liddy. A couple panel members commented on the fact that they could somewhat understand the fascination with fire that had prompted Hillary and Liddy's acts. Though the panel members expressed a degree of understanding, they in no way condoned the behavior that resulted. A major issue for several panel members was the lack of responsibility on the part of Hillary and Liddy throughout the night (i.e. leaving the bottle, lighting the fires, leaving the fires, not helping security, etc.). One panel member mentioned that, in terms of Honor Code violations, it seemed that Hillary and Liddy had violated the Honor Code by showing a lack of trust, concern and respect for the community, three things which are fundamental to the Code. This panel member pointed out that throughout the evening, Hillary and Liddy had given no consideration to the ramifications of
their actions, both in terms of their own personal safety and the safety of the community. At this point, the panel broke for the day.

**Deliberations II:** (Note: One juror, Newt, was not present for these deliberations due to illness, but he was kept apprised of all deliberations, statements, and resolutions by phone throughout the day, and agreed to the consensus.)

The first issue the panel addressed in this meeting was whether or not Hillary and Liddy had violated the Honor Code. Discussion centered around the fact that, regardless of the fact that Hillary and Liddy exhibited no malicious intent, their actions violated community standards and the spirit of the Code. In addition, they failed to acknowledge how their actions affected others. The panel reached consensus on the following statement of violation:

**Statement of Violation:**

Hillary and Liddy violated the Honor Code by displaying a lack of concern and respect for community standards and safety and by failing to consider how their actions affected others.

The panel then began consideration of resolutions to address Education, Repairing the breach of trust and Accountability. The panel first considered Hillary’s suggestion that she and Liddy write something for the Students’ Guide. After looking at the existing section of the guide, the panel decided this was not the best way for Hillary and Liddy to use their time. Hillary and Liddy had turned themselves in, and had begun to make reparations for their actions through apologies to the officers who responded to the fires. The panel in general felt that through these actions, they had accepted personal responsibility for their carelessness, which, for some panel members took care of accountability. The main point that the panel hoped to address in its resolutions was Education, rather than punitive reparations. Resolution number one (below) is an attempt to educate both Hillary and Liddy as well as the community at large. Resolution number two seeks to address the fact that Hillary and Liddy carelessly left refuse around the campus, without any thought or consideration for the security officers who had to clean it up. This resolution is also a “hands-on,” manual labor resolution as opposed to the other, more intellectually based resolutions. Resolution number three is an attempt to repair the breach of trust between Hillary and Liddy and the community that occurred when they broke the Honor Code. Resolution number four is designed to convey to Hillary and Liddy the panel’s concern that this reckless and potentially harmful behavior not continue to become part of a pattern. The panel discussed and reached consensus on the following resolutions (further reasoning of the panel is included in each statement):

**Resolutions:**

1. In order to address the very real and serious danger associated with fire-setting in a residential community such as Haverford, and in an attempt to educate the community about this danger, Hillary and Liddy will conduct research into fires on college campuses with the goal of developing a pamphlet to be used in campus-wide fire-safety education efforts. Hillary and Liddy will consult with the College Safety Coordinator on the development of this pamphlet. A draft of the pamphlet is to be completed by (a date set by the panel).

2. Hillary and Liddy will spend a minimum of 2 hours cleaning the trash from in and around the duck pond. Because others had to take time to clean up after the incident at the grandstands, it is appropriate that Hillary and Liddy spend time cleaning up around the duck pond, both to gain awareness of the work their actions created for others and to give something back to the community.
3. Hillary and Liddy will write a letter to the community addressing any or all of the following:
   a. How their actions affected the community.
   b. The threat their actions posed to themselves and the community.
   and/or c. The impact of reckless and destructive behavior at Haverford.
   This letter should be completed and turned in to the panel co-chairs by (a date set by the panel).

4. Hillary and Liddy will make personal commitments to reflect on their underlying motivations that led to this risky and potentially dangerous behavior. The Panel hopes that through serious introspection, they will gain a deeper understanding of this incident that may help to prevent their involvement in future hazardous activities.

At this point, the panel broke until later that afternoon, when we presented Hillary and Liddy with the statement of violation and resolutions.

Presentation of Resolutions:
   Hillary and Liddy entered, and after reading the statement of violation and resolutions, were asked to respond. They both agreed with the resolutions, and said that they felt the pamphlet would be a constructive project that would ultimately help the community better understand the dangers of fires on college campuses.
   After thanking the panel members for their time, Hillary and Liddy left the room. The panel re-affirmed its consensus on the statement of violation and resolutions, and, after a moment of silence, the proceedings were concluded.

Questions to Consider:

1. Do you agree with this panel’s decision?

2. How should the intentions of the parties factor into a jury/panel’s decision (e.g. how much consideration should the panel have given to the fact that Hillary and Liddy said they did not intend to burn down the grandstands)?

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Note: If you have further comments or questions about this abstract, Honor Council offers the opportunity for you to discuss this abstract with an actual member of the panel. Please contact the Honor Council Chair for more information. If you have general comments about this or any other abstract, please contact your Honor Council Representative.